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ON THE MOOOOOOVE—Over 60 head of cattle were moved by way of a traditional cattle drive from their summer pasture near the Gore Bay-Manitoulin airport to their winter pasture in Evansville last week. The Noland family has been undertaking cattle drives for at least 90 years.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Head 'em up, move 'em out! West End farmer still moves livestock using traditional cattle drive method

by Tom Sasvari

EVANSVILLE—It's an annual tradition, one that is unique and becoming more so as years pass. Evansville farmer Ken Noland, along with help from several area residents, took part in a cattle drive on Tuesday of last week, using foot power (and lead vehicles at the front and back of the group) to bring cattle from their summer pasture near the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport turnoff to Highway 540 and their winter home in Evansville.

"This type of cattle drive has been going on around Gordon/Barrie Island and Evansville going on at least 90 years," stated Mr. Noland. "My

grandfather Joe used to do a cattle drive, starting at the north side of Barrie Island straight north where he used to bring his cattle. And in the old days, farmers would drive cattle to the annual Island cattle sale in Little Current."

"They used to hold cattle drives in the spring and fall," said Mr. Noland. "Now we truck the cattle to pasture in the spring on property across from the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport."

A cattle drive includes a lead vehicle flashing caution lights to alert oncoming traffic, and a flag person who gets out of the vehicle on the highway waving a flag when a vehicle is approaching

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Popular Manitowaning man perishes in tragic highway traffic crash

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—Friends and co-workers all said Kyle Bond was a special person, someone everyone seemed to like and love.

Mr. Bond died in a motor vehicle accident last Thursday evening on Highway 540 near the Lakeshore Road.

"Kyle was an absolute sweetheart, a lovely, lovely guy," stated Brenda Reid, mayor of Assinack township (where Mr. Bond grew up). "He worked in the public works department for five-and-a-half years."

"Walter (Ms. Reid's husband) worked with him on the public works department for about four years and said he made the work day shorter when he worked



The late Kyle Bond.

with him," said Mayor Reid. "The whole township is devastated by his death. It is very hard to process. Anyone who knew him is heartbroken. On behalf of the township we extend our

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Island elder addresses Senate during review of Indian Act

Dr. Jeanette Corbiere Lavell

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
OTTAWA—Jeanette Corbiere Lavell, called Keewednanung, "North Star," born June 21, 1942 in Wiikwemkoong, has been fighting the Indian Act at the Supreme Court level for more than 50 years. A woman of principles and extraordinary ethos, she has fought for the rights of her people and her descendants for more years than the author of this piece has lived.

The issues that first prompted her to take action remain today. The marginalization of Indigenous women, rooted in colonial policies, continues to affect diverse communities across the country. Her goal is to see justice reach all those who have suffered the most—Indigenous and non Indigenous alike—restoring humanity to those long denied them. When the tide rises, every canoe is lifted.

It has been 149 years since the

Indian Act first carved the lives of First Nations people into legislation—since paper, pen, and Parliament decided who could be counted as Indigenous, who could belong and who could not. Nearly a century and a half

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Doctor Wendy Davie is the third new doctor hired at the Gore Bay Medical Centre this year. From left, Dr. Davie is welcomed to the medical centre team by Dr. Robert Hamilton.

New physician joining Gore Bay medical clinic

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Dr. Wendy Davie and her family are happy to have moved back to Canada and be living and working on Manitoulin Island—something she and her husband have had in mind for a long time.

"It's wonderful to be here," stated Dr. Davie, who has joined the Gore Bay Medical Centre medical team. "My husband Jeremy and I have been coming to the Island in the summer since 2004, so moving to the Island and working here is a real homecom-

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RHT lawyers may appeal fee cut

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—A final decision by the Robinson Huron Treaty legal team on whether an appeal will be made on a Superior Court judge decision to slash lawyers' fees from \$510 million by \$487 million will come within the next couple of weeks.

In an email to The Expositor on behalf of their clients, Nahwegahbow Corbiere, Brian Gover of Stockwood Barristers said an appeal is being contemplated. "An appeal of Judge Myers decision is being contemplated. It would address his central findings as well as several negative references made about counsel. If an appeal is pursued, it is not the intention of the legal team to seek a stay of Justice Myer's decision or to otherwise delay actions that the Litigation Fund may take."

"Last month's court deci-

sion to slash fees for lawyers who represented the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTFL) in the historic annuities claim and achieved outstanding and enduring suc-

cess is a disappointing outcome which echoes centuries of paternalistic attitudes to First Nations," wrote Mr. Gover. "The

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Hunt Week at Happy Lazy Hunting Camp East Bluff gang recall 50 years of tall tales

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—The Happy Lazy Hunting Camp, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, is all about good friends and good times.

"Don (Carter) and I have been friends for 55-56 years," stated Willis Campbell. The two friends were both 25



The Happy Lazy Hunting Camp is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. In photo from left are four of the original camp members, Don Carter, John Carter, Willis Campbell and Don Hone.

years old when they were looking for an old camp on Western Manitoulin in 1974. "Not being successful, Don asked his father-in-law Arden Noble if it would be okay if we built a log hunting camp on his 200 acres of property."

