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DINING OUT— Chef Tony Ferreira was doing some live fire cooking and offering samples at last weekend's Home, Cottage and Culinary Show at the NEMI Rec centre. He was a busy guy, manning the smoker, pizza oven and charcoal grill, all of which were available for purchase at Jake's, one of the over 30 vendors on hand. **SEE STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 16.**

photo by Margery Frisch

Anishinabe board from Sault diocese takes ownership of Anderson Lake Centre

by Margery Frisch

ESPANOLA—On Friday, May 30 an historic transition of power took place. The Jesuits of Canada relinquished the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre to the governance of a new Indigenous-led Board of Directors, which will include the participation of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. This transition will bring a deeper integration of Indigenous language, teachings, elder-led programming and ceremony while continuing with Catholic spiritual formation.

Present at the auspicious ceremony were community leaders and elders, Fr. Jeffrey Burwell, SJ, Provincial of the Jesuits of Canada, Bishop Thomas Dowd of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and Anishinabe Spiritual Centre's new board of directors and members, including board chair Rosella Kinoshameg of Wiikwemkoong. The ceremony, held in the chapel overlooking Anderson Lake, was solemn, spiritual, emotional and rich with Indigenous customs and culture. Taking place on the centre's sacred grounds, the event was a crucial step toward reconciliation and spiritual leadership rooted in Indigenous tradition and Catholic faith.

Several people came forward to say a few words following the ceremony and, realizing the late hour, executive director of the centre, Eddie MacDonald, was brief. She thanked everyone for coming to the special celebration and invited Fr. Jeffrey Burwell to say a few words.

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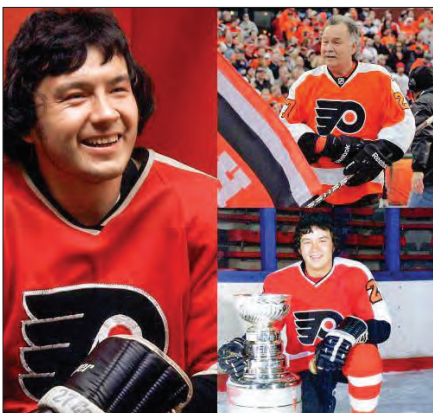
Bishop Thomas Dowd signs the document relinquishing the governance of the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre while Board Chair Rosella Kinoshameg looks on.

AOK's Reggie Leach reflects on Stanley Cup

50 years since he played pivotal role on Philly Flyers win

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—With time running out in game six of the 1974-1975 Stanley Cup finals, Reggie Leach and the Philadelphia Flyers were up by a 2-0 score over the Buffalo Sabres in a game played in Buffalo.

"I was on the bench, and Larry Goodenough, another of the new players on the team that year was beside me and Larry was yelling, 'Reg we're going to win the Cup!' It was very exciting what was going on," stated Reggie Leach, an Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) resident who was a member of that Flyers Stanley Cup winning team,



It was 50 years ago that Reggie Leach helped bring his 1974-75 Philadelphia Flyers team to a Stanley Cup victory.

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Tehkummah mayor stays council meetings until decorum is restored around council table

by Tom Sasvari

TEHKUMMAH—Citing hatred directed at Tehkummah Township acting clerk-administrator Barbara Grigg, Mayor John Deforge has suspended all council meetings until council members sign a written promise to treat all township staff, Ms. Grigg and council with dignity and respect.

"The people of Tehkummah township need to know what is going on," Mayor Deforge told The Expositor last Thursday. "The amount of council attacks on Barbara Grigg is terrible."

"I have suspended all council meetings," said Mayor Deforge. "All I'm looking for is council not to gang up on our staff people. That's all I'm asking for."

In a letter to all council mem-

bers dated May 26, Mayor Deforge wrote, "I was disheartened to see the level of hatred directed towards Barbara Grigg, acting clerk-administrator, from all members of council, so as of now I am suspending all council meetings until I get a written assurance from each council member that they will show all township staff, including Barbara Grigg, the acting clerk-administrator, the dignity and respect they deserve and to which we (as council) swore an oath to, and that they will comply with the township's policies. It saddens my heart to write this."

At the bottom of the letter, with spaces left for council members to sign their name

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Birch Island passes own constitution, gives nod to Anishinaabe governance

by Michael Erskine

BIRCH ISLAND—In a move aimed at increasing self-governance and sovereignty, Wawaaskiniga (Ojibway's of Whitefish River First Nation) passed a chi-naaknigewin (constitution) and entry into the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement (ANGA). The council vote ratifying these two documents took place on May 24.

"This is a significant milestone for Whitefish River First Nation," said Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow. "The enactment

of this chi-naaknigewin is our people's collective inherent right to self-government on our traditional territory that has existed since time immemorial and provides a solid governance foundation with the flexibility

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Geopark proponents encourage Island to join the plan

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—A small but influential group gathered at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre to learn more about a proposal to create a UNESCO Global Geopark that would include Georgian Bay, Manitoulin and the North Channel.

The presenters, Mike Robbins, tourism lead, and Brian Plumstead, former Grey County Tourism Manager, explained that Geoparks are areas recognized for their exceptional geological heritage, showcasing unique natural landscapes for education, scientific value, and beauty. Geoparks are a vital component of the Global Geopark Network, with UNESCO Global Geoparks focusing on protection, education and sustainable development while

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The Manitoulin West Recorder



KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL—CPO1 Landon Aelick, right, was surprised during the annual 348 Manitoulin Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Review on Saturday to receive a King Charles III Coronation Medal for his efforts as a cadet over the years, most recently as coxswain. Lt.(N) Sylvain Boucher, past commanding officer of 348 Manitoulin, presented CPO1 Aelick with the prestigious honour.

INSET: Lt.(N) Sylvain Boucher pins CPO1 Landon Aelick with the medal.

For more from the annual review, please see Page 5.



MPPs get pay increase after 16 year freeze

TORONTO—After a 16-year freeze on raises, Ontario members of provincial parliament are to receive big raises and access to a pension plan. With the support of all parties in the legislature, the Ontario government introduced new legislation to adjust compensation for the MPP, and the re-introduction of pension benefits.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg stated, “everyone knows there will be some criticism of this, but the Premier is making sure the best possible people will run (for an Ontario government seat) in the future.”

“This is the first time MPPs will be receiving an increase after 16 years,” said MPP Rosenberg. “In talking to some of the older MPPs who have served three or four terms, guys like Ernie Hardeman who is in his 30th year and Bob Bailey, they have put a lot of time and work into being an MPP over the years but haven’t seen an increase since 2009.”

MPP Rosenberg said by providing for the increase in compensation to MPPs, “The government is hoping to attract young MPPs to this job who will remain in the future. I know guys who have given up jobs and wages to become an MPP.”

NDP Opposition house leader John Vanthof

told The Canadian Press, “When we’re looking for other candidates, qualified people, to actually direct the future of this province, for most of them, they have to take a huge pay cut to come here and give up, in many cases, pensions.”

“We’re not going to build the future of this province by excluding the people who have the qualifications and have the knowledge to move us forward,” said Mr. Vanthof. “So, we’re fully in support and I’d like to thank Premier (Doug) Ford and his government, quite frankly, for having the guts to do this.”

The base pay for Ontario’s elected officials has been frozen since 2009 at \$116,550 and the changes would boost the salary to \$157,350, which is 75 per cent of what federal MPs make. That will still be less than what city councillors in Toronto earn.

Premier Doug Ford’s salary would rise from about \$209,000 to about \$282,000 and cabinet ministers would see their pay increase from about \$166,000 to about \$225,000.

MPP salaries in Ontario have been frozen since 2009, resulting in compensation levels that lag behind those of comparable elected representa-

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Jim Belanger reflects on first week at Parliament Hill as a new MP

by Tom Sasvari
OTTAWA—Last week was full of firsts for Jim Belanger, newly elected federal Conservative Member of Parliament for Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt riding.

“My first official day was yesterday,” Mr. Belanger told The Expositor on Tuesday of last week. “I have been here in Ot-

tawa for a bit; this is my third trip to Ottawa. It is very exciting and challenging work, like the first day of school or university.”

“The coalition of the group I’m with is great, and the staff in the House of Commons is so helpful. This has been a beautiful experience so far,” said MP Belanger. Monday of last week,

“was my first day in Parliament and I voted as did other MPs on the new Speaker of the House (Francis Scarpaleggia, who represents the Quebec riding of Lac-Saint-Louis), so this was my first vote.”

MP Belanger had been sworn into the House of Commons on May 16, with Ottawa’s Louise Garrow, formerly of Sagamok, doing a smudge to commemorate. “It was very enriching and enlightening.”

Ms. Garrow wrote on Facebook, “I am honoured to help with a smudging ceremony where we used traditional msh-kiki medicines, sweet grass, sage, cedar and tobacco (medicine-strength of the earth). I wish him great success as a Member of Parliament. I firmly believe we need to work together with whatever political leanings we have to build a good, fair and strong country.”

MP Belanger was sworn into his new role in Ottawa, with family members joining him in commemorating. “It was a good moment, and memory,” he said. “Ironically, my very first stop on the political campaign trail

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Gore Bay is ‘strongly opposed’ to Georgian Bay Geopark suggestion

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Gore Bay Town council has expressed its strong opposition to Manitoulin Island being included in the proposal to include the town and all of Manitoulin Island being designated as a Georgian Bay UNESCO Global Geopark.

“This Geopark proposal showed up around the same time as the COVID outbreak. It’s not environmentally driven,” said Gore Bay Councillor Dan Osborne at a council meeting last week. “In a nutshell, a group from Midland and North Simcoe is spearheading this geopark designation, and Manitoulin Island got lumped in with it, and it is a very large area. But we have had no input from anyone in our areas.”

Councillor Osborne explained, “being designated a Geopark is expected to generate more tourism to the entire designated area, but it could mean over-tourism and more damage to hiking/walking trails and more waste. North Simcoe is the driver of this, and they are

going to benefit the most. With the designation it allows them to apply for funding, that could affect funding proposals we put forward on Manitoulin,” he said, noting the Georgian Bay UNESCO Global Geopark has already received over \$600,000 in government funds, which is going to promotion for the southern Ontario municipalities but not for this area. Manitoulin Island is not a priority for this group. We want tourism but not see overtourism.”

“In their advertising they have used the Town of NEMI (Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands) logo on their website without notifying or getting approval from the town,” said Councillor Osborne.

As was reported in last week’s edition of The Expositor, this issue was raised at last week’s council meeting after members of the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) raised concerns about Manitoulin work being carried out by

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Canada Post and CUPW negotiations remain at impasse

by Michael Erskine
CANADA—Following the Canada Post Corporation (CPC) refusal of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers’ (CUPW) formal request to resolve all outstanding issues through “fair, final and binding arbitration” for both bargaining units, the urban and rural delivery workers CUPW confirmed that a 72-hour strike notice has been issued.

The union notes that it “strongly believes that CPC’s pursuit of a government-imposed vote on its last global offers will not bring lasting labour peace between the parties, regardless of the vote’s outcome.”

“This step was taken in part to respond to the employer’s recent indication that it may unilaterally change working conditions and suspend employee benefits,” noted the union, adding that “this step was also taken to facilitate the continuation of our right to strike that was put on pause by the Canadian Industrial Relations Board in December 2024.”

Despite the strike notice, the union asserts there “is still time to return to the bargaining table. We remain committed to negotiating collective agreements and urge the employer to do the same. Our goal continues to be negotiated collective agreements that support the

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Proposed 9% increase to Assiginack budget is defeated

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOWANING—At a special Assiginack council meeting last week, a motion to pass this year’s budget with a nine percent increase was defeated.

“I don’t like the budget, but we can’t afford to offer the same services we do with the same budget that we have,” stated Mayor Brenda Reid, at last week’s meeting.

“I agree,” said Councillor Dwayne Elliott. “I’m not happy with the budget, but unless we make significant cuts to programs or jobs, I can’t see having any decrease.”

Both Mayor Reid and Councillor Elliott noted a previous two percent increase in last year’s budget, is the only increase that previous councils have made over the past 12 years.

Mayor Reid put forward a motion to accept the budget with a nine percent increase, with Councillor Elliot seconding the motion. However, with

Councillors Jennifer Hooper and Janice Bowerman voting in opposition, the nine percent increase proposed, was defeated. Councillor Rob Maguire did not attend the meeting held last week.

Earlier in the meeting, council discussed the budget and where potential decreases could be made so the budget would not arrive at nine percent.

Councillors discussed cancelling donations it has made to several groups in the past, including the Assiginack Curling Club, Manitoulin Secondary School robotics team and Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA).

It was pointed out the curling club has not paid taxes to the township for about 10 years.

Mayor Reid indicated the curling club “is asking for a donation, but because it is a

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“who dares not offend cannot be honest”

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Canada’s warriors deserve proper recognition and honour

Canada is currently facing a crisis in its recruitment drives as not enough people are signing up to serve their country—and among those who do, too many are opting to walk away after they have completed their initial training. The forces who are remaining in uniform are facing serious morale issues.

Small surprise, considering how our military personnel are treated compared to other nations.

Case in point. Of the four Commonwealth countries that fought in Afghanistan, only Canada has not awarded a single Victoria Cross, our nation’s highest award for gallantry in combat. The United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand have all awarded Victoria Crosses for bravery in Afghanistan—why not Canada?

It is not like there were not Canadian service personnel who deserved one. True, these service members laid their lives on the line for their country in a conflict overseas. True, people were shooting at our servicemen and women. True, people were bombing and shelling our service members. True, Canadian military members provided acts of courage that reached and surpassed the bar when it comes to the level of sacrifice deserving of such recognition.

The stumbling block is apparently that the Canadian military does not recognize the war in Afghanistan as a “war.” What madness this? The “Canadian” Victoria Cross (we no longer use the British Victoria Cross as our highest medal) is awarded by either the Canadian monarch or his vice regal representative, the Governor General of Canada, to any member of the Canadian Armed Forces or allies serving under or with Canadian military command for extraordinary valour and devotion to duty while facing hostile forces.

Case in point, Private Jess Larochelle was serving October 14, 2006, when an ambush hit his post in the mid-afternoon. The Taliban (aka hostile forces) fired two rockets simultaneously on a Canadian platoon of three Light Armoured Vehicles (LAV) at a remote strongpoint in southern Afghanistan. One of the rockets hit one of the LAVs, while the other hit Pte. Larochelle’s observation

post. Sgt. Darcy Tedford and Pte. Blake Williamson were killed in the LAV.

The one that hit the observation post just sent Pte. Larochelle flying along with dirt and debris. Pte. Larochelle, in a video interview released more than 15 years later, recalled his machine gun pushed into him, making him fly back and hitting his head on the other side of the trench.

Stunned and wounded, Pte. Larochelle crawled back to his C6 machine gun and started firing on the Taliban. For this action and the events that followed, Pte. Larochelle won the Stars of Military Valour, a high mark of honour, but also one that should have earned him the VC for bravery under fire, acts that saved others and held his company’s ground in the face of fierce opposition.

A campaign has been launched to rectify the injustice of his being denied the VC because the action was not “officially” a war. Well, it certainly was a de facto war in anyone’s logical definition—even if that armed conflict didn’t meet a bureaucratic definition of such, people were getting shot at, people died, in fact, 158 Canadian Armed Forces members, one Canadian diplomat, four aid workers, a government contractor and a journalist died during our nation’s involvement in that conflict.

Here are a few guiding principles from the common store of knowledge that those bureaucrats might want to consider going forward, “A rose by any other name would smell as sweet,” and “if it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck...” and, especially if you have to duck, you might want to reconsider the decision to not award VCs to those who deserve one.

In a couple of days, we will be recalling the June 6 D-Day landings and lauding the sacrifices laid down by those who did not return. Respect goes a long way toward improving morale—it’s time our nation put its medals where its mouth is.

Those service personnel who deserve our highest honour should get it—and semantics be damned.

Lest we forget.

letters

Expat thankful for the Island’s warm welcome to visitors

So many interesting stories to be found in the 146th volume of The Expositor

To the Expositor:

One hundred and forty-six years of publishing Manitoulin’s community newspaper! Wow, that’s something to be proud of.

And No. 1 of Vol. 146 was a doozie! Sometimes I can skip through my copy of ‘The Spoz’ in a half hour, but this one kept me reading for two-and-a-half hours. My kudos to Jaqueline St. Pierre for a well-researched and written article on Ontario’s odious Bill 5, and to Grand Chief Linda Debassige for

her excellent response.

There were so many interesting stories; from exciting new businesses starting up, to a new rock duo in Evansville, to a new art show in Gore Bay and a conference for women entrepreneurs, to a proposal for a new system to cook the waste stream that’s being considered by the Central council. And a proposed Amish parochial school! Manitoulin has always been unique, but it’s thrilling to read of so many new ventures

in the works.

I agree with your editorial assessment of the “prosperous tomorrow” that appears to be on the horizon. And as a former resident, now a tourist but always a Haweater, I’m thankful that the Island’s warm welcome to visitors endures.

