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NEW UCCM POLICE STATION ON ITS WAY-Last Thursday and Friday, several old log buildings on one of the farms owned by Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation on Highway 540 in the Honora Bay area were demolished by E. Corbiere and Sons Construction, the first step on the way to building a large new police station there that will be the new home base to the UCCM Police Services. The 11-acre site is carved out of a farm that was part of the traditional 'Rowe Settlement' and was last farmed by the late Len and Harry Rowe prior to its acquisition by AOK First Nation. The existing UCCM Police headquarters at M'Chigeeng will remain as a detachment in the community. Construction is expected to begin next year.

Expositor staff photo

Gore Bay rules out any municipal amalgamations

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN-WESTERN The concept of Gore Bay amalgamating operations with other Western Manitoulin municipalities is a dead issue, at least for

"The consensus of the other three municipalities is that their councils and members of their communities do not have any interest in amalgamating," said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane after a Shared Services meeting with the mayor and reeves of Billings Township, Gordon/ Barrie Island and Burpee and Mills township on June 4. "The issue of amalgamation was on the agenda, along with other items. We wanted to talk informally, and all three said they

are not interested in amalgamation, although they all expect that someday the provincial government will require small municipalities to amalgamate as cost saving measures.

"It was a very constructive meeting, and we will be meeting again in the fall," said Mayor Lane. "We talked about the new dental office, upgrades the town

is proposing for the medical centre, doctor recruitment, the arena and several services we share among all four municipalities. We also discussed the concept of a new recreation facility as our arena is not going to be around forever to serve Western Manitoulin.'

He pointed out the town is going to be spending almost \$200,000 this summer to keep the Gore Bay arena open, "and this is only some of the things that need to be done."

Billings Mayor Bryan Barker said, "it was a good meeting. Just exploring ideas. We are not in favour of amalgamation based on the feelings of council, staff and the community.'

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win opens detox facility

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter grav-MANITOULIN—The el crunches underfoot on the long driveway leading to Gwekwaadziwin Miikan's newest offering: a land-based withdrawal management centre years in the making, long awaited and hard fought for. The trees along the entrance have been cleared back-necessary for construction, yes, but symbolic too. This already sacred space is becoming something else: a place where people in pain can come to begin again.

Up the drive, new signage will soon greet arrivals, guiding them not just to the right door but to the start of something better. At the intercom station, the intake begins-on camera, for safety and carewith the press of a button.

"This is really where the assessment starts," says Executive Director Sam Gilchrist. "We can see if someone's accompanied, start the screening. But it's not just a form—it's relationship-building from the first second."

This is not your typical detox facility. No white tile walls. No buzzers or locked doors. Instead, tiny homes-bunkiesnestled among the trees serve as spaces for rest and recovery. A nearby arbour anchors the grounds, calling people out of isolation and into connection

with knowledge keepers, land and staff trained not just in trauma-informed care but in the quiet, persistent work of rebuilding trust.

Since opening in 2018, Gwekwaadziwin Miikan has offered

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Island horse wins first race Clive Cross pays off well at Woodbine

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Clive Cross, which his owners claim is the first thoroughbred horse trained on Manitoulin Island, had his maiden win at a race last Friday at Woodbine Race-

"Clive broke his maiden," stated Steve Doane, co-owner of Clive Cross, along with Mark Varey, that evening. "He broke from the gate good and was third at one time but powered Clive Cross handily won his race last Friday through to win the race."

"It was a nice feeling," Mr.



at Woodbine Racetrack.

Varey stated. "It seems like Clive has never got a break in any of his races previously, there was always something, getting blocked out at the start for instance. But there was no stopping him yesterday (Friday).

"Everyone knows he has a great kick around the last corner of races, but usually he is five wide at that point, but yesterday he was two-wide," said

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Min. Rickford sees new Bill 5 as 'opportunity' for Indigenous communities

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter NORTHERN ONTARIO—Tariffs-the economic thunderclaps shaking supply chains and squeezing profits—becomes the perfect storm that two seemingly opposing parties are reaching into the same toolbox to wield.

While federal Bill C-5 and Ontario's Bill 5 appear to address different policy areas—one focused on "sustainable jobs," the other on "economic zones"their timing and structure suggest a shared approach: easing regulatory constraints in order to accelerate private-sector-led development. One sets a nation-

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No more sick notes from MHC emerg docs

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—In an effort to decrease the burden on emer gency department teams of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC), patients will be receiving information indicating that the emergency department is not the appropriate setting for patients to ask for a sick note to return to work, and that changes have been in place since October in the Employment Standards Act surrounding the requirement of sick notes.

"The administrative burden on physicians is unmanageable, and the local shortage of physicians and rising emergency room (ER) visits leaves the physicians vulnerable for burnout," stated Paula Fields, president and chief executive of the MHC, last week. "We need to protect our local health care resources and reducing unnecessary ED visits

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The Manitoulin West Recorder



BIG CHEESE—Dean Moss holds his arms in air after cracking a 36.4 kilogram (about 80 pound) Parmigiano Reggiano (cheese) wheel at Dean's Valu-Mart in Gore Bay this past Saturday. The local store was among 400 Loblaws grocery stores vying to set a new Guinness World Record for the most Parmigiano Reggiano wheels (1,800) cracked simultaneously across Canada stores. Mr. Moss, who is shown in photo with several store employees, expertly cracked the cheese ring in less than three minutes.

Janet Anning is named Central Manitoulin's 2025 Senior of the Year

by Margery Frisch

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The morning of Tuesday, June 19 held special excitement, as the Ontario Senior of the Year award for Central Manitoulin was announced. Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens declared himself happy to present the award.

"We do have one particular person that we recognize today," said Mayor Stephens. "This person has been a very important part of our community for decades and I've known her well and she has kept all of us on our toes. I used to think of her as the lady with nerves of steel, because she used to take the car out with all of our teenagers and teach them how to drive a vehicle. And I thought that I was going to die anytime I went out with any one of the three of them. But she did the job perfectly and very succinctly."

"I want to congratulate and thank Janet Anning for being that person who's meant so much to our community and provided all the support to, not only the people at the Special Olympics, but the people throughout the community in all types of activities. So, thank you, Janet. There

aren't enough ways to thank you, but we have a small plaque to give you. Can you find another spot on your wall?"

spot on your wall?"

Ms. Anning accepted her award with gratitude

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Janet Anning was named the 2025 Central Manitoulin Senior of the Year during the municipality's successful Healthy Aging and Wellness Expo held last week.

Island student trustee recognized by Rainbow School Board for her 'tremendous efforts'

SUDBURY—The Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) has recognized its two student trustees for their tremendous contributions to the board over the past year as student trustees, including Alexandra Wilson-Zegil of Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS).

"Our student trustees joined us around the board table after serving on the Student Senate in Grade 11," said RDSB Director of Education Bruce Bourget at a board meeting last week. The two student trustees include Indigenous Student Trustee Tia Nootchai of Lockerby Composite School and student trustee Alexandra Wilson-Zegil of MSS for their service during the 2024-25 school year.

"Alexandra Wilson-Zegil has demonstrated leadership skills throughout her four years as a student at Manitoulin Sec-

Northern Ontario Art Association exhibit arrives in Sheguiandah

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—The walls of the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah are the temporary home of the 69th annual Northern Ontario Art Association (NOAA) Juried Exhibition featuring the curated works of some of the North's finest artists. This year was also the NOAA 75th celebration.

"There were 120 works submitted from 15 art clubs across Northern Ontario," said NOAA member Pam Jackson, who helped organize the display at the museum. "These are the 40 selected ones for the show, out of that 120, and 10 of them received awards."

Ms. Jackson had some exciting news. "In 2026, in September, all the art clubs will be submitting their work here to Manitoulin and we will be hosting the 2026 NOAA exhibition here on Manitoulin," she said. "Judges come and judge and then select the works

ondary School," said Director Bourget. "In recognition of her efforts, she was recently awarded a TD Scholarship for Com-

munity Leadership."

"TD Scholarships for Community Leadership recipients receive up to \$70,000 for tuition and living expenses as well as opportunities for paid summer employment, peer networking and mentorship," continued Mr. Bourget. "Congratulations Alexandra. And we certainly join with you in expressing our gratitude to TD for making this scholarship possible."

Mr. Bourget explained Ms. Wilson-Zegil is a resident of Gore Bay and has a long list of school accomplishments and community involvement to her credit locally and provincially. "During the current school year, she served as the Northern Schools Regional Representative for the Ontario Student Trustees Association (OSTA)," said Mr. Bourget.

"Alexandra has been involved in many extra-curricular activities at (MSS). She is captain of the robotics team,

Vanessa Glasby bestowed with King Charles III Coronation Medal for Island food security work

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—Receiving a prestigious award for her exemplary work towards ensuring food security is not surprising when you consider Vanessa Glasby has been interested in, and working towards this since she was very young.

"I've worked in food security since I was a teenager, including work in local markets, Food Manitoulin, the Child Poverty Taskforce, Northern Ontario Permaculture Research Institute (on the board), Island Jar and helped get the Western Manitoulin Community Garden started. Food security has driven me since I was a teenager,' stated Ms. Glasby last week after being awarded with a King Charles III Coronation Medal at the Feed Ontario Conference held in Ajax.

"On May 6, 2023, Canadians came together to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King

Charles III—an historic event marking the first coronation of a sovereign of Canada in seven decades. This occasion highlighted themes that both King Charles III and Canadians hold dear, including service to others, environmental protection, youth empowerment and the importance of diversity."

"To commemorate this milestone, the King Charles III Coronation Medal will be awarded to 30,000 deserving individuals who have made significant contributions to their communities, Canada, or the world. On behalf of Feed Ontario, and Food Banks Canada, we are pleased to inform you that you were nominated and selected as a recipient of this prestigious award," a release notes.

"You have been honoured in the Community Service and Philanthropy category for your

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Gore Bay to spend over \$170K on arena repairs

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay council has given its approval toward spending over \$171,000 to alleviate immediate structural repairs in the Gore Bay arena, with work to be carried out in the very near future for the arena to be safe and operational for the 2025 season.

"We knew we would be spending around \$200,000 in repairs on the arena this year. Now we know where this will be going to," stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane, at a council meeting last week.

William Shickluna-Pierce, assistant to the town manager said, "the arena has repairs that need to be undertaken. We used Tulloch Engineering to complete a comprehensive structural assessment of the arena. They have made a few suggestions in a follow-up inspection this past February."

Mr. Shickluna-Pierce explained to council in a report that the Gore Bay Arena is "a cornerstone of our community, providing recreational and social opportunities for residents and surrounding areas. A comprehensive structural assessment completed by Tulloch Engineering in November 2014 identified multiple areas of structural concern including base plate instability, foundation wall deterioration and evidence of floor slab movement. While these issues do not currently render the building unsafe, several deficiencies must be addressed before winter 2025 to ensure safe and continued public use.'

It was explained a follow-up inspection and monitoring proposal was provided by Tulloch in February, which includes a detailed monitoring program crack gauge installation, and preliminary engineering support during early construction activities. In addition, the town has secured contractor quotes for several of the most urgent

repairs. These quotes address the work required to stabilize the facility ahead of the upcoming ice season, it was explained in the report. The following repairs and upgrades are recommended for immediate action, including removal of old lift gate and installation of a new swing gate with contractor Athletica Sport Systems quoting a cost of \$40,700, masonry, foundation repair tree removal, ice surface report by DeVries Masonry at a cost of \$43,200, structural monitoring and review

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Hockey association requests netting at Gore Bay arena

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—As a proactive safety measure for spectators attending hockey games and other events at the Gore Bay arena, the Western Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association (WMMHA) is requesting quotes from contractors for the spectator safety netting installation at the arena.

"We are looking to move forward with plans to install spectator netting around the Gore Bay arena ice surface as a proactive safety measure," stated Nick Lane, WMMHA president. "Currently, there is no netting in place, and over the years we've had far too many close calls where pucks have narrowly missed spectators and individuals walking along the rink ice surface," said Mr. Lane. "Given that many of our spectators are youth and seniors, and considering the location of our dressing rooms at the far end of the rink, everyone, including players, parents, team staff and arena staff is required to walk the full length of the ice surface to access that space, fully ex-

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<u>editorial</u>

Amalgamation holds little joy for western Island communities

Several years past, a movement to go to a single tier government in the Regional Municipality of Sudbury resulted in the creation of the City of Greater Sudbury, a beamouth among Northern munic-

Western Island municipalities that have been courted to amalgamate with the Municipality of Gore Bay might well have been taking a lesson from the outlying communities that were incorporated into the boundaries of the "new" Sudbury.

Single tier government was long touted by its proponents as an opportunity to remove duplication in municipal services and find economies of scale in their delivery. Those proponents urging single tier governance were not great students of political organization and the way regional government worked.

Now-retired Laurentian University Political Science professor Rand Dyck wrote the book on that subject, boiling it down to a simple concept of "big pipes—little pipes." Regional government, he posited, looked after the "big pipes" while local governments handled the "little pipes." There was, in fact, very little duplication and not much in the way of savings to be had through economies. Too bad not enough people in the Region of Sudbury read his book instead of relying on ideology.

In plain point of fact, the end result for the smaller outlying largely rural communities over the intervening years following the implementation of single-tier government has been a combination of higher taxation and a dwindling pouch of services—a sort of municipal stagflation if you like. There are few in those communities who are not suffering buyer's remorse as the promised savings from single-tier government never fully materialized.

In order for smaller communities to be willingly enticed into joining with a larger neighbour to create a larger entity there has to be some benefits accrued.

The truth of the matter is that there are few groups with tighter grip on the public purse that small town, rural politicians. Sometimes, it could be argued, that grip is too tight—pennywise and pound foolish as the old adage goes, but overall, few pennies get spent in small municipalities without some resistance coming at the council table. Proving pocketbook efficiencies through amalgamation is a hard sell.

That being said, it is reasonable for the Town of Gore Bay to seek amalgamation with its neighbours (at least in their ratepayers and council members' minds) given the residents of those communities are able to take advantage of the services and opportunities presented by the larger entity—in Gore Bay's case, maintain the local arena quickly springs to mind.

It is a plain fact of municipal life that arena user fees simply do not cover the costs of maintaining such facilities—usually paying less than half of the associated costs—often one of the main expenses of a municipality and one that is not easily removed from the balance sheet. Woe betide any municipal council that closes their arena—even if they have more than one, witness the ongoing debate in Central Manitoulin over their two facilities in the amalgamated communities of Carnarvon and Mindemoya.

It always seems that the smaller partner is the one who loses while ending up paying more. The current proposal for a new multi-use complex would likely see substantial increases in costs to ratepayers in both Mindemoya and Providence Bay, but would be located (sensibly to be sure) in the former community.

If Gore Bay is to entice neighbouring communities into meeting them at the altar, they had best be bringing a substantial dowry to the union and it is difficult to see what could be offered beyond the decidedly unpalatable offer a potential for higher taxes and less local control.

In the Harris years of the last Conservative government had expressed interest in annexing Dawson and Robinson unorgnaized townships, but those far west townships rejected the idea.

Still, the current situation for Gore Bay is hardly fair to that community, as the surrounding municipalities' residents are able to utilize the assets and services of Gore Bay without ponying up a

The best compromise solution would be for the smaller communities to make contributions to the cost of maintaining those public assets, but there is that aforementioned parsimony of the smalltown council members that comes back to haunt. There is strong resistance to meeting the level of support needed due to the added costs for the ratepayers

Forced amalgamation is hardly a route that anyone really wants to go down, but should the province be convinced that it is the only way to make the Town of Gore Bay sustainable, history has shown that the "bigger is better" crowd still hold considerable sway in at Queen's Park.

At the end of the day, fair is fair, and smaller municipalities should recognize that one can only keep cake on the table for so long if none of the diners is willing to pay the baker. The residents of Gore Bay deserve to be treated fairly, and everyone needs to come to the table to work together and to help make that happen.

As unpalatable as it may be, closure of arenas and cutting back of services may well become the only viable option, and that will not be in anyone's interests.

<u>letters</u>

A few words of caution about NEMI's decision on glyphosate

We need to let go of policies and practices that put us at war with the wild

To the Expositor:

A Silent Manitoulin

"Mother earth is our pharmacy, our kitchen, our university." Willie Pine (Tra-ditoinal ecological knowledge keeper)

I read with interest your story on the Northeast Town approving glyphosate spraying during one of the communities recent council meetings.

Do we not know or understand that sustainable living on this planet cannot involve the use of chemicals like glyphosate, deemed to have caused death to insects and perhaps humans?

I understand that NEMI endorsed a motion to allow spraying on municipal property by trained applicators and that the chemical should only be used when other reasonable options exist.

Is this issue not the "Silent Spring" of Manitoulin Island.

Indeed it appears that when Dr. Mitchell left council chambers she also left her notes, indicating she will not be silenced.

Bravo to Dr. Mitchell and Zak Nicholls for their grassroots campaign to rid Manitoulin of this widely used herbicide.

Where are the objections from the First Nation communities on the Island, who from what I understand of Indigenous peoples', assert themselves to be stewards of the land?

Does Indigenous land stewardship refer to the ethical and practical approach of Indigenous Peoples to manage and care for the land, often guided by traditional knowledge, values, and spiritual connections?

First Nations across the province are not consulted about the use of glyphosate on their territories, therefore a disrespect to those people's is occurring.

There is a need to let go of policies and practices that put us at war with the wild.