The two friends proceeded by asking a few

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SMILE!—It's smile cookie time! All this week, the Little Current Lions and their volunteers will be busy whipping up Smile Cookies at the Little Current Tim Hortons location. The more Smile Cookies sold, the more good works the Lions can do! In photo, Lions Beth Draper, foreground, and Lion Lori Draper, background, are hard at work on the first Smile Cookie shift Monday

Gore Bay residents will see fee facility increases in 2026

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Gore Bay council has approved user fee increases for several of its facilities such as the arena, community hall and the marina.
The 2026 town rate book identifies all user revenues from town operations. In some instances, services the town provides can generate sufficient revenue to help reduce the overall impact on residents with their property tax. Council was informed at a meeting last week costs of all operations are increasing and failure to increase rates will result in significant impacts to the property taxes required to support these areas.
Town Treasurer Michael Lalonde explained that when setting the rates, it is important to consider the type of rate and the effect on the price versus the basic economics such as elasticity, supply and demand. An example of this is the fitness centre, he pointed out. Any change in this rate would likely have a significant impact on the overall revenue. For example, a three percent increase in prices would likely see more than three percent of the current subscriptions (users) not renewing, therefore reducing the overall revenue.
“Each year staff receive a number of requests to reproduce tax and water bills that have already been issued,” said Mr. Lalonde. He noted that while these requests may seem minor, the cumulative staff time involved-estimated at approximately \$20 per reprint for tax and water bills represents an avoidable expense to the town.

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Four vying for chief of Sheshegwaning First Nation

SHESEGWANING FIRST NATION—Four candidates will vie for the position of chief. They include Nicole Bush, Gene Cada, Nancy R. Cada, and Ann Cada-Hamelin (a current councillor). The Expositor did not hear back from Gene Cada by press time Monday.
Sixteen candidates are in the running for the four vacant council seats including Albert Cada, Gene Cada, Janice Cada, Ann Cada-Hamelin, Christopher Endanawas, Caeley Genereaux, Tammy Hardwick, Robin Malley, Ron McKinley, current councillor Angela McLeod, Donald Roy, Deanna Sampson, Jennifer Sampson, Jessica Sampson, Charles Wabegijik and John Wabegijik.
The votes will be counted at the Sheshegwaning Community Centre at 8 pm on Saturday, November 22.

Nicole Bush

Aanii, Sheshegwaning. My name is Nicole Bush, and I am honoured to put my name forward for chief in our upcoming election. I have lived, worked and raised my family here in Sheshegwaning since 2001. This community has shaped me as a parent and as a leader. My children are growing up here and every major milestone in my life has been guided by the same purpose: support the wellbeing, safety and success of our people.

Over the past two decades, I have served our Nation in a variety of roles that always placed community first. Most



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Ann Cada

I was born in Sheshegwaning First Nation, on my grandparent's homestead. The medical practitioner that delivered me was Anne Casson, who worked out of Gore Bay, who I met, in Grade 6, when I started school in Gore Bay. I am a language carrier. I spent my life in the education field, in early years learning, and finished as a Anishinaabemowin Language Educator.

Sheshegwaning First Nation faces several critical challenges, some are old and some are new. Chiefs oppose Bill



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Nancy Cada

I was born and raised in Sheshegwaning and left my community to pursue my post-secondary education. My interests were in the area of law and I received my paralegal diploma. I did study on a part time basis in pursuit of my bachelor's degree in law and justice. I have completed two years. I spent the majority of my working life advocating for Indigenous people within the justice system. I have held liaison positions for organizations in government, post-secondary education, police services and worked as a courtworker. I have worked as a frontline worker and



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Central Manitoulin to play catchup after landfill work

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The proposed Central Manitoulin roads budget is likely to see a potentially significant increase in 2026, but that is not necessarily bad news.
That note came up during the November 13 meeting of council, where it was pointed out by Councillor Derek Stephens in discussion of a motion to move the roads budget forward to deliberations on the 2026 municipal budget that many of the upcoming projects on the roads

Municipalities will receive surplus from Provincial Offences Act fines

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—For the first time prior to the COVID-19 pandemic the Manitoulin Provincial Offences Act (POA) board has seen a surplus in its budget, and a good portion of these monies will be going to POA Manitoulin member municipalities.
“I am so happy to be able to bring some good news to the board instead of bad news,” stated Pam Fogal, POA manager last Wednesday after the POA board meeting earlier that day.
“The last time the POA had surplus in its budget was prior to COVID,” said Ms. Fogal. “It is nice to have a surplus for a change. The POA 2025 budget had a surplus of \$244,000,” said Ms. Fogal, explaining \$180,000 will be going to the (POA participating) municipalities with \$64,000 to be put into reserves.
“It's not too bad, it was a good year,” stated Derek Stephens, POA board chair. “It doesn't necessarily mean that it will continue. But we should be able to hold our own, the (Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police) has a full detachment now (of officers) and the officers are doing what they should be doing, and we are now through COVID.”
Ms. Fogal explained, “There was unfortunately a bad thing that had to happen to get this surplus, on a court case matter that occurred in 2024. A large fine was paid, a fine of \$100,000 due to a labour issue. And there were a number of individuals who paid fines that they had been owing after their licences had been suspended, and the licences could be reinstated.”
Mr. Stephens said the POA board, “is under new management, and it looks like things are swinging back around for the positive.”

budget represent a bit of “catch up” following the closure of a municipal dump.
“The operating budget is above a little higher this year than last year,” said Councillor Stephens. “I do think that most of it is maintenance that hasn't been done.”
He pointed out that municipal staff have “been saving us an awful lot of money on our dump costs and the closure,” he said. “Now we have to catch up on that maintenance on our roads. I do think that there were significant savings from the actual dump closure cost, which, the-