Cheers,

**Mary Nelder
London**

Global geopark proponents offer clarity on proposal

The focus is not simply on southern Georgian Bay

To the Expositor:

Thank you for your recent coverage of the Georgian Bay Aspiring Geopark (‘Manitoulin Municipal Association wants more details on Island’s participation in Georgian Bay Geopark,’ May 28, Page 1). We welcome informed public dialogue and deeply value Manitoulin Island’s extraordinary geological and cultural significance within the broader Georgian Bay region.

However, some important clarifications are needed in response to several points raised in the article.

1. Geographic Focus: Contrary to suggestions that the Geopark is primarily a southern Georgian Bay initiative, the vision from the outset has been pan-regional. Our approach includes all of Georgian Bay and the North Channel, with Manitoulin Island recognized as a distinct and essential component of this story—geologically, culturally and historically.

2. Consultation and Engagement: The Geopark is currently in its preparatory phase, led by a largely volunteer group

that has spent the past three years building a foundation for inclusive regional engagement. This includes: Developing a science-based framework with Professor Nick Eyles and other researchers, introducing the concept of eight geological time zones that honour the distinct narratives of each region, including Manitoulin; Hosting consultation and tourism planning and Geopark introductory meetings in Killarney, Parry Sound, Tobermory, and most recently Sudbury, Little Current, Blind River and Bruce Mines with further meetings planned; and engaging with representatives - among others - from Sagamok First Nation, Serpent River, ELNOS in Elliott Lake and Northern Ontario tourism stakeholders including Destination Northern Ontario.

3. Digital Platform as a Tool for Consultation: We have deliberately prioritized the development of a digital platform (website and app) currently in development to support region-wide consultation, storytelling and co-creation. This tool is being designed

to allow communities like Manitoulin to: Share stories, guides and tourism offerings; contribute to and manage local geosites; and promote sustainable tourism and education tailored to local priorities.

We fully understand and support the importance of community leadership and consent. No region, including Manitoulin, will be included without open dialogue, support and collaboration.

We look forward to the opportunity to present the full scope of this initiative to MMA (Manitoulin Municipal Association), NEMI (Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands), Indigenous communities and other local communities, and to working together in shaping a Geopark that reflects and strengthens the unique identities of Manitoulin and each region of Georgian Bay and the North Channel.

Best regards,

**Tony Pigott
Executive Director
Georgian Bay Aspiring Geopark**

Pride and pageantry: Manitoulin Sea Cadets honoured at 21st Annual Ceremonial Review

by Ed Prudhomme
M'CHIGEENG—On Saturday, May 31, the 348 Manitoulin Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps proudly held its 21st Annual Ceremonial Review at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS). The occasion, rich in tradition and ceremony, marked a significant moment for the young cadets and their proud family members who were in attendance.

This year's Reviewing Officer was Thomas Auliger, a former manager of Georgian College's Marine Technology program and a certified navigational officer who has guided polar expedition vessels through some of the world's most remote waters. A dedicated member of the Manitoulin Navy League Branch, Mr. Auliger was joined by other senior Navy League board members to recognize the cadets' accomplishments.



Sea Cadet Commander Lt.(N) Tina Davidson presents an Outstanding Fifth Year Cadet certificate to Cadet PO2 Samuel Pennings.



The prestigious Lord Strathcona Trust Fund Medal is pinned on the chest of Coxswain Chief Petty Officer First Class Landon Aelick by Training Officer Sub Lt. Miranda MacKay as Reviewing Officer Thomas Auliger looks on.

The ceremony opened with a traditional song and prayer from Elder Joseph Laford of Sheshegwaning First Nation, blessing the event and all present. Following the presentation of colours and the singing of O Canada, the Reviewing Officer inspected the guard of cadets, who stood with precision and pride. Under the leadership of Coxswain Chief Petty Officer First Class Landon Aelick, the cadets performed a disciplined drill with arms display, followed by a seamanship demonstration featuring the construction and use of a traditional “gyn” tripod lifting device, which was a testament to teamwork, coordination, and maritime skill.

Several awards were present-

ed to cadets in recognition of their performance and dedication throughout the training year. The Marksmanship Team Awards went to Cadet Laszlo Vernarsky (1st Place), Cadet Liam McLean (2nd Place), and Cadet John McLean (3rd Place). These honours were awarded for outstanding accuracy and discipline in the corps' marksmanship program.

The Music Recognition Award was given to Cadet Kaelen Thompson; this award acknowledged musical excellence and a substantial contribution to ceremonial duties as the corps' bugler, a job he did well at Saturday's event.

The Lieutenant Commander Roger Szydziaik Outstanding First-Year Cadet Award went to

Able Cadet David Joyce, recognizing excellence in participation, enthusiasm, and promise in a cadet's first year. The Manitoulin Navy League Branch Outstanding Second-Year Cadet Award was presented to Master Cadet Laszlo Vernarsky; this award acknowledges dedication, leadership development and continued involvement in the program.

The Outstanding Third-Year Cadet Award was earned by Petty Officer Second Class Noah Deforge. This award was given for exemplary service and growth during a cadet's third year of training.

The Outstanding Fourth-Year Cadet Award was presented to Chief Petty Officer Second Class Samuel Pennings. This award honoured long-term commitment, maturity, and senior leadership within the corps.

The George Bury Memorial Award was awarded to Able Cadet David Joyce. This meaningful award is presented to the cadet who best embodies the motto Fides Amicus (“A True Friend”) and is recognized for loyalty, kindness, and peer support.

The Fred Nesbitt Memorial Award went to Petty Officer Second Class Noah Deforge, recognizing a cadet who demonstrated the most significant personal improvement over the training year.

The Bryan Chapelle Outstanding Citizenship Award was presented to Chief Petty Officer Second Class Samuel Pennings. This award acknowledged exceptional community service, including an impressive over 420 hours of volunteer-



The Outstanding First Year Cadet Award is presented to Able Cadet David Joyce by former cadet commander Sylvain Boucher.

ism and civic engagement. The Ed Kift Esprit de Corps Award was presented to Chief Petty Officer First Class Landon Aelick;

selected by peer ballot, this award recognized the cadet who best represents the corps' fellowship, morale and pride.

Cadet Service Medals were awarded to PO1 Austin Flickweert, PO1 Liam McLean and PO2 Zack Peltier; these medals are awarded for completing four or more years of committed service in the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets.

The Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence was awarded to Chief Petty Officer Second



The Fred Nesbitt Memorial Award went to Petty Officer 2nd Class Noah Deforge, presented by Naval Cadet Daniel Bussieres.

Class Samuel Pennings. Donated by Branch 177 of the Royal Canadian Legion, this medal recognized the highest standards of leadership, community involvement and corps commitment.

The Outstanding Top Cadet Award was presented to Chief Petty Officer First Class Landon Aelick, given to the cadet “who best exemplifies the ideals and spirit of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets.”

This year, the corps celebrated an important moment with the awarding of the Lord Strathcona Trust Fund Medal. This prestigious medal represents the highest level of recognition for a cadet's combined achievements in physical and military training; it is awarded only to the most deserving cadets who consistently demonstrate superior physical fitness, military proficiency and leadership. Chief Petty Officer First Class Landon Aelick was named the recipient of this distinguished honour.

Also noteworthy was the awarding of the King Charles III Coronation Medal, a national honour presented to 30,000 Canadians this year to commemorate the King's accession and to recognize individuals who demonstrate leadership, dedication and service to their communities. This prestigious medal was awarded to Chief Petty Officer First Class Landon Aelick.

In a heartfelt ceremony celebrating dedication and service, two remarkable adult leaders were honored with the prestigious Commonwealth Cadet Officer Medal, recognizing their enduring commitment to youth development. Sub-Lieutenant Miranda McKay, known for her inspiring leadership and mentorship, and Lieutenant Tina Davidson, the Commanding Officer of the corps, have both demonstrated unwavering passion and dedication throughout their years of service. Their tireless efforts have left a lasting impact on the lives of countless young individuals, fostering a spirit of growth, resilience, and community among the cadets.

Before the ceremony concluded, Coxswain Aelick presented Mr. Auliger with a ceremonial paddle in appreciation for



Cadet Review Music Recognition Award is presented to Leading Cadet Kaelan Thompson by Lt. (N) Tina Davidson.

his role as Reviewing Officer. Visibly moved, Mr. Auliger addressed the audience, reflecting on his own experience as a Sea Cadet and expressing pride in

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Reviewing officer offers high praise for Manitoulin Sea Cadets during review

by Expositor staff
M'CHIGEENG—In his remarks to the 348 Manitoulin Royal Sea Cadets Corps, reviewing officer Thomas Auliger had high praise for the national Sea Cadets program and the Manitoulin cadre of Cadets while he also gently criticized the Department of National Defence for not being more financially supportive.

The occasion, on Saturday, May 31 at the Manitoulin Secondary School gymnasium, was the 21st annual parade and review of the Manitoulin Corps.

This is the event, marking the end of the Cadets weekly meetings (which are paused until September) where the young people demonstrate the drills and skills they have mastered and where they are turned out in spit-and-polish Cadet dress.

This event is also when individual cadets are recognized with awards for their achievements during the past nine months. Several awards also recognize character and leadership.

Mr. Auliger, fairly recently retired to Manitoulin, introduced himself to the Cadets as someone who is “wearing the uniform of someone in Canada's Merchant Marine,” noting that there has traditionally been a rivalry among merchant sailors and those who are part of national naval organizations (such as Canada's Royal Canadian Navy,) “so to be asked by you today to be your review-



Reviewing officer Thomas Auliger, left, and Manitoulin Navy League President Bob Jewell line up during the ceremony.

ing officer is a very special honour for me, and I thank you for the privilege.”

Mr. Auliger offered the Cadets, and their officers and civilian instructors

and their friends and families on hand for the event, an interesting and detailed history of what is now the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps that dates from the 1895 establishment of a cadet program called the Boys Naval Brigades. “That program was aimed at encouraging young men and women to consider a seafaring career and to provide basic training in citizen and seamanship... and that is still a large part of your aims today!”

Mr. Auliger dobserved that the origins of what are now Sea Cadets was not military but grew out of a Merchant Marine initiative.

Mr. Auliger mentioned that Canada's oldest Sea Cadet Corps, Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Illustrious, was in 1994 placed into financial trusteeship and its assets sold.

Mr. Auliger observed that, theoretically because of its relationship with the Department of National Defence, “it should not be possible for a Sea Cadet Corps to go into trusteeship for financial mismanagement.”

He explained that, “since 1942, the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets are supposed to be administered and funded by the Department of National Defence.” The role of local sponsors, he explained, like the Manitoulin Navy League, “now only acts as civilian partner and is asked to provide local community support.” (“Illustrious” carries on, in name, as in 1997

the Brampton Sea Cadet Corps adopted this historic name.)

Amplifying this relationship here on Manitoulin Island, Mr. Auginger reinforced that, “the continued success of your program here is anchored within the support of the local community, the local Navy League and the local Royal Canadian Legion... and kudos to all of you here for doing so.”

Addressing the Cadets directly, Mr. Auliger commended them for the important role they play in many community events, that they “stay out of trouble with the police and that you always seem to go in the right direction on your life's journey.”

Mr. Auliger also put in a plug for Cadets to consider careers on ships, explaining that a recent report calls for Canada's marine sector to require an additional 8,900 new employees by 2029 and, “at your age, you are in a perfect position for these high-paying and rewarding employment opportunities. I can assure you that, in the end, everyone likes hiring Sea Cadets!”

EDITOR'S NOTE—Mr. Auliger can speak to Canada's seafaring staff requirements with some authority for part of his career was spent in Owen Sound as director of Georgian College's renowned Centre for Marine Training and Research.

Stationary automated licence plate readers now active for UCCM Police

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION— Effective May 30, stationary automated licence plate readers (ALPR) are now operational at the intersection of Highway 6 and Beedahban Miikun in Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN).

The United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) explained in a release that these ALPR units scan and identify licence plates of interest moving in and



The UCCM Police automated licence plate readers are now active.

out of Manitoulin district. Each camera captures both infrared and coloured images and can process up to two licence plates per second.

Designated officers of the UCCM APS are authorized to input and monitor licence plates associated with serious investigations, including missing persons cases, homicides and serious assault, amber alerts, human trafficking, drug trafficking and organized crime.

“It is important to clarify that this system is not to be primarily used to detect speeding violations or other offences under the Highway Traffic Act,” the UCCM APS release states.

“The ALPR system serves as a powerful investigative tool, alerting law enforcement when a plate of interest is detected. Plates that are not flagged will

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Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay
Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your friendly June bug and firefly! The bugs are back! As we navigate through a new season of endless chores and itineraries; remember to take a moment of reprieve and admire the blossoms, birds, kaleidoscope skies and wondrous miracles that occur every day on beautiful Manitoulin. A mama bear and her cubs were spotted just last week on the east end of the Island; hatchlings are hatching, hawks and eagles are soaring; butterflies are flying; bees are buzzing, turtles are nesting. All creatures great and small have come out to present, perform and play ball! Friends, visitors and locals have their game faces on too and are ready for some fun in the sun! Let the games begin!

Here’s what’s happening: Providence Bay and Island Youth Soccer teams had another fantastic NEMI tourney last Saturday, well done players, coaches and parents! Keep an eye on the Providence Bay Spring Bay Recreation Committee page for updates on year-round events.

Bluegrass in the Country kicks off another busy season here in Providence Bay. Join us June 6-8 for another year of bluegrass, fun and supporting the Manitoulin Special Olympics. For tickets and information visit: <https://www.bluegrassinthecountry.net/>.

Note: The festival is still at the Providence Bay fairgrounds, but the stage will be the new Lone Pine Stage, near the back of the property where the motocross track used to be. Please follow the signs to enter down Firehall Road. Things will be a little different this year as artists and crews get used to the new stage. Welcome back everyone, happy camping and picking!

Providence Bay Fair: 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: The 12-week exercise classes take place Friday mornings at the Providence Bay Hall (up to and including June 6th). Time to attend are 10:30 to 11:30 am. To register for the upcoming sessions please contact Alison at asloss@centralmanitoulin.com.

Providence Bay beach boardwalk and Discovery Centre:

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

Providence Bay Tent and Trailer Park is open for the season too, they have a cool little store and you can snap some cool selfies in front of Maxim’s new art installations! You can also visit the Central Manitoulin events page for updates on what’s happening near you!

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church joys and community, updates at 10:30 am; service at 11 am.

Fundraisers: Providence Bay Curling Club: The Youth and Junior Curling Club has 50/50 tickets for sale! Proceeds go to our program, as well as the 1st Western Manitoulin Girl Guides. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased by e-transfer to provbayjrcurlers@gmail.com. Please include your name, phone number and email address and images of the tickets will be sent to you. Thanks for your support!

Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast Buffet is on Sunday, June 15 from 8 am to

12 noon at the Providence Bay Curling Club!

The Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club is seeking donations of gently used items for their Annual Canada Day Yard Sale. To arrange for pickup or drop-off, don’t hesitate to get in touch with Lion John at 705-377-7740. The Bottle Drive continues next to the arena, return your empty bottles and cans. Your contribution will help make this year a success.

Reuse/Recycle: The Providence Bay Reuse Shed has opened as of June 1 at the Providence Bay Transfer Station! The Providence Bay Transfer Station now has a “take it and leave it” shed. In the spirit of waste diversion, this program lets residents drop off or pick up items that can be put to use, therefore keeping it out of the landfill.

If you have any questionable items, please contact the landfill before bringing them to the Reuse Shed at 705-377-5726 or speak to the operators at Providence Bay Transfer Station. The Providence Bay Transfer Station is located at 4077 Government Road in Providence Bay. Summer season hours are Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 6 pm. (Till September long weekend).

Toulin Turtles: Turtles are nesting all over the side roads right now so please watch closely and slow down while driving around lakes and wetlands. If you see an injured turtle contact Turtle Pond at 705-691-0433 or visit Friends of Manitoulin Turtles online.

The Heavens: June 11 – The enchanting Full Strawberry Moon; June 21 – Summer Solstice: The official start of summer.

Manitoulin Island is a dark sky reserve so find a dark sky spot, bring your telescope (or just your eyes) and enjoy the wonders of the cosmos.

The Friends: Happy Birthday to all of you early June Bugs! Happy early summer holiday to all our hardworking posties affected by the Canada Post labour disputes. Happy last month and countdown to summer to the wonderful teachers out there...and thank you for all you do! And to the tourney teams and coaches happy home runs everyone!

Fires Safety: Please be safe and wise, don’t risk it when there are high winds and never leave a campfire unattended.

Water Safety: Always be sure to follow safety rules, wear a vest and check for adverse weather before venturing out.

For more detailed information on Island-wide events and activities be sure to pick up a copy of the Expositor newspaper, their Manitoulin’s Magazine and guide or a copy of the This is Manitoulin 2025 magazine.

Happy June and happy camping everyone!