Thank you,

Sue Nielsen Cobalt

More kudos and thanks roll in for our Petra Wall

Thanks for years of fascinating columns

To the Expositor:

Please pass on to Petra Wall my thanks for years of fascinating columns. Always a must-read. One might want to say that per-

haps she saved the best for last! As much as ment, Petra! we will miss the column, I totally get that the time comes when we need to let something go and start afresh. Happy retire-

Art Moore Lively & Lake Kagawong

Challenges of living with fetal alcohol syndrome made worse

A stolen cellphone leads to cancelled teeth replacement and eye exam

To the Expositor:

Born with fetal alcohol syndrome in 1937. And I have had many problems during

I received a letter from the Government about replacing my teeth, plus checking my eyesight.

I was looking forward to both but having my lunch prevented both. In a local restaurant, when leaving my dark area, I forgot my little black phone. I went back and was told "you didn't leave your phone here."

It was replaced, but I completely forgot to inform the above until it was too late.

Whoever stole my little phone should be proud of yourselves. Sincerely,

> **Shirley Hill** Little Current

For your information

Shirley was born with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. She may look typical, but she is not. She cannot add, subtract, divide, etc. Growing up with temperature (F) and miles she understood but when changed to metric system concepts were difficult to comprehend. Technology such as microwaves, cell phones

or computers are also overwhelming this includes numbers (math)

She taught herself how to drive by observing her husband, and living in the country she was able to practise daily. Failed the first time to get her license but took professional driving lessons and obtained her driver's license. Drove until 83 years old. Shirley is somewhat of an artist enjoying sketching scenery or wildlife and of course colouring. She can be easily upset, does not like argumentative situations and is very trusting of individuals which at times is her downfall. Please be patient.

Manitoulin Secondary School Graduation—a celebration for students and family alike

by Margery Frisch M'CHIGEENG—With

M'CHIGEENG—With almost 100 students in Manitoulin Secondary School's graduating class, the ceremony ran smoothly and efficiently. This was a relief to parents and extended families fanning themselves with programs in the overheated gymnasium.

On stage for the graduation ceremony were Trustee Lisa Corbiere Addison, Vice Principal Rachel Goodfellow, Principal David Wiwchar and Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief and First Nation Trustee Linda Debassige.

"It's an honour to be with you here today," Ms. Debassige said as she was first to address the graduating class. "I remember sitting here a couple of decades ago wondering what the future held. I didn't know where I was going, what I was going to do. I just knew that I had so many friends and family and even teachers to help guide me along the way." She reminded the students, "Always remember, graduates, that you are role models, and sometimes you can actually be role models for older people like me."



Anika Smith receives her diploma from Principal David Wiwchar and Grand Council Chief, Linda Debassige.

Ms. Debassige concluded by saying, "I wish you all the best in your future journeys that may be comprised of ups and downs, but always remember that you're not alone, so keep putting one step in front of the other. Miigwetch, and we're all so very proud of you. Miigwetch."

Trustee Lisa Corbiere Addison expressed her honour in bringing greetings from the Rainbow District School Board. "We Islanders are a special group of people. We come together tonight to surround these young graduates with love and respect. Whether you're born here, or migrated here, we become one family, an Island family. Going to school here at MSS is so unique. Growing up in your smaller communities, initially competing against one another in elementary school events. Four years ago, you became part of MSS, a larger family, now on the same team." Ms. Corbiere Addison advised the students, "Keep an open mind about things, it will help you grow as people and continue to care as you make your way in life. It helps make the world a better place." In conclusion, she said, "When you make your mark in the world, don't forget to give back, our future generations are counting on it. Thank you. Miigwetch."

Principal Wiwchar welcomed all in attendance. He reminded the graduates to keep in touch with the school, let them know what area of study they would be pursuing—post secondary education or apprenticeships—and to come back in the winter for the awards night. "Come, enjoy the generosity of Island donors, who are always keen to support our graduates at a critical time financially for those going on to university, college or



MSS grad Alexandra Wislon-Zegil with her dad, Mike Zegil, proudly displaying the flowers presented to her by the Manitoulin Expositor in appreciation of her years as the newspaper's MSS Kids in the Halls columnist.

photos by Margery Frisch

apprenticeship programs."

Mr. Wiwchar touched upon all the successful events and competitions, the travels and athletic awards of the school, which included many members of the graduating class. "I encourage you to take the skills you've acquired here and continue on as lifelong learners, in your work, hobbies and recreation. Be participants, not only observers, of all the good things that can be enjoyed in life."

"Graduates, to conclude, thank you for seizing the day, over and over this year while



Parents, family and friends take photos of their graduates.

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief and First Nation Trustee Linda Debassige addresses the graduates.

plomas, Mike Zegil had some instructional words for the students. "You will be crossing this stage to receive an Ontario Secondary School diploma," he said. "Graduates, please remember as you walk across this stage, to take a moment to look at the crowd and the community that is here to support you your friends, your family, your loved ones. Take a moment to reflect and more importantly, take a moment to pause to allow your family to take as many pictures of you as possible. Enjoy your moment and be sure to



Piper Ian McGale and the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 348 colour party escort the graduating students into the hall for the diploma ceremones.

you were here," Mr. Wiwchar added. "And making the most of the time we've shared with you. Thank you for persevering through the struggles while you were here...congratulations on your hard work, your years of growth here at MSS and take with you our best wishes for the future. It's been a privilege to work with you. Thank you."

Following Principal Wiwchar's address to the graduates, all in attendance stood, while the M'Chigeeng Ladies Hand Drum Group sang the Manitou Mukwa – Medicine Bear song.

Before receiving their di-

smile for the camera." And the presentation of diplomas began.

The Manitoulin Secondary School graduates for 2025 are as follows: Nyaeli Abotossaway, Landon Aelick, Katarina Anaya, Anhelina Arabadzhyi, Angelina Armstrong, Ethan Armstrong, Rhyis Arthurs, Rylen Carson Beauchamp, Destiney Bebonang, Sebastian Belanger, Ayden Bell, Corbin Best, Sadie Bridgeman, Chase Cada-Bayer, Cody Campbell, Daphne Carr, Orland Carter-O'Hearn, Divine Commanda, Andrew Cooper, Zachary Cooper, Jayden Corbiere, Neilah Corbiere-Williams, Isaac Corbiere, Aubri Cranney, Autumn Davy, Aspen Debassige, Ezra Diebolt, Cash Duchene-Milne, Christian Eadie, Ava Fields, Ashton Fogal, Willow Fogal, Jordan Goddard, Tanner Graham, Abraham Habte, Andrew Hague, Hailey Hawke, Abbie Heins, Noah Holmes, Ethan Horula, Gage Hughson, Kalli Jones, Malachi Joseph, Jack Koehler, Ryan Kuntsi, Eve Labelle-Oliver, Liam Lariviere, Trenton Lawrence, Alysha Lee, Cameron Leeson, Alston



Lexis Young received a Cambrian College Dual Credit Award.

Lentir, Caleb Lockeyer, Ryder Lockyer, Hannah Lovelace, Manitowabi-Armstrong, Xavier Mara, Connor McCarthy, Serene McCarthy, Ian Mc-Cauley, Madison McCormick. Trinity McCormick, Rylan Mc-Gauley, Tessa McGillis-Prior, Alexander McKee, Alyx McKinley, Alexis McVey, Cameron Meawasige, Tessa Merrylees, Amisk Migwans, Brianna Mishibinijima, Evan Moggy Buie, Ryann Moore, Johnny Nakoochee-Antoine, Caine Negannegijig, Avery Nodecker, Faer Connor O'Leary, Brandy Olivier, Zhanna Onishchenko, Kianna Paibomsai, Cetrion Panamick, Jaron Panamick, Kira-Ann Panamick, Harmony Panamick-Shawana, Benjamin Pangowish, Tessa Paul, Trinitv Paul, Grace Pennie, Ryland Priddle, Brandy Ratcliff, Zayne Ranes, Austin Recollet, Keaton Roy, Katelyn Shank, Danika Skippen, Bradly Slaght, Anika Smith, Madison Smith, John Michael Taggart, Caleb Tasse, Andrew Theijsmeijer, Noah Thorpe, Zee Toulouse, Zoey Trudeau, Orry Waindubence, Julia Waindubence-Doucette, Davin Wassegijig, Matthew Wilkin, Jaxson Wilkinson, Shea Williamson, Thomas Willis, Alexandra Wilson-Zegil and Lexis Young.

Finally, diplomas received,

photographs taken and introduction given, Alexandra Wilson-Zegil took to the stage to present her Valedictorian address. "We grew up," she said to her fellow classmates. "For the most part." She went on to express the difficulty of putting four years of schooling into a speech.

"For the past three years, I have told the story of Manitoulin Secondary School weekly in The Expositor. From track meets to talent shows, I have kept a record of it all. But beyond the dates and the word counts, there are actual people behind those events. There's you. And how do you capture that all in one speech?

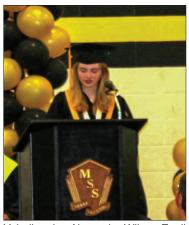
Well, when life gets confusing, I turn to the wisest voices I know, the philosophers of our childhood.

One of the greats, Winnie the Pooh, once said, 'The things that make me different are the things that make me, me.' That's true for many of us." Alexandra went on to quote from childhood stories and movies in relevant context to day-to-day life at MSS. "Another one of my



Keaton Roy receives her diploma from Principal David Wiwchar and Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief and First Nation Trustee Linda Debassige.

favourite characters, Po from Kung Fu Panda, said that 'The only thing that matters is what you choose to be now'." She references this quote later in her speech when she says, "And while Po is right that what you choose to be now matters, that doesn't mean you have to choose just one thing. In high school, maybe you chose sports, trivia, robotics, student council, academics, supporting your family, or even starting your



Valedictorian Alexandra Wilson-Zegil addressing her class.

own business. But as we move forward, it's important to remember that you're not just an athlete, an academic weapon, a friend, or a student – you can be all of that, and more. Don't let old data stop you from drawing new conclusions now."

Alex thanked the teachers, staff and administration, who went above and beyond for their students. She thanked parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, cousins, coaches and mentors for leaving no one behind. "You kept us grounded when life got messy and supported us

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Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your friendly summer fly!

This time of year reminds me a lot of Christmas time, bittersweet emotions that stir when one Season turns and another one burns- new beginnings on the horizon and a new feather in our cap.

The absolute next-level cat-in-the-hat chaos of trying to balance festival, cultural, sports, entertainment, work, holiday and personal events and schedules is madness. This coveted, seemingly impossible work-life balance has spawned more than one "Gone Fishing" hiatus over the years and it is no wonder. The bonus? "Gone fishing" is multi-tasking level-expert because you check-off the entire aforementioned list while still managing to find your Zen and feed yourself. It's the perfect sport. While we take up sport, celebrate our achievements, commencements, graduations, creations and innovations, we are softly and subtly reminded of summer's sweet solstice, kiss and caress, that every living thing has its season of blossoms, bliss and "mellow fruitfulness." With each setting sun, we reflect on the marvel of this merry-goround we call life. The dancing horses, the dizzying and dazzling colours and sounds around and around - hold on! Summer's circus tents are pitched, patio tables set, cottages cleaned, boats buoyed and moored. We are ready and welcome you all to the Largest Freshwater Island in the World. Welcome to Manitoulin Island folks!

Here we go!

Providence Bay fairgrounds/arena: Providence Bay "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams" fair committee and crew are going full tilt again, leading up to opening day this August! For updates, quilt raffle tickets and Lone Pine Stage tickets and information check out the Providence Bay Facebook page or visit https://providencebayfair.ca.

Providence Bay Hall: Saturday, July 5 "Songs of Summer Music Bingo Fundraiser" - is sold out! Doors open at 7:30 pm and bingo starts at 8 pm. It's a 19 plus licenced event with proceeds and raffles in support of the Providence Bay Curling Club and Providence Bay Agricul-

tural Society.

For the full Manitoulin Recreation events calendar with class schedules for Providence Bay Hall, Mindemoya Hall and Spring Bay Hall visit: events. centralmanitoulin.ca or contact Alison Sloss at asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca or call 705 377-5726 ext. 35.

Providence Bay Curling Club: The Youth and Junior Curling Club has 50/50 tickets for sale! Proceeds go toward their program as well as the first Manitoulin Girl Guides. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased by e-transfer to provbay-jrcurlers@gmail.com. Thanks for your support!

The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club is reaching out to the community and local businesses for sponsors or silent auction donations for our upcoming golf tournament. We cordially invite you to participate in the third annual 2025 Lions Golf Tournament. This fundraising event supports the Providence Bay Curling Club youth and junior curling programs.

The first Western Manitoulin Girl Guides SEGPR has a tournament that is scheduled for Saturday, July 12 at Manitoulin Golf. Kindly contact Lion Chris Bryan at 705-348-0493 or email chris_bryan84@outlook.com to confirm your attendance, donations and sponsorship.

Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club: The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club is seeking donations of gently used items for their annual Canada Day yard sale set to take place the last weekend in June at the Providence Bay Hall parking lot. To arrange for pickup or drop-off of donations and items, don't hesitate to get in touch with Lion John at 705-377-7740.

Providence Bay Beach Boardwalk and Discovery Centre: Providence Bay Beach is an amazing 2km sand beach on Lake Huron coast that is open to the public. Play safe and enjoy the beautiful beaches, boardwalk and views!

Be sure to stop into Huron Island

Time. Walk to the end of the Boardwalk and say hello to the folks at the Providence Bay Tent and Trailer Park and get some selfies in front of Maxim's beautiful art murals!

Check out the Mutchmor Peace Café and delight in local art, crafts, clothes, jewelry and enjoy a cup of coffee or an iced latté and be sure to snap a selfie in front of the South shore community bear mural.

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

The 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: June 19 is the triple conjunction of moon, Saturn and Neptune. June 21 – Summer Solstice: The official start of summer. June 27 Bootid meteor shower. June 29 Saturn-Neptune conjunction.

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 June bugs who are celebrating!

Parting words of wisdom to all of you grads out there: Always stoke the fire in your belly, stay true to your passion and your heart, continue to learn, create and stay curious, ask questions and always, emphatically respect your elders and remember your roots. Happy summer solstice everyone!

Gone fishing.

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Have you curd? With all the food trucks now open for the season, Team Fergmeijer is going all in on their daily extra fries routine. It's a spudtacular time of the year when we can truly indulge in this beloved Québecois dish. Don't agree? We're just poutine it out there, but nobody puts gravy in the corner.

Mno-Nishnaabe Giizhgad! This weekend, we celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day! Here in Billings, be sure to check out the Billings Connections Trail. The Anishinaabeg (Odaawaa, Ojibwa and Pottawatomi) occupied what is now Billings Township long before European settlers arrived. Archeological and oral evidence has established at least 10,000 years of Indigenous occupation on Mnidoo Mnising (Manitoulin Island). To learn more about the history of Billings' original and settler inhabitants, visit the full series of historical plaques around the township, link to the QR codes on each plaque and drop in to the Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong, as well as the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

Have your say! The township is revamping how we use the landfill, drafting a new waste management bylaw. Council is keen to hear your thoughts and are accepting constructive criticism of the draft bylaw over the month of June. You can access the bylaw and the public at the township office or on the township's website (www.billingstwp. ca/news). All comments must be submitted in writing via the comment form or via email to bylaw@billingstwp.ca. All comments must have your name and contact information included.

Hazy sunrises and sunsets remind us to be grateful to be spared from the forest fires burning out west. Here in Billings, don't forget that burn permits are required if you want to burn any brush. Stop by the township office to get your free permit, which is valid for one week.

We are daffodil-ighted to send Happy birthday wishes to Mary N and Stephanie M this week. We hope you have blooming good birthday celebrations that leave you feeling a little rose-y.

that leave you feeling a little rose-y.
On Saturday, June 28 it is Team
Aelick's annual stroll for liver in support
of Liver Canada. This 5k walk through

the village starts at the Park Centre at 11 am. You can join the stroll, support from the sidelines, and donate through their team page (bit.ly/teamaelick). Donations over \$20 qualify for a tax receipt.

Also, on the 28th is the library's spring puzzle swap! From 10 am to 1 pm, bring your used jigsaw puzzles to trade for new-to-you challenges. No puzzles? No problem! The library has a large surplus of puzzles and the librarian prefers it when you take more puzzles than you bring.

The Old Mill Heritage Centre is now open seven days a week, from 10 am to 5 pm. Stop by and check out the amazing "ship model" exhibit of all the ferries that serviced Manitoulin for over 100 years! The museum is also gearing up for its big celebration of the 100th anniversary of the mill on July 19.

Save the date! The annual Island-Wide Household Hazardous Waste Day is coming up next month. Typically, the third Saturday in July, this is an important way of keeping hazardous things out of our community landfill. Save up your batteries, old electronics, paints and chemicals - final date to be confirmed soon!

Ohboyohboyohboy... it's t-minus 1 Wednesday until the Kagawong Market kicks off for another season! We can't wait for June 25!

The popular Blind Date With a Book fundraiser for the library is happening again this year! Choose from 30+ new books wrapped in plain brown paper with just the genre and general clues to the story visible. As any good date should, each Blind Date book comes with a box of chocolates from Manitoulin Chocolate Works. This fundraiser starts July 3rd and is only available at the Wednesday market in Kagawong.