Manor launches 2025 Tree of Lights campaign

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—The Tree of Lights fundraising campaign has played an important role in helping to improve the lives of residents of the long-term care home over the years, with the last couple of campaigns assisting in the purchase of new beds.
“Thanks to your generous support over the past year, we were able to significantly improve the lives of our residents through the purchase of 60 new beds,” said Manor administrator Don Cook in launching this year's campaign. “Your contributions truly make a difference.”
Mr. Cook said the 2025 Tree of Lights fundraiser will continue the great work of its predecessors in “upgrading the comfort and quality of our residents' rooms.”
This year's goal is, once again, to raise \$40,000. The current campaign is seeking funds for gen-

oretically cover a lot of the increase that we're going to see in that actual increase in the operating side of the roads budget.”
The Providence Bay landfill was closed to accepting waste in June 2023, since then the municipality had first sent out a request for proposals (RFP) to close the Providence Bay landfill site and to construct a transfer station. Those bids turned out to be significantly higher than had originally been estimated (around \$1.2 million) and council decided to rejig the proposal a bit in the hopes of bids coming in lower, that proved to be a forlorn hope, however, as the second RFP came in even higher around \$1.6 million.
It was noted at the time of consideration of the bids that the municipality could undertake the closure with its own forces—with the result of significant savings.
“The major cost in the closure was the cost of soil,” noted Central Manitoulin CAO Denise Deforge. “We were able to work with local providers and a couple came in that tests showed were acceptable to the minis-

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eral upgrades to residents' rooms, such as new drapery and nightstands.
“Every donation, big or small, brings us closer to that goal,” said Mr. Cook. “Your support helps ensure that Manitoulin Centennial Manor remains a welcoming and supportive home for seniors from across Manitoulin and surrounding areas.”
As a not-for-profit home, the Manor relies on community support to enhance the quality of life for its residents. Fundraising helps to improve facilities and living spaces; provide specialized equipment for enhanced care; support recreational and therapeutic programs and upgrade technology to ensure the best possible service.
Donated funds over the years have also supported projects, such as the new “Mary's Garden”

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The new swing bridge must be built using Canadian steel

As Manitoulin residents wait with bated breath for a new swing bridge to replace the aging structure that is an iconic emblem of life on the Island, instability and disruption swirl throughout the Canadian economy.

There are a lot of products that will go into the new bridge, but chief among them will undoubtedly be steel.

Steel production has long been seen as an essential backbone of many economies across the globe. Steel is a cornerstone of many national economies, including Canada, and it remains a vital component for building infrastructure, manufacturing and shoring up national security.

Unfortunately, this has led to a glut on the world market and our nation imported nearly \$16 billion of steel from the US and China in 2023—mostly coming in from the US, which accounted for half of those imports. The next biggest importer is Mexico, followed by China. Imports make up over 60 percent of our domestic market.

For many decades, taking the lowest bid has been the cornerstone of government procurement policies and this makes us a tempting target for countries seeking to shore up their own domestic production capacity by dumping cheap steel on our markets.

There will be domestic costs associated with ending those policies in favour of approaches which give preferential treatment to products produced in Canada. Those increased costs will be a vital component in maintaining our national sovereignty, keeping the ship of state afloat during the turbulent economic storms being stirred up by the current US administration.

Long steel products, that is girders and rails, the very kind of steel with which bridges are built, make up 65 percent of the steel our country imports. It simply stands to reason that utilizing domestic steel to build Manitoulin’s new bridge is the best course of action for our province to plot.

Using domestic steel will undoubtedly be more expensive than taking advantage of those cheaper alternatives available on the global market, but it will prove to be a better choice for our province and our nation in both the long and short terms.

The steel industry supports over 23,000 direct jobs along with an additional 100,000 indirect jobs—and here’s the kicker, many of those well-paying skilled positions are concentrated in Ontario and Quebec. Steel production has been one of the key cornerstones making Ontario the manufacturing powerhouse of our nation and over half of Canada’s steel production takes place in our province.

That means the bulk of those well-paying jobs reside here. In 2023, Ontario accounted for 52.1 percent of the employment in Canada’s primary metals manufacturing sector, with Quebec following with 33.7 percent. Where oil is the key economic driver in western Canada, Ontario’s steel provides much of the backbone in Ontario’s economy.

While on the national front the federal government has implemented controls to limit the challenges to our domestic production coming from the dumping of cheap steel, it is on the provincial front that the strongest bastion has been set. That is why we must applaud the actions of the current provincial government.

Ontario has implemented a “Procurement Restriction Policy” that applies to all public sector entities including broader public sector organizations. The Procurement Restriction Policy is specifically designed to restrict US businesses from accessing public sector procurements in Ontario. The policy is intended to remain in force as a response to US tariffs on Canadian products and services.

All government ministries and agencies, including Ontario Power Generation and the Independent Electricity System Operator fall under the policy’s directive—and that includes the Ministry of Transportation which is responsible for building and maintaining the province’s 2,800 bridges.

This type of government action is the very epitome of “elbows up.”

It is unfortunate that global trade has been disrupted through the mercurial actions of the current POTUS. A significant portion of our recent wealth and prosperity has been based on the concept of free trade and the ability to purchase goods and services from the lowest bidder and our public purse (and by extension our private purses) will undoubtedly take a hit from protectionist policies like the Procurement Restriction Policy—but it will be money well spent.