Kagawong
Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer has a new book on the way in the next few months! We have made the natural pivot from community reporters to financial gurus, and our book breaks down money milestones you should hit each decade of your life. We’ve managed to get permission from the publisher to include an exclusive sneak peek in this week’s column from chapter 6 - The Dirty Thirties: “By the time you are 30 you should own, not rent, OWN a bouncy castle. This is a time when you should be building equity. The only way to beat inflation is with inflatables.”

The township has lifted half load restrictions. Good news for anyone looking to haul big heavy things!

The Billings Climate Action Commit-

tee is looking for another member to round out the group. Any interested persons are asked to contact the township office.

Thinking of burning brush as you tidy up your yard? Don’t forget that burn permits are required in Billings! Stop by the township office to get your free permit, which is valid for one week. Burn permits are not required for a small bonfire.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Alison O, and Trish T. Also celebrating this week is one terrific twosome. Honestly, June 4th is National Hug Your Cat Day, National Cheese Day, AND National Cognac Day. And it falls within National Frozen Yogurt Week. We don’t know what else any of you could possibly wish for when you blow out your candles!

June 28th 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 11am. 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.

The Old Mill Heritage Centre is gearing up for its big celebration of the 100th anniversary of the mill this summer. Keep your ears to the ground as more details will be available soon.

If you start your upper body/arm workouts now, you will be in good shape just in time to be able to carry your haul from the library’s annual used book sale on July 19th. Rain or shine, there will be thousands of books up for grabs, and you may be turtle surprised by some of the developments in the works!

The library will also be holding their annual beach movie on August 9th. They will be showing the a-maze-ing 80s classic, Labyrinth!

Now, last, but not least - don’t forget that it’s t-minus 3 Wednesdays until the Kagawong market kicks off for another season!

What do you call a bee hive with no exit? Unbelievable! Have a great week!

Barrie Island
Enid Runnalls

Well this week has swung around so quickly I can hardly come up with any news other than, Carolyn Lane Rock has returned to summer home and is right back to her local golfing at the Gore Bay Golf Club, bridge playing, bike riding, gardening, fishing, and socializing activities. Some here call her the “Road Runner” of Barrie Island.

Also the Little Free Library of Grandview Farms (located at the corner of Eastline Road and 5th Side Road is seeing a circulation of books in and out. It’s a convenient stopping point for those going off and on the island. If you can’t find what you want to read there though you can always visit the Gore Bay Library (which is supported by Gordon/Barrie Island) where Librarian Anya Wright will help you to find your book or even order it through the inter-library loan system.

Lyndsey Beange celebrated a birthday earlier this week. Carolyn and Enid were biking by and stopped to check on her rhubarb patch on the North Line just as she received a Birthday call from old friends. Lyndsey has a super cute little pup named Perogie that she sometimes carries around in a backpack.

Natalie Hayden has also been enjoying the evening air on her bike. Barrie Island has such wonderfully quiet and well-maintained roads.

Local farmers are discing, fertilizing and putting in a crop. The bulls are enjoying the green grass and sparring in a friendly way while they look forward to

doing serious work in July.

The garden is basically planted and it is getting dry so early morning watering is recommended.

That’s all I’ve got this week, so please let me know if you have any news to share.

Silver Water
Karen Noble

Friday, May 23 we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay. There were four tables.

Saturday, the recycle bins were open from 1:00 - 2:00 pm

There was a fashion show at the Silver Water Hall on Saturday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Dianne Paquette displayed her clothing and had a long line up making purchases. The luncheon was spectacular as usual. Over fifty ladies attended. The fall show will be held on Sep 20.

The Silver Water Recreation Centre board held a bbq lunch on Sunday starting at noon. The euchre tournament started at 1:30 pm. Forty players participated. Congratulations to the winners Paul Sorbara and Lois Wismer tied with Myra Duncanson and me with 82 points. Second place went to Doug and Brenda Carter with 81 points. Third place was Janice and Gene Cada with 80 points. Six 50/50 draws were held during the day raising \$200 for the hall’s next construction project.

Monday I went to Gore Bay to work. When I got home there was a large box full of rhubarb on my washing machine. Thank you to whoever dropped it off. Five pies were made and the rest is stewed and in jars for the winter.

Monday evening, there were nine and a half tables at euchre at the Burpee Mills Complex.

On Wednesday evening, twelve residents were out for the Local Services Board meeting. Mathieu Gagnon presented an alternative for waste processing which would eliminate anything going to the landfill. It was very interesting. The rest of the meeting was approving the financials required to receive the grant from MNEDG.

H & R Noble Construction delivered some sand and top soil to us on Thursday morning.

Albert Meijer and I went to Gore Bay for errands in the morning. We went to Purvis Fish & Chips for lunch on their opening day. It was excellent and we will go back.

Heather Wilson and I had a short swim on Tuesday and managed thirty minutes on Thursday. The water is still very cold.

There were six tables of euchre players out on Thursday night at the Silver Water Community Hall. Congratulations to Janice Cada and Brenda Carter who split the money jar.

Max Trick came to our house for a visit. He and Linda were at their cottage for a few days.

Dennis Pidgen is back at his cottage.

Sara-Lyn Arnot is here for a visit and out to play euchre every chance she gets.

We are picking asparagus almost every day now. We cut the first of the rhubarb out of our yard on Thursday. The garden is starting to have small plants poking through the soil.

Happy 55th Birthday to Luanne Harper Gervais on Jun 3.

...Jim Belanger reflects on first week

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was in Gore Bay earlier this year,” said MP Belanger. “And today (May 27) I took part in my first official function. I witnessed the TD Scholarship awards, where I had the opportunity to meet one of those chosen for the scholarship, Alexandra Wilson-Zegil and her family of Gore Bay. They are wonderful people, and Alexandra is an exceptional person. To meet a person so bubbly, outgoing and intelligent, it was an honour.”

“You have to be impressed when you learn that Alexandra was one of only 20 students selected for the TD Scholarship of \$70,000 across all of Canada,” stated MP Belanger.

After attending the TD Scholarship ceremony, he went across the street to the House of Commons. He didn’t get to meet King Charles III who was delivering The Speech to the Throne.

“I walked across from the Chateau Laurier (from the TD Award scholarship) to the senate and watched the Throne Speech on television,” said MP Belanger.

With Parliament kicking off MP Belanger said he wants to gather information and understanding from around the riding to gain more details and knowledge on what



Jim Belanger was sworn-in in the House of Commons on May 16, with Louise Garrow (right in photo), doing a smudge to commemorate the occasion. Mr. Belanger is the new federal member of Parliament for Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt.



Jim Belanger was sworn in as MP for Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt, on May 16 in the House of Commons. He is joined by Speaker of the House the Honourable Francis Scarpaleggia, right.

the issues are. He said he wants to bring business to the area and create good paying jobs. “I care very much for the entire riding

and the constituents, including Manitoulin Island and its people,” stated MP Belanger. “I always want to be honest, transparent

and will work hard for the people in this riding.”

“I’m very excited to be one of 348 MPs, which means I am one of about every 100,000 people in Canada to have the honour to join this club and represent my riding,” stated MP Belanger. “It is a big job and big responsibility. The people in this riding have entrusted me with this position, and I am going to work hard for everyone in the riding.”

“It is a big riding, and it will mean a lot of travelling, and I will certainly not be a stranger to the Island,” vowed MP Belanger. Mr. Belanger explained that he has been assigned an office in the Justice Building 811, which he will soon be able to move into. “It is a pretty nice office. I also have a very nice seat in the House, right in the middle of things. I am very excited about all of this.”

“There is a lot to absorb, but I aim to work hard for the people in the Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt riding, be accessible and transparent,” added MP Belanger.

While he is still without an office or constituency office, MP Belanger said he and the office staff he has hired can, for the time being, be contacted by email at Jim.Belanger@parl.gc.ca

...‘strongly opposed’ to Georgian Bay Geopark

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a group based in southern Ontario, to designate all of Georgian Bay, including Manitoulin Island, as part of a Georgian Bay UNESCO Global Geopark. While the initial impressions of a UNESCO designation seems favourable, the geopark is not being executed in a manner consistent with UNESCO’s mandate nor in the spirit of Manitoulin Island’s best interests the meeting was told by Margaret Hastings, of the Georgian Bay Guardians and adjunct professor, School of Business, York University.

Ms. Hastings mentioned that a UNESCO Global Geopark includes single, unified geographical areas, where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development.

Typical activities in a geopark includes organizing stimulating activities within its communities related to its geological theme, encouraging the promotion of local agriculture and traditional craft product; developing and providing informational material on geology and nature; printing leaflets and other material and creating and maintaining websites; developing walking and cycling trails and training local people to act as guides and develop education courses and guided tours; providing information, interpretation and research activ-

ities; providing signage and developing modern museums and visitor centres, Ms. Hastings told the MMA.

Ms. Hastings said under a geopark designation, local community involvement is essential, with having a community informed and involved in the project, willing to work on it, including regional and/or local governments, economic actors, education stakeholders, schools and inhabitants and to promote sustainable tourism and development.

While the geopark received aspiring status in 2022, the geopark leadership team is just now planning a presentation to businesses on Manitoulin this July.

The geopark is not a Georgian Bay initiative, said Ms. Hastings. “It is a Simcoe County initiative dominated by people from southern Ontario attempting to ‘claim’ all of Georgian Bay.” It was also noted that North Simcoe is the top priority for the project.

“They (proponents) have received government funding (of approximately \$680,000 in 2024) that they have used in southern Ontario (spent in Simcoe County and Bruce County), but they cannot designate a geopark without letters of support from every municipality and First Nation within the proposed area, but they haven’t approached anyone outside of southern Ontario except for Killarney, but they are making decisions that will affect Man-

itoulin Island,” said Ms. Hastings. She said the Georgian Bay Geopark is not a single geographically unified area, and that the geopark would be based out of southern Ontario. She said that the true intention of the geopark is to leverage Georgian Bay assets for the benefit of one county in southern Ontario (North Simcoe).

“At 2,7656 kilometres Manitoulin Island is more typical of a geopark’s size. The proposed Georgian Bay geopark is 17 times larger than Manitoulin,” said Ms. Hastings.

Ms. Hastings explained, “as one of eight zones, and very far away for the launching point, if this project proceeds Manitoulin Island will be lost in the clutter of designations to the south.”

“I think Manitoulin Island would be a perfect place for a geopark, but if it is absorbed into the Georgian Bay geopark you would never have your own designation,” said Ms. Hastings. “For Manitoulin Island this groups focus is southern Ontario, the Island is not being represented the way it deserves,” said Ms. Hastings. She suggested the MMA should contact Frances Heydeman, chair of the Canadian Geopark Network, and request a delegation from the Georgian Bay Aspiring Geopark.

“A letter to the Canadian Geopark Network expressing concern or opposition would help to have the aspiring Georgian Bay Geopark status revoked, which would

remove this threat and open the door to a future opportunity for Manitoulin Island,” said Ms. Hastings.

Councillor Osborne explained at the recent MMA meeting, “no one supported it.”

“It doesn’t sound like a very good idea,” said Councillor Aaron Wright. It was pointed out that in future, if Manitoulin Island municipalities and First Nations wanted to, they could apply to be its own geopark area.

“We would want Manitoulin Island to be separate,” said Mayor Lane. “We are unique and would see the effects of development. But as you said, it sounds as if the proposed designation takes away from economic development opportunities (for Manitoulin).”

Council passed a resolution that Gore Bay does not support the Georgian Bay Geopark, and council directs staff to advise that the town is strongly opposed and demand Manitoulin Island be removed as the Island has not been consulted regarding this.

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...Proposed 9% increase to Assiginack budget is defeated

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private club it is like asking for a subsidy. I don't think we should be subsidizing their taxes with taxes paid by other local taxpayers."

It was pointed out that rental rates of township owned buildings have not increased over the past two terms of council. However, the township is planning to increase all rental rates by 10 percent next year.

Councillor Bowerman suggested that the township could look at the BMO/Canada Post office that the township sold last year, and use the reserve funds, approximately \$231,000 and what

the township has put forward for many years in small incremental funds.

As for the idea of using reserves to bring the increase down, Mayor Reid and Councillor Elliott said they are not opposed to using reserves for capital, but not for offsetting the operation of the budget.

"When we are talking about reserves, it is important to have healthy reserves when we need things like a new fire truck or snowplow," said Mayor Reid. "But not to take anything out of reserves willy nilly to make the tax increases artificially lower. If you keep chipping away at reserves every year,

pretty soon you won't have them in place when something is desperately needed. I am sorry and

their budgets, they will, and we wouldn't be looking at the need for a 9-10 percent tax increase."

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hate to see a tax increase of nine percent, I don't think our reserves are extravagant, but we just can't find the savings we need."

"I would like to see spending in each department in the township decreased by five percent," said Councillor Bowerman. "If we give department heads a direction, to cut five percent from

"I am not thrilled with a nine percent tax increase," said Councillor Hooper, saying that cuts need to be made so this increase will not be felt by local ratepayers.

On reserves, Councillor Hooper said there are lot of issues on buildings we have. The Roller Mills building needs to be addressed, and pilings are sitting out of the water on the waterfront that need to be remediated.

"For many years the township has not been raising taxes when it should have," said Mayor Reid. "I hate a nine percent increase, but this is where we are."

"I would like to know how many roads in the township that don't need to be hardtopped in the near future," said Councillor Elliott. "Bidwell Road is in fantastic shape, but I wonder for some of the other roads that are not as busy if they need to be tar and chipped."

"There would be no problem asking the roads superintendent for a report on this," said CAO Alton Hobbs.

"A nine or 10 percent increase is extreme," stated Councillor Bowerman.

There was discussion of selling properties the town owns through tax sales. However, Mr. Hobbs explained, "we receive properties that are a problem, for example, they may not have a legal access to the property and people want open road allowances so they can get access to a property and build on it. We can post on our website the properties we have and if someone has an idea for development of them. We can at least put a list together of these properties and post them."

"We would have to find \$18,000 in savings to bring the tax increase to eight percent," said Councillor Hooper. "Maybe we can look at all this again. During the COVID years no one wanted to raise taxes, and last year we raised taxes a small amount. Now we are in a position that we are looking at a big jump in taxes. I think we need to have everyone on hand, all members of council to provide input, to see if we can bring this down."

"I don't think we will get this all settled tonight," said Councillor Hooper. "We need to have all councillors around the table to discuss this. If we are looking at this

type of increase, we need everyone, all councillors present," she said noting that Councillor Maguire had a previous commitment, prior to being informed of last week's meeting, and so could not attend.

"I agree, I would like Rob's input before we pass the budget," said Councillor Bowerman.

(Previous) council should have increased the budget to what the township needed. Even the two percent increase last year was not enough to cover everything that needed to be, said Mayor Reid. "I am not going to vote if we are looking at taking anything out of our reserves."

It was also noted that there have been significant increases to all municipalities from services the province mandates they need to contribute to, such as public health, policing, district service board and education.

"We are not looking at increasing services, just maintaining everything that has been in place the last five-six years," said Councillor Elliott.

These mandated services and costs, make up about three or four percent of the proposed nine percent budget increase.

Council was to meet again this past Monday to continue its budget deliberations.

...33rd AOK traditional powwow this weekend

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anne Kitchikake for all of their help."

Each day, between June 5 and 8, will start with a sunrise ceremony at 5:30 am. The powwow events will begin on Friday evening, with the Aundeck Omni Kaning Royalty Pageant at 5 pm.

Saturday's grand entries will take place at 12 noon and 7 pm in the evening, while Sunday will have a 12 pm grand entry and a 5 pm giveaway. The Sgt. Charles A. Golden Silver Star Memorial Rifle Team will fire a salute following the veterans' honour song and the grand entry. The Saturday evening feast begins at 5 pm.

Arena director for this year's powwow is David Trudeau, who will be ably assisted by dual MCs Meeg Snake and Martha (Maawdii) Pitawanakwat who will keep the powwow banter flow-

ing. Head male elder Melvin Madahbee will be joined by head female elder Darlene Bebonang and head female dancer Pat Smoke, head male dancer Bruce Smoke, female youth dancer Taylor Goodfellow and male youth dancer Wassnodeh Recollet in leading the grand entries into the dance arena each day.

Invited drums include Bear Creek, Snake Island, Whitetail Cree, Indian Road, Chippewa Travellers, Young Bisineh and Mixed Tribe.

The powwow takes place at the grounds in Aundeck Omni Kaning, five minutes south of Little Current. There is camping available for dancers and vendors and the grounds and surrounding areas are designated as drug and alcohol free.