If we keep eating our fill of fries, curds and gravy, we might just have to change our name to Pouteam Fergmeijer. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

On Friday night, June 6, at cards we had 17 people. High lady was Anne Gifford-Steele with 81 points; she almost won the money jar but was short one point; high man was Natasha McVey with 73 points; Myra Duncanson won for ladies' lone hands with three; Doug Carter won for the men's lone hands with two. He had tied with Diane Jones, Harold Rogers, Karen Noble and Rick Bradley; most euchres went to Rose VanEvery with nine who also won the 50/50 draw; Diane Jones won the door prize.

The Bay is beautiful. Business at the campground has been steady. There have been some interesting guests from far away countries. Chad at the store has a visitor's book that many have signed in at. I was looking at where many were from and I was surprised. Right now, on the pier we have a Government of Ontario boat which is quite large and interesting to look at. I am curious to know their business.

We saw a swan this morning in the bay, but it was gone this afternoon. We took a couple of pictures.

We have been getting some rain which has been needed. The corn is starting to grow, and the cattle are enjoying the grass. We are expecting more rain tonight.

This Sunday is the luncheon at the Hall with chili and stew. It will be followed by a euchre tournament. We're all looking forward to Joe's Poker Paddle on Saturday. June 21.

Have a great week everyone.

Barrie Island Enid Runnalls

Congratulations to Oliver Runnalls who celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday, June 8 with a family dinner at Watersedge Pub and Restaurant in Gore Bay. Scott and Enid, Jim and Sandy Miller of Ottawa, Jordan and Kate Miller with Arie, Isaiah and Eli, Kate's parents Harry and Sharon Kooy of New Market, Katie Runnalls of Toronto, Cameron and Reece Carter and Micah were all in at-

tendance. Oliver plans to have another celebration later in the summer with the rest of his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc. The meal was followed by cake and ice cream outside in the court-yard of Manitoulin Lodge where Barb joined in the festivities. With a bit of help from Katie, they lit the (90) candles in a jiffy and then Oliver and his great-grandson Micah blew them out twice as fast!

Jim and Sandy have made their big move back to Barrie Island. Usually they're here a bit sooner, however, Jim was in bike training and then on the Seven Day May Cycling 1,100 km Challenge around southwestern Ontario to raise funds for pancreatic cancer research. Also, part of the cycling team were locals Peter Carter and Brady Wilson. Jim was able to raise \$8,200 towards the cause! He reports that pancreatic cancer is the third leading cancer killer in Canada and if you would like to donate to the cause visit pancreaticcancercanada.ca for more information.

Carolyn Lane-Rock is busy getting ready for her son's wedding shower at the Barrie Island Hall. Details to follow.

Doug Lane is home after an emergency gall bladder operation. Linda reports that he is recuperating at home. We are wishing Doug well and hoping he can rest.

Natalie Hayden has extended her time on the island to help her mom and dad. Hoping that Lance feels stronger with time and that Lil is also feeling well.

Oliver Runnalls attended the Rotary Club annual dinner meeting at Red Lodge, where they acknowledged his history with the club. He was accompanied by his daughter, Sandy Miller.

Grace Turner (nee Lane) is in Sudbury at Health Sciences North recovering from surgery. We are all thinking about her and wish her a good recovery.

Carolyn Lane-Rock attended the high school graduation of her great-niece Anika Smith (daughter of Russ Smith and Sarah Turner, granddaughter of Grace and Brian Turner) at M.S.S. on Thursday night. Anika plans to study science at university in the fall.

Gordon/Barrie Island will be hosting a jam making workshop on June 28 at 10 am. Please register and pay at the municipal office by June 20 (call 705-282-2702).

Please let me know if you have any news to share!

On Friday, June 6 we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Saturday afternoon Lee McDonald married Sandra at the Spring Bay Pentecostal Church. The supper and reception were held at the Burpee/Mills Complex which was decorated beautifully. Congratulations to the happy couple.

On Sunday, the United Church of Canada celebrated their 100th anniversary.

On Monday, I worked from home most of the day. I watched online at 10:35 am as my niece Larissa Chevrette walked across the stage at Trent University in Peterborough to graduate with her Bachelor of Biology. Congratulations to her and all the other students graduating.

Albert Meijer and I had the recycle bins open from 1 to 2 pm on Monday.

In the evening, I took Myra and Ken Duncanson, Heather Wilson, DonnaKay McDonald and Brenda Carter to euchre at the Burpee/Mills Complex. We celebrated Natasha McVey's 39th birthday and Guy Bigras' birthday.

On Tuesday, I went to Tehkummah to work and had a very productive day.

On Thursday there was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall with 20 players.

There will be a market in our yard on Saturday, June 21 from 9 am to 12 noon. Vendors are welcome to set up free of charge. Bring your own tables.

The Canada Day picnic in Silver Water will be on Saturday, June 28. The theme is "in the garden."

Congratulations to Mark and Ulrika Wismer on the arrival of their son Oscar Samuel.

Congratulations to Bob Benedict who gained a great-granddaughter Beatrice on Tuesday. She is the daughter of Gwenyth (McLeod) and Gjilas Memabtene.

Condolences to the family of John Niganiwina.

...Vanessa Glasby bestowed Coronation Medal

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exceptional efforts to combat food insecurity within your community. Your work is truly inspiring, and we are grateful for the positive impact you continue to make," the Feed Ontario release continues.

The medal was presented to Ms. Glasby and many other recipients at the annual Feed Ontario Conference 'Seeds of Change,' on June 9.

Ms. Glasby has been the Food Security Program Supervisor at Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) for the past two years, starting in May 2023. "Helping to provide food security, and curbing food insecurity has always been something I have been very interested in. I grew up on a small farm, where we produced our own food."

While attending Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS), Ms. Glasby continued to develop her interest in working towards providing for food security, and she saw the need in the community. "Since then, all of the job positions I have had, have been linked to food security production and distribution. At MSS I took part in the Halloween for Hunger event where students



Vanessa Glasby, front row, fourth from left, was one of several members of Feed Ontario who was presented with a King Charles III Coronation Medal, at a conference last week. Ms. Glasby, who lives in Little Current is Food Security Program Advisory at Manitoulin Family Resources.

would go out trick or treating for canned food and non-perishable items. You could say everything has come full circle for me."

"When I had the opportunity to begin working with MFR in the Food Bank in May 2023 it seemed to be a great opportunity and fit for me," said Ms. Glasby, who earned her Masters degree in Non-profit Philanthropy leadership at Carleton University.

Colleen Hill, executive director of MFR said that, "over the two years that Vanessa has been in the role (at MFR) she has improved access to food across the Island, working with community

partners and establishing food hubs with weekly deliveries. She and the team of volunteers do an outstanding job year-round supporting individuals and families living with food insecurity."

"At the provincial conference all the organizations in attendance talked about the rising need for food, cost of living and the impacts of tariffs, and the fact that social assistance benefits and wages are not keeping up to these increases. More people who are employed full-time are needing to use food banks. Some of the organizations at the conference said that people in some cases have three jobs and still need

On the issue of tariffs, "this is something all food banks are discussing, and Feed Ontario and Food Banks Canada are looking at the risk and impacts and have made preparations. The bottom line is the ongoing rising cost of food is driving up the need for access (to food banks)," said Ms. Glasby.

"When I started at MFR I assumed I would be a lifer here. This position lines up with my education and my interests and passion. It is a perfect fit," added Ms. Glasby. "We have great volunteers who work hard and are very compassionate, who we work with. With our staff and volunteers we have a great team."

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...Gore Bay to spend over \$170K on arena repairs

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(frames, supports, layout, site visits) Tulloch Engineer in the amount of \$58,050, and roofing repairs (to be contracted out), not to exceed \$30,000. The total cost of the work being considered by the council to be carried out is \$171,950, said Mr. Shickluna-Pierce.

Council was told that in order to ensure a timely and cost-effective completion of this work, while maintaining the highest quality and safety standards, it is being recommended that Tulloch Engineering, DeVries Masonry, Athletica Sport Systems be engaged as single-source suppliers for their respective portions of the work.

For the roofing work, the town will proceed with a competitive procurement process, issuing a tender

not to exceed \$30,000, based on a received quote. This ensures fairness and transparency while seeing a reasonable price benchmark based on a qualified local estimate.

This work is time-sensitive and must be completed before the 2025 ice season begins.

Mr. Shickluna-Pierce said the project will be funded through a combination of donations and potential grant funding so it will not impact the municipal tax levy.

Council approved the investment of \$171,950 to complete critical safety and refurbishment work at the Gore Bay arena, as described in the report, and further that staff be directed to proceed with this work immediately to ensure the arena is safe and operational for the 2025 season.

...Hockey association requests netting at Gore Bay arena

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posed to the potential risk of being hit by a puck going over the glass. Safety must be a priority. This initiative is being taken on by our minor hockey association to better protect everyone who uses the arena."

Mr. Lane noted the Town of Gore Bay has approved the installation, and WMMHA is currently in the process of costing out the project. "As a non-profit organization with limited resources, whether we can move forward will depend on the final cost and our available budget. If the pricing comes within reach, we will proceed. Our goal is to ensure that everyone, on and off the ice, can en-

joy the game in a safer environment."

"We are in the preliminary stages of all of this," said Mr. Lane, who pointed out the idea of the safety netting has been circulating for about a year or so.

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"We are requesting quotes to cost out the project," said Mr. Lane. "We are looking to see if we can get someone to do the job done and to get costing for labour and materials. Then we can make a final decision if we can go ahead."

"We have limited (financial) resources, and if we have to get outside funds this project might not happen this summer or fall but we will continue to pursue it," said Mr. Lane.

Gore Bay Councillor Kelly Chaytor provided an overview of the WMMHA request at a recent council meeting. She noted that it will be at no cost to the town and that the WMMHA has contractors lined up that are willing to perform the work. They are looking to get quotes to ensure it is within the WMMHA budget.

In a social media post WMMHA states, "The WMMHA, a non-profit incorporation with limited resources, is seeking interest and quotes from qualified experienced contractors for the supply and installation of spectator safety netting at the Gore Bay Arena."

"Please note: This is not a Town of Gore Bay project. It is a WMMHA initiative being undertaken independently to enhance the safety of players, coaches, volunteers, and spectators," the post explains. "For years, flying pucks and stray deflections have posed a real risk to spectators in several areas of the Gore Bay arena. While no serious injuries have occurred recently, it is only a matter of time."

The WMMHA is looking for quotes from contractors that include itemized material costs, detailed labour costs, estimated timeline, warranty information and proof of licencing and insurance. Quotes are to be submitted by June 30.

...Janet Anning Senior of the Year

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and grace, but, when asked to say a few words, she declined.

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin's Facebook page further expressed their gratitude to the recipient of this prestigious award: "Congratulations to Janet Anning for winning the Ontario Senior of the Year Award. Janet has been a beacon of community spirit for decades. Her tireless support for the Manitoulin Special Olympics, the organization of the popular Bluegrass in the Country fundraising festival and her passion for inclusion and her ability to get things done make her a true inspiration. Thank you, Janet, for everything you've done and continue to do for our community!"



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...Island horse wins first race

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Mr. Varey. Clive's jockey was Leo Salles and his trainer is Krista Cole.

"Going in I wasn't sure Clive would win the race," acknowledged Mr. Doane, noting Clive ran in the 10th race at Woodbine along with 10 other competitors. This was Clive's 18th race overall, with his best results finishing second in two separate races last year.

"The payout wasn't huge, it was \$32,500, but the biggest thing is that Clive broke his maiden," said Mr. Doane. "We have been waiting for his first win for over two years now."

"It has been exciting for Mark and I, but we have had to be patient. It took a couple of years of racing and a huge investment, but it has now paid off" said Mr. Doane

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"We have always believed in Clive,"
said Mr. Varey. "But as the races add up
you wonder if he is ever going to make his
mark. He did yesterday, and at the end of
the race he didn't want to stop."

Clive Cross has the same forehead markings as the great thoroughbred horse Secretariat, and Mr. Varey said he understands that Clive is the only thoroughbred raised on Manitoulin Island to have raced at Woodbine.

The two Manitoulin men shared in the

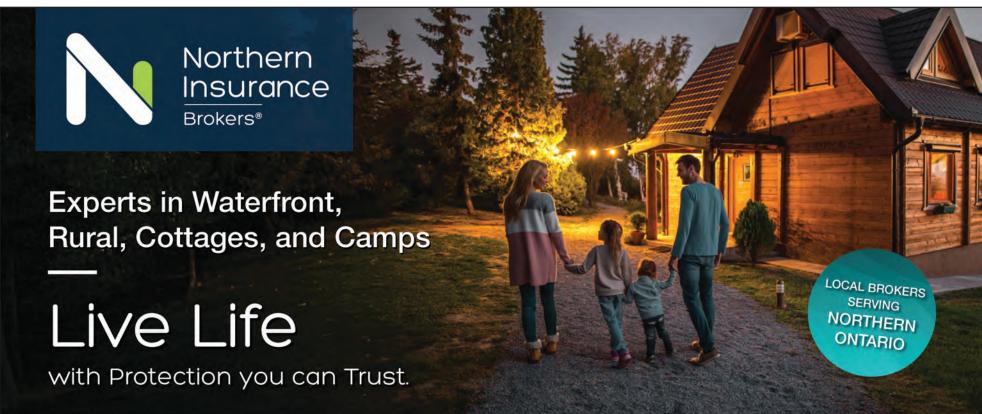
costs for Clive, 50/50. In December 2019, the two Island horse owners brought the colt up to Manitoulin Island, to his new home at Tween Lakes Farm and Timberlane Farm.

"This Island seems to me to be perfect place for raising a thoroughbred; in Kentucky and Florida, known as the best two locations around to raise thoroughbreds, the horses are raised on limestone-based farmland and the horses build bone strength and structure," said Mr. Doane. "Clive is very strong, and it probably has a lot to do with his starting out on Manitoulin Island where we have limestone-based ground."

"Clive's sire was Reload who had his best racing days when he was about 6-7 years old, so maybe Clive, who had a slow start, will do the same," said Mr. Doane.

Clive's silks are Manitoulin Island. Manitoulin Secondary School teacher Jordan Smith designed Clive's silks. The colours are the high school colours as he is a true 'Manitoulin Mustang.'

Clive Cross is named after the late hall of fame thoroughbred horse trainer David Clive Cross, a young man who worked with horses, and trained Sunny's Halo when he won the Kentucky Derby in



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Island student trustee recognized by Rainbow School Board

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has taken on leadership roles in the Student Council and SHARE/Go Green, and writes a weekly column about school events in the local newspaper (The Manitoulin Expositor), 'Kids in the Hall'."

'Enrolled in school's Specialist High Skills Major in Arts and Culture, she also authored a children's book, 'Robofriends and the Mowzone,' that promotes robotics

and environmental sustainability. Last summer, she attended the prestigious SHAD Canada program. She has been playing hockey for the Gore Bay Bruins since she was four-years-old."

"Involvement in school and school life enriches the student experience and provides a broader platform for learning," said Ms. Wilson-Zegil. "Joining extracurriculars, exploring new concepts in class, and actively developing learning strategies that have kept me invested in my education and motivated me to make a difference. Being engaged in teams teaches students invaluable transferable skills like teamwork, commitment and responsibility."
"Well said," stated Mr.

Bourget.

Mr. Bourget explained that, "Alexandra will attend McMaster University in the fall. Enrolled in Wilson College's new Leadership and Civic Studies program, she will complete a double major in Political Science. Wilson College's Civic Leadership and Civic Studies program is Canada's only combined Honours degree that has students engage with real-life issues. Students learn to think critically and creatively about

The Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) recognized its two student trustees for their contributions to the board over the past year, at a meeting last week. In photo from left is student trustee Alexandra Wilson-Zegil of Manitoulin Secondary School, RDSB chair David Farrow, and student trustee Tia Nootchtai of Lockerby Composite School.

our collective future."
"Alexandra has her sights set on law school after she completes her undergraduate degree. She plans to pursue a career

in government and advocacy. Thank you for your service, Alexandra," said Mr. Bourget.

RDSB chair David Farrow presented a watch to each of the two students, in recognition and appreciation for having served the board so admirably. "Sincere congratulations for your service to the (RDSB)," he said. "We look forward to both of your actions in the next few years to help improve the world."

Board trustee Judy Hunda said, "I would also like to add my thank you to our outgoing student trustees. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. These trustees have worked so hard and I am proud that they represented the board. They will be greatly missed.'

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...Northern Ontario Art Association exhibit arrives in Sheguiandah

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that will be in the show and which will receive awards. We're hoping to have it in the arena, but we haven't nailed that down with the town yet."

The works on display this year are truly stunning and feature a wide range of media and styles. Along with the works, copies of the NOAA magazine are also on hand, al-

lowing those interested to see what the group have been up to across Northern Ontario. Several artists were

on hand to meet the public and to discuss their works. Many of the artworks

are for sale and several already have the red dots indicating they are sold affixed to their labels.

Among the award winners were Sheryle Boivin, for 'Country Friends,' who won the Anne McAllister Johnson Memorial Award for Best Non-Tra-

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Brigette Bere was named Northern Ontario Art Association Best in Show winner for 'Golden Sunflowers,' a collage on canvas.