So, our new swing bridge will be built with Canadian steel. Hopefully, Algoma Steel in Sault Ste. Marie will resume production of long steel products (they stopped producing long steel in the 1990s but have been considering resumption) ensuring that we will be able to shore up those well-paying jobs here in Northern Ontario.

These are times when we all need to work together—and working together is a characteristic that defines what it means to be Canadian.

A poem of Remembrance



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Soldiers went to war. They risked their lives for me, and for Canada. Soldiers made Canada a free country. Because of them, I get to walk around and be free. This is why I remember them.

Soldiers left their family, to protect others. Soldiers didn’t think about themselves, they thought about others and their freedom. That’s why I remember them.

Soldiers had to be fearless; they had to

be brave. They fought for a free country, knowing they could die; they did it anyway. Soldiers left their family, so that I could be free. That’s why I respect them.

Soldiers were trained, and told what they had to do; they still did it. A lot of soldiers died; they didn’t get to see the day that the war ended. Young and old men and women sacrificed themselves for their country. That’s why I remember them!

I remember soldiers because of what they did; they were brave. They knew they had to do something, and they did it. I would not be able to do what they did. They earned respect, and have to be remembered.

These Brave Soldiers fought for some-

thing that was right. They made Canada a free country. I can walk around and not have to worry. They sacrificed their: family, friends, children, and themselves to do it. This is why on Remembrance Day I wear a poppy and participate in the Remembrance Day ceremony.

That’s why I say THANK YOU,

Hope Flikweert,
Grade 9
Homeschool project



Ontario launches pothole prevention and repair program

SHANNONVILLE—The Ontario government is investing \$10 million to make roads safer by preventing accidents and damage that can occur from potholes. Under the new Pothole Prevention and Repair Program, municipalities with populations of up to 10,000 people can apply for funding to support critical road maintenance and pothole repair. The program is part of the government’s work to protect Ontario by making record investments in infrastructure that will keep communities safe, keep workers on the job and support economic growth.

“This funding will help small municipalities repair potholes before they cause costly vehicle damage, helping families to travel safely and businesses to keep goods moving,” said Prabmeet Sarkaria, minister of transportation. “In addition to this important program, our government is investing nearly \$30 billion to build, repair and expand highways, roads and bridges across Ontario, connecting more communities to jobs, housing and economic opportunities.”

The Pothole Prevention and Repair Program is designed to support smaller communities that do not have the same capacity or funding base as larger municipalities.



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Eligible municipalities can receive up to \$38,000 for projects.

“This new program is a win for smaller municipalities across Ontario,” said Ric Bresee, MPP for Hastings-Lennox and Addington. “By investing in local transportation infrastructure, we’re helping communities protect and extend the life of their roads while keeping drivers safe and supporting economic growth. When we give municipalities the tools they need, we build

a stronger Ontario for everyone.”

The new program, “Will be valued by rural municipalities throughout the province because maintenance of country roads is a priority as we work together to ensure safe and strong communities,” said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs.

Dave Plourde, president of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), said the program, “is welcome news for Northern Ontario communities With 105 of our member municipalities eligible, this investment will help maintain safer roads, support local economies and reduce the financial strain of emergency repairs. FONOM appreciates the province’s continued attention to the unique infrastructure needs of small and rural municipalities.”

Applications for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program are now open. Eligible municipalities can apply until December 12, 2025.

Based on Statistics Canada census data, 263 of Ontario’s 444 municipalities, almost 60 percent, are eligible for the Pothole Prevention and Repair program.



Community of St. James on the northeastern coast of Beaver Island.

photos by Joe Shorthouse

Great Lakes Islands Alliance Summit hosts over 100 at Les Cheneaux Islands

by Joe Shorthouse

LES CHENEaux ISLANDS, Mich.—The Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) proudly concluded its successful fifth Great Lakes Islands Summit, held from September 22 to 25 at Les Cheneaux Islands, Mich.

over a dozen dynamic panels and presentations covering a variety of topics, including emergency preparedness, fundraising, transportation, media engagement and youth involvement. Participants had the unique opportunity to ex-

ry Committee, as well as from experts representing community foundations, Island newspapers, emergency response teams, local educators, administrators, and others. A highlight of the summit was a moving drum ceremony presented



The Lake Michigan ferry ‘Emerald Isle’ connects Beaver Island with Charlevoix on the mainland.



Booklet entitled “Natural Features of Beaver Island: A Landowner’s Guide”, displayed by co-author Shelby Harris, a descendent of Ottawa and Chippewa First Nations People of the Grand Rapids Band.