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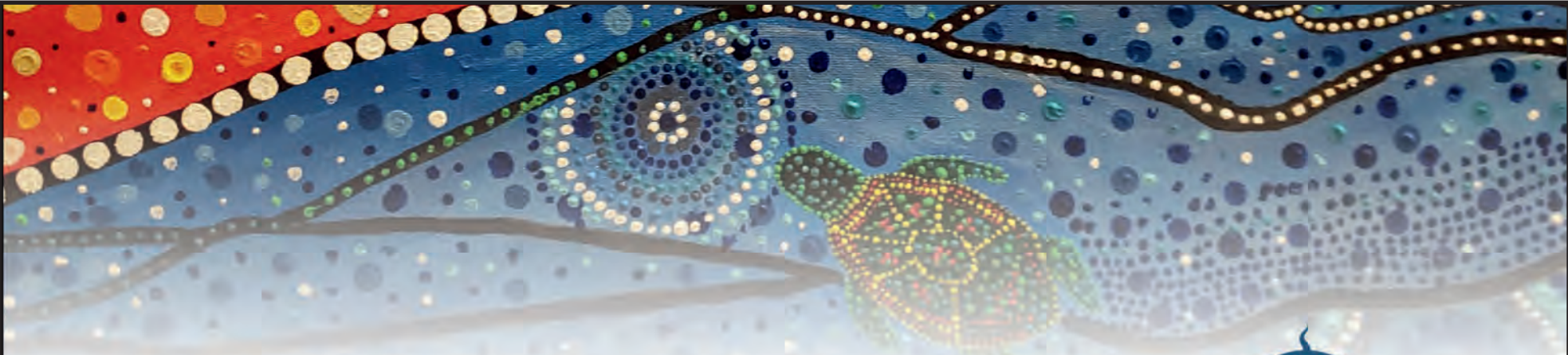
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...Tehkummah mayor stays council meetings until decorum restored

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it reads, “I make a promise to treat all staff, Barbara Grigg and council, with dignity and respect.” Mayor Deforge told The Expositor he has contacted the township representative with the Ministry of Mu-

nicipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) indicating that he had suspended all council meetings and that he has sent out the letter to all council members. “Our ministry representative warned me that the Ombudsman could look at it differently.” “I’m trying to protect the township and do what is in the best interest of the township,” said Mayor Deforge. “We have the clerk position open for applicants, and once council finds the suitable candidate for the position, they will replace Barb as clerk,” continued Mayor Deforge. “We have to have someone in place before she is removed from this position. The current office staff members don’t want to take over her job.” “Our next regular council meeting was supposed to be on Tuesday (this week)” said Mayor Deforge. He explained the MMAH had informed him, “We have 60 days for a council meeting to be held, or the ministry will close things down and take over the township op-

erations.” “All I’m trying to do is have a normal council meeting where everyone is getting along,” said Mayor Deforge. “We have the clerk position job out for applications, and once council finds the suitable candidate for the position, they will replace Barb as clerk,” said Mayor Deforge. “I’m trying to follow our township procedures on how to hire staff personnel.” When contacted by The Expositor, the only member of council who made a statement was Councillor Steve Wood. “Council issues are going on, and all council meetings have been suspended,” he said, along with a no comment statement. The three other council members, Perry Chatwell, Mike McKenzie, Lori Leeson all said they had no comment. When contacted, Ms. Grigg also said she had no comment.

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...Geopark proponents encourage Island to join the plan

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involving local communities. Among the attendees of the presentation were representatives from LAMBAC, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, Manitoulin Streams, Nature Conservancy of Canada and Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates. Mr. Robbins, the key

speaker and tourism lead on the Geopark initiative explained that the guiding principles of the effort align with the Indigenous principles of The Dish with One Spoon—a principle that “represents land, and the aspiration for land use and water shared peacefully and beneficially for all.” The spoon signifies people coming together to uphold the vision of a lasting relationship to share and care for the land and water, and Two eyed seeing, where Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives, traditional knowledge and scientific knowledge melds both world views, the Seven Grandfather Teachings that invoke a spirit of working together: love, respect, bravery, truth, honesty, humility and wisdom, as well as the UN Declaration of

the Rights of Indigenous People—the right to be involved in decisions impacting their lands and right to conserve and protect their territories in a meaningful way. Mr. Robbins explained that each geopark have different criteria and that the process for designating one involves “a very rigorous process to achieve UNESCO’s education.” The group of volunteers driving the process have been at it for two years now and it will likely take at least that amount of time to complete, but they have obtained initial status. Mr. Robbins then went into how many geoparks currently exist in the world (229 in 50 countries). “Yellowstone and Yosemite are both geoparks, and there are currently five in Cana-

da. “There are a number of aspiring geoparks as well,” he said. “One is in Niagara.” “It’s a Grassroots initiative at this point and we’re reaching out to First Nations, to the tourism industry, to try and engender support and gold from others all around the bay,” said Mr. Robbins. “The whole initiative started by the geologists at U of T. The driving force was Professor Nick Giles, who’s probably the foremost expert on the geology of the Great Lakes and is the author of a number of books, coffee table books, etc., on the geology of Georgian Bay.” Mr. Robbins stressed that the geopark initiative is not aimed at setting up a body to impose regulation or the imposi-

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Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Home, Cottage and Culinary Show on the weekend. What a great success it was from the sponsors and businesses to the volunteers and of course the crowds who came to see what we have to offer.

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...Anishinaabe board from Sault diocese takes ownership of Anderson Lake

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“So, when someone says, ‘it’s getting late and I’m going to keep my talk to a minimum, Fr. Jeffrey would you care to speak,’ it seems like it’s a pretty

big hint,” Fr. Jeffrey began. The room erupted in laughter. After the intensity of the ceremony, laughter was a good release. “This evening, we celebrate a new chapter in the Anishinabe Spirit-

tual Centre,” Fr. Jeffrey said. “This place has been a joint endeavour since the very beginning. The Jesuits have walked hand in hand with those of this community and tonight marks not just

a hand-off to strangers, but a continuation of the ministry that has been worked at with friends for a long, long time. So, yes, the Jesuits are stepping back, but we’re not stepping out. Our administrative role ends but the relationship continues, our gratitude continues, the lessons learned, they stay with us.” He also expressed his gratitude, “for the kindness, and the love that each of you has shown the Jesuits for the last 40-some years.”

Sharing that he’s a storyteller—a collector of stories—Bishop Thomas Dowd said, “When I came to this diocese, I immediately began to study the history, the history of the

land, the people, the history of those who later came to settle here, trying to see all these different stories, realizing that many of them were separated threads that had not been woven together, or woven very effectively. We are so much stronger when we are woven together. It’s the difference between being a separate thread that often breaks and being united. As we come together in this ceremony, it’s not about merely an element of a past story, the part of our story now, what happened tonight is now part of our story. We’re going to move forward to continue the story, to tell the story together. And so, we, in a

sense all become knowledge keepers of this time together. I am very grateful to be part of the team, and to be one of the story tellers, the story keepers for the centre.”

Board chair Rosella Kinoshameg then addressed the audience. “I’m glad we’re all here today. This day means so much, we’ve all been working hard to come to this day. Lots of questions, lots of tears, lots of work,” adding, “We need some young people. We’re getting old. C’mon young people, get with it. Do your part.”

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...Birch Island passes own constitution

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to be amended as needed.”

Chief Nahwegahbow noted that the ratification of the ANGA allows chief and council to take the necessary steps with B'Maakonigan and Canada to join the ANGA, this is expected to be completed by April 1, 2026. B'Maakonigan, loosely translated, means “that which guides, supports and encourages,” is the name of a new governing body—the Anishinabek Nation Government—which, under the guidance of Elders and Anishinabek Nation Councils “will help the current signatory First Nations, (AOK, BZA, Magnetawan, Moose Deer Point, Namaygoosisagagun, Nipissing, Sheshewaning, Wahnipitae and Zhiibaahaasing) and those First Nation communities that sign on in the future, with their journey into the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement.”

He noted that the community has decided that joining ANGA brings many benefits, including increased band support funding, with support jumping from \$475,000 to over \$2 million; law-making power, including the authority to make laws in four important areas: language and culture; elections (leadership selection; citizenship; management and

operations; recognition as a legislated governing body) and an enhanced nation-to-nation relationship through the governance agreement's intergovernmental forum.

ANGA provides for the establishment of an Anishinabek Nation Government with the power to enact laws and to address matters of common concern to First Nations; the establishment of a new government-to-government relationship between the parties within the framework of the Constitution Act, 1982; the exercise of certain law-making powers and other authorities by the First Nations and the Anishinabek Nation; the power of the First Nation governments and the Anishinabek Nation Government to establish institutions, procedures and processes which help promote effective governance, economic prosperity, social well-being and healthy communities; the establishment of a new intergovernmental financial relationship and fiscal arrangements to support the exercise of law-making powers and other authorities under the agreement; its implementation provides a framework for negotiating future self-government agreements between the parties and other related matters.

...MPPs get pay increase after 16 years

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tives, including many city councillors in the province. Annual increases will be tied to federal MP salaries, ensuring that MPP compensation remains competitive and reflective of inflation.

The government is also proposing a new defined benefit pension plan for MPPs, integrated with the Public Service Pension Plan (PSPP). This plan would replace the current retirement saving arrangement, providing MPPs with a robust and secure retirement benefit. If passed, MPPs will be able to access their full pension benefits after

six years of service, starting at the conclusion of the current session of the provincial parliament.

The pay raise bill was passed with the support of all parties. “This might be the first time there was complete consensus among the MPPs,” stated MPP Rosenberg. “For older MPPs who have been there for awhile it is good, but I know, for instance, two of my colleagues who sit behind me are 24 and 25 years old. They have good young minds and are super smart. We want these kinds of people to remain as MPPs to move Ontario forward in the future.”

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The Manitoulin Secondary School Robotics team hosted a successful E-waste fundraiser late last month that saw 10 large cardboard containers filled to the brim with old electronic products.
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MSS Robotics team hosts e-waste fundraiser

by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil
M'CHIGEENG—A sure sign of spring on Manitoulin Island is always the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Robotics Team's annual E-waste drive. The team, also known as Manitoulin Metal, has had a key focus on environmental sustainability, along with robotics, since its inception in 2017. From community clean-ups, to battery collection, to buying carbon offsets, Manitoulin Metal is truly a green team – despite their team colours being yellow and black.

This past week saw the most successful E-waste drive the team has ever hosted. Ten four-foot by four-foot boxes were filled to the brim with old TVs, speakers, cellphones, cords, monitors, propane tanks, and more. In fact, several bins had E-waste placed around them because they ran out of room! Starting on Monday, May 26th, the boxes were open for students, staff, and the wider community to drop their E-waste off at the

boxes located behind MSS. From 3pm to 5pm each day that week, and from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, volunteers from the team were available to help visitors unload.

The team partnered with a certified recycling company to ensure all items were handled properly. In addition to helping the environment, the initiative also helped the team's fundraising efforts. The team is compensated for each tonne of E-waste collected. The recycling collected will be sorted and weighed next week, determining the funds raised.

This won't be the last you'll hear from Manitoulin Metal in their offseason! Next week, they will be visiting elementary schools across the Island to show off their robot and teach students about science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). During the summer, they are hosting two robotics summer camps and appearing at several events, like Harbour Days in Gore Bay.

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...Geopark proponents encourage Manitoulin Island to join the plan

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tion of restrictions on the area. “We want to see Georgian Bay protected, and we see the UNESCO Geopark as an opportunity for another layer of protection, not through legislation or anything like that, but through education and research.”

The tourism lead explained that region contains several geological regions that are “internationally significant.” “I always thought geology was a pretty dry subject until I got involved with the geopark and started to listen to Nick Isles and Kirsten, one of his students, who’s now a graduate, a PhD.” For him, the geology came alive.

“The reason that it’s internationally significant is that within a drivable distance by car, you can dive back into 2.7 billion years of Earth’s history and the influence of that geology on human adaptation,” he said, noting human interaction, that we currently know of, stages back at least 13,000 years. “You can walk on up in the North Shore area that’s 2.7 million years old, half the age of the Earth, then you’ve got down the Eastern Shores, the 30,000 Islands, which are essentially the roots of what used to be mountains higher than the Himalayas.”

These areas are, according to Mr. Robbins, “hugely significant and have an incredible human application story associated with the geology and the ecosystems that result from that geology. The geopark is an opportunity to tell those stories and help protect the geological heritage.” Mr. Robbins noted that the region is an area currently at risk from the growing population of the Greater Toronto Area.

“It’s already exerting pressures on Georgia Bay in

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be automatically purged from the system after seven days, ensuring adherence to privacy protocols.”

This initiative enhances public safety and supports criminal investigations not only for UCCM APS but also for partner law enforcement agencies across Canada. The system was implemented following extensive consultation with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to ensure compliance with privacy legislation.

Signage has been installed at entry points to Whitefish River First Nation to notify the public of the ALPR system.

different ways,” he said, “and then we’ve got climate change. Without action, we’re going to see this environment of Georgian Bay’s unique natural jewelry be degraded, so we have to be proactive.”

Enter the geopark concept which he says will assist in protection by adding layers “through research, education and through reconciliation.”

Tourism, he asserts, is “a form of reconciliation, by helping to develop the Indigenous tourism sector. There’s a significant opportunity for more Indigenous tourism.”

But the proponents of the geopark concept want to see tourism develop and expand in a more responsible way and hope to “push the tourism industry towards more responsible approaches to the environment and culture.”

“Tourism is all about storytelling, right? When you really think about it, we all travel. We’re all tourists. And we all learn about a destination, or we should. That’s not always the case because mass tourism has a huge influence all over the globe in many destinations. Unfortunately, that’s the way the industry has gone. Politicians think of numbers, absolute numbers, and think if they increase visitation to their destination, by whatever means (that is a good thing). The boundaries of the geopark are massive and encompass a number of geological regions within the proposed watersheds. The proponents, with the help of geologists, have divvied up the region into a number of geo-sites.

“So, we’re going from the 2.7 billion year-old European Ocean down to the 13,000-year-old glaciated remains in southern Georgian Bay,” he said. “One point two billion down through layers section on the east coast (of Georgian Bay), there are over 150 geosites that are identified around Georgian Bay--and that’s excluding any cultural geocytes that the Indigenous communities will hopefully identify going forward—sites that they’re willing to share, stories that they’re willing to share.”

“We narrowed it down to these signature sites, and all of these signature sites have important geological stories to tell that are already in managed locations like Provincial Parks,” he said.

The geopark steering group have set up a website to explain the concept and communicate progress being made.

“We have been successful in receiving some government funding, so we’ve actually implemented five projects,” said Mr. Plumstead. “Many of those we believe are transportable to the North.”

The group has been moving forward with signage, bicycle routes and a geo tourism toolkit, including dig-

ital signage and apps. The group are proposing setting in place kiosk-style signage in three locations. Each kiosk has two sides, so one side will tell the big story, the top-level stories of each and then the flip side will be more local.

“We’re completely redeveloping our website,” he noted, “And we’re very excited. We’ve retained a designer, an Indigenous woman, as we start down the road of telling stories we want to make sure that Indigenous stories are told through the decisions lens and I think they’re able to tell us with that.”

“Up here, the situation is different again, so we have to recognize that,” said Mr. Plumstead. “In tourism sectors, the geopark is to develop tools, a toolkit that will help move the industry into more responsible direction, and we, with the funding from feds, data for the southern part of the bay and a consultant, a woman, a very great young woman who is helping us develop, analyze the best practices globally in geopark and others types of the protected areas and destinations and trying to develop a toolkit that becomes best practice tourism in natural areas.”

“Our intent is to develop a suite of educational and voluntary compliance tools for the tourism industry for tourism operators,” said Mr. Plumstead. “For those involved in marketing and planning and development of tourism for their allies, marketing organizations, and for tourists, the visitors to Georgian Bay, to educate them before they come.”

The duo noted that tourism has been taken over by large organizations and government entities, with few decisions about who can come to a region and how it’s being taken out of local hands.

The geopark group assert they are not looking to create any “bricks and mortar” base of operations, simply a grassroots group of people from around Georgian Bay with common interests.

“We’re going to try and utilize what exists,” he said. “All the interpretive museums facilities that are around the bay and those in provincial parks and start telling some of the geopark stories. Use existing infrastructure and add another layer of stories—a geological heritage of Georgian Bay and how that’s influenced the history and culture.”

They are also cognizant that one size does not fit all, and so are seeking input from the Northern region of the proposed geopark catchment. To that end, the geopark proponents are seeking to make presentations to local municipal councils and bands in order to dispel some misunderstandings and interpretations that are out there about the geopark proposal and how it will impact Manitoulin and the North Shore.

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...AOK’s Reggie Leach reflects on the Stanley Cup 50 years on

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are celebrating the 50th anniversary this year of the team’s Stanley Cup win. He pointed out the Flyers recently published a story (on their history site) of Stuart Sacks of the Philadelphia Inquirer with the headline, ‘Reggie Leach was the final ingredient the Flyers needed to repeat as Stanley Cup Champions in 1975.’

It was a lifelong dream to win the Cup, said Mr. Leach, although he told the story of the tough times he experienced the previous years after being drafted by the Boston Bruins in 1970 (the year they won the Cup) in the National Hockey League amateur draft, not playing much for the team in 1971, and then being traded to the California Golden Seals, one of the worst teams in the league. He acknowledged he actually lost some interest in playing hockey at the time.