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Royal Canadian Legion Br. 177 Little Current hosted a successful No Frills Luncheon in honour of Seniors Month. photo by Michael Erskine

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ditional or Mixed Media; Lynne Nyman for her acrylic 'Spring Whispers' who won the Susan Zabel Mancantelli Memorial Award for Best Use of Colour; Sue Lampinen, whose 'Snow Birds' won the Nancy Caldwell Memorial Award for Best Landscape; Valerie Leonard's 'A View From The Dock-French River,' who won the Gaberiel Danis Memorial Award for Best Northern Landscape; Linda Mustard's 'Bouquet' which won the Mary Weymark Goss Memorial Award for Most Innovative; Martha Heidenheim's 'Fading Colours,' which won the Peter Giblin Memorial Award for Best Watercolour; Elizabeth Holmes, whose 'The Ruin-Cobalt' won the Jack Pacey Memorial Award for Best Contemporary Piece; Francis Cinq-Mars for 'Grandad Smoking' which won the Screaming Heads of Midlothian Award for Best Risk Taking Concept; Gigi Dequanne for 'We Can't Breathe' mixed media, which secured the Eleanora Meissner Memorial Award for Best Innovative Creation; and last but far from least is the NOAA Best in Show winner, Brigette Bere, for 'Golden Sunflowers,' a collage on canvas.

Jurors for this year's show were Janine Marson and Ingrid Rudnik-O'Gorman.

"I thank the artists who have presented their artwork," said Ms. O'Gorman in

her remarks. "To walk into this room, alone with another judge, with so many moving and articulate works of art in one place was an overwhelming, joyful experience. I was delighted by the high calibre of entries and genuinely found myself with the very difficult task in making final choices. First making a quick but thorough pass through the entire show individually, then asking myself what I remembered, what stayed with me or impressed me the most. Going around again with Janine to see if those pieces still held up, I was pleased to see that we both pointed out most of the same pieces."

"Meeting my fellow artist juror, Ingrid O'Gorman, was the icing on the cake for me of the who experience, and we hit it off instantly," said Ms. Marson in her remarks. "We soon discovered we were thinking about the juror process in the same way. We each took our time independently to observe each piece and then went around together to make notes and discuss the entries. Each piece was judged fairly and on its own terms. I was completely blown away by the calibre of the entries with so many really good paintings to choose from for the judging."

The NOAA member clubs include our Island's own Manitoulin Fine Arts Association. The exhibition will run at the Sheguiandah museum until the end of June.



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Nine-foot Lego Chi-Cheemaun grabs media attention

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by John Francis

SOUND—When OWEN Danish craftsman Ole Kirk Anderson founded the Lego company in 1932. his objective was to make high-quality wooden construction toys. "Only the best is good enough" was the company motto.

Mr. Anderson experimented with plastic after World War Two and released a line of plastic building bricks in 1949. Lego made many adjustments to materials and design in the early years before settling on a standard

in the 1960s. The iconic mini-figures did not appear until 1978.

Themed sets (Lego City, Batman, Star Wars, etc.) were aimed at older children and came to dominate the market. These became gradually more complex over the decades. In 2007, for example, Lego introduced a 5,195-piece scale model of the Millennium Falcon; subsequent kits have grown even larger.

But many people have carried their passion into adulthood. You can build some absolutely amazing things out of Lego. The website rebrickable.com sells plans for all manner of projects, but the purists work from scratch and make their own designs.

Over the decades, Lego has manufactured somewhere over 400 million pieces. Several million of those pieces live at Ken Reid's home in Owen Sound.

It all began in 2016 when he and his wife, Ola von Richter saw a TV show about Lego creations. It inspired them to dig out the bins of Lego that lived in their basement, then to acquire some more...

Since Ola's death from cancer in 2020, Reid has devoted himself, and most of the space in his house-almost full time to his Lego projects.

He has built literally dozens of things out of Lego, getting steadily more ambitious as he went. There was a model of Notre Dame cathedral, then a 220,000-piece model of Minas Tirith (the capital of Gondor in Lord of the Rings). That one was only half made from Rebrickable plans; the other half was pure Ken Reid.

Throughout all of this. he continued to buy more Lego-job lots, yard sales, estate sales. He would buy a tub or two, occasionally more. "One time I bought 400 pounds. It took me three weeks to clean and sort it." He has one spare bedroom devoted to storing hundreds of plastic tubs and drawers of different Lego pieces; another bedroom holds larger tubs of bulk Lego waiting to be

Ken Reid with his 92,000-piece Lego model of the Chi-Cheemaun.

cleaned and sorted. Reid's passions have been history, science fiction and video games, but last fall he decided to build something that celebrated Grey-Bruce. After looking around for a suitable subject, he settled on building a scale model of the Chi-Cheemaun. This project would have to be designed The entirely from scratch; it's

are no plans available. The first step was to calculate the size the model would need to be in order to accommodate Lego figures at scale (he settled on nine

never been done so there

and a half feet). Then he had to get the shape of the bow right. That took four tries and consumed three weeks of his life. Then he contacted Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC-the owner/operator of the Chi-Cheemaun) and was delighted when he was given a comprehensive tour of the vessel by a Captain and a Chief Steward.

That gave him the details he needed to construct the various decks, hallways and rooms (Oh. yes, the model is not just a shell-the interior of all the decks is accurately reproduced, including furniture and people).

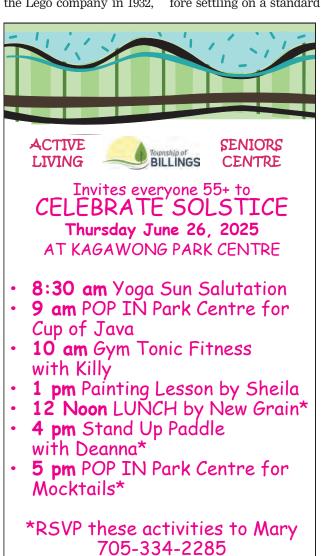
Three months later, he was finished.

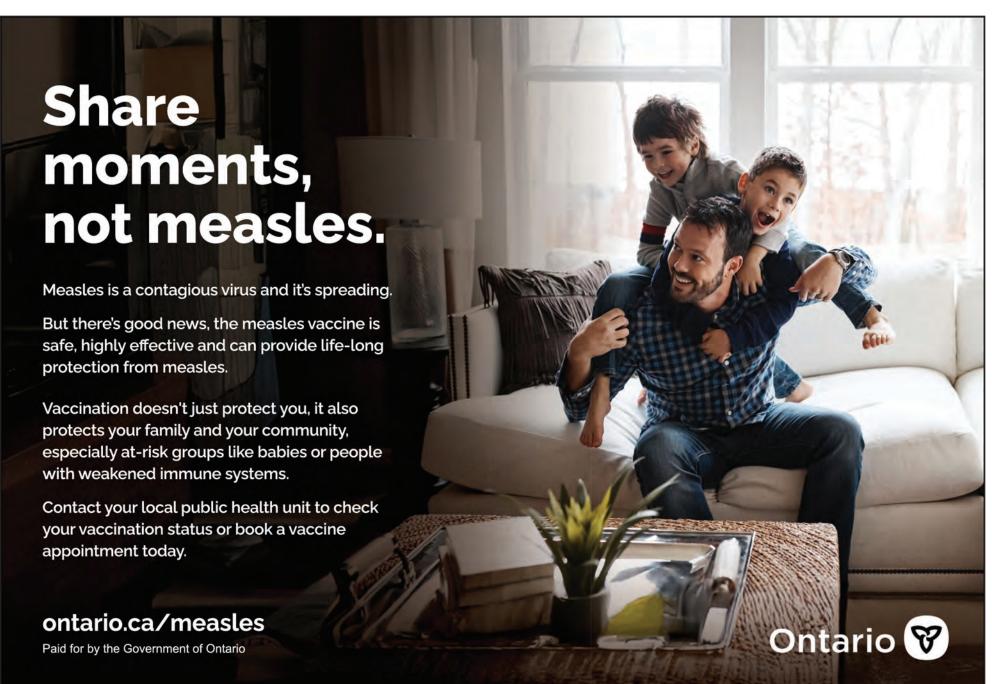
result is 92,000-piece scale model of the Chi-Cheemaun, complete with cars, trucks and RVs in the car decks, furniture and furnishings on all decks and 620 figures (the Chi-Cheemaun's capacity is 630 people. He tried to

represent the diversity of folk you would normally see on the vessel. ("It's just a fraction of the figures I've got. I could have outfitted the whole thing in stormtroopers if I'd wanted.")

When he was finished, he posted photos online to a couple of Lego enthusiast groups and was amazed at the response. Four different media representatives (so far) have visited him and several organizations have expressed interest in displaying the model. Reid is conflicted about where to send it. It's fragile enough that he wouldn't want it subjected to constant motion and vibration on the Chi-Cheemaun.

Science North would like to use it as part of a Lego display this summer, but Reid would rather its first showing was in Grey-Bruce. The Tom Thomson Gallery, the Owen Sound Maine and Rail Museum and OSTC are all interest-







Little Current resident Zak Nicholls, left, attended the meet-and-greet with MPP Bill Rosenberg and Minister Greg Rickford last week at the Anchor Inn.

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al framework; the other operates at the provincial level.

The promise: cut the red tape and clear a fast lane for investment to race through.

Bill C-5, tabled by the federal government on June 6—just one day after Ontario passed Bill 5—positions itself as a jobs and climate transition strategy. It outlines a vision for economic growth through the creation of advisory bodies and transition plans intended to support Canada's shift toward a net-zero economy. However, it does not contain binding protections for workers, enforceable environmental standards or clear requirements for Indigenous consent. The legislation emphasizes flexibility, consultation and industry partnership, leaving the implementation of protections largely to future policy instruments or market actors.

Ontario's Bill 5, passed on June 5, grants the provincial government broad

authority to establish Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in which existing labour, environmental and planning laws can be suspended or modified. These decisions rest entirely with cabinet, with no formal requirement for public consultation or municipal consent. Critics argue that this opens the door to a level of deregulation not seen in other parts of the province, creating exceptions to long-standing public safeguards.

Together, the two bills appear to represent a coordinated shift in governance. Bill C-5 signals a federal commitment to economic transition through flexible, investor-friendly policy tools, while Bill 5 creates the legal infrastructure for fast-tracked development in Ontario.

Both rely heavily on executive discretion and reduce the role of regulatory oversight in key development zones.

Concerns have been raised by labour unions, Indigenous Nations and environmental advocates regarding the po-

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...No more sick notes from MHC emergency doctors

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is a small way that we can help them."

"We have always given out sick notes and this will continue when the physician feels it is appropriate," Ms. Fields told The Expositor. However, "what we are finding is more em-

ployers are asking their employees to provide a sick note, even for one day of illness. We understand it is challenging for some patients to see their primary care providers in a timely manner or they do not have a primary care provider, and at times the emer-

gency department is the only place to get a sick note on the Island. The change to the Employment Standards Act requiring sick notes for illnesses up to three days came into effect October 2024. This change was made to reduce the burden on employees and the health care system."

The MHC will be handing out a letter to patients who come to the emergency department asking for a sick note to return to work.

The letter reads, "To our valued patients: Thank you for visiting the emergency department at Manitoulin Health Centre. We understand that feeling unwell and needing time off from work or

school can be a stressful experience. However, we would like to take a moment to share some important information regarding the use of Emergency Department services. 1. the emergency department is for urgent care. Our team is here to provide care for serious and urgent health concerns. If you are here only to obtain a doctor's note for a mild illness or short-term absence, please know that the emergency department is not the appropriate setting for this purpose. 2. Sick notes for short absences are often not required. According to Ontario's Em-

employers cannot require a doctor's note for absences due to illness that lasts fewer than three days. We encourage open communication with your employer about this policy. 3. Alternative options for notes: If you do require a note, please consider contacting your primary care provider or accessing virtual care service at virtualcareontario.ca.

illness or short-term absence, please know that the emergency department is not the appropriate setting for this purpose. 2. Sick notes for short absences are often not required. According to Ontario's Employment Standards Act, "We kindly ask for your support in keeping our emergency department resources focused on those who truly need immediate medical care," the letter continues. "Your cooperation helps ensure that timely treatment is available

to patients with more serious health concerns. If your employer is insisting on a note, please share this letter with them. Thank you for your understanding. Sincerely, the Emergency Department team. Manitoulin Health Centre."

"They (province) are trying to reduce the burden on physicians and the emergency departments," said Ms. Fields. "Employers should ensure that they are aware of the legislative changes and implement attendance management programs and policies."

"Patients become frus-

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...Gore Bay rules out amalgamations

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"I think these meetings are important," said Mayor Barker. "We share a lot of the same issues. And it is always good to work together. We share some of the same problems and work together positively to resolve them."

"At the meeting we shared information on all the services that we share currently," said Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island. "Ron (Lane) chaired the meeting, and we went through all the things that we all share the costs and services on like the nursing home, medical centre, doctor recruitment. We had a brief discussion about amalgamation and we reported we heard from council members and constituents that no one is in favour of amalgamation, even remotely. Then we moved on."

"We are still going to review services, and got an update on arena costs and the work the town is going to be doing on the arena this summer," said Reeve Hayden. "Communication is also a good thing. In the past we were left in the dark and then asked to contribute without knowing what it was for."

Mayor Lane said, "It was a very constructive meeting, and we will be meeting again in the fall."

"Amalgamation was just an idea and after our discussion, as far as we are concerned, it is a dead issue," stated Mayor Lane. "Everyone has their own challenges to keep their heads above water and keep tax rates down. It came across strongly that if mandated by the provincial government (amalgamation) would be more than four municipalities on the Island."

















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Central Manitoulin Public School



Central Manitoulin Public School Grade 8 graduates are, back row, from left, Chloe Cooper, Samantha Chisholm, Alyx Labranche, Jade Wyman, Angele Rhiness, Jayden Paquet, Desirae Bordeleau, Allie Flikweert, Nova Debassige, Hunter Kearns, Jonathan Lee, Reid Hare, Jakob Oliver, Ryley Corbiere, Carter Corbiere, Nicky Keller, Mason Taylor, Miss Lauren Porter (teacher). Middle row from left, Lisa Pennie (teacher), Kristin Lee, Lily Carrick, Marc Pollock, Frederick Stover, Evan McDermid, Noah Forsythe, Logan Hayden, John Spanos (teacher), front row, Aiden McFarlane, Devon MacKelvie, Kaine Rooplal, Login McCarthy. Absent Jesse Cooper, Ben Daniso, Carter Kuepfer, Nakoa Kinoshameg.

Little Current Public School



Future Mustangs from Little Current Public School are, back row, from left, Isaac Souliere, Luke Corbiere, Casey Bowerman, Brandon Shean, Hudson Aelick, Safiyah Gerhard-Esquimaux, Alexis McGraw and Nohlan Matthews, middle row, Mrs. Edralin, Alexis Mousseau, Azalea Anaya, Lily Simon, Hailey Debassige, Kayla Eadie, Zen Mishibinijima, Jack Todd, Benjamin Belanger, Owen Ferguson, Jessie Westwell, Matthew Boyter and Kælen Thompson, front row, Ashlin Simon, Daniel Frounier, Rayden Browatzke, Lincoln Laffin, Rose Preston, Quinn Sabourin, Mia Tomaselli, Myla Edralin, Dyanya Waindubence and Charlotte Ziegler.

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Future Warriors! Heading to Wiikwemkoong High School are Ethyn Kaboni, TA; Marcus Beaudry, Owen Trudeau, Jerome Simon, Chris Naokwegijig, Kurtis Espaniel and Jade Oshkabewisens, middle row, Mr. R. Wilson, teacher; Laily Shawanda, Jamie-Lynn Peltier, Mikita Wemigwans, Bentley Jackson, Bradley Mishibinijima and Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Tim Ominika, front row, Zeeva Trudeau-Pitawanakwat, Taylnn Maiangowi, Phoebe Mishibinijima and Chloe Recollet.

Class of 2025! Wasse Abin School Grade 8s are, back row, from left, Landon Mejaki, Meeshen Myers, Kolston Odjig, Kari-Lee Fox-Gonawabi, Trenton Trudeau, Taidym Gonawabi, Olivia Assiniwe and Jessica Hartley, teachers assistant, middle row, Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Tim Ominika, Aries Pheasant, Ms. S. Lavallee, teacher; Riley Pangowish, Mylah Trudeau, Marissa Ominika, Peyton Kaboni, Zoey Recollet, Olive Bomberry and Claressa Dewing-Manitowabi, front row, Julie King-Shawana, Kieanna Solomon and Phoenix Manitowabi.

St. Jospeh's Anishnabek School



Jessette Angel-Roberts and London Shogga are the Grade 8 graduates of St. Joseph's Anishinabek School (Sheshegwaning First Nation).

Assiginack Public School



Heading to MSS! The Assiginack Public School Class of 2025 is Iris Spry, Morgan Peltier, Ava Hartley, Chloe Moggy, Alannah VanVolkingburgh, River Lavell, Walker Hagman, Joshua McComb and Track Cyr. Missing from the photo are Violet Bell and William McKeown.

Lakeview Public School



The Lakeview School graduating class is, back row, left, Navin Corbiere-Williams, Cohen Corbiere, Landon Armstrong, Wade Debassige, Matthew Migwans, Jaxon Panamick. Front row from left, Sonoma O'Connor, Navayah Corbiere, Maria Loucks, Riley Corbiere, M'Koos Corbiere, John McLean. Missing from photo-Elizabeth Ense, Vayda Ense, Sophia Hare, Maximus Ledesma, Danika Migwans and Darius Migwans.