Typical sandy beach on the eastern shore of Beaver Island.

igan having attracted over 100 attendees representing 13 Great Lakes islands and a handful of other Great Lakes community members who engaged in meaningful discussions on critical issues facing island communities. This year’s Summit featured

plore the stunning landscapes and historic structures of the Les Cheneaux Islands during a guided boat tour, narrated by representatives from the Les Cheneaux Islands Association. Attendees also heard from the Les Cheneaux Youth Adviso-



Modular housing units built on the mainland and taken to Beaver Island on barges.

by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians at the historic Hessel School House, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region. The Summit afforded Great Lakes Islands residents the opportunity to network and share ideas in ways that are more limited in their home communities. Notably, the bi-national composition of GLIA provided attendees with the chance to reflect on differences across international borders. Joe Shorthouse, representing Manitoulin Island, in Ontario, remarked, “As a Canadian, I was impressed with how the citizens of the Les Cheneaux area enhance tourism with the development of natural history experiences. The level at which Americans in the Great Lakes

regions are emphasizing tourism and destinations blew me away. I always come back and inform people on Manitoulin what I learn from GLIA.” Local commerce in Les Cheneaux benefitted significantly from the Summit, with functions patronizing area businesses including Cedarville Hotel, the Islander Bar, Snows Bar and Grille, Ang-Gio’s, Les Cheneaux Distillers, Little Buoy Bakery and Café, Cattails Cove, and others. In total, the four-day event brought in over \$35,000 to the economies of Hessel and Cedarville. GLIA extends heartfelt thanks to the local partners who made the event possible, especially the dedicated host committee, Mark Clymer and Paula Bador with Clark Township, and

Sydney Meadows and Teresa Carmichael with Les Cheneaux Islands Chamber of Commerce. Special appreciation goes to major sponsors Climate Strong Islands Network, Resource Recycling Systems; Mackinac Island Community Foundation; Clark Township; the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation; the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; and The Stewardship Network. Looking ahead, the GLIA steering committee is thrilled to announce that the next summit will take place on Beaver Island in Northern Lake Michigan in the fall of 2025. For more information and updates, visit glialliance.org. The Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) is a voluntary, bi-national, collaborative network that brings together individuals from year-round island communities across the Great Lakes. These are culturally, socially, and ecologically rich communities with deep connections to place, each in their own way. Living and working on islands comes with a unique suite of challenges – and these are often markedly different compared to the mainland. Through GLIA, islanders benefit from regular information sharing, peer-to-peer learning, and relationship development. Islanders benefit from hearing about solutions and experiences from other islands.

Everyone invited to participate in OPP second annual stuff-a-cruiser event today, Wed., Nov 19

Event held in memory of PC Marc Hovingh

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is inviting everyone to join them on Wednesday, November 19 from 4:30 to 7 pm, at the Mindemoya Foodland for the second annual Stuff-A-Cruiser event in honour of the late Provincial Constable (PC) Marc Hovingh.

“Help us stuff a cruiser with non-perishable food items in Marc’s honour,” the OPP states. “All donations will support local families this holiday season.”

“This special evening brings together officers, Foodland staff and community members to collect non-perishable food donations for our local food bank. Your support will help ensure families in our community have what they need during the holiday season. Come out, say hello, and help us fill the OPP cruiser as we honour the life and legacy of PC Marc Hovingh.”



Last year’s stuff-a-cruiser event was a big success.

Wikwemikong Surveillance helps WTPS apprehend

two perpetrators

At approximately 4:56 am on November 15, officers with the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service attempted a traffic stop on an ATV carrying two occupants. The ATV accelerated away at a high rate of speed into the village.

Through the support of Wikwemikong Surveillance, the ATV was identified at a residence. Officers engaged the female passenger while the male driver fled on foot. A containment strategy was initiated, aided by Wikwemikong Surveillance, leading to two separate foot pursuits through the area, resulting in the male being taken into custody.

During the initial detention, the female suspect attempted to flee but was immediately re-arrested. One officer sustained minor injuries during the arrest, was treated at the hospital and released.

A 32-year-old male from Wiikwemkoong has been held for a bail hearing on charges of: dangerous operation, flight from police, assault with intent to resist arrest, fail to comply with recognizance and drive under suspension.

A 22-year-old female from Wiikwemkoong, who had outstanding warrants, is charged with: escape lawful custody, assault with intent to resist arrest and resist arrest.

Police Chief Ron Gignac of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service expressed there will be no tolerance for



Law & Order



driving in our community. This includes addressing incidents where drivers fail to stop for police which is a foolish and dangerous thing to do at any time of the day or night. Our priority is the safety of all residents, and we will take decisive action against dangerous and unlawful operation of any motor vehicle, and in particular, off-road vehicles.”

“I thank my officers and supervisors who are on community safety patrols at all hours of the day and night for their swift actions in keeping the citizens of the Territory safe.”

Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service requests assistance in locating stolen ATV

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) is seeking the public’s assistance in locating a stolen all-terrain vehicle (ATV).

“WTPS is looking for assistance in locating a stolen ATV,” WTPS wrote in a statement. “It was taken on November 7 at approximately 10 pm. The ATV was last seen westbound on Kaboni Road in Wiikwemkoong.”

If you have any information of its whereabouts, please contact WTPS at 1-705-370-3141, online reporting at wtps.ca or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay
Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your friendly Festus and puck fly! Ah the weeks after remembrance - after all the emotions and reflection this is the time where I notoriously forget everything that falls sequentially after falling back and fall forward and face-first into the Christmas pudding. Perhaps it is the time change, the blaze orange sunset calm of the stand paired with the intensity of hunt before the big celebrations of Christmas and reflecting back on another year. Perhaps it’s the solar flares and the uncertainty of the new year. The stark reality of the cold winter ahead keeps us all in check. There is a great vulnerability and urgency that comes before the first snow, before nature’s last hurrah and nod, that quiet place where it all becomes much too loud. Or maybe it’s just us trying to try and try - until we cry! Managing everyone’s menus, events, mood swings and must-haves for the holidays is like being the Trump or Trudeau Press Secretary in a three-ring circus and the elephant in the room has gone on a rampage. I’ve said it before and I will say it again: to make a good omelet, you must break a few eggs. So let them break, let things fall. The delicate, delicious and dangerous first snow has no quest. It just is. Let it snow, let it be, revel in it. Stop trying so hard. Be yourself, be present in the now. Stay calm, take your time, reflect on the miracle of life, contemplate something that is bigger and more glorious than yourself and you will see the journey, the path, it’s all there, paved and not so neatly packaged with a big beautiful messy bow that is glorious, gregarious and just for you! So have faith, have courage and as I tell all of my real estate clients and friends, trust the journey. What is meant for you will find its way to you. The places, the people, the path, it’s yours, this crazy wild world and life we have, it’s a gift and it’s yours! Emphatically, incredibly, wondrously, unforgettably yours. Keep your eyes and hearts open to all of it. Like a slap shot that knocks your helmet off when you least expect it. Anything and everything is possible! Believe.