“After the Flyers won the Cup in 1973-1974 (against Boston in the finals), I was traded to the Flyers a week later (from California),” said Mr. Leach. “What a difference this made in my life. The thing with the trade from California was that I had rejected a trade they were going to involve me in a year earlier. I told our general manager that I didn’t want to be traded. He had drafted me out of junior hockey (with the Flin Flon Bombers of the Western Hockey League). I finished the year with California and then I got traded in May 1975.”

“I was 25 years old when I was traded to the Flyers,” said Mr. Leach. “I was really happy to be traded. In the article the Inquirer posted, Bobby Clarke, who I had played with in junior hockey in Flin Flon, told the story of Keith Allen (general manager of the Flyers) who had called him and asked ‘Do you think Reg Leach would be good for us?’”

“Bobby told Mr. Allen ‘Reggie will score 35 or 40 goals in a bad year for us. If you can get him, he would be good for us,’” Mr. Leach recalled.

However, by Christmas of 1974, Mr. Leach had only scored a total of five goals for the Flyers that

season. But by the end of the season, he had scored a team best 45 goals (and 78 points). “Going to Philadelphia and playing for the Flyers was terrific, and hockey was a lot of fun again for me.”

“It was the first time (1974-75) I played in the NHL playoffs,” he said.

“I started my career in Boston for one-and-a-half years, I was only playing like one shift per game. When you aren’t playing you begin to question yourself. Then I got traded to California and at 21, I was the third oldest player on the team,” Mr. Leach explained. “By the time I was going into my third year in California things were tough; we were losing all the time. I had lost interest in playing hockey.”

“Everything changed for me, including my attitude, when I was traded to the Flyers,” said Mr. Leach. “I was really happy, but the tough thing for me is that I had not been playing much for two-three years, and now I had to get into game shape, learn about a new team and a new system, and become a team player.”

“Players like Don Saleksi, Bobby Clarke and Dave Schultz were really good to me when I arrived, and they and the organization welcomed me like family,” he said. “I had to learn what it was to win again. I stayed after practice a lot to get into game shape. And learning the system implemented by our coach Freddie Shero was all good. It took a while, but then I got to play on the same line with Bobby (Clarke) and Bill Barber was our left wing.”

Skating on the ‘LCB line’ with his buddy Clarke and Barber worked. The line, named after the first letter of their last names, is one of the most famous in NHL history. They played together as a line for about seven-eight seasons.

“We are still considered one of the top 15-20 forward lines to ever play in the NHL,” said Reggie.

As for the 1975 playoffs, the Flyers “beat the (Toronto) Maple Leafs in four straight games in the first round.”

The Flyers then faced

Islanders in the semi-finals. After the Flyers jumped out to a three-games to none lead in the best four of seven games in the series, the Islanders won three straight to tie the series, with the Flyers winning game seven.

“The Islanders had been behind Pittsburgh in the opening round of the playoffs, also 3-0, and came back to win in seven games,” recalled Mr. Leach. “I think we beat them something like 7-1 in game seven, but you could see they were an up and coming team and they drafted guys like Bryan Trottier and Mike Bossy in 1977 (eventually winning four straight Stanley Cups).”

“We beat Buffalo in the sixth game of the finals 2-0,” said Mr. Leach. While the majority of the team’s goals and points came from the LCB line, the Inquirer reported, “The funny thing is that the Stanley-cup winning goal came after a tweak to the line. Coach Freed Shero put Bob Kelly on the line instead of Barber to start the third period of the scoreless game. It took 11 seconds to make history. “I just dumped it in around the net, and Kely came in out of nowhere and hit Jerry Korab behind the net,” Mr. Leach said. “He stole the puck and came right around the net and beat Roger Crozier.” Bill Clement added the insurance goal and Bernie Parent pitched the shutout.

A year later the Flyers were defeated in the finals of playoffs by Montreal in four straight games. But the games were close and Mr. Leach pointed out, “We didn’t have (centreman) Rick MacLeish (or goalie) Bernie Parent, although Wayne Stephenson in net had a really good year for us.”

After Mr. Leach settled in, he found his game in a major way. His best post-season was in the 1976 playoffs when he scored an NHL-record 19 goals (tied by Jari Kurri of Edmonton in 1985) and was named the Conn Smythe winner despite being on the losing side. Mr. Leach potted eight goals and 10 points on the way to the Stanley Cup in 1975.

“Winning the Stanley Cup was a once-in-a-lifetime dream,” stated Mr. Leach. “There have been a lot of players who played many years and never got close to winning the cup.” He ended up playing in three Stanley Cup finals in his career and a couple of semi-finals as well.

Nicknamed “The Riverton Rifle,” Mr. Leach scored a still-standing Flyers club record of 61 goals in 1975-76 and another 50 in 1979-1980.

Along with celebrating the anniversary of the Flyers winning the Stanley Cup, Mr. Leach can also celebrate that Netflix has released “The Un-

derdog” a documentary about him.

The Daily Sporting News reported on May 27, that the release of the documentary chronicles the extraordinary life and career of Mr. Leach. The film, which is slated for release on July 26, will provide an intimate look into his journey of one of the most prolific goal-scorers in NHL history, a trailblazer who defied odds and inspired generations.

“Beyond the on-ice heroics, “The Underdog” shines a light on Mr. Leach’s profound cultural significance. As one of the few Indigenous play-

ers in the NHL during his era, he became a symbol of hope and resilience for countless First Nations communities,” the release notes. “The film explores the challenges he faced as an Indigenous athlete, the stereotypes he battled, and his unwavering commitment to his heritage. It also highlights his post-playing career advocacy, where he has dedicated himself to youth hockey programs and promoting positive role models within Indigenous communities, using his platform to inspire and uplift.”

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Steady crowds came out for this year’s Home, Cottage and Culinary Show

by Margery Frisch
LITTLE CURRENT—NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin opened the Home, Cottage and Culinary (HCC) Show on Friday evening, May 30, explaining, “This year we moved it back to the spring, last year we held it in the summer, but a lot of businesses are too busy in the summer to take time to do this, so we’re back to May, and we have over 40 vendors here this week-end. Thank you for coming. I want to give special thanks to our staff and our volunteers, we couldn’t do it without them. He then introduced the new MPP, Bill Rosenberg. “I’ve asked him to say a few words. He didn’t know that till he got here.”

“I’m working my hardest to get that bridge, don’t you worry,” Mr. Rosenberg said right off the top. “I’m not guaranteeing, but we’re definitely moving forward in the right direction. It’s great to see the vendors coming back and I hope the town will be able to carry this on for years to come.” Mr. Rosenberg also invited anyone who wished to talk to him to come and do so. The ribbon was then cut, officially opening the 2025 HCC Show.

The butter tart competition was held Friday evening and the winners were: Sara O’Connor, from Stop 540, in the business divi-



High tea demands high fashion. From left, Nancy Morphet, Heather Mayhew, Maureen Armstrong, Lee Baxter, Barb Baker and Linda Morelli.

sion. Second place went to Caleigh Quinlin from Bittersweet Tea. Norma Hughson won first place in the home bakers’ division, Pam Close was second and Shannon Druin came in third. Over 200 butter tarts were sold (sold out) on Friday. (We do love our butter tarts!)

Friday evening’s rain brought people in, but Saturday’s sunshine didn’t stop the crowds. Vendors said they were pleased and surprised at the crowds supporting the show. Leanne Lewis, of the Lewis Team, with Royal LePage, said, “It’s going great.

There’s been lots of interest.” Many of the vendors voiced the same enthusiastic response. 45-82 owner, Kathy Wahl felt business was doing well. Scott Willis, employee of Wahl Water, was also pleased. “This is improving each year,” he said and was especially touched when people came up to say ‘thank you’ for the work he had done for them.

In addition to its vendors, the show offered entertainment, music and line dancing, food and a kids’ corner. The culinary delights of the show were sold out far in advance of



Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin, left, is joined by MPP Bill Rosenberg in cutting the ribbon to officially launch the show.



Show organizer Lisa Hallaert presents 1st place ribbon to Sarah Connor of Stop 540 Diner for her butter tarts.



Spring has barely sprung, but the Sheguiandah Fall Fair team is getting ready.



The Lewis Team, Leanne Lewis and Mitch Paquette, were pleased with the interest in their Royal LePage booth.

the show’s opening. The eight course tasting dinner on Saturday evening, featuring three of Manitoulin Islands top chefs—Simon de Sousa of Mast Hospitality, Kevin Hemstreet of Garden’s Gate Restaurant and Louis Simard of Manitoulin Farmstead—all used local products in their culinary creations. On Sunday there was High Tea, a fundraiser hosted by the Mani-

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...Pride and pageantry: Manitoulin Sea Cadets honoured at 21st Annual Ceremonial Review

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the continued strength and presence of the program

on Manitoulin. He also shared insights into the historical roots of the Sea Cadet movement in Canada, which was originally established to support the merchant marine and later adopted by the Royal Canadian Navy to foster recruitment and leadership. The ceremony concluded with the respectful lowering of the flag and the playing of Sunset on the bugle, creating a dignified end to a day celebrating honour, growth, and the enduring legacy of service for some of the dedicated youth of Manitoulin Island.

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...Canada Post and CUPW negotiations remain at impasse

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well-being of workers, the communities we serve, and the sustainability of the public post.”

Canada Post responds that “after 18 months of challenging negotiations with CUPW, Canada Post is seeking a timely and fair resolution to restore stability to the postal system while ensuring employees have a voice in the process by allowing them to vote.”

The Crown corporation goes on to assert that the union’s proposal to send the matter to binding arbitration “would do the opposite.” Canada Post argues that “arbitration would be long and complicated, likely lasting more than a year. This would further extend the uncertainty experienced over the last 18 months and accelerate the company’s significant financial challenges. It would also continue to leave employees without a contract and strip them of their right to vote on a new collective agreement.”

The Crown corporation threw the union’s own previous stance toward binding arbitration back at CUPW, noting that back in October, CUPW President Jan Simpson wrote in a bulletin that, “It’s evident that Canada Post is focused on pushing many of their issues to binding arbitration. This approach would delay the finalization of a complete collective agreement and redirect funds towards lawyers and arbitrators rather than investing in you.”

As of Monday’s press deadline, the prognosis for negotiations looks grim while a government report on the state

of Canada Post has muddled the waters some with its dark prognosis for the company’s future given it’s challenges competing with private parcel carriers who can deliver on weekends. That report recommended curtailing door-to-door letter delivery.

The report notes that “the parties need to make changes to their collective agreements: they must allow for the flexible use of part-time employees during the week and on weekends. These jobs should not be gigified jobs, but good jobs, attractive jobs, with employees who come under the umbrella of the applicable collective agreement with normative terms and conditions of employment. The Government of Canada should also end the moratoriums on rural post office closures and community mailbox conversions. If implemented, these changes may return Canada Post to some degree of financial sustainability so it can continue the Universal Service Obligation – for both letter mail and parcels – but in a manner that reflects the 2025 realities of disappearing letter mail and a highly competitive parcel delivery environment. The world has changed, and both Canada Post and CUPW must evolve and adapt. Merely tinkering with the status quo is not an option.”

Among the recommendations in the report were to “amend the Postal Charter. It cannot continue to require impossible-to-meet delivery standards. Daily door-to-door letter mail delivery for individual addresses should be phased out and community mailboxes established wherever practicable. Daily delivery to businesses should be

maintained; the moratoriums on rural post office closures and community mailbox conversions should be lifted. There is no persuasive case for a moratorium on closure of once rural, now urban, post offices. Canada Post already has the Delivery Accommodation Program in place for Canadians who cannot access community mailboxes. It should be reviewed and, if need be, enhanced, and it should continue;

The union asserts that Canada Post’s challenges are of its own making and the workers should not bear the brunt of the resolution of those issues. The commission disagrees, responding in its report that CUPW’s assertion

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services

Are you a cancer patient undergoing or recovering from treatment? Are you a cancer survivor, a family caregiver or supporting someone with cancer? The Manitoulin Cancer Support Group (MCSG) may provide you with resources and opportunities to share experiences as well as give/ receive support with others who have travelled this similar cancer journey. This group is open to anyone with any type of cancer, is free to join and will be rotated to different parts of the Island. This group will alternate meetings on weekdays and weekends. The schedule is as follows: Wednesday, May 21 at the Mindemoya Town Chambers from 2 to 4 pm; Sunday, June 22 at the Gore Bay Legion from 2 to 4 pm; July no meeting; and Wednesday, August 20 at the Mindemoya Council Chambers from 2 to 4 pm. For more information please contact: Terry Mackenzie at 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young at 705-377-4998; or Ann Cranston at 705-282-7531 or bnannc@gmail.com.

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Christian Counselling: Alcohol, addiction, anxiety, children, depression, drugs, faith, grief, illness, marriage, PTSD, salvation, sin, etc. Free and confidential. King James Bible Church, 705-885-8951, cc.manitoulin@gmail.com.

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

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The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Mindemoya Old School will be held **Thursday, June 12 at 2 pm.** It will be online via Zoom. To attend, please contact Lynn Quesnel at **mindemoyaooldschool@gmail.com**

Central Manitoulin Historical Society AGM

June 11, 1 pm at the Welcome Centre, 2207 Hwy 551, Mindemoya.

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3-5p

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2-3c

services

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

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

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church services

King James Bible Church, Providence Bay worships every Saturday Sabbath, 10 am to 12 noon. For more information call 705-348-2229.

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KJV Bible Study, every Monday night, 7 to 9 pm in Providence Bay. For more information, call 705-348-2229 or email kjc.manitoulin@gmail.com. All welcome.

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Gore Bay United Church Food Cupboard is open every Thursday from 12 noon to 3 pm. Come to the church side door (facing McQuarrie Motors). You will be invited into the Food Cupboard to choose your food items. If you don't have a bag, there are some available. If you have any questions, please call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily. Everyone is welcome.

Tfn

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

52-15p

Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

52-5p

coming events

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. A special Sunday morning worship has been planned for Sunday, June 8 at 10 am. You are invited to join us for a service of remembrance and hope for the future. Of course, there will be cake and ice cream too! Hope you can join the celebration!

1-3p

Golf tournament on Friday, June 20. 18 holes at Brookwood Brae, Mindemoya. Shotgun start with limited spaces remaining. Sponsored by Friends of the Mindemoya Old School. Check out MindemoyaOldSchool.ca for more details, email mindemoyaooldschool@gmail.com or call 905-979-8712 ikmackenzie53@gmail.com.

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Annual plant sale hosted by the Grass Roots Garden Club is on Saturday, June 7 at 9 am at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre parking lot. Proceeds donated to local Island charities.

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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 mindemoyaooldschool@gmail.com. Sponsored by Friends of the Mindemoya Old School.

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Legion events

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 177, Little Current is celebrating its 95th anniversary. The Legion and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary joined together and invites all seniors to a 'No Frills Luncheon' on Tuesday, June 10 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Legion in Little Current. The price is \$5, which includes sandwiches, cookies, pickles, tea or coffee and entertainment.

1-3p



A Collaborative Effort

St. Joseph's Health Centre hosted the future leadership team of St. Joseph's Lodge (currently Manitoulin Lodge) for a two-day orientation and leadership development session. Together with leaders from St. Joseph's Health Centre, the gathering explored mission, compassionate leadership, and the principles of distributed leadership-all key to a shared commitment to excellent, person-centred care. From left is Caleigh Whatling, Heather Weatherbee, David Long, Jaime-Lynn Kalmikov, Robyn Yaschuk, Brittany Honess, Mary Canale, Arro Barry, Elizabeth Dah and Kari Gervais.



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that Canada Post's mismanagement and incompetence are the reasons for the current financial situation: "Even assuming that the company made both good and bad business decisions, the principal reasons for the financial losses are easy to identify: There was the decline of letter mail caused by electronic substitution and the rise of parcel mail, now mostly delivered by competitors..."

Given the current impasse, a national strike, and its dilatory impact on the viability of Canada Post, seems inevitable. Currently, as of press time, the union has only implemented a ban on overtime.

Readers of The Expositor can be rest assured that paper will still appear on Wednesdays at stores and subscribers can locate their paper in a bin near their closest post office should a strike occur (in Sheguindah, the bin will be located at the community mail boxes near the public works garage). For more information, please see the ad on Page 5A or contact Debbie Bailey at 705-368-2744 or services@manitoulin.com.