Charles C. McLean Public School



The CC McLean graduating class is, from left, Lauren McVey, Ren Dumling, Garrison Patterson, Finn Flanagan, Landen Pitawanakwat, Marquis Larabee, Collin Campbell, middle row, Joseph Zilio, Kendall Gibson, Olivia Gray, Leah Campbell, Cannon Lockyer, Levi Heinen, Vilho Niemi, Cole Pfeifer, front row, Savannah Lane, Abby Bush, JJ Fortin, Rylee Williamson, Layla Bell, Isaac Lock, David Joyce. Missing from photo is Waylon Hartin.



...Minister sees Bill 5 as 'opportunity' for Indigenous communities

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tential for these measures to establish a two-tiered regulatory landscape—in which protections are unevenly applied and subject to political discretion. Critics also note the limited mechanisms for accountability or community participation in either bill.

In this context, Bill C-5 and Bill 5 can be seen as part of a broader trend:

the restructuring of regulatory frameworks to prioritize investment attraction and project delivery, potentially at the expense of long-standing labour, environmental and human rights protections. While framed as tools for economic resilience and climate transition, their combined effect may be to weaken the very safeguards that communities and workers have relied on to ensure equitable development.

When queried by The Expositor at a local celebration of MPP Bill Rosenberg's victory, Greg Rickford, the Minister of Northern Development and Minister of Indigenous Affairs, had this to say about the controversial twin bills: "I don't talk about Indigenous issues." says Ontario's Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation.

"I talk about Indigenous opportunities."

"There's more work to be done," he admits, "and communication is going to be an essential element of making sure everybody understands what we're trying to accomplish here"

He points to a legal distinction between "duty to consult," which he frames as technical and procedural, and "political engagement" — the more informal conversations with leadership already underway, including with the Regional Chief and various local First Nations. "We have every intention of doing it properly, thoroughly and with a vision," he insists. "When we talk about partnerships, we're talking about consenting parties building real economic arrangements - not just inclusion, but shared prosperity."

Meanwhile, newly elected Algoma–Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg is riding high on the energy of victory, but the concerns of the North are not far from his mind.

"Bill 5 is a great opportunity for everyone," MPP Rosenberg told The Expositor, focusing on the tangible benefits promised by the province: roads, hospitals, broadband, education. "Especially those Indigenous reserves up there that have no opportunity."

He admits the road ahead won't be smooth. "It's not going to be easy, but I think we'll get there. The opportunity is here, and I think we can make a huge difference."

Asked about Bill C-5, the federal legislation that would grant Ottawa similar powers to fast-track major infrastructure projects deemed "in the national interest," Mr. Rosenberg is careful. "I can't really comment on that," he says. "But I want to help where I can."

When asked about Manitoulin Island's much needed new bridge, he simply smiled and said: "Well, these things take

time."

However for many First Nations leaders, the speed and scope of the bill raise fundamental concerns about jurisdiction, consent, and constitutional integrity.

In an emergency session, the Chiefs of Ontario Leadership Council passed a resolution opposing both the content of Bill C-5 and the process through which it is being pushed forward. They say the federal government has shut First Nations out of committee hearings and provided less than a week to respond to a summary of the bill — without releasing the full text.

A rally was held Tuesday, June 17 at 12:30 pm on Parliament Hill.

"First Nations are not opposed to development. We want to build, and we want to partner," said Ontario Regional Chief Abram Benedict. "But we cannot accept a law that removes us from the consultation process. These decisions are being made about our lands, our rights, and our future — without us."

Bill C-5 would give cabinet the power to designate certain projects as being in the "national interest," fast-tracking approval while bypassing environmental review, parliamentary oversight and Indigenous consultation. The Chiefs of Ontario say this undermines Canada's obligations under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDRIP) and risks setting a dangerous precedent.

Temagami First Nation Chief Shelly Moore, who introduced the emergency resolution, stated, "A meaningful role in development cannot be reduced to a checkbox. Our rights are not obstacles — they are foundational."

The government, however, has framed the legislation as urgent and necessary, particularly in light of ongoing economic strain and escalating trade tensions with the United States. In a press conference addressing wildfire response and industrial layoffs, Natural Resources Minister Tim Hodgson defended the fast-tracked timeline.

"You should ask that to all the auto workers who are losing their jobs, to all the aluminum workers who are losing their jobs, to all the steel workers who are losing their jobs, to all the forestry products, people in small towns across the country who are losing their jobs," Mr. Hodgson said.

"Every day, our economy is being attacked. Every day, we are losing jobs. We need to fight for those people. We need to move."

However, Labour organizations across Ontario are voicing strong opposition to Ontario's Bill 5—meant to work hand in glove with the federal C-5—the Protecting Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, warning that it could significantly erode long-standing

worker protections. At the heart of the concern is Schedule 9. Laws at risk include: The Ontario Labour Relations Act, the Employment Standards Act, the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code.

These laws were established through decades of organizing by unions, worker advocates, and public health leaders. They provide foundational protections such as minimum wage guarantees, maximum work hours, protection from discrimination and enforceable standards for workplace safety.

CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) echoed the concern, stating that the creation of zones where basic worker protections no longer apply risks importing labour conditions similar to "right-to-work" states in the US—jurisdictions known for lower wages, fewer benefits and weaker safety enforcement.

"This legislation opens the door to a two-tiered labour system," said CUPE researcher Venai Raniga during public hearings. "It creates conditions for a race to the bottom, where firms operating inside SEZs can undercut those operating under standard provincial labour law."

Critics argue that the bill's emphasis on cutting red tape to attract investment conceals the reality that some of the "barriers" it seeks to remove are essential legal protections for working Ontarians. There is also concern about the lack of oversight, as the decision to declare an SEZ would lie solely with cabinet, without the requirement for public consultation or legislative debate.

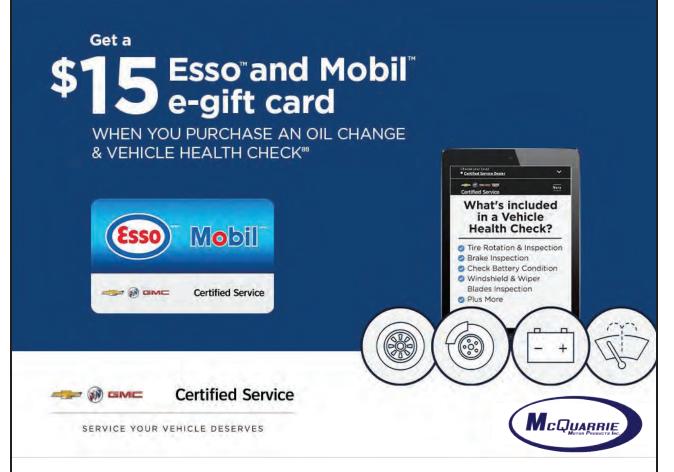
Labour leaders are urging the province to reconsider, warning that the long-term economic and social consequences of stripping away core worker protections will outweigh any short-term gains in investment or development.

While internal trade reforms and labour mobility provisions in the bill are garnering some cross-party interest, critics—including the NDP's Leah Gazan—argue that the legislation, as written, poses serious legal risks. "This is a clear violation of Indigenous peoples' modern treaties, Gazan said, warning that economic initiatives launched under Bill C-5 are likely to face significant court challenges.

The Senate has already moved to expedite review, launching a pre-study that will hear from key ministers and witnesses before a final vote, now expected by June 27. The Chiefs of Ontario, meanwhile, are preparing legal responses and outreach efforts to coordinate a broader national coalition.

For many, the debate over Bill C-5 is about more than infrastructure or trade — it is about process, principle and place.





Wiikwemkoong High School celebrates its Warrior student-athletes

by Michael Erskine WIIKWEMKOONG—The student athletes of Wiikwemkoong High School. the Warriors, have had a very successful year competing in sports across the province. On Wednesday, June 11, students and coaches gathered in the school cafeteria for the 25th Warriors Athletics Banquet.

"It has been 25 years, which is amazing because I remember a lot of these things from these photos over here that were a really long time ago," said master of ceremonies Jil-



Boys Volleyball and student-athlete of the year Carmine Wemigwans.

happened this year in the program."

Student-athlete of the Year Awards went to Mikayla Denis-Servant for female and Carmine Wemigwans for male. Ms. Pelletier explained that the awards are named "student-athlete' to reflect the importance of scholarship as well as athleti-

Most valuable player awards went to Trinity Cheechoo for golf; Mila Odjig for cross-country; Lena Trudeau for girls' Carmine basketball, Wemigwans for boys' vol-



and student-athlete of the year Mikayla Denis-Servant.

leyball; Cassidy Peltier for girls' volleyball; Nicho Simmons for boys' basketball; Clytie Mishibinijima for badminton; and Mile Odjig for track and field.

Most improved player awards went to Clytie Mishibinijima for girls' basketball; Adrian Katt for boys' volleyball; Baybee Bryant for girls' volleyball; Zander Shawongonabe for boys' basketball; Gian Dube for badminton; and Tryton Kanasawe for track and field.

sportsmanlike Most awards went to junior girl Mila Odjig and junior

and to senior girl Mikayla Denis-Servant and senior boy Zander Shawanogonabe.

Special mention went to coaches Cameryn Beaudry, John Capin, Candace Cheechoo, Stephanie Mandamin, Chris Mara, Will Osawabine, Jillian Peltier and TJ Wabegijig, and especially to driver Larry Lecappelain ("who always made sure we arrived at our games safe-

The award ceremony was preceded by a feast.



The Wiikwemkoong High School Warriors Athletic Banquet award winners gather gather for a photograph following the ceremonies.

photos by Michael Erskine



There would be no athletic program at all if it were not for the outstanding efforts of the volunteer coaches. John Capin, Candace Cheechoo, Stephanie Mandamin, Chris Mara, Will Osawabine, and Jillian Peltier were presented with Warriors sweatshirts. Coacjhes Cameryn Beaudry and TJ Wabegijig are missing from photo.

lian Peltier, athletic director for those 25 years. "That just speaks to how much of an impact athletics can have on a person's life. Being a coach, being a player taking part in athletics, is a really amazing thing and we wouldn't be here tonight if it wasn't for all of you for taking part in our school team."

"We wouldn't be able to travel and participate on school teams if we didn't have parents getting up at five, six, seven am to drive their kids to school to get on the bus" she added.

"Also, thanks to your coaches, you guys can

give us all a pat on our back and say thanks for coaching, because again, we wouldn't be here without the volunteer also coaches getting up at five, six, seven am and getting on the bus with you guys traveling all day.

"This year has been a really good year," said Ms. Peltier. "We've rebuilt since COVID, when we didn't have teams because we weren't allowed to travel. We weren't allowed to come into the school for years. But this year, we finally have it back on track, which is amazing. And there were a lot of big things that

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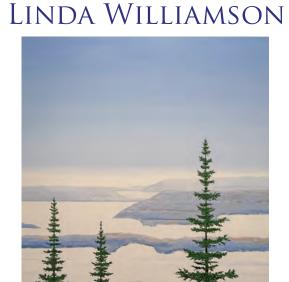
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Healthy Ageing & Wellness Expo grows bigger each passing year

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Ms. Sloss said she was pleased to see more booths and more people taking part this year. "I just want to thank the incredible team who helped put on this event. All the organizations, all the businesses and presenters who are eager to participate each year, we couldn't do it without you. We are thrilled to see this event grow each year, we had 10 booths last year, this year we have 25. It's quickly doubling in size. And it's a reflection of how much the community values connection, wellbeing and supporting one another as we age. Not that we age quietly but proudly. So, enjoy the day, learn something new, meet someone new, enjoy a cup of coffee and a snack. If you're lucky, maybe you'll leave here with a tote bag full of brochures and takeaways you never thought you needed.

A presentation on Elder Abuse, given by Marta Hajek, CEO for Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario was an eve-opening talk on what elder abuse is, in its many guises, and the strides taken to abolish it. The chair yoga presentation seemed to garner the largest crowd, but there were also many booths, with many interesting connections to ageing and well-

Nicky Brown, an 'end-of-life doula, was there to tell people about the E.X.I.T. app, now available on the App Store. Basically, an exit strategy for the dying, or those planning ahead. The app provides a user-friendly, secure and thoughtful way for people to store important documents, and express their wishes and directives, giving their loved ones peace



Healthy aging Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario (EAPO) ČEŎ Marta Hajek gave wonderful presentation on what elder abuse is and how EAPO works to prevent it.

of mind. That was different. William Mc-Cormick, Public Education Coordinator of the Alzheimer Society of Sudbury was letting people know of a learning series to take place in Mindemoya in July. The Paramedics were represented by Ashley Dicks and Ashleigh Desormeaux, and Phillip Gosse, Fire Chief, had safety brochures available. Theresa, from Timeless Beauty Spa was giving 10-minute hand relaxation sessions and, in the afternoon, Sheila McDermid held a flower pot painting workshop.

There truly was something for everyone at this year's Healthy Ageing and Wellness Expo, as was evident by the nearly 200 people in attendance. A combination of interesting things to learn and activities to do, and lunch provided by Prepped, kept everyone engaged for the entire day. A successful Expo, with congratulations to Alison Sloss and her team of Central Manitoulin organizers and a big congratulations to Janet Anning, Ontario Senior of the Year Award

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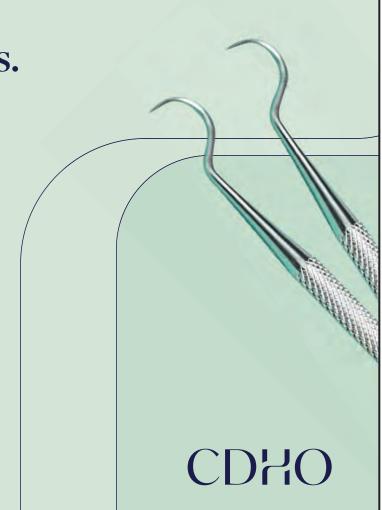
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WTPS responds to UTV collision

The Wikemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) is requesting assistance from members of the public on information relating to a single vehicle collision in the community where three persons on a side-by-side were injured.

On June 8 at approximately 8:30 am, emergency services responded to a single vehicle collision on Murray Hill Road in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) involving a side-by-side where three occupants were injured. Two of the occupants were transported to Health Sciences North (HSN) in Sudbury, and one occupant was trans-



ported to the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) in Little Current.

The injuries sustained by the vehicle occupants are serious and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) collision reconstruction team is assisting WTPS with the investigation. If anyone has information with respect to this investigation, they are being asked to please contact the WTPS.

Three arrested and stolen electronics recovered in Junior School break-in

Three individuals have been arrested and multiple stolen electronics recovered following the successful execution of two search warrants by the WTPS on Wednesday, June 11. The warrants were part of an ongoing investigation into a series

of break and enters at the Junior School in Wiikwemkoong

The break-ins, which have occurred in recent weeks, resulted in the theft of several computers and disrupted school operations.

At a residence on Hills Trail, officers recovered stolen computers linked to the school incidents. Police arrested a 42-year-old woman for breaching the conditions of her release, along with a 31-year-old man who was also wanted

for non-compliance with his release terms.

A second warrant executed on Wakegijig Avenue led to the arrest of a 32-year-old man in connection with both breakins. He has been held for a bail hearing and is facing multiple charges. Those charges include possession of property obtained ... continued on page 25

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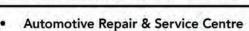




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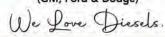
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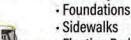


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There are only a handful of days left before technically summer starts on Friday, June 20, the Summer Solstice. However, MSS students know that summer really begins on June 25, the last day of exams. Yes, we are in exam season, Mustangs! Next week, all extra-curricular activities that are still running will shut down to allow students to prepare for finals and finish their culminating projects.

With the end of the year approaching quickly, there are a few staple events: senior prom and graduation. Graduation was held on Thursday, June 12 and saw 97 Mustangs walking the stage. The gym was decked out with black and gold decorations and jam-packed with the families and friends of graduates. The evening lasted about two hours and concluded with cupcakes and snacks made by MSS's Foods class-

The next day, Friday, June 13, was the senior prom! What made this day special was that it was hosted not in a

hall, but on a boat. At six o'clock, students began to arrive at the dock in Little Current. Those walking by saw a flurry of colourful dresses, shoes and ties. At 7 pm, students boarded the boat, rented from North Channel Cruise Lines, and they set sail. The Manitoulin Swing Bridge swung to let them pass, and then they headed up to Strawberry Island. During their journey, a barbecue meal was served and music was played. Students ate their meals, walked around the deck and swayed to some songs. Overall, the evening was certainly memorable for this year's graduating



Kids in the Hall columnist Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, third from left, and her pals during the Manitoulin Secondary School prom held

class. MSS is hoping to make this boat cruise prom a tradition

Alexandra

Wilson-Zegil

MSS is taking over the ice bucket challenge! On Monday, June 16, students will gath-

er outside and pour ice water over their heads. Why? To raise awareness for student mental health! For every five students who participated, they could nominate one teacher to participate in the challenge, too.

This event was brought to MSS by Headstrong, a student-led mental health awareness group at school. As we head into exams, it's important to remember to look out for student wellness. If you know someone who is a student, make sure to check in. This can be a very stressful time with end-of-year activities, projects and exams.

That is all for this week! Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

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\$60 per person - tickets must be purchased in advance Call Lynda Weston-Richer 705-368-0714

Dressing up as your favourite rock star is optional.

All proceeds to support Espanola Little Theatre and Renovations to the Rectory.

With Becky Belton/Margery Frisch/Jake McColman/Andrea McCulligh/Karen Miller/Pat Poikkimaki/Jayson Stewart/Thomas Trudeau/director & MC - Michael Erskine/Handler Linda Erskine



rental

Are you looking for a quiet spot to park your RV overnight or for a weekend? Call 519-272-4259.