Here’s what’s happening: Ice Ice Baby! Here we go! The operating season at the Providence Bay War Memorial Community Arena is from mid-December until the end of March. We are the host site for the Pearson Cup and the Bradley McAllister sportsman 4 on 4 hockey tournaments.

Providence Bay Hall: Manitoulin recreational events calendar with class

schedules for Providence Bay Hall visit: centralmanitoulin.ca or contact Alison Sloss at asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca 705-377-5726.

Exercise classes continue and Friday mornings at the Providence Bay Hall through until Monday, December 15.

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Joys and community updates are Sundays at 10:30 am; Service Sundays are at 11 am. Check the Providence Bay Community of Christ Facebook page for announcements and updates!

Providence Bay Curling Club: Everyone is welcome at the Providence Bay Curling Club! Junior Curling is back Saturdays until the end of March. Ages SK to Grade 8. Equipment provided, \$25 per curler. For more info visit: provcurling.ca/junior.

From Friday, November 28 to Sunday, November 30 join in the fun at the first bonspiel of the Manitoulin curling season! This an open bonspiel - teams can consist of any gender combination. Three games guaranteed. And, of course, there are CASH prizes! Don’t miss out on the fun! Contact David at providencebaycurling@gmail.com or 705-377-4668 to register your team!

The Heavens: Manitoulin Island is a dark sky reserve so find a dark sky spot, bring your telescope and enjoy the wonders of the cosmos. Whether you’re a seasoned skywatcher or just love watching shooting stars and auroras.

November 21 is the Alpha-Monocerotid Meteor Shower; December 5 is the Full Supermoon (Cold Moon/Oak Moon, Little Spirit Moon).

The Friends: Happy Birthday to all of you mid-November babies!

Go easy out there on the roads. The hunt is on, the cold is here and that means more animals are on the move and more hazards and unpredictable conditions on the roadways, plan of any weather and go easy. If you are visiting Manitoulin Island, welcome!

Countdown to Christmas has begun. “The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness.”

-John Muir

Kagawong
Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer is all about safety, but the weather got icy before we got our winter tires on this year. We ended up having to drive 50 km in the snow and ice to get a computer part we needed. That bytes. Talk about a hard drive. We listened to the radio while on the road but kept jumping between the oldies station and a CBC Radio nature documentary. By the end of the trip, we decided that

Carpenter ants are just like regular ants, except rainy days and Mondays always get them down.

Thank you to all the vendors and visitors to Kagawong this past weekend for Christmas in Kagawong. Even the jolly old elf himself stopped in! What a great way to kick off the festive season.

The Billings Library would like to thank everyone who took part in the online silent auction this past weekend! Thanks to generous donors, there were over 90 items up for bid, with all proceeds going toward the library. Winners will be contacted through Facebook Messenger.

Happy birthday to Dwyne C and Mel C who are celebrating their 29th birthdays. It’s actually kind of nice to be waking up about the same time you used to go to sleep on a Saturday.

The Kagawong Seniors Active Living program is still going strong this month, with yoga on Tuesdays (9 am), and Fitness with Kelly on Thursdays (9 am), both at the Kagawong Park Centre. Everyone over 55 welcome! Call or text 705-348-2285 for more information.

Kagawong singers are in high demand! The very next weekend, the Island Singers will be performing their holiday concert on Saturday, December 6 at 3 pm at the United Church in Little Current, and Sunday, December 7 at 3pm at Freshwater Church in Mindemoya. Tickets (\$15) are available at the door for both concerts.

Catch up on old times with the complete archive of Team Fergmeijer columns, all the way back to 2015! Check out <http://teamfergmeijer.blogspot.com> to get your fill of puns and haiku.

We really admire the person who came up with ‘a penny for your thoughts,’ ‘don’t nickel and dime me’ and ‘another day another dollar.’ They sure knew how to coin a phrase. Have a great week!

Barrie Island
Enid Runnalls

We’ve had some cold and wet days this week but no real snowfall to speak of. The farmers continue to bring their cattle off the fields and into their winter-feeding grounds.

An update on Edith and Elwood Beanges’ new great-grandbaby, it’s a boy! Charlie Elwood Beange was born on November 5, 2025 to Andrew and Lucia Beange!

Jim and Sandy Miller visited Barb and Oliver Runnalls last weekend. Along with spending time at the farm, Jim and Sandy were able to attend the hockey games of their older two grandsons, Arie and Isaiah. It was very exciting! Scott

and Enid and Oliver were also there to cheer the boys on.