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

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Death Notices

DOUGLAS WILLIAM HORE
July 11, 1940 - May 27, 2025
The Fiddling Barber



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Doug Hore. He leaves behind his loving wife of 60 years, Marilee; daughter Karrie Lynn; son Bill and wife Sheri; and three adored grandsons, Tyler, Mike and Alex. Predeceased by parents Julia and Ernie Hore, brother Norman (Margeurite), sister-in-law Shirley Thorkilson, brother-in-law Peter Nodecker (Anne) and nephew Darrin Nodecker. He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Born in the Red Cross Hospital in Mindemoya and raised in Honora Bay on the family farm known as Birch Grove. Doug began his education in the one-room schoolhouse in Honora, then on to the Little Current High School which is known to be the first high school to ever strike. He then spent a year in Toronto at the Bondy Barber School Ltd. Doug had a very productive life starting out by helping his dad with guiding and maintaining cottages in Honora in the summer. He opened the doors of his own barber shop in August of 1962. For the next 58 years Doug loved his job! He loved meeting the people of his community and tourists alike on that corner of town beneath the Anchor Inn. He enjoyed a fair few hands of cribbage too. Doug was involved in volunteering in so many ways: The Lions Club, volunteer Firefighter, Hospital Auxiliary, teacher of Cambrian College courses, Cubs and Scouts leader, founding member of the Fish and Game Club, member of the LC AA group and proudly sober for 43 years. Doug also showed his love of his home through his love of the history of Manitoulin and Honora Bay. He just seemed to know everyone and everything that had happened here. His ability to remember is legendary. Doug also gardened all his life and was so proud each year of the veggies he provided for his family. Another passion of his was his sugar bush and making maple syrup each year. Let's not forget how much he loved to hunt and fish all his life right to the end. Forever after that big buck and big bass. Most will remember Doug for his musicality. He came from a musical family and began learning instruments as a teenager. This is where his genius really shone through as he learned four instruments: fiddle, saxophone, guitar and piano. Doug has played in bands since high school. The Gore Bay Swing Band, The Altones, Anytime, Country Gold, Down Yonder and with other Manitoulin greats such as Herman Peltier, Bill Omnet and Wayne Smith. Our house is far too quiet now without him practicing his music. Doug was also the world's biggest Hank Williams fan. Highlights in his life were a visit to the Hank Williams Museum in Alabama and being inducted into the Great Northern Opry and Hall of Fame. Doug was many things, kind, loving, gentle, joking, teasing, hardworking, and smart. He was a barber, musician, hunter, fisherman, woodsman and gardener. Most of all he was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, friend and neighbour. He has instilled in all of us his love for life and the outdoors and this paradise of Manitoulin. His spirit is all around us here at Birch Grove and we can hear his fiddle playing on the breeze. Please join the family in a Celebration of Life on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 1 pm at the Rockville Hall. A day for memories and music in Doug's honour. Donations in memory of Doug can be made to: MHC Auxiliary, 13 Meredith St., Little Current, ON POP 1KO or the Little Current Fish and Game Club, Box 335, Little Current, ON POP 1KO via email to lynnughson@bell.net.

Death Notices

RICHARD S. W. BOBBETTE
January 14, 1950 - May 7, 2025



Long time resident of Manitoulin Island passed away on May 7, 2025 Born in Barrie, Ontario on January 14, 1950 to parents Stan and Elsie (Patterson) Bobbette. Rick spent his last years between Barrie, Ontario and Barrie Island, Manitoulin tending his garden and honey bees while happily performing many guitar and singing gigs at the weekly Gore Bay Summer Market. An avid reader and musician and long-time believer in the philosopher Rudolph Steiner, whose quotes on death emphasize its place within a larger continuum of life, suggesting it's a transition rather than an end. Rick is survived by his children Jason, Brandon and Melissa; siblings Dale (Mario), Ron (Bonnie) and Randy (Tammy). As per Rick's request, cremation has taken place with no funeral service.

MERLIN BRANDON
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In loving memory of Merlin Brandon Eshkakogan who passed away May 23, 2025. Beloved son of Susan Marina Mejaki (nee Eshkakogan) (deceased) and Urban Mejaki of Wiikwemkoong. Grandson of Alfred Eshkakogan-Ozawanimki and Sarah Trudeau Biisinah (both deceased) of Sagamok. Brother of Krista Mejaki (Elvis), Walter (Dawnis), Lori Mejaki (Eric deceased) and Lanell (Jonus). Special brother to Rosetta Toulouse, Rhonda Bondy and June Trudeau, also from Wiikwemkoong. Godfather to two beautiful girls, Nikita Mejaki and Jackilene Mejaki. He will be sadly missed by all his aunties, uncles and especially his nieces and nephews. Family and friends were invited to visit at Buzwah church (Saint Ignatius), 2525 Wikwemikong Way, Wiikwemkoong, beginning on Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 6 pm until time of the second visitation at the New Community Hall, 5507 Star Way, Sagamok, beginning at 4 pm. Funeral Mass will be held at Church of St. Raphael, 858 Sagamok Road, Sagamok beginning at 11 am. Feast at the New Community Hall following funeral mass. Arrangements entrusted to Menard Funeral Home.

Celebration of Life

MARY HUTCHINSON



Please join the family of Mary Hutchinson to celebrate her life on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 2 to 4 pm at the Sandfield School House.

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.

Socio-economic benefits of closing the First Nations infrastructure gap include \$635 billion

OTTAWA—The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and Conference Board of Canada have released new findings highlighting the significant socio-economic benefits of Closing the First Nations Infrastructure Gap. Previous analyses confirmed that a federal investment of \$349.2 billion to close this gap would contribute more than \$635 billion to the Canadian economy and create 300,000 jobs. “We welcome the Prime Minister’s commitment to nation-building infrastructure,” said National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak. “Based on the findings in ‘Benefits for All Canadians (Part 2),’ we propose that the new government begin by closing the First Nations infrastructure gap, which has perpetuated deep-rooted inequality in Canada. This blueprint not only positions Canada

as a G7 leader and mitigates the impact of US tariffs but also significantly improves quality of life for First Nations people, particularly in housing, education, and clean water.” The AFN has released three reports over the past year in collaboration with the federal government and the Conference Board of Canada. The first, released in April 2024, captured the first national investment required to close the gap at \$349.2 billion. The second, released in November 2024, estimated the economic benefits over seven years to be more than \$635 billion and 330,000 jobs. The report released (May 28), ‘Benefits For All Canadians (Part 2); Long-term Socio-economic Impacts of Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2030,’ concludes these significant financial impacts are the ‘tip of the iceberg’ when it comes to the multi-generational, socio-economic benefits for First Nations. “Critical infrastructure gaps have led to poorer health outcomes, limited education opportunities, and much less prosperity for First Nations compared with non-Indigenous Canadians,” said National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak. “Later this year, we will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the historic Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Final Report and Calls to Action. As King Charles III stated in yesterday’s Speech From the Throne, we must honour truth and reconciliation in both word and deed. What better way for Canada to reaffirm its support for reconciliation than by making the closure of this infrastructure gap the country’s top national priority?” Among its 16 findings, the report highlights that investments in housing are critical to strengthening social cohesion, reducing overcrowding, and supporting land reclamation. As of 2021, 37 percent of First Nations people lived in homes requiring major repairs, and 35 percent lived in overcrowded conditions on-reserve. “Housing solutions will improve health outcomes for thousands of First Nations people and generate \$245 billion in economic growth,” said National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak. “Building First Nations housing on both reserve and Treaty lands offers a path toward reconciliation, higher living standards, and a more prosperous future for all.” The AFN was to share the report last week with the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance for consideration in the fall budget. Copies will also be distributed to ministers, senators, and members of parliament from all parties for immediate action.



DEBASSIGE—In loving memory of Darren Debassige, June 5, 2010. Remembered by Dawn, Damon, Bear, Taylor, Danielle, Bryce and Lily



The family of Mona Lewis would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to everyone who assisted Mona to have a full life. Thanks to the caring staff at Mindemoya Hospital and Bayshore. Thanks to local organizations who welcomed her donations, whether baking, crafts, time or other support. Thanks to all who visited her over the years. Thanks for the food, cards, flowers, phone calls, donations and comforting words. Thanks to everyone who joined us for her Celebration of Life either in person or thought. Thanks to everyone who allowed her to live her life as she wanted. Just know Mona appreciated everything you did for her, no matter how big or small. Each act of kindness was appreciated by Mona and her family. Thanks again! Gloria, Fred, Linda, Ruth, John, Suzanne and families

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New Little Current yarn shop knits community together

by Margery Frisch
LITTLE CURRENT—Knitters Cove opened its doors in downtown Little Current on Thursday, May 29 and curious knitters came out in droves. Owner Cyndy Tonge was surprised and pleased by the first day's response. "It was nice when we opened to see everyone come," she said. The shop quickly filled with avid knitters touching the various fibers, eying the gorgeous colours and itching to begin new projects.

"This has been a dream of mine for a long time," Ms. Tonge said. "When I broke my leg and was on the couch for three months, that's when I started ordering yarn." Ms. Tonge retired from 30 years of policing with the OPP in Little Current and was not about to sit around at home. "This is my first time ever doing anything this crazy," she confessed, but knitters in

the area applaud her decision and vow to continue their support.

"It's going to be a work in progress," Ms. Tonge explained. "There's so much more to learn." Suggestions were already being added to the board with the header: 'What would you like to see?' In the fall, Knitters Cove is planning to have classes. At the top of Ms. Tonge's list is 'How to crochet,' and 'How to knit a sock.' "I would take those classes," she said. There's a large, open and welcoming space with table, chairs and bright light for gathering – either for those classes that are planned, or for patrons to gather communally, just to sit and knit together. "Especially since we're all like-minded, and we like to share our projects and ideas," Ms. Tonge said.

Other ideas for future events include featuring patrons' work in the



Knitters Cove proprietor Cyndy Tonge, left, and sister Mindy Irvine had a busy grand opening day.

"I'm just here to help out." And help she did. When glitches with the debit machine caused a bit of a setback, Ms. Irvine kept calm and carried on. Taylor Lowery was also on hand with social media and marketing help.

"Nobody wants to go to Sudbury, no one wants to go online to order their yarn," Ms. Irvine said.

"And I'm hoping that people will say what they want, and I can bring it in," Ms. Tonge added.

New patron and fan, Linda Erskine, said, "I am absolutely thrilled to have a local yarn store with a place for knitters to come together. Cyndi has done a wonderful job of setting up and her sister Mindy was a great help I'm sure since she's so organized!"

"I was very impressed with the beautiful colours and varieties of wool. The way it was presented was very appealing. I look forward to seeing what classes may be available," Lin Diebel said.

There was lots of enthusiasm and community support throughout the day. Ms. Tonge is hopeful the support continues, as she strives to bring the knitting community together in her Knitters Cove.



Knitters Cove is a knitters heaven with beautiful varieties and colours of wool.

shop. Putting their creations on display, having them come in on a certain day to talk about their work, perhaps demonstrate how to do a particularly difficult stitch. And more ideas will come as shop owner and supporters get to know one another and find new creative ways to fill those long winter days.

Helping with the setup, the displays and the sales on opening day was Cyndy Tonge's sister, Mindy Irvine. "This is Cyndy's dream, not mine," she explained,

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<p>Lake Huron Rathbun Bay sand Part 88 Plan M22, 120 ft MLS 2122354, \$97,000 (1664)</p>	<p>Big Lake waterfront acreage 800 ft. & 40 acres MLS #2121515, \$299,000 (1658)</p>	<p>Downtown Gore Bay home Corner of Phipps & Eleanor MLS #2121733, \$229,000 (1659)</p>	<p>Checkerboard 5.45 acres Flat terrain, entrance installed MLS #2122021, \$72,000 (1660)</p>	<p>Forest Cottage & Hunting 2 BR camp, sauna, shed MLS #2119847, \$195,000 (1653)</p>
<p>Lake Huron Rathbun Bay stone Part 88 Plan M23, 120 ft MLS #2122353, \$67,000 (1663)</p>	<p>Loon Lake view lot 222 ft. Hwy 540, 2.5 acres MLS #2120371, \$79,000 (1655)</p>	<p>Silver Water lot just west of village 5.15 acres 312.9 ft. highway frontage MLS #2499742, \$89,000 (1652)</p>	<p>Family forest cottage or deluxe hunt camp 100 acres, 1552 sq. ft. living & sauna MLS #2121729, \$350,000 (1623)</p>	<p>Loon Lake Point 1631 feet & 5.8 acres MLS #2119517, \$99,000 - (1651)</p>

...Steady crowds for Home, Cottage Show

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toulin Health Centre Little Current Auxiliary, also sold out and a great success. There’s already talk of expanding capacity for both events next year.

Undertakings like the Home, Cottage and Culinary Show demand hours of planning and organizing months in advance, physical labour and many workers needed—volunteers as well as employees. It seems like a lot for a short space of time, but the benefits, the working together and coming together of the whole community, is a wonderful thing. As our new MPP Mr. Rosenberg said, “I hope the town will be able to carry this on for years to come.”



Paisley and Kaia Thorn enjoying the kids' corner.

Expositor correction

In the May 28, 2025 edition of The Manitoulin Expositor in the story titled ‘United Church of Canada turning 100,’ incorrect information was provided on celebrations taking place at Knox United Church in Manitowaning and St. Andrews by the Sea United Church in South Baymouth. Worship times for special services at Knox United Church in Manitowaning will take place at 10:45 on Sunday, May 8 and 8 pm at St. Andrew’s by the Sea in South Baymouth that evening. Both churches will be ringing their church bells on June 10: Knox United Church at 6 pm and St. Andrews by the Sea in South Baymouth at 7 pm.

The Expositor apologizes for any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

Community reporting helps Wikwemikong Tribal Police make two arrests

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) has seized a quantity of suspected cocaine and fentanyl with an estimated street value of \$11,000 following a traffic stop early on the morning of Saturday, May 25, underscoring the vital role of community tips in supporting police action and improving public safety.

At approximately 1:30 am May 25, WTPS officers conducted a traffic stop in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. As a result of the investigation, two individuals were arrested, and a substantial quantity of illicit drugs was recovered.

A 42-year-old woman from Azilda has been charged with two counts of possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking, obstructing a peace officer, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

A 43-year-old man from Sudbury has been charged with two counts of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking.

Both accused are scheduled to appear in court on July 29.

“This arrest and seizure are the direct result of community members stepping forward and reporting suspicious activities,” said Ron Gignac, WTPS Chief of Police. “When community members use our online reporting system or Crime Stoppers, they are helping us take dangerous drugs off our streets. If you see something, say something, it truly makes a difference.”

WTPS urges all community members to continue supporting crime prevention by using the WTPS Online Reporting System at wtps.ca or by contacting

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Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS-(8477). Tips provided through Crime Stoppers can be made anonymously.

These tools are essential for making reporting more accessible, enabling quicker response times and more targeted enforcement actions. The continued collaboration between police, community partners, and residents is key to creating a safer and healthier Wiikwemkoong.

Manitoulin OPP seeking witnesses regarding vehicle sighting

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is appealing to members of the public for assistance in connection to a traffic incident that occurred on Tuesday, May 27 between 4-5 pm.

The Manitoulin OPP are seeking witnesses who may have observed a black sports utility vehicle (SUV) equipped with amber lights on the roof, travelling west-bound on Highway 540 in the Kagawong area during the specified time. Police are also interested in hearing from anyone who may have seen a vehicle matching this description in the area over the past month.

In addition, the OPP is looking to identify and speak with a cyclist who may have been in the vicinity at the time of the incident.

Anyone with information, including dashcam footage, is urged to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000. Any information, no matter how small, could be helpful.

...Anishinaabe board takes ownership of Anderson Lake

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change of gifts. It was a party atmosphere at the end of the evening, much joy, elation, nervousness quelled and tensions released.

Sandra Southwind, Debbie Ense, Mona Jones, Henry Mandamin and Mary O'Donnell make up the new Board of Directors, with Ms. Kinoshameg as chair. Members include Rosella Kinoshameg, Ms. O'Donnell, Noah MacDonald and Bishop Dowd. Under this new governance, the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre enters a revitalization phase intended to serve more communities and institutions. They will carry on. The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie will continue to provide spiritual and sacramental oversight, but the new board of directors

and its members have a vision for the future which sees renovations and upgrades to the dormitories, strengthening partnerships with Catholic and public-school boards, with programs for elementary and secondary school students. Retreats will continue, workshops and formation events will continue, daily Mass and Speaker's Corner events will also continue.

During this Jubilee Year 2025, this ‘Year of Hope,’ proclaimed by Pope Francis to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the end of Vatican II, it is fitting that, in recognition of its unique spiritual and cultural significance, the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre has been designated an official Pilgrimage Site, which affirms its role as a sacred destination for reflection, healing and reconciliation.

Thank you to everyone who stopped into our booth to say ‘hello’ at the Home, Cottage and Culinary Show. And thank you to Lisa and the Town of NEMI for putting on such a great event!

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Alex Wright, a Grade seven student at Charles C. McLean Public School, accompanied by Roy Eaton, placed a wreath at the Children's Memorial in Veterans Memorial Gardens at the Decoration Day service.

photos by Tom Sasvari

Island Legions observe Decoration Day

by Tom Sasvari

SPRING BAY—Annually, on the first Sunday in June, the two branches of the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 514 Western Manitoulin and Branch 177 Little Current) alternate hosting the Decoration Day service, paying homage to the men and women who served in our country's forces and those of our allies. Through their courage and sacrifice, these men and women have helped to ensure that we live in freedom and peace, while also fostering the same around the world.