5-16c

Two-bedroom apartment in downtown Little Current with spectacular views of the North Channel. Available August 1. \$1,175 plus hydro. One-bedroom apartment also available. Contact Doug at 416-937-5655.



wanted

Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289.

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Wanted, Dion threshing machine, 22 x 32 or 22 x 38. Phone evenings, 905-983-

4-6c



coming events

Gore Bay's All Saints Anglican Church will hold a two-day rummage sale, rain or shine, Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28 from 9 am to 2 pm at 30 Meredith Street, Gore Bay. Donations will be gratefully accepted from now until June 26 by calling 705-282-7066. All proceeds fund our Community Outreach Projects. We look forward to seeing you at this fun community event!

4-6p

Tehkummah Triangle Seniors' Club presents a pancake breakfast at the Tehkummah Seniors' Hall on Sunday, June 22 from 9 am to 12 noon. Menu: pancakes with real maple syrup, eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit salad and tea/coffee/juice. Adults, \$15; children under 12, \$7; under 5 years old, free.

The Manitoulin Health Centre Board of Directors will be holding their regular Board meeting on Thursday, June 26 at 7 pm at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in M'Chigeeng. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues. Regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting.

Ice Lake Canada Day Picnic, Tuesday, July 1 at the Ice Lake Community Centre, 274 Pleasant Valley Road. Potluck lunch at 12 noon sharp. Kids games, races, prizes, bazaar and auction and concession stand. Old-school country picnic. Water games and activities. Meet old friends, make new ones. All welcome! Bring your own chair, reusable water bottle, utensils and dishes. Please no pets.

Showcase your talents! Join us for this free event to demonstrate, sell or display your handcrafted items on Saturday, July 12 (weather permitting) from 10 am to 2 pm at the Old School Park. Mindemoya. To register contact mindemoyaoldschool@gmail. com. Sponsored by Friends of the Mindemoya Old School.

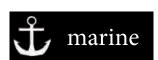
coming <u>events</u>

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of Homecoming Weekend in Mindemoya. Sit down on Saturday, June 28 from 11 am to 2 pm with a relaxing cup of tea or coffee and a sweet snack outside at the Mindemoya Old School (by donation) weather permitting. All proceeds go to revitalizing the Mindemoya Old School.

for sale

Envirolet 120V MD composting toilet for sale, used little, excellent condition. Completely pressure washed. Major extra parts included. Purchased at \$2,400, now \$700. Sandfield area, call 905-299-3441.

Hand-peeled cedar posts/ poles for your next DIY project. Rustic fences, arbours, kitten scratching posts or hot bed frames. Endless possibilities. Your dream, your design. 548-882-9478.



For sale, well constructed marine railway for boats 18' and larger. Will help with moving. Asking \$1,800. Call 705-929-0003 or 705-929-5435.



editor@manitoulin.com 705-368-2744



FOR SALE - Waterfront lot on a peninsula, on South bay. 216' of lakeshore, two room cabin plus new bunkie. Both fully insulated. New hydro, knotty pine interior, new floor, new vinyl siding, new metal roof, new fridge and stove. Fully furnished (mint condition). New kitchen and bedroom-cumliving room. TV and internet. Lakeshore on both sides. One mile from Manitowaning, , close to ferry. Contact 519-633-1165 or cell, 226-973-3422. Price is \$335,000.

Gore Bay Street Market

Opening June 27th Fridays in July & August 9 am - 1 pm Waterfront **Pavilion**

in memoriam

OVERFIELD—Remembering Darlene Overfield who passed away on June 12, 1992. We thought of you today, But that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday And days before that too. We think of you in silence, We often speak your name. All we have are memories And a picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake, From which we'll never part. God has you in His arms, We have you in our heart. Sadly missed by her children Lynn, Dale, Darrell, Kevin and Loriann; grandchildren Natasha (Chris), Douglas and Raymond (Jessica); great-grandchildren Hailey, Marcus, Xandre, Adelyn, Ryan and Cillian.



MISHIBINIJIMA—In loving memory of Rose Violet Mishibinijima, March 22, 1949 -June 23, 2017. Eight years have passed since that sad day, When our beloved Rose (wife,

mother and grandmother) was called away. In silence she suffered, The burdens in patience she

Until God called her softly. To home to suffer no more. Mom, our family circle has been

Your loving link gone from our chain. But, the treasured memories

We hold dear, until we see you again.

If we could have one lifetime wish.

One dream that could come

We'd pray to God with all our hearts, For another day to share with

you. You may be gone but not

forgotten, And you are thought of every

We love and miss you, Ed, sons and families



Notice of a Meeting of Members

A Meeting of Members of DE-BA-JEH-MU-JIG Theatre Group will be held on

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 5:30 pm

in the Wiikwemkoong Council Chambers, 19A Complex Drive, Wiikwemkoong

for the purposes of:

- Receiving financial reports.
- Approving a Notice of Amendment to change the name of the Corporation to Debajehmujig Storytellers.
- Approving a Bylaw.
- Nominating and electing Directors.

Membership in the Corporation shall be available to persons interested in furthering the Corporation's purposes, and who apply for and are accepted into membership in the Corporation by resolution of the Board. Each member shall be entitled to one vote at the meeting.

Richard Lathwell, President Lynda Trudeau, General Manager



AUNDECK OMNI KANING INVITATION TO TENDER

PROJECT: Aundeck Omni Kaning ELDERS LODGE

LOCATION: Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Dr, Bag 2002

Aundeck Omni Kaning, Ontario

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OWNER: Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation

ARCHITECT: 3rdline Studio Architects Inc.

289 Cedar Street

Sudbury, Ontario P3B 1M8

T: (705) 674-2300 F: (705) 674-2185

Aundeck Omni Kaning ELDERS LODGE

Sealed tenders for Stipulated Sum Contracts will be received at the office of the Aundeck Omni Kaning Administration Building or on Bids and Tenders online at https://3rdlinestudio.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en, on or before Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 2:00pm.

Tender Deposit & Agreement To Bond

10% bid bond by an approved Surety Company, is required with tender submission. The successful bidder will be required to supply 50% labour and material and 50% performance bonds.

Documents

Tender documents are available online at: https://3rdlinestudio.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en

Site Visit

A site visit to examine existing conditions is scheduled for June 10, 11am.

Local Content Conditions

Local content is encouraged for this tender. The Owner reserves the right to evaluate content submitted by each bidder.

Tender Award

Aundeck Omni Kaning reserves the right to reject the lowest, any or all tenders or to accept any that may be beneficial to Aundeck Omni Kaning.

THE LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED.

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by crime under \$5,000, resisting a peace officer, two counts of failure to comply with a probation order, break and enter with intent to commit an indictable offence, mischief under \$5,000, theft under \$5,000.

"The success of this operation is a testament to our officers' unwavering dedication to the safety and service of our community," said Chief of Police Ron Gignac. "Every offender we remove from our streets contributes to a safer environment for our residents."

WTPS continues to work closely with school officials and community partners to ensure the safety and security of students and staff.

In order for police to release the name of an individual accused of an offence, the charge must be sworn/laid before the

court. A document, called an information, must be filed within the court to formally charge an individual. The name of the individual becomes public information, visible to all on the provincial court docket. Police are then permitted to release the name. If a person is released by police with a future court date, generally, charges are not laid at that time. In this case, charges are considered pending and the name of the individual is not public information. Police are not permitted to



Manitoulin Health Centre Corporation Notice of Annual Meeting

Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding its Annual Meeting at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in M'Chigeeng on Thursday, June 26, 2025 beginning at 6 pm.

Members of the
Corporation and the
General Public are invited and
welcome to attend, but only
members will be able to
comment or ask questions
during the meeting.

Manitoulin OPP seek info relating to break and enter in Espanola

name the individual.

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is looking for information relating to a break and enter call where numerous items, including firearms, were stolen from an address on Old Webbwood Road in Espanola.

On Saturday, June 7 at approximately 1:30 pm, officers with the Manitoulin OPP responded to a report of a break and enter at a residence on Old Webbwood Road in Espanola. A number of items, including firearms, were stolen.

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Anyone with information is urged to contact the Manitoulin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit information online at www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca, where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.



Notice of herbicide application

Hydro One foresters will be in your community from May to September to trim brush, tree branches and remove trees or vegetation that may grow into overhead powerlines. This work helps us continue to provide reliable power to homes and businesses in your area, and makes it safe for our crews to access lines for maintenance or emergency repairs.

How we manage vegetation

Our experienced team manages growth of brush, trees and other vegetation through the selective application of federally and provincially approved herbicides. Our licenced and certified forestry team will apply these herbicides safely and will not use them near open water sources, including rivers and creeks.

- Date of application: May 26 to September 19, 2025
- Areas along powerlines in: Baldwin, Merrit, Mongowin,
 Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, Howland
- Pesticide trade name: Garlon RTU
- Guarantee: Triclopyr 144 g/L
- PCP Act registration number(s): 29334
- Name of pest: non-compatible vegetation brush and growth from previously maintained stumps
- If work is required on your property, you will be contacted by our team in advance

We appreciate your understanding as crews complete this work.

Contact information

- Hydro One Forestry at 1.866.898.5310
- Hydro One Community Relations at 1.877.345.6799

Death Notices

MICHAEL WILLIAM VINCENT SHAIN

October 2, 1956 - June 4, 2025



It is with great sadness that the family of Michael William Vincent Shain announces Mike's passing on June 4, 2025, with his loving family by his side and throughout his heroic fourmonth battle with acute myeloid leukemia. Mike, born October 2, 1956 in Toronto, will be missed dearly by his wife Dale (nee Ardron) and their six children:

Arthur, Kathleen, Sarah (Kyle Sabourin), Mary Ellen, Theresa and Maggie; granddaughters Quinn, Reese and Neala; brother John (Christine), sister Mary Kay (Chris Gibbons); nephews James, John Paul, James and Sean, and niece Lara. Mike is predeceased by his parents John and Florence Shain of Elora. While still in high school at St. Michael's College School in Toronto, Mike met Dale in 1974 and they married in 1982. A poet at heart, Mike studied English Literature at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, followed by his Masters degree studies at Concordia University in Montreal. After completing Law School at Windsor University, Mike was admitted to the bar in 1985 whereupon he began his career in private practice at Stewart Esten in Barrie. In 1990 Mike relocated his family to Little Current where he earnestly and caringly advocated for his clients as Executive Director at the Manitoulin Legal Clinic for 32 years, and where he also specialized in provincial injured workers' compensation cases. Mike held numerous provincial and community positions including Chair of the Little Current Hospital Board, member of the Justices of Peace Appointments Advisory Committee, founder of the Manitoulin North Shore Injured Workers' Group and former head of fundraising for St. Bernard's Church, just to name a few. With his deep interest in war history, Mike held a special regard for our fallen soldiers and veterans. Most significant were Mike's many unseen acts of kindness and charity where he saw need. Wherever Mike's journey led, he forged loyal, loving, lifelong friendships which he counted among his blessings. His greatest joy was hosting these friends and family around the "Q" at his home or beloved bush camp where maple syruping was every spring's pastime. The family remains deeply grateful to everyone who continues to lift Mike up in love. They also thank the doctors, nurses and staff for the exceptional care that Mike received at Health Sciences North. Mike, your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. Services to be held at St. Bernard's Church, Little Current, Ontario, on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Mike's memory to the Smart Infusion, Smarter Care Campaign at Manitoulin Health Centre.

REV. IAIN T. M. MACDONALD August 14, 1937 - May 14, 2025



Rev. Iain T. M. Macdonald of Bedford, Nova Scotia has died in Halifax. Iain was born in Scotland and his family immigrated to Canada after WWII when he was 10. Iain received a BA from the University of Alberta and a MDiv from Queen's University in Kingston, ON. He did graduate work at

Oxford University, England. He was ordained as a United Church minister in 1980. He served congregations in Nova Scotia and Ontario, including Western Manitoulin Pastoral Charge and Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay. Iain was known as an excellent narrative and Biblical preacher and a compassionate pastor. Iain is survived by his wife of 47 years, Lois Miller; daughters Margaret Macdonald and Christina Macdonald (Ian Sinclair); grandson Alden Macdonald-Sinclair, all of Nova Scotia; other family in the United States and Scotland. Iain was a devoted husband and father. Committal service is Monday, June 23, 2025 at 2 pm in Silver Lake Cemetery, Silver Water with Rev. Janice Frame officiating. Reception to follow at 227 Silver Lake Road. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to Silver Water United Church. c/o Myra Duncanson, 20049 Hwy 540, Silver Water, ON POP 1Y0, e-transfer to myra.duncanson@hotmail.com or to Lyons Memorial United Church, Box 465, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0, e-transfer to lyonsmuc@bellnet.ca. To read more information and to leave condolences, please visit www.mattatallvarnerfh.com.

ROBERT JAMES WALKER (Jim)

Robert James (Jim) Walker of Hamilton, Ontario passed away peacefully in his sleep from a suspected stroke on June 2, 2025 at the young age of 47. Jim will be greatly missed by a big family: His mother, Irene (Black) Dietrich, whom he loved and was always there for throughout his life; his father, Robert Walker (Colleen), whom he loved and enjoyed time together with when his Dad was in town for family gatherings on Manitoulin Island. Jim and his Dad had many of the same mannerisms along with a common interest in their love of cars. His children, Keira and Liam, with their mother Donna. Keira and Liam were the centre core of Jim. He was so proud of them and so enjoyed updating everyone with their latest happenings. His grandmother, Carmen Walker. Grandma provided Jim with an anchor to the Walker clan as they celebrated family gatherings. Many aunts, uncles, cousins in his family that Jim always enjoyed spending time with. Family was very important to him and his visits with everyone always provided lots of laughter with his big smile and excellent sense of humour. Several family members have predeceased Jim: grandmother Norreine Barefoot (Doug) from Hamilton, grandfather Robert Black (Nancy) from Hamilton and grandfather Herb Walker from Gore Bay. Jim worked as a truck driver for GFL Environmental. His Facebook page provided everyone with many stories he experienced while travelling the roads each week. While not necessarily using words or sentences, he got his point out using many "quotes" and pictures of how he was feeling. A special benefit to this job was driving his Peterbilt and meeting up with Northern Ontario family members on his Sudbury runs. Jim had so many interests, one of which was working on his grandpa Walker's WW2 military service history and he followed up with obtaining government records. He had many strong and passionate opinions about many subjects, like how things should or could be in this world. He was his own person, which made him special to all. RIP Jim.

JOSEPH DREW AELICK January 24, 1983 - June 4, 2025



Drew's journey began in Little Current on January 24, 1983. Beloved son of Wayne Aelick and Bonnie Aelick; brother to Mark and Kurtis. In his younger years Drew enjoyed boating, skiing, ATVing, camp life at Maple Point and family vacations. Most of Drew's life was on Manitoulin with short times in Barrie,

Kitchener and Sault Ste Marie - he was a true Haweater. Like most of us, Drew had his own demons to struggle with, but he had finely found a good path and was moving forward when illness took him from us on June 4, 2025, he is finally at peace. Forever loved and missed by Wayne and Anna, Bonnie, Mark and April, Cole and Brooke, Myles, Landon, Sawyer, Hudson, Kurtis and Gloria, Violet, Griffin, Roslyn, Tanya, Chris, Kelly and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Interment will take place at Kagawong Cedars Cemetery Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 2 pm with a Celebration of Drew's Life following. Donations can be made to Sick Children's Hospital, Pet Save or a charity of your choice. Thank you to all who supported Drew in his journey.

Federal government forcing a vote on Canada Post's final offer

by Michael Erskine
OTTAWA—The threat
of economic disruption
that would come from
another strike by Canada Post's urban and rural delivery workers has
encouraged the federal
government to force a
vote by the workers on
the Crown Corporation's
latest offers to the union.

"Canada Post has received notice that the minister of jobs and families has approved its request for a vote to take place on the company's final offers to the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), using her authority under section 108.1 of the Canada Labour Code," reported Canada Post. "The vote will be administered by the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) as soon as possible and will give employees in the urban and RSMC (Rural and Suburban Mail Carriers) bargaining units the opportunity to have their say on Canada Post's final offers.'

"Canada Post welcomes the minister's decision as it will provide employees with the opportunity to have a voice and to vote on a new collective agreement at a critical point in the company's history," the company states.

'CUPW stands solidly against a forced vote,' responded CUPW President Jan Simpson. "A forced vote would mean vet another heavy-handed government attack on our rights to free collective bargainingjust months after the last minister of labour "paused" our legal strike in December 2024. Repeated government intervention poisons the bargaining process. A forced vote is an attack



on the most basic rights of trade unions to represent their members."

"A negotiated agreement between the parties has always been the preferred path to an employee ratification vote, continues the announcement. "However, the parties remain at a major impasse after 18 months of negotiations, a national strike and an Industrial Inquiry Commission that detailed the challenges facing the company, and what needs to be done to begin addressing them.

Employees will receive a signing bonus (\$1,000 for full-time; \$500 for all others, including temporary employees); COLA payments would be triggered at a lower threshold (7.16 percent instead of 13.59 percent) to provide better inflation protection from February 2025 to January 2028; for letter carriers using the Dynamic Routing delivery model, Neighbourhood Mail per-piece rates will be maintained—and paid on top of time values until January 1, 2030; finally, compulsory overtime will be removed.

drivers, For rural "employees will receive a signing bonus (\$1,000 for employees with six or more scheduled hours per day; \$500 for all others, including OCREs) COLA payments would be triggered at a lower threshold (7.16 percent instead of 13.59 percent) to provide better inflation protection from February 2025 to January 2028.