Lisa and Darren Carter were out for an afternoon touring around Barrie Island and then had dinner with Cameron and Reece and Micah.

Camps are being prepared as groups of hunters gather ahead of rifle season week to plan their hunt. Quite a few trucks have been seen slowly cruising the roads but it’s getting harder to spot the deer as their coats have darkened and they retreat into the woods. By this time next week there will be many adventures to share.

Please let me know if you have news to share.

Silver Water
Karen Noble

The community welcomes a new resident, Wanda Simpson. She is a friend of Paul Sorbara and Beth Wagner. She will be working in Sheshegwaning.

On Friday, November 7 we went to Gore Bay to shop. Friday evening, we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay.

Sunday at 12 noon the Silver Water Recreation Centre sold lunch at the hall. There was a euchre tournament that started at 1:30 pm. Thank you to Janet and Glenn who came from Tehkummah to participate. Congratulations to first place Joyce Robinson and DonnaKay McDonald; second place Tom and Linda Rumley; and third place Bob Trick and Jamie Woolhead. There was birthday cake for Lois Wismer to celebrate her 85th birthday. There were nine tables of players.

On Monday there was a potluck supper for Remembrance Day at the hall with about 40 people attending. There was a short service before we ate.

After supper, we went to euchre at the Burpee and Mills Complex.

Wednesday afternoon there was yoga class at the hall.

Wednesday at 7 pm, the Local Services Board of Robinson held its prebudget meeting.

Thursday night there was euchre at the Silver Water Hall.

Albert Meijer has spent the last few days making applesauce. The deer in the backyard are enjoying the peelings.

Get well to Ann Addison.

Get well to Roger Noble.

We wish everyone a safe hunting week.

...Gore Bay residents will see fee facility increases in 2026

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“Staff is requesting a new \$10 user fee in 2025 for re-printing property tax and water bills, to recover the true administrative cost.” It would also provide encouragement to ratepayers to retain their original billing documents.

“Do we send out tax bills electronically,” asked Mayor Ron Lane, being informed this is the case.

Mr. Lalonde said that looking at companies that can assist the town to provide this service electronically is an option.

“It might solve the problem of people misplacing their bills,” said Councillor Dan Osborne.

Mr. Lalonde said there would be some setup costs and residents would have to register to be provided this service.

“We want people to use all these facilities and services but, for instance, the fitness centre is underutilized, and the community hall use doesn’t keep up to the costs of operating it,” said Mr. Lalonde.

It was pointed out the recommended changes in the rate book can be part of the 2026 budget process.

Mr. Lalonde said an alternative to raising user fees in some cases would be to raise property taxes to offset the increase support required for various operations such as the arena and other areas.

The rate book recommendations include an increase of two percent to raise the hourly rates at the arena for the 2026-2027 season to \$86.75 for minor hockey and \$118.50 for regular ice rentals. A standard increase of two percent is recommended for all other arena rates excluding skate sharpening.

Other changes being proposed includes an increase of two percent for all community hall rates excluding dispensers; a two percent increase to dockage rates to account for inflation and rising operational costs at the marina; and a seven percent increase to the residential dockage rate, which is part of the ongoing plan to phase out the residential rate.

As well, for construction permits it is recommended an increase of renewal fees from \$50 to \$75 per year. It was noted in Mr. Lalonde’s report that timely completion of construction projects contributes directly to assessment growth and the town’s overall tax base. When building permits remain open for extended periods, the assessment benefits of the new development are delayed. To encourage permit holders to complete their projects within a reasonable timeframe, staff recommend increasing the renewal fee from \$50 to \$75. The intent is not to generate additional revenue, but rather to promote timely project completion and ensure that improvements are assessed and added to the tax roll as soon as possible.”

There is no change in rates recommended for users of the council chambers, museum and harbour centre, transfer station or fitness centre.

Mr. Lalonde pointed out the costs of all operations are increasing and failure to increase rates in some areas will result in significant impacts to the property taxes required to support these facilities. He added that to implement the change in permit renewals, bylaw 2016-25 will need to be amended.

Council approved the 2026 rate book (user fees) staff recommendations as presented.

...Central Manitoulin to play catchup

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try.”
The exact savings have not yet been teased out of the ledgers, but a ballpark estimate of the cost would be \$700,000.

“It’s hard to guestimate the exact number because we have other work going on at the same time,” said Ms. Deforge.

“We would like to thank our wonderful roads crew,” she said. “They did an amazing job. A lot of work went into it, including our former special projects manager Patricia Mader. She is the one who really made this happen.”

In other developments, the municipality directed staff to write a letter to the Sudbury District Health Unit asking for information on tile beds and tile bed designs and to set up a meeting between the municipality, the Ministry of the Environment and the Mindemoya Stewardship Association to discuss issues that the association had presented to the Waste, Water and Education Committee.

“A lot of the beds and that are on that lake were all approved at some point in time,” noted Councillor Stephens.

phens. “I really can’t see that anybody has jurisdiction on telling people that they have to change them. So, what’s actually going to come out of this meeting?”

“Education, I hope,” responded Mayor Richard Stephens.

It was noted by Ward 1 Councillor Brian Mitchell that the stakeholders on Lake Mindemoya include more than the motion was calling for and should include both M’Chigeeng and Billings.

It was explained that the stakeholders should include everyone who uses the lake, not just the municipalities and residents, pointing out that there are resorts with transient users as well.