"First let me begin by thanking each and everyone of you for attending to-day's ceremony to recognize, honour and pay tribute to all our service men and women who have served to protect our great county of Canada as well as countries around the globe," stated Jim Woods, past president of the RCL 514 Western Manitoulin. "We pay special tribute to those who paid the supreme sacrifice and never returned home to be with their families, loved ones and friends. They never came home to see what their efforts and sacrifices accomplished for us, who are standing here today. Let us never forget them and what they gave us and let us think of and keep close in our thoughts and prayers, those still serving today, to keep our country of Canada free and safe."

"We owe them so much, and by attending these yearly ceremonies, we are giving back to them but a small token of the gratitude and respect they so deserve," stated Mr. Woods. "As a Canadian, son of a veteran and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, I am proud but humbled to stand here today to do my part to honour our veterans. May we never, ever forget them and what they did and still do. And I ask you to promote remembrance year-round so that our children and all future generations continue this tradition which I believe is the cornerstone of our past and our future."

Mr. Woods explained, "For some of you who may not know, this year, 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands, which Canadian soldiers played a significant role. This year

also marks the end of World War II. Next year will mark the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Canadian Legion, first known as the British Empire Service League. It would be wonderful to see all of you here to make this special occasion. The Legion is an organization whose main objective is to support all veterans and their dependants and we as members of this organization put all we have into making this happen."

Comrade Erwin Thompson provided the invocation. "Forgiving and all-powerful God, we come before you on this 80th anniversary of the end of World War II with thanksgiving for all veterans and now serving personnel of the Canadian Armed Forces. We give thanks for all they have done for the security of your realm here on your creation. They have risked life and limb for their fellow Canadians in many conflicts, whether it be war or fighting forest fires, in unselfish ways."

"There are so many conflicts going on now, we need to learn to live in peace that war is not the solution," said Comrade Thompson. "Forgive us our part in whatever way we contribute to the making of conflict on earth. Give the leaders of countries throughout the world wisdom and understanding. This we ask of the Holy One."

The parade stood at attention for the playing and singing of O Canada.

Among several special guests on hand for the ceremony was Jim Belanger, federal Member of Parliament for Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt. "Good afternoon. Manitoulin Island communities, you have a memorial cenotaph here to be proud of. We are here to remember those who gave of their service, the ultimate sacrifice, and those who continue to serve. Thank all of you for your service to our country."

Bill Rosenberg, provincial member of parliament for Algoma-Manitoulin said, "it is with great pride that I stand with all of you today, to show respect for all those who served and to remember all those who have made the sacrifice for our country."

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Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



NOSSA Track and Field

Teams from Manitoulin Secondary School, Wiikwemkoong High School and even several Ex-Pats competed in the All-Northern Ontario NOSSA track and field championships in Sault Ste. Marie last week. The following results will highlight the top 10 finishes, but all participants are congratulated!

Arabella Ootosquaib 2nd – Novice long jump; **Morgan Dedman** 8th – Junior High jump; **Autumn Davy** 8th – 800m, 10th – 1500m; **Fia Flanagan** 5th – high jump; **Sadie Bridgeman** 1st senior long jump; **Mya Balfe** 3rd – triple jump, 3rd – discus, 6th long jump; **Emery Watson** 5th Javelin; **Collin Goodfellow** 9th – 800m; **Charles Skippen** 2nd – discus, 7th – shot put; **Isaac Quackenbush** 10th – 3000m; **Aaven Edralin** 6th – triple jump; **Ethan Ense** 1st – junior shot put (his 13.5m just over a meter away from 18 year old record of 14.7m); **Jonah Balfe** 3rd – javelin, 6th – discus; **Rhyis Arthurs** 8th – 100m; **Andrew Cooper** 4th – 400m, 6th – 200m; **Greyson Case** 7th – 200m; **Wyatt Williamson-Wright** 4th 800m, 6th 2000m steeplechase; **Xavier Mara** 1st – 3000m, 2nd – 1500m; **Kirsten Bowerman** 6th – high jump; **Brooklyn Ferguson** 7th – high jump.

Max King, an Island original, now going to school in Sudbury was first in the novice shot put (13.2m) and not far off the NOSSA record set 12 years ago by nationally competitive curler, **Tanner Horgan** (14.6m).

NOSSA Tennis

After winning the NSSSA Tennis Banner on the MSS courts, the Mustangs moved on to NOSSA being held in North Bay on May 26th to face many club-trained players from the hosts, and Sudbury. It was a beautiful day and the Mustangs battled through the bugs to come out second overall amongst all the schools competing. Cousins, **Rylan Pennie** and **Grace Pennie** faced very stiff competition from club players and came out 4th in Mixed Doubles, while the other three players fared even better. **Ava Corbiere** finished 2nd overall in Girls Singles and **Aspen Debassige** and **Emery Watson** finished first in girls doubles. Both of these finishes mean the three girls get to move forward to OF-SAA in Toronto this week. What a great job by all five Mustangs representing the Island! Hats off as well to Coach **Chris Theijsmeijer**!

Ko Show is OHL All-Rookie!

Speaking of representing, how about **Kohyn Eshkawkogan** who was named a First Team All-Rookie Team for defence for his impressive first season with the Major Junior Ottawa 67's! Kohyn is always training and improving, and we all look forward to seeing what next season brings!

MTB Challenge Sunday!

First up on the Breakaway Race Series is the Mountain Bike Challenge this coming Sunday, June 8 at the beautiful and well-designed trails. The day features a U-9 kids' race of one km, a U-13 two lapper U-13, 3 laps for the U-17's, a two and four lap races for the 18-plus set! The U-9 racers are free and all others pay \$20 at registration from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Races begin from there and the awards and post-race celebration is slated for 2:45 pm. Organizers absolutely love people who pre-register and will save you time and energy for pre-race jitters! Visit the Breakaway Sports events page to do this.

Save Our Arena!

Y'all ready for a good ol' fish fry? Mark your calendars and grab your bibs – the Manitoulin Hillbilly Fish Supper is on its way! Enjoy a hearty plate of fish, hillbilly charm and small-town hospitality – all in support of the Mindemoya Arena Repair Committee (MARC)! The tasty event will be on Saturday, July 12 from 5 to 7 pm at the Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya. The cost is \$25 for adults and Kids 12 and under are just \$10. Organizers remind everyone that it is "more than just a supper – it's a community celebration with a purpose." Let's keep the J.H. Burt Memorial Arena alive and thriving for generations to come. Check out the flyer for details and don't forget to share this with your friends!"

Nepotism Niece!

I have to congratulate my niece, **Bree Leblanc**, who ran her first 10k in the Barrie Waterfront race for charity! She had a fun time and will, "def do it again." Isn't that the real prize? Keep it going, Bree!

Breakaway Series

The Breakaway Sports series of events provides different opportunities to join in on fun competitions through most of a Manitoulin year. No Nordic ski Loppet yet.

First up is the Mountain Bike Challenge, coming soon on Sunday, June 8th at McLean's Park in Assiginack a yet young event. Then, into its third decade is the run-paddle-pedal, Mindemoya Classic triathlon that falls on Sunday June 29th. It is part of the Central Manitoulin Lion's Club, Homecoming Weekend festivities. Tuesday July 1st is the Canada Day 5K in Little Current. The Youth Mountain Bike Program is finalizing the schedule for last year's well attended summer opportunity.

Details will be provided closer to each event but the Haw Run is on Haweater Weekend, Bay to Bay cycling challenges in early August and the 6-Hour MTB Challenge to finish the Month. You can visit the Breakaway website's Race event page.

A good sport is good for sports

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Mustangs do well at Northern tennis tournaments, girls head to provincials

M’CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs tennis team finished second overall in the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association (NOSSA) championship last week. “After winning the

NSSSA (North Shore) tennis banner on the MSS courts previously, the Mustangs moved on to NOSSA, held in North Bay on May 26, to face many club-trained players from the hosts (North Bay), and Sudbury,” said MSS coach Chris Theijsmeijer. “It was a beautiful day, and the Mustangs battled through the bugs to come out second overall amongst all the schools competing.” Mr. Theijsmeijer continued, “Cousins Rylan Pennie and Grace Pennie faced very stiff com-

petition from club players and came out fourth in mixed doubles, while the other three players fared even better. Ava Corbiere finished second overall in girls’ singles and Aspen Debasige and Emery Watson finished first in girls’ doubles. Both results mean the three girls get to move forward to OFSAA (Ontario Federation Secondary Athletic Association) in Toronto on June 2-3. Great job for all five Mustangs representing the Island!”



The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs tennis team finished in second place overall in the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association championship. In photo from left, Ava Corbiere finished second in the girl's singles division, Emery Watson and Aspen Debassige were first in the girl's doubles division, Rylan and Grace Pennie were fourth in the mixed doubles, coach Chris Theijsmeijer.

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- Operate and monitor computerized control systems and related equipment in the water treatment plant to regulate the treatment and distribution of water.
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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent.
- Level I Water Treatment and Level I Water Distribution (Level II would be an asset).
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- Valid Class G Driver's Licence.
- Willing to take ongoing/additional training as needed and to receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs).
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- Ability to interpret and apply regulations and guidelines related to water treatment, safety and environmental protection.
- Effective communication skills to coordinate and collaborate with colleagues, regulatory agencies and stakeholders.

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For more info, contact: Joan Sheppard, Executive Director, Sheshegwaning First Nation
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Angela Recollet appointed to Public Health Sudbury and Districts Board of Health as Indigenous representative

SUDBURY—In a move aligned with its commitment to reconciliation and culturally responsive public health leadership, Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) has officially welcomed Angela Recollet to its Board of Health as the new Indigenous appointee representing Greater Sudbury City Council. Ms. Recollet, an Ojibwe from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and a member of the Wahnapiitae First Nation, brings a wealth of experience and community-rooted knowledge to the role.

Her appointment was formally acknowledged at the board’s May 15 meeting and marks the realization of a motion passed in June 2024. That motion encouraged municipal councils within the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts to advocate for and appoint Indigenous individuals with deep community ties and lived experience to strengthen Indigenous representation in public health governance.

“I am honoured to join the Board of Health for PHSD as the Indigenous Board Member, appointed by the City of Greater Sudbury,” Ms. Recollet stated in a public release. “I am deeply committed to advancing health equity and ensuring Indigenous voices, perspectives, and traditional knowledge systems are meaningfully represented and amplified in public health governance. The role represents more than governance. It’s about voice, visibility, and action rooted in culture.”



Angela Recollet, with ties to Wiikwemkoong, is the new Indigenous board representative for Public Health Sudbury and Districts.

In an interview with The Expositor, Ms. Recollet reflected more personally on the significance of her appointment. “It feels great and I am very honoured to see that both the City of Sudbury, as well as the PHSD, took truth and reconciliation seriously,” she said. “It goes a long way at amplifying Indigenous voices in an area where it’s sorely needed.”

Ms. Recollet also acknowledged that her appointment builds on years of advocacy and work by others. “It’s important to note that I am not the first Indigenous person who has worked for PHSD,” she noted. “Rather, my appointment represents a long process that has

taken place over quite a long time. People like Cathy Dokis, Director of Indigenous Affairs here, as well as the work of people like Mariette McGregor-Sutherland, as well as several others have paved the way for this appointment. Their efforts have been quite involved for a long time but really began to get attention after the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Committee created the Calls to Action, which are attempts to correct historical harms and ongoing colonialist practices which disproportionately disadvantage Indigenous people.”

“What makes this appointment and position unique,” Ms. Recollet added, “is that it signifies a commitment to truth and reconciliation from both the City of Greater Sudbury and PHSD to ensure that Indigenous voices have a place at the table. While there is still a lot of work to be done, it represents a first step in repairing some of the harms of the past.”


Ms. Recollet currently serves as the executive director of the Shkaga-

mik-Kwe Health Centre in Sudbury, where she has long advocated for holistic and culturally grounded healthcare. Her leadership is expected to be essential in shaping the board’s priorities, particularly in supporting self-determined Indigenous health and dismantling systemic barriers to care.

Ward 1 Councillor Mark Signoretti, chair of the Board of Health, praised the appointment in a public statement: “The board is excited to welcome Angela Recollet. We are encouraged that our advocacy to promote the selection of an Indigenous appointee has come to fruition. Having an Indigenous voice at the table ensures that we are creating opportunities to adapt, enhance, and build culturally appropriate services, which Indigenous people are more likely to use, resulting in better health outcomes.”

As part of her vision for this new role, Ms. Recollet emphasized rebuilding trust with local Indige-

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

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QUALIFICATIONS:
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- 3 Year Business Administration/Accounting Diploma: Office Administration & Management from recognized/ accredited College
- 2 Year Accounting Diploma from recognized/accredited College
- Office and Payroll Administrator Diploma (non-accredited College)
- Business Administration Certificate
- Canadian Payroll Association Training: Payroll I & II, Employment Standards, Year-End Procedures and Terminations
- Computerized Accounting Software Training: Accounts Payable, Payroll and Purchase Orders
- Microsoft Office Training - Word, Excel, and Access

EXPERIENCE:
A combination of any 3 or more of the following:

- Minimum 6 years' AR/AP Clerk experience.
- Minimum 1 year Finance/Accounting Clerk/ Finance Assistant experience
- Minimum 3 years' Payroll Clerk experience
- Minimum 2 years' Office Management/ Business Purchasing experience
- Minimum 3 years' Receptionist experience
- Minimum 3.5 years' KGCFs experience
- Minimum 1 year Bookkeeping experience

WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time-to-time exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage, or cedar, may occur within the work setting.
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DEADLINE: June 13, 2025 at 4 pm


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**Human Resources – Confidential
FINANCE CLERK
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue,
Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
Email: applications@kgcf.org**

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GWEKWAADZIWIN MIIKAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Withdrawal Management/Harm Reduction Support Worker (Casual)



Position Description:
A casual position responsible for the support of acute withdrawal, distribution of harm reduction supplies, safe/flex beds, and Opioid Agonist Tapering services as part of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan continuum of services.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Reporting to the Withdrawal Management/Harm Reduction Team Leader
- Program development and implementation
- Responsible for supporting the intake of program participants
- Electronic file and paper file management
- Communicate with participants and their families about the program
- Supporting referrals to external organizations
- Responsible for liaising with community organizations
- Group and one-to-one interactions
- Assist in implementation of research and outcome measurement projects
- Various administrative duties as needed

Qualifications:


- Minimum requirement is a post-secondary education in social services, nursing, or other related human service diploma with mental health and addictions training
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field
- Experience working in the Withdrawal Management sector and knowledge of best practices
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities
- Mature individual who can work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

- Possesses a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle
- Vulnerable Sector Check
- Ability to work weekends
- Ability to work 12-hour shifts
- Must have a relevant diploma and work experience

Salary: Starting at \$24/hr
Closing Date: Open until filled
To Apply: Please complete the application online at gwek.bamboohr.com/careers
Contact mmaracle@gwek.ca with any questions.

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

**Scan to apply**



Running for a cause!

Aurel Fox-Recollet finished in first place in the 10km race! 36 minutes and 53 seconds! First out of 351 runners! More than 2,000 residents of Sudbury and other parts of Northeastern Ontario took part in the annual fundraiser marathon in support of the Health Sciences North Foundation of Sudbury.
photo by Marcel Recollet

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GWEKWAADZIWIN MIIKAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Clinical Support Navigator



Gwekwaadziwin
Miikan

Position Description:

The Clinical Care Navigator (CCN) is responsible for supporting case management across all phases of Gwekwaadziwin Miikan programming. The CCN will work directly with the Clinical Director to ensure a high level of clinical care is administered. This position will be responsible for medication oversight, including pick-ups, transportation and charting. This position will liaise with external agencies in a timely and professional manner to ensure appropriate flow of operations and wraparound care are maintained. This is a full-time contract position until March 31, 2026, with the possibility of permanent employment pending successful evaluation.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Support program participants through collaborative treatment and wellness planning from intake to referral/program completion
- Responsible for the coordination and oversight of medication, including medications pick-up, transportation, charting and compliance with organizational policies and procedures
- Develop and maintain medication and administration records for clients
- Coordinate with pharmacy for medication for clientele and prepare it for the operations of the program
- Liaise with external agencies for the purpose of providing timely and adequate provision of care
- Assist with development of program policies and procedures
- Management of medication administration records via electronic medical record system
- Other program duties as required

Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement is a degree in social services, nursing, or other related human service diploma, with mental health and addictions training
- Understanding of the provincial scope of First Nations mental health and addictions programming and challenges
- Proven experience with office administration and electronic medical records
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinaabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, cultures and traditions
- Demonstrated professional level of interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Mature individual who can work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

- Possesses a valid Ontario class ‘G’ driver’s licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle
- Ability to work outside normal business hours as required
- Preference for a designation with a regulatory college

Salary: Starting at \$54,000/annual

Closing Date: June 13, 2025 at 4:30 pm

To Apply: Please complete the application online at gwek.bamboohr.com/careers

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MP Belanger congratulates local TD Scholarship winner

OTTAWA—Jim Belanger, federal Member of Parliament for Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt congratulated Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, of Gore Bay, a Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) student and Expositor Kids in the Hall columnist, on receiving a TD Scholarship for Community Leadership award.