Current employees would receive wage increases of six percent in year one; three percent in year two; two percent in year three; and two percent in year four (13.59 percent compounded). The offers also provide employees with better income replacement for leave under the shortterm disability program and six added personal days locked into the collective agreements.

The date for the vote had not been announced as of press time Monday.

Celebration of Life

MARIAN E. AELICK



Please join family and friends in a Celebration of Life of Marian E. Aelick on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at the Little Current United Church Hall (5 Robinson St., Little Current) starting at 9:30 am. Interment at 11 am at Cold Springs Cemetery. This is an informal come-and-go to visit with friends and family.

KEN RAMSEY



Family and friends, please join us to Celebrate the Life of Ken Ramsay who passed away on August 13, 2024. We'll be gathering at the Little Schoolhouse at the top of the hill in Sandfield on Sunday, June 29, 2025 from 1-3 pm. Look forward to seeing you there.



Here they come... the kids in their caps and gowns... not kids no more!

photo by Margery Frisch

MSS Graduation—a celebration for students and family alike

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through the rough patches.

While the past four years may not have always been a fairy tale, there is something we can all take away from it... with the help of a few family-favourite movies. Frozen taught us to 'let it go,' let go of fears of not being liked, and embrace the parts of you that you thought you lost when you grew up. And as Fender tells us in Robots, 'you're only given a little spark of madness.' So, use that spark, stay true to yourself and pursue the ideas that seem impossible. Lastly, As Buzz Lightyear would say, 'aim for

infinity and beyond,' because your future has no limits. And with that, class of 2025, with faith, trust, and a little pixie dust, we just graduated! Thank you. Miigwetch." And the crowd went wild and the caps flew.

The Island community of family, friends and neighbours stood proud with their MSS graduates, one big Island fam-

RIGHT: Students toss their caps into the air in the traditional exuberance of graduation.



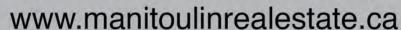


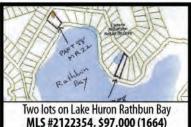
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Hunt Camp on 16.35 acres 3 separate 5.45 acre lots MLS #2118954, \$169,000 - (1648)



Kagawong River Lots Close to Lake Kagawong MLS #2118130-2118132, \$199,000 each (1638-1639)



Meldrum Bay Waterfront Chalet



Deluxe Camping Little Lake Huron 3 cabins, decks, contents and more MLS #2122877, \$129,000 (1620)



100 acres Campbell Township 1.2 km east of Lanktree SR MLS #2119304, \$199,000 - (1649)



Caroll Wood Bay, water acreage hunt camp 91 acres & 1244 ft. frontage on Lake Huron MLS #2121534, \$489,000 (1631)



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Waterfront lot, Little Lake Huron 100 feet frontage, level MLS #2119276, \$49,000 (1561)



Tiny Home or Country Cottage 2.5 acres, 416 sq ft MLS #2122486, \$129,000 (1665)



MLS #2121515, \$299,000 (1658)



Downtown Gore Bay home Corner of Phipps & Eleanor MLS #2121733, \$229,000 (1659)



Flat terrain, entrance installed MLS #2122021, \$72,000 (1660)



2 BR camp, sauna, shed MLS #2119847, \$195,000 (1653)



Gore Bay building lot Water view, one acre MLS 32122431, \$109,999 (1666)



222 ft. Hwy 540, 2.5 acres MLS #2120371, \$79,000 (1655)



Silver Water lot just west of village 5.15 acres 312.9 ft. highway frontage MLS #2499742, \$89,000 (1652)



100 acres, 1552 sq. ft. living & sauna MLS #2121729, \$350,000 (1623)



Loon Lake Point 1631 feet & 5.8 acres MLS #2119517, \$99,000 - (1651)

...Gwekwaadziwin Miikan opens detox facility

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land-based treatment and aftercare, rooted in Anishinaabe ways of knowing and being. The detox facility expands this circle of care to include acute withdrawal management—something that's been sorely missing on Manitoulin.

"We've always known there was a need," says Mr. Gilchrist. "We were all frontline workers before we started this program. We saw people falling through the cracks, especially during COVID. We were doing withdrawal support out of prospector tents—with porta-potties and generators. It worked, but it wasn't as dignified as this will be."

Capital funding from the Ministry of Health finally came through—but with strict conditions: no bricks-and-mortar. So Gwekwaadziwin got creative. "We thought, okay, we're already landbased, let's keep with that essence. What if we used tiny homes? What if we centred the arbour with a sacred fire?"

The result is a pilot program with five beds, to begin —modest but mighty. Each bunkie is private and peaceful, with meals curated by a dietitian to support people through withdrawal. The new shower house and washroom facilities



Five private bunkies stand ready to take in those in want of a life change. They are located next to an arbour that will host sacred fires

allow for dignity in the process. And every Friday, a nurse practitioner from the Mnaamodzawin Health Team visits on site, offering confidential health consultations in one of the bunkies.

"It's a nice, quiet place where people can meet with her privately," Mr. Gilchrist explains.

"And we also use this space for sessions with external service providers. We collaborate with organizations across Manitoulin—so this allows for safe, comfortable conversations when needed."

This isn't just about detox. It's about giving peo-

ple something they rarely receive in systems shaped by colonialism: dignity. Autonomy. A pathway forward.

The plan is phased. If the pilot proves sustainable, there's hope for safe flex beds and opioid agonist therapy tapering beds in future phases. But for now, acute withdrawal is the focus—catching people at the cliff edge, offering a soft place to land.

The gravel is rough now. But the land will regenerate. As will the people who come here. That's the hope. And it's not an abstract one.

A recent story published by The Expositor

spoke of the soaring opioid overdose deaths in the region. This is not news to those who have put their all into building this space.

But this centre is news. It's a testament not to what's been lost, but to what's possible when a community builds for itself.

And slowly, the gravel will turn green again.

G w e k w a a d z i w i n Miikan's land based detox program is open to all persons of Manitoulin, Indigenous and non-Indigenous 19 years and over. For more information visit gwek.ca.



Sam Gilchrist, Gwekwaadziwin executive director, shares with this newspaper the new intercom station, the point at which intake begins



An arbour will prove a place of healing and teaching at the detox site at Gwekwaadziwin.



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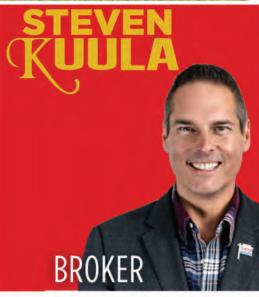
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Mindemoya

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PT1 Hwy 540, Gore Bay \$79,900 MLS #: 2120505

PT2 Hwy 540, Gore Bay \$79,900

Lot 36, Ice Lake Dr, Ice Lake \$169,000 MLS #: 2121640

N/A Hwy 551, Providence Bay \$75,000 MLS#: 2122174

N/A Ice Lake Dr, Gore Bay MLS#: 2121918 | \$149,000

> N/A Hwy 542, Mindemoya MLS#: 2122819 \$70,000

12 Cockburn St, (1/2 acre) Little Current \$39,000 MLS #: 2112049

270 Bay Estates, Sheguiandah MLS#: 2122818 \$199,000

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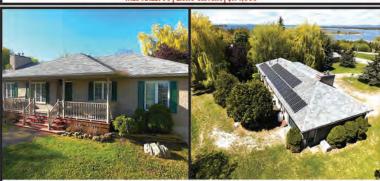
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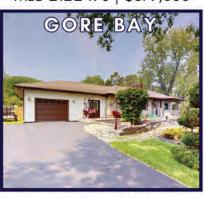
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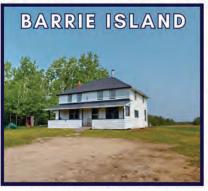
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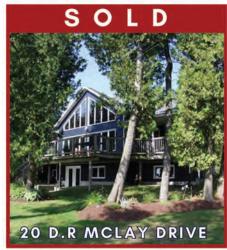


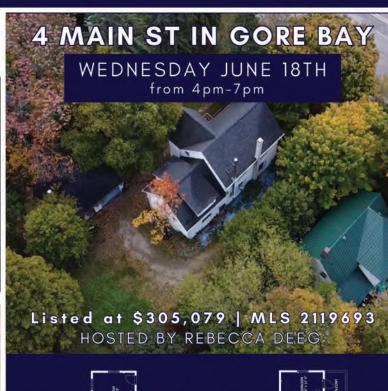
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Wednesday, June 18, 2025

TVO host of 'The Agenda' is moving on to new frontiers

by Michael Erskine QUEEN'S PARK—In a move, unanimously supported by all members of the legislature, TVO host of 'The Agenda,' Steve Paikin, a Kagawong summer resident and familiar sight at Old Mill Heritage Museum events, was honoured at Queens Park.

The Expositor caught up with Mr. Paikin as he was driving to Windsor with his 93-year-old father to catch a baseball game. The popular television host was taking advantage of some rare down time and, as it seems his wont, multitasking with an Expositor interview.

The accolades in the legislature, courtesy of a five-minute tribute called for by Conservative House Leader Steve Clark on a point of order.

'Steve Paikin has been a fixture in the homes of Ontarians," began MPP Kernaghan. Terence "Since 1992, he's been a trusted source for news, and while The Agenda is coming to an end, we are grateful that we will continue to hear from him on TVO, through his column and on his podcast. But it's appropriate that after 19 seasons of The Agenda, we mark this occasion and thank Steve for his service to this legislature and to Ontarians.'

"While politicians have come and gone from this legislature, he has been a constant," continued Mr. Kernaghan. "He has worked to ensure that people get the information that they need and hear the perspectives of people from across the political spectrum. When the business in this House has gotten tense, when we've dealt with complex and technical matters, and especially when the various parties have disagreed on basic facts, people have counted on Steve to make this place make sense. Steve, we need you to make this place make sense."

"There are not a lot of programs in this province that provide deep dives into the important topics of the day," said Mr. Kernaghan. "Steve has said before that no topic is too complex to be dis-



TVO The Agend host Steve Paikin welcomes Manitoulin's own Ellie Maxwell to the program.

cussed on The Agenda, and taking on that challenge has undoubtedly helped to elevate the tone and better inform the political discourse within the province. While many places around the world, including in Canada, are becoming more polarized, Steve's reporting certainly shares some of the credit for resisting that trend in our own communities."

MPP Kernaghan continued to add that "Steve is more than just an exceptional journalist. He's a community leader and an author, having written about Canadian historical figures, the nature of politics in Canada and public life—and even hockey."

Liberal house leader John Fraser added his party's tribute to Mr. Paikin. "Thanks, Steve," he said. "You're so much a part of this place, so much a part of the history, and not the history that people would always read about, talking about things that affect leaders, what their lives are like and the things that they sacrifice—the things that people sacrifice in here. It is really important. It is important to us that people see that and acknowledge it. Not everybody's going to read that; I know that. But that side of politics: It's really important to all of us. That's why we're all here; we're here for the right reasons.

MPP Fraser went on to reference Mr. Paikin's literary accomplishments, including his profiles of former Ontario premier Bill Davis, "who I have a deep, deep respect for, the kind of sacrifices that he made," John Robarts; Dalton McGuinty and John Turner, who, not in this place, was somebody who was really important to me throughout my career."

"You did so much too—have done so much, I should say—just moderating debates, which I don't think I could do, and you've done it in a way that has been really beneficial to our democracy," continued MPP Fraser. "That's a huge contribution"

"On behalf of our party, I'd just like to thank you for your contributions," MPP Fraser concluded. "I know you're going to continue to contribute more. We really appreciate the genuine interest that you take in the people who work in this place, the people who put their name on a ballot, and in the human way that you've told their stories. I think that's really important."

Green Party leader Mike Schreiner also weighed in saying, "it's a pretty special day when you have an opportunity to pay tribute to an extraordinary journalist, author and all-around great guy in Steve Paikin. I can tell you, for a political nerd like me, The Agenda is a staple in our house and has been for 19 years. I'm looking forward to continuing to see Steve on the #onpoli podcast."

Education Minister the Honourable Paul Calan-...continued on page 4A

Manitoulin Sporting Life



Island Elementary Track and Field!

Manitoulin held its annual track and field meet over two days last week. The field events took place Tuesday at MSS, and the races day took place at the racetrack in Manitowaning on Thursday.

The breaking news occurring on each day was that two records were broken! Nova Debassige has become a very well-rounded athlete and has seen success in all elementary sports; however T and F has the historical stats to prove it! On Tuesday, the Central Manitoulin Public School student busted a triple-jump record that fellow Eagle Kennedy Lanktree set 14 years ago! Nova put together a hop, step and jump of 9.22m, eclipsing the historical 9.00m mark! In Assiginack, on the big track, Nova broke the record for the 200m that **Arabella Otosquaiob** (LCPS) set just last year. She zipped through the distance in a brief, 29.74s!

Nova and her brother Drew (see results below!) have been both training with **Robert Esmie**'s club, Air Blastoff, in Sudbury for their 3rd year! They will be competing this weekend at the District H Legion meet at Laurentian and Nova will be doing a couple of other meets in southern Ontario this summer.

The following are all the age-group, medal-winners. In the nine-and-under girls' division, there was a tie for gold with Isabel Abotossaway (LCPS) and Mya Moggy (APS) each earning 8 points! Lakeview's Mikayla Bondy amassed seven points for Silver and Rose Karn (LCPS), Bronze with 6. The 9 year old boys' group Alex Woods of C.C. McLean had a near-perfect, 11 points for gold, edging teammates, Dawson Honess with silver and Arlo Menzies who tied with Wasse Abin Pontiac's Rowen Lecuyer with Bronze.

The 10-year-old girls' group was very competitive with six athletes sharing the top-three spots. Lauren Bomberry (Pontiac) and Ashlyn Pegelo (LCPS) evened out for the gold. Danika Peltier (Pontiac) alone won silver. Bronze was divided between Emma Larabie (LCPS), Janessa Trudeau-Lewis (Pontiac) and Sulla Sheppard (CMPS). The Boys' division gold went to CMPS's Drew Debassige with a perfect-12 points for gold. Memphis Gaiashk (Pontiac) and Tate Abotossaway (LCPS) shared silver and Walter Weber (APS) took the bronze medal.

Ayleana McDermid (APS) was the top 11-year-old Girl with 11 points. Brenna Pollard was silver taking 10 points. Jordyn Corbiere (LCPS) and Rowyn Pfeifer (CCM) won bronze. The Boys' class featured Jack Bentley (LCPS) Gold, Jayden Huang (APS) Silver and Oliver Wilding (LCPS) Bronze.

In the 12 year-old classes, Kailyn Inglis (LCPS) took gold for the girls. Jenny Wright (CCM) and Miah Hughson (APS) won silver and Emma Chaytor (CCM), bronze. C.C. McLean's Rowan McCann was golden, with 11 points, Xavier Eshkawkogan (LCPS), silver; Oliver Symons (CMPS) shared bronze with Boston Abotossaway (LCPS).

Finally, the last Island Elementary Track and Field results for the 13-plus groups. Nova Debassige (CMPS) won her events for 12 points. Myla Edralin (LCPS) was Silver and tied with Bronze was Little Current's Brooke Simon and Hailey Debassige. On the guys' side, Jesse Cooper (CMPS) and Finn Flanagan (CCM) tied with Gold. LCPS teammates, Nathan Quackenbush and Casey Bowerman shared Silver and Collin Campbell (CCM), Bronze.

The Little Current Public School Coyotes won the overall, team title with C.C. McLean in second and Central Manitoulin, third. When taking into account, school populations, CC McLean was first in the per-capita standings and Assiginack, second and LCPS, 3rd!

MTB in London

Manitoulin's mountain biking youth continue to represent us well at Provincial level meets. A pair of locals from Little Current were up, down and all-over London's Boler Mountain. Although not as technically challenging as their home course Jfeatures a fair amount of climbing.

The short-track (XCC) races on Saturday were fast and intense, just 20 minutes of all-out effort. While they are a competition in their own right, they also determine the front-row, start positions for Sunday's longer Olympic-distance (XCO) race. Nathan Quackenbush pushed hard for a 7th place finish in the U15 XCC, earning himself a good starting position for Sunday. He held his own in a tough field and crossed the line 8th in the XCO.

Bradley Slaght had a strong ride in his, clinching a spot on the podium with a 3rd place finish in the U19 Sport division! Congratulations, guys!

6th Annual Mindemoya Youth Softball Tournament this weekend!

This Co-ed 3 Pitch event has a record 40 teams with some 530-youth participating, putting it up there as Manitoulin's largest sporting event for youth or adults! The action begins tomorrow, Thursday evening at 5:30 with 7 games at the main fields behind the Community Hall downtown Mindemoya and Friday resumes at 12:00 noon! A total of 87 games will be played over the weekend at the Main Fields and Central Manitoulin Public School. Get out and enjoy some great softball action!

FOMOS Golf Tourney filling fast!

The Friends of Mindemoya Old School golf fundraiser is this Friday, June 20 still has some last-minute room! The 18 Hole, best ball format event ticket to play can be had for just \$115 and includes a box lunch delivered to you on the course and then a delicious steak dinner at the clubhouse that evening.

This event is to raise funds to further their mission to renovate, retrofit and repurpose the historical Mindemoya Old School as an accessible senior centre and year-round hub for artists and artisans.