MP Belanger said in a release, “I was honoured to attend this year’s ceremony (May 27) celebrating the recipients of the Toronto-Dominion (TD) Bank Community Leadership Scholarship, one of Canada’s most prestigious awards for young changemakers. Each year, only 20 students are selected nationally to receive up to \$70,000 in tuition and living support, along with access to mentorship, employment opportunities, and a network of leaders through TD’s programs.”

“Congratulations to Alexandra, a remarkable student from Manitoulin Island, whose dedication to community service and STEM education truly stands out,” said MP Belanger. “From launching her school’s robotics team and leading coding workshops, to teaching senior citizens how to use cellphones so that can stay connected with loved ones, Alexandra has shown what compassionate, innovative leadership looks like.”

“I was proud to join her parents, Chantelle and Michael, in recognizing Alexandra’s outstanding contributions. With young leaders like her the future of our community, and of Canada, is in excellent hands,” added MP Belanger.

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nous communities. “This trust was most recently harmed over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic,” she told The Expositor. “Indigenous communities were the first to be slated to receive the vaccine and were ill informed as to the reasons why. But because of historical instances of testing, it created a lot of apprehension and fears within those groups who wondered if they were being used as the guinea pigs again.”

She said engagement will be key moving forward. “We hope to incorporate engagement sessions with Indigenous communities to tell them about initiatives,” she explained. “But more importantly, to hear their concerns, what they hold as priorities for community health, and to make sure that our mandates and values align with those of First Nations peoples. I feel that it’s very important to create space for Indigenous voices related to their health and community. Many First Nations people have experienced near third-world conditions. We need to ensure that our measures are informed by their lived

experiences and realities. This engagement will ensure that they take part in ensuring they start to have positive health outcomes.”

Acting Medical Officer of Health and CEO Dr. Mustafa Hirji also spoke to the cultural and community significance of the appointment in a public statement. “A key part of reconciliation is ensuring Indigenous people have a real voice at tables where decisions historically have been made about them, without their input. Thank you to the City of Greater Sudbury for following through on our Board of Health’s request and appointing an Indigenous member of our

community to the Board. I also thank Angela Recollet for stepping up to take on this appointment. I look forward to Angela shaping our Board’s guidance and directions in ways that enable me and our team at Public Health to better advance the health status of Indigenous people throughout our service area.”

PHSD serves a population that includes approximately 27,600 Indigenous individuals across the Robinson-Huron Treaty and Treaty 9 territories. The service area includes diverse Indigenous nations, including the Anishinabek, Ininiwak (Cree) and Métis peoples.

GWEKWAADZIWIN MIIKAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Aftercare Support Worker
(Multiple casual positions available)



Gwekwaadziwin
Miikan

Position Description:

A part-time position, responsible for the implementation of participant treatment plans; monitoring participant wellness; monitoring the facility; cleaning the facility; program laundry and other duties as required.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Responsible for implementing direction in the Live-in Aftercare Program
- Responsible for monitoring the facility; facility upkeep and cleaning
- Responsible for maintaining IPAC Best Practices
- Responsible for inputting case notes to the EMR Database
- Responsible for reporting to the Aftercare Team Leader
- Responsible for monitoring participant wellness and whereabouts
- Continue to develop and implement model of care
- Assist program participants in continuing their recovery via life skills, education, therapeutic interventions
- Other duties as required

Qualifications:

- Entry level position (training provided), with preference given to a diploma in social service work, or related field with mental health and addictions training; or combination of education and relevant work experience
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with Knowledge and understanding of Anishinaabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Able to participate in outdoor and athletic programming
- Mature individual who can work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

- Possesses a valid Ontario class ‘G’ driver’s licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle
- Vulnerable Sector Check
- Ability to work outside normal business hours and weekends and on-call as required
- Must have a relevant diploma and work experience

Compensation: Starting at \$23/hour

Closing Date: Open until filled

To Apply: Please complete the application online at gwek.bamboohr.com/careers

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Lining up for Pride with a run, walk or wheel 1k and 5k outing.

Pride Manitoulin Colour Fun Run was a literal Explosion of Colour

by Ed Prudhomme
LITTLE CURRENT - A bright sky and a vibrant sea of colours marked the joyful beginning of Pride Month on Manitoulin Island as more than 100 people came together for Pride Manitoulin's 1K and 5K Colour Run/Walk/Wheel event on Sunday, June 1st. What began with just 65 registrants last Wednesday quickly blossomed into a full-blown community celebration, with over 100 participants of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities showing their support for 2SLGBTQ+ pride, visibility, and love.

The 1K route, which was perfect for families and less experienced runners, began at the NEMI Public Library, while the 5K stretch welcomed more seasoned athletes starting at Low Island Park. Both routes result-

ed in smiles, cheers, and a burst of colour as volunteers showered participants in bright, powdered paint, transforming their white shirts into living canvases of celebration and inclusion.

The race may not have been fiercely competitive, but the atmosphere was electric with energy and enthusiasm, underscoring the vibrant spirit of community that filled the air. Young David Joyce, representing the Manitoulin Navy Cadets, surged ahead to claim the coveted first place, his face radiant with pride. Hot on his heels were Arlo Menzies, his father Ory Menzies, and the spirited Victoria Petawanequat, each displaying a contagious zest for life. Yet, in the true essence of Pride, it was abundantly clear that every participant was a champion in their own

right, celebrated for coming together in a colorful display of unity and joy.

"This is what support and acceptance look like," said one young participant, proudly showing off their rainbow-streaked shirt. The event was entirely free to register, making it accessible to all. Participants donned fresh white shirts, perfect canvases for the vibrant splashes of paint that awaited them. With stylish sunglasses perched on their noses, they moved to the rhythm of upbeat music that filled the air, creating an atmosphere of exuberance. Gleaming medals hung proudly around their necks, glinting in the sunlight, as a sense of accomplishment enveloped them. The delightful aroma of a community BBQ wafted through the scene, with the sizzle of hamburgers

and hotdogs cooking on the grill enhancing the festive mood. The air was thick with joy and laughter, a kaleidoscope of colors glowing under the bright sun, heralding the joyful beginnings of summer.

While June is internationally recognised as Pride Month, Manitoulin Island traditionally holds its major Pride celebrations in August. Sunday's event served as a kick-off to the season of love, identity, and community. Organizers from Pride Manitoulin shared that this event was about more than just fitness or festivity; it was about making space, building connections, and celebrating the spectrum of humanity that makes this Island so unique.

Pride Manitoulin has been steadily growing each year, establishing



A happy family runs across the finish line.

itself as a vibrant destination in Northern Ontario. To stay updated on upcoming Pride events or to learn how you can get involved, whether through volunteering, donating, or showing your support,

please visit pridemanitoulin.ca. Love takes many forms, and on Manitoulin Island, it flourishes in an atmosphere of freedom and diversity throughout the summer months.

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- **Spring Bay** - Outside the Spring Bay Post Office, 9379 Hwy 542
- **Little Current, AOK, surrounding areas** - The Expositor Office, 1 Manitowaning Rd.
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...Island Legions observe Decoration Day commemoration

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Nancy Cada, representing all Indigenous people on Manitoulin noted that “Our warriors served and fought in World War One and World War II. I honour them by attending this service today and every year.” She noted her grandfather Paul Cada and her father Angus Cada both served in the Canadian Forces. “They both came home, but a lot didn’t. I thank all of them for what they did to give us a chance to live a good life.”

“It is always a treat to be on Manitoulin Island,” said RCL District H Com-

mandeer Flora Winn Chartrand, who brought greetings on behalf of the RCL District H Command. “I am very honoured to be here to represent (RCL) Zone H-3,” said First Deputy Commander Stuart O’Neil. “It is all the veterans that gave us the freedom we enjoy today. Lest we Forget.”

The ceremony then began with the parade coming to attention, playing of the Last Post, a moment of silence, Lament by Pipe Major Stuart Gagan, Rouse and the Act of Remembrance.

The wreath laying ceremony then took place with



Jim Woods, right in photo, past president of the Royal Canadian Legion Western Manitoulin branch 514, was master of ceremonies of the Decoration Day service held June 1 in Spring Bay at the Monument Corner. Comrade Erwin Thompson, left in photo provided the invocation and closing prayer.

ans 176, Manitoulin North Shore Naval Veterans Association vice president Comrade Roy Eaton, Mayor Richard Stephens of the municipality of Central Manitoulin, Beverly Wright, Conductress of Spanish River Chapter 237 of the Order of the

io Provincial Police, Denis Blake on behalf of the UCCM Police Services, Central Manitoulin Fire Department Chief Phil Gosse, Gore Bay/Gordon Barrie Island Fire Department Cole McLaughlin, NEMI Fire Department Duane Deschamps, Doric



Jim Belanger, MP for Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt, delivers greetings on behalf of Canada during the Decoration Day service.

MP Jim Belanger laying a wreath on behalf of the government of Canada, MPP Bill Rosenberg for the province of Ontario, Comrade Bob Lamb (OPP sergeant retired), District H-3 Comrade Flora Winn Chartrand, Zone H-3 Comrade Stuart O’Neil, Nancy



Bill Rosenberg, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin was one of several guest speakers who delivered remarks at the Decoration Day ceremonies.

Cada on behalf of all Indigenous veterans, Trevor Wright, first vice-president of the RCL Western Manitoulin Branch 514, RCL Branch 177 Little Current president Leslie Burnett accompanied by first vice-president Duane Deschamps, Denis Blake on behalf of ANA Veter-

Eastern Star, Manitoulin Sea Cadets Squadron 348 Commander Tina Davidson, Masons of Sudbury/Manitoulin RTW Dave Hodgins, Sudbury Shrine Club Nobles Dick Stewart, first vice-president, and ambassador Trevor Sykes, Constable Capell of the Manitoulin/Espanola detachment of the Ontar-

Lodge Worshipful master Brent Forsyth, Haweater Unit Noble Jim Karnsey, Barbara Flaherty and Evelyn Russell laying a wreath in memory of Fred Russell WWII Lincoln Welland Regiment.

Comrade Thompson provided the closing prayer, “As we leave this War Memorial may we take the names inscribed upon it into our heart, ever mindful of their sacrifice for Canada and the



Nancy Cada takes part in the wreath laying ceremony on behalf of all Indigenous veterans.

world. May we remember our promise to strive for peace. So, lets go and do so that all may know we hold peace in high regard and the Spirit of the Creator goes with us.”

Comrade Parade Marshal Jim Kiviaho then marched off the parade to the Veterans Memorial Gardens where Commander Tina Davidson placed a wreath at the Women’s Memorial. Charles C. McLean Grade 7 student Alex Wright placed a wreath at the Children’s Memorial.



Comrade Bob Lamb, a retired Ontario Provincial Police sergeant, lays a wreath on behalf of the Canadian Armed Forces.

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CHILD WELL-BEING WORKER

(2) FULL TIME & (1) CONTRACT

ANNUAL SALARY RANGE: \$69,026 to \$89,722

OVERVIEW

A CWBW provides for the safety and well-being of children in accordance with KGCFs policies and procedures and Ministry Standards. As the successful applicant, the CWBW will work collaboratively with all KGCFs resources, biological and foster parents, extended family, and First Nation communities to ensure that our children are protected and stay connected with their culture, language, and community while strengthening family and community relationships.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- Must possess an accredited college diploma in a related field of study.
- Preference will be given to those who possess a Bachelor of Social Work Honors Degree or a degree in a related field of study.
- At least two (2) years of work experience in the delivery of direct, frontline, social service programming within an Anishinaabe Child and Family Well-Being Services is preferred or proven experience in working with Anishinabek people.
- An individual of Anishinaabe ancestry is preferred with genuine understanding and lived experiences of Anishinaabe worldviews, traditions, customs and practices.

KNOWLEDGE SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Knowledge of the Child and Family & Youth Services Act. (CYFSA)
- The ability to speak the Anishinaabe language is a definite asset and /or willingness for continual learning. Preference will be given to applicants who can speak or write Ojibway, provided they have skills, ability and qualifications to do the job.
- Ability to interpret and apply a wide range of Social Work practices and principles and Native based methods designed to help families achieve a healthier lifestyle.
- Excellent communication skills. Written skills for the completion of documents, reports, and case notes. Oral skills for communication on a one-to-one basis with clients.
- Honour all children and youth who may be in transition equally and strive to provide the required supports for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and 2-spirited individuals to achieve healthy self-esteem and life enrichment.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

- The traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time there can be exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweetgrass, sage, or cedar, may occur within the work setting
- Candidates must live within service area

DEADLINE: June 13, 2025 at 4 pm

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcf.org/employment to review the full job description. KGCFs offers competitive wages, a generous benefits package and an OMERS pension plan.

Please submit your application marked “Confidential-Service Manager.” **Include in your application a cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers.** Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience, and cultural participation. Applications are accepted and in the following order of preference: by email, fax at:

**Human Resources – Confidential
CHILD AND WELL-BEING WORKER
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Main Office - 98 Pottawatomie Avenue,
Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
Email: applications@kgcf.org**

At KGCFs we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. Miigwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate must submit the following: satisfactory Criminal Reference Check (within 3 months of application date) and/or Vulnerable Sector Check, and Driver's Abstract.

MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for the position of **Parks and Recreation Facilities Manager**

Further information including a job description is available on our website at www.centralmanitoulin.ca

Resumes will be received until a suitable candidate has been found at the office below:

Denise Deforge at ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca

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Successful Community Living Month 2025 wraps up with a barbecue

by Heather Marshall
MINDEMOYA—A bright sunny day capped off a brilliant month of activities and festivities to celebrate Community Living Month. Each year, Community Living Ontario promotes a province-wide awareness campaign to recognize the accomplishments of the Community Living movement and to demonstrate how inclusion matters for people who have an intellectual disability and their families.

Members and employees of Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) kicked off the month by lighting homes along with the community HUB in green and blue lights to “shine a light” on their involvement in Manitoulin life. In conjunction with the Municipality of Central Manitoulin they raised the Community Living flag at town hall, as well. And a walking challenge



It's a Manitoulin Community Living staff thing!



There is nothing like burgers and dogs on a beautiful sunny day.

encouraged staff and CLM Board members to step up and show their support by keeping a step count. The objective was not to determine who got the most steps but to challenge people to get up and get moving. Appreciation cards with key chains were distributed to staff with personalized messages to recognize their hard work and dedication

Another highlight of the month was joining forces with Central Manitoulin Public School to take part in Red Shirt Day during National Accessibility Week. Students, along with 25 individuals from CLM decked out in red shirts, participated in an accessibility and inclu-



Attendance at the celebration was great, with the grand finale of a yard sale and barbecue.

sion walk through Mindemoya on May 28.

The grand finale was a yard sale and barbecue held at one of the CLM residences on May 31. An earlier appeal for community

support resulted in massive donations of clothing, toys and household goods that drew good crowds of enthusiastic shoppers. Unsold items were then donated to other local chari-

rific staff, management team and CLM individuals who put in volunteer hours to set up, work during the event and then tear down the site, which helped enormously.”

The turnout for the event was great, with plenty of folks enjoying burgers, sausages and hot dogs as well as the entertainment provided by a pet goat owned by a staff member’s family who was a welcome addition to the day’s fun.

Proceeds generated by the event contribute to CLM’s fundraising efforts to purchase a new mobility van to replace one on its last wheels. The campaign is off to an excellent start, thanks to a very generous donation of \$50,000 from the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation. However, there’s still a way to go given the cost of a van ranges from \$85,000 for a good condition used vehicle to \$100,000 for a new van.

ties to generate additional funds for their worthy causes.

“I am so thankful for the wonderful support we received from the community, both those who gave us things to sell and those who bought them,” said Adrienne Farquhar-Kuula, executive director of Community Living Manitoulin. “People often contributed more than the asking price, rounding up to give a little extra. I’m especially grateful for the food for the barbecue that we received at cost from Foodland management and staff in Mindemoya. I also cannot say enough good things about our ter-



Making friends with a little goat is a very GOAT (greatest of all time) experience.



Opportunity

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Seasoned Innkeeper for upscale Bed & Breakfast. Send resume to info@rockgardenresort.on.ca



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Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for **Casual Cleaners on Manitoulin Island**.


For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit www.rainbowschools.ca/join-our-team.

Interested candidates should apply by **3 pm, Monday, June 16, 2025** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

David Farrow
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

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Manitoulin Island:

- Child Well-Being Worker—Full-Time & Contract
- Finance Clerk

Sudbury/Manitoulin Island:

- Volunteer Driver: Open Recruitment

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Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.

The MANITOULIN EXPOSITOR



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