For more info on playing, you can contact **Ian MacKenzie** at 905-979-8712 or through ikmackenzie53@gmail.com.

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Annual OPP Torch Run raises funds for Manitoulin Special Olympics demoya is the co-ordinator in particular. They have

by Betty Bardswich MINDEMOYA—The annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Torch Run was held in Mindemoya last Thursday, with participation from police officers

Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) in Mindemoya.

Manitoulin OPP Provincial Constable Berkley Parisien explained, "This is the largest public aware-



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The annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Law Enforcement Torch Run was held in Mindemoya last Thursday, with Manitoulin and off-island officers, Central Manitoulin Public School students and staff and members of the Manitoulin Special Olympics

ness vehicle and grassroots Olympics." fundraiser for the Special

Janet Anning of Min-

and coach for Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO).

"The Law Enforcement runs the Torch Run. It is a way that they assist special Olympics to run provincial games. There is a Torch Run held before every major games, provincial, national and world games."

"At the provincial games, officers from Ontario, at the National Games, from all across Canada and at the World Games, police from all over the world help out. It is awesome to see," said Ms. Anning. "We have used the Torch Run as a network with the children and OPP and Central Manitoulin Public School been very inclusive and supportive."

Ms. Anning is the recipient of the Ontario Senior of the Year Award for Central Manitoulin. Mayor Richard Stephens spoke highly of this remarkable woman.

"Janet has been a beacon of community spirit for decades," said Mayor Stephens. "Her tireless support for the Manitoulin Special Olympics, the organizer of the popular Bluegrass in the Country fundraising festival and her passion for inclusion and her ability to get things done make her a true inspiration."

Town of Gore Bay has a new town manager/clerk

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY-Gore Bay council has now officially appointed Jason Quinlan as town manager/clerk for the town.

At a meeting last week, council officially passed bylaw number 2025-30, appointing Mr. Quinlan as the town manager/clerk for the town of Gore Bay effective June 2, 2025.

"I would like to thank everyone for their well wishes as I usher in my new position with the town of Gore Bay," Mr. Quinlan told The Expositor. "The support and welcoming nature of mayor, council and staff has aided in the transition as I look forward to serving the townspeople of Gore Bay.'



Jason Quinlan

"Upon accepting my position, I was made aware that there was a lot on the docket here at the town this coming year," said Mr. Quinlan. "It was not an exaggeration, great things are happening and I am excited to be included in the process. There is no time for walking, must hit the ground running. Luckily, we have a fantastic fitness centre and amenities to aid in the process!"

"It takes a great team to get things done, everyone doing their part and it all comes together. Fortunate to be a part of the team," added Mr. Quinlan.

As was reported previously, Mr. Quinlan brings a strong background in both the public and private sectors, having spent nine years working in municipal government and most recently as Operations Manager at Split Rail Brewing Company.

Mayor Ron Lane had stated previously in a release, "We're thrilled to welcome Jason to the role. He is someone who not only brings valuable experience, but also lives on the Island, knows Gore Bay well, and is committed to staying for the long term. We are confident he'll be an excellent fit for our community and for the future of the town. We also extend a sincere thanks to Harry Schlange for his service and leadership."

At its meeting last week, council also hired Harry Schlange as a special advisor to council until the end of the year. "Harry has been so intricately involved in so many projects, such as the downtown revitalization project and future planning, we are keeping Harry on as a special advisor until the end of the year." Mayor Lane told The Expositor.

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- · College Diploma/Degree in Developmental Service Worker (DSW), or Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Autism and Behavioural Science. • At least two (2) years of work experience in a related field, including working with children with special
- needs. Working knowledge of Individual Education Plans, Behaviour Safety Plans and Behaviour Management Plans.
- Valid First Aid and CPR (or willingness to update).
- Experience working within a First Nations education system would be an asset.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of Indigenous culture, traditions and language (or willingness to learn).
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Must provide a clear Police Vulnerable Sector Check upon hire. For a complete job description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

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DUALIFICATIONS:

- Grade 12 or GED is required. A post-secondary diploma in Project Management, Business Administration, Construction/House Inspection, or other related programs is an asset. An equivalent combination of education, training and/or experience will also be considered, providing a pathway for career growth and development.
- Minimum of three to five (3-5) years of experience in general maintenance, carpentry, and knowledge of the mechanical operation of housing unit equipment/systems preferred.
- Thorough knowledge of building and operating systems, construction, installation, maintenance and Experience in Project Management is required; Experience supervising crews is an asset.
- Thorough knowledge of Workplace Ontario Occupational Health & Safety Regulations.
- Knowledge of applicable construction codes (ONT Building, ON Plumbing, Canadian Electrical). Proficiency in MS Office (Outlook, Word, Excel). MS Project (project management software) is preferred.
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CONFIDENTIAL: HOUSING MAINTENANCE COÓRDINATOR **Whitefish River First Nation** 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285-4532 Milgwetch to all who apply; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Former flame boutique reignites love for thrifting in Gore Bay

GORE BAY—Like a phoenix, Former Flame Boutique has made a fiery return to the downtown of Gore Bay and not without a few exciting changes. Local entrepreneur Kristy Carleton, who also owns and operates Buttercup Ice Creamery and Candy Store in Kagawong, has reopened her small thriftbased business at 43 Meredith Street, right next door to the old location.

"The idea had been on my mind for some time," said Ms. Carleton. "I've received so much positive feedback over the years since I closed, and the number one question has been if I'll open again. So, I was casually looking for a space that would work well and noticed that this one was still available."

At the time, the new location still contained the leftovers of office life: partition walls and a separated room, but even the tired carpet couldn't keep Ms. Carleton from seeing its potential as a chic new spot. Before long and with some colour, an assortment of racks, displays and mirrors in which to admire your new scarf, the space was transformed into something fun and fresh. After all, there isn't much that a little love, can of paint and some help from friends

"It took some time to get everything together, but I absolutely love the new space and am happy to be here to once again serve Manitoulin," Ms. Carleton expressed. "I had a very successful soft opening late May (24)



Kristy Carleton, right in photo, has reopened Former Flame Boutique, in downtown Gore Bay.

and there's been a steady stream of folks coming in and dropping off which is

One of the changes at Former Flame will be how intake of clothing is handled. According to Ms. Carleton the administrative load of consignment for low-priced items was burdensome and created real challenges in keeping things running smoothly, especially when thousands of items

come through in a season. She explained that clothing will now be accepted either as a donation, in which you will receive a coupon for 20 percent off your next purchase, or for more valuable items (at the business' discretion), an in-store credit or direct buyout based on a similar value to what you would have earned through consignment.

"It's really a win-win situation. As opposed to

including jewellery and watches, as well as two accessible friendly change rooms. Casual drop-offs of gently used items (no stains, holes, pilling, etc.) are being accepted for light amounts (one or two bags) and can be brought in during open hours. Those with a large quantity of items can message the store directly through their Facebook page to schedule an appointment. To celebrate their re-

ets, shoes and accessories

turn, Former Flame will be hosting a grand opening on Saturday, July

5 with a discount offer. snacks and door prize.

At the end of the day, thrifting is not only a cost-effective way to find different clothing or express your personality, but also a sustainable choice that helps reduce waste and support the sharing and conserving of resources.

Former Flame Boutique is currently open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am to 4:30 pm and will be expanding to seven days a week for the summer. For more information visit formerflame.ca.



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Job description available on website: www.tehkummah.ca References and criminal record check must be attached to letter of application.

Interested persons should apply by sending a cover letter and resume to:

> Township of Techkummah 456 Hwy 542A Tehkummah, ON P0P 2C0 Email: **jdeforge@tehkummah.ca** Fax – 705-859-2605

All applications are appreciated, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



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POST-SECONDARY & ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATOR

FULL-TIME - 35 HOURS A WEEK

Salary Range: \$56,800 - \$67,820 / year + Group Benefits and Pension (Salary dependent on education and/or experience, or a combination of both)

The Post-Secondary and Adult Education Coordinator will guide the development, planning and execution

of multiple complex programs in support of and in alignment with the department's strategic plan to achieve the department's and WRFN's vision and mission. The Post Secondary and Adult Education Coordinator will establish and maintain strong internal and

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

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

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

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

Applications must be submitted by noon on June 27th, 2025.

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:

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processed, put out and

sold, which could take a

month or more, you can

now just receive some-

The store boasts an

eclectic array of women's

and men's clothing, jack-

thing right away,"

Carleton explained.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Anishinaabe Aadiziwin Team is recruiting for an

ANISHINAABEMOWIN COORDINATOR

FULL-TIME - 35 HOURS A WEEK Salary: \$65,320 - \$81,650 (including group pension and health benefits) *Salary is subject to education and experience, or a combination of both

The Anishinaabemowin Coordinator will play a pivotal role in preserving and revitalizing the Anishinaabemowin language, a vital and vibrant part of the Whitefish River First Nation community. Their fluency in Anishinaabemowin will be a cornerstone in overseeing all language-related directives, organizing immersion camps, integrating language initiatives into various cultural programs and events, and leading the Language Archives project. This role is critical and deeply valued, as it will ensure that the Anishinaabemowin language remains a vital and vibrant part of the community for generations to come.

- Collaborate with community members, elders and team members to develop a comprehensive Anishinaabemowin language revival strategy, setting both short-term and long-term goals.
- Organize, deliver and evaluate language immersion camps for learners of all ages, with a focus on immersive experiences that incorporate cultural practices.
- Integrate Anishinaabemowin language bundles into the Anishinaabe Aadiziwin program, a comprehensive cultural and wellness initiative, ensuring language learning is woven into broader cultural and wellness
- Lead the coordination of the Language Archives, a crucial initiative for preserving our language, ensuring the accurate and meaningful capture of oral histories, traditional knowledge and storytelling.
- Foster mentorship programs that connect fluent speakers with language learners to create a supportive learning environment and facilitate intergenerational knowledge sharing. This is not just a job, but an opportunity to inspire and be inspired, share and receive knowledge, and contribute to preserving our language for future generations.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Fluency in Anishinaabemowin (speak, read and write in the Ojibway language).
- Thorough knowledge of Anishinaabe traditions and culture.
- Prior work experience coordinating language programs and activities. • Familiar with Anishinabek community protocols.
- Any relevant diplomas and degrees would be considered an asset.
- Experience with computer programs (i.e. Microsoft Office, email, internet, etc.).
- Effective communication skills, both oral and written, with the ability to interact with a diverse range of
- Highly organized with excellent time management and multitasking abilities.
- Strong critical thinking skills with the ability to prioritize and manage urgent tasks in a fast-paced environment.
- Exceptional interpersonal and relationship-building skills, including working effectively within a team.

*For a detailed job description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

Applications are due on June 30th, 2025 at noon.

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

Whitefish River First Nation 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

Email: candacej@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285-4532 Miigwetch to all who apply; however, only those applicants selected for

an interview will be contacted.

Plenty of action heats up at the 42nd Annual Sherron Clarke Memorial Carp Derby

GORE BAY—The Cody Hunter team has won the 42nd annual Sherron Clarke Memorial Carp Derby, held in June in Gore Bay and area waters.

'We would like to thank everyone for taking part in this year's derby," stated Kaleigh Harrietha who, along with her partner Cody Hunter, organize the annual event.

Harrietha

plained there were a total of nine teams (37 participants) entered in the derby, including four junior competitors and three new shooters.

"On Saturday 10 carp were harvested with 61 dogfish for a total of 71 fish," said Ms. Harrietha. On Sunday three carp and 11 dogfish were taken, for a total of 85 fish on the weekend—13 carp and 72



Cody Hunter and his team made up of Landon Seifried, Seth Verboom, Greg Oire (as well as Stacy Rayner missing from photo) took first place in the 42nd Annual Sherron Clarke Memorial Carp Derby.

dogfish.

Cody Hunter's team, which included Landon Seifried, Stacy Rayner, Seth Verboom, Greg Oire took the first-place prize of \$200 with a total of 55 points. The John Seabrook team, which included Kim Chatwell, Noah Thorpe, Andy Watson won the second-place prize of \$150 with a total of 23 points. There was a tie for third place and a prize of \$100, with the Grayson Orford and Adam Brown teams, both finishing with 19 points. Through the flip of a coin, Mr. Brown's team, which also included Terry Kay and Jesse Mc-Murray was declared the third-place team.

The largest fish, weighing 21.1 pounds, was harvested by Nevin Merrylees (for a prize of \$100)



The John Seabrook team placed second in the 42nd Annual Sherron Clarke Memorial Carp Derby, held recently in Gore and area waters.

while the smallest fish prize (also \$100) was harvested by Landon Seifried, with a catch of 9.4 pounds.

The \$100 prize for the unique garbage prize found during the derby, a cormorant band, was found by Andy Wat-

Mr. Hunter's team won the Darren Nodecker memorial prize of \$50 for the most dogfish harvested on the weekend, a total of 41 fish. Mr. Hunter's team also won the \$50 prize for the most fish harvested on Sunday, a total of six. The Don Chilton Mys-

tery draw, for free entry into next year's derby, was won by the Dustin/ Richards team.

Lafarge was a sponsor of the derby.

Several participants 15 years of age and under, who took part in the derby, received a free arrow.

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...TVO host of 'The Agenda' is moving on to new frontiers

dra added in "I appreciate the opportunity to say goodbye, I suppose, temporarily, to Steve Paikin. I would say this, Madam Speaker, when a renowned journalist on a state-run news channel is told that they're going to retire, there is literally a Conservative stampede to the door of everybody that wants to wish them goodbye. I got there first.'

"It's no secret that, when I was in Ottawa, of course, we rallied and talked-still did-about

...continued from page 1A getting rid of the CBC," he said. "Imagine my horror when I found out that, as Minister of Education, I run mv own state broadcast."

"You have done an amazing job," he said.
"We're all very proud of all that you have accomplished in this place. And I say in a very real sense, you and I are alike in a lot of ways. We both love this place. We love the people who are in this placesome more than others, to be honest with youand we are very jealous and guarded of not only this place, but what Parliament represents. You have been one of those people that helps us once in a while remember how important it is to be here. The personalities that have shaped not only this place but the province of Ontario—you're the one who's given voice to a lot of that very often in the books that you have written, that all of us have read and enjoyed. That, I think, more than anything for me, is your legacy, that you have been jealously guarded of how important it is to be in this place."

Leader of the Official Opposition Marit Stiles finished off the tribute. "I want to thank him-Steve, before you leave and head downstairs, I



TVO's Steve Paikin is joined by the late Billings Mayor Austin Hunt, centre, with former Algoma Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha in a panel discussion at the Kagawong Park Centre.

just did want to lend my voice as well to saying thank you so much for your extraordinary contribution to our province, telling our stories, telling the stories of this place. I can't wait to see what you do next, tomatoes or no to-

matoes." While he has been at the helm of The Agenda for 19 years, Mr. Paikin has been employed at TVO for a whopping 33 years, and he shows little sign of actually slowing down. He will be continuing to host a political podcast, creating YouTube history vignettes just to name a few.

'I have 10 things on the go," he laughed. "Retirement for me was never in the cards. Eventually, you have to leave the job. I love it." Mr. Paikin said

TVO was a "great place to work" and that it "gave me an opportunity to do the things I couldn't do anywhere else."

Still, hosting The Agenda, he noted, took up about 60 hours a week, leaving little time for other projects (remarkably he still managed to pull off several other projects).

"I always wanted to start a video podcast," he said, and he is working on a non-political project, William "Bashin' Bill" Barilko, a Canadian NHL hockey player who played his entire NHL career for the Toronto Maple Leafs. Over his five seasons, Mr. Barilko won the Stanley Cup four times in 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1951. Tragically, Mr. Barilko died in August 1951 in a floatplane c during a fishing trip to Quebec. His number five iersev was retired by the Maple Leafs and was the subject of the 1993 single 'Fifty Mission Cap' by The Tragically Hip.

'I want to tell that story," he said.

In the meantime, Mr. Paikin will be back on the Island this summer for some rest and recuperation, but given his track record, he will probably spend much of his time on his pet projects.

From all of us at The Expositor, congratulations Mr. Paikin, we will miss your contributions to the Canadian body politic and journalism at The Agenda, but look forward to your next adventures.

The last episode of The Agenda is scheduled to air June 27.



Job Title: Pedagogical Lead / Supervisor Support Location: Gore Bay and Manitowaning Position Type: 1 year contract

Date: July 7, 2025

At Seedlings Early Learning Centre, we believe that the early years are the foundation for lifelong learning, well-being, and development. Our centre is a warm, inclusive and play-based learning environment where children are nurtured, supported and encouraged to explore. We are seeking an experienced Pedagogical Lead/Supervisor Support to inspire and guide our team of educators in delivering high-quality, child-centred education.

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Key Responsibilities

- Work closely alongside educators to support the planning and delivery of engaging, developmentally appropriate, play-based learning experiences
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- learning and development
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- staff check ins, goal setting and offering constructive feedback Foster a team culture of respect, collaboration, and continuous professional growth
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- Promote inclusive practices that honour the individuality and voices of all children and
- Build strong relationships with educators, families and the wider community to support a positive learning environment
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- Stay current with research and developments in early childhood education, and share
- insights with the team
- Liaison to purchase items that are needed for the centre

- Degree or diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) or a related field or minimum 2 years of experience in early childhood education, including leadership or supervisory experience. Registered with the College of Early Childhood Educators is preferred
- In-depth knowledge of early childhood learning frameworks (e.g., CCEYA, How Does Learning Happen?)
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