Council also considered the institution of a “user fee” bylaw, opening up a 60-day comment period.

“We need to direct staff to create the user fee framework,” noted Mayor Stephens, “to serve us as a guiding document for counsel to establish annual facility user rates.”

“This was a request of staff because we have not had a real guiding framework for years (or have ever?)” said Mayor Stephens. “Hopefully there will be some changes and a time for input from the public on that, too, so that we’re all working from the same church.”

...Manor launches 2025 Tree of Lights campaign

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courtyard, non-slip flooring and dining room upgrades.

“We understand that times can be challenging, and not everyone may be in a position to give,” said Mr. Cook, but “if you are able to contribute, we invite you to use the donation form. If not, we appreciate your continued thoughts and support as we strive to make

the Manor the best home possible. Thank you for being part of our community.”

Donations can be sent by mail to: “Tree of Lights, Manitoulin Centennial Manor, Postal Bag 460, Little Current, ON, POP 1K0, by e-transfer to mcmfundraising@extendicare.com (note that it is for the Tree of Lights) or online through the Canada Helps website.

Gore Bay Marina brought in \$130K to municipal coffers

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane said based on the financial figures provided for the 2025 boating season, it again proves how valuable the marina is to the town.

“The forecast for our 2025 budget had been for a contribution of \$123,979 from marina operations to general revenue. But actually, from marina operations we are looking at a net profit of about \$130,000,” said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at a town council meeting last week. “This amount will go into the general operations for the town.”

“For those who do not think the marina is of value to the town, with about \$130,000 going back into the town this year should answer any questions we receive as to why we have a marina,” stated Mayor Lane. “It is the only thing that makes money for the town except for taxes. It is important for the general public to know and understand this.”

Town Treasurer Michael Lalonde explained



The Gore Bay Marina made \$130,000 for the municipality in 2025. photo courtesy Town of Gore Bay

that financially, 2025 operations at the marina resulted in a modestly higher surplus than budgeted. While revenues were lower than anticipated in several categories, including fuel sales, other services and the loss of most Canadian Yacht Charters (CYC) revenue, these decreases were offset by reduced expenditures such as fuel purchases, bank fees and related operating costs. He explained in 2025, the marina also invested \$18,512 in capital

improvements, including \$12,500 toward finalizing the design for phase two of the marina project and \$6,012 for enhanced internet services. “The marina capital reserve fund will continue to increase from \$56,159 to approximately \$82,000,” said Mr. Lalonde. “The 2025 budget had forecasted a contribution of \$123,979 from marina operations to general revenue; however, based on year-end results, this figure is expected to increase by ap-

proximately \$10,000.” Council accepted the report.

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...Four vying for chief of Sheshegwaning First Nation

Nicole Bush

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recently, I have worked within Health and Wellbeing, helping guide programs that support families, youth, Elders, and our most vulnerable members. I have had the honor of collaborating with regional partners, funders, and local staff to bring better services to Sheshegwaning. I understand our systems, our realities, and the everyday challenges our families face. I also understand our strengths. We are a strong, innovative community rooted in culture, land and resilience.

My leadership style is steady, transparent and practical. I believe in showing up, listening and following through. I believe in planning for the next seven generations while taking care of the people who need support today. If elected, I will bring structure, accountability and compassion to the role of chief.

I've talked to many of our community members, both on and off reserve, and the priorities we've talked about include strengthening supports for mental health, addictions, family wellbeing and crisis response. I hope to lobby government to expand prevention programs and improve coordination with regional partners to ensure no one falls through the cracks.

I feel strongly that chief and council need clear governance practices. We can improve communication and establish practical ways for off-reserve members to access services, share their voice and feel connected to governance decisions and community life. I will commit to open communication, regular updates, respectful decision making and will create space for community feedback.

I am a passionate advocate for our youth and young people. I would like to see real community investment in a Youth and Young People's Council, land-based learning, language revitalization and skills training. Our young people deserve consistent support, mentorship, and meaningful roles in shaping our future.

We have an amazing opportunity to work with our Seven Generation Trust and support sustainable community-owned ventures that create employment and local revenue. Every decision should support prosperity for our children and grandchildren.

I am running for chief because I care deeply about Sheshegwaning and believe in our potential. I want to help build a community where families are safe, Elders are respected, youth can thrive, and every member feels included. I have spent more than 20 years proving my commitment through my work and my actions. I am ready to continue that commitment as your chief.

Miigwetch for your time, your trust and your consideration.

Ann Cada

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C-5 due to weakened environmental protections and lack of First Nations consultation. At the July 2025 Summit, leaders discussed these concerns, emphasizing that decisions were made without input from Anishnaabek communities. We all support sustainable resource development and want active participation in decision-making. Chiefs continually stress reaffirming First Nations sovereignty and active participation in land management, advocating for meaningful consultation and government accountability.

The growth and expansion of our community requires infrastructure upgrades to our water treatment plant and the addition of a water reservoir are essential to support future housing and economic developments.

Sheshegwaning's waste management system needs upgrades to sustain recycling and environmental support.

Chiefs continually raise issues related to violence, drug addiction, and the high number of our children in alternative care. Chiefs have called for measures to address illegal drug activity, violence and to increase government support for community-led initiatives. Gender-based violence initiatives aim to show safe environments and support services for women, girls and LGBTQ2 individuals. These efforts address concerns including human trafficking and intimate partner violence.

I would like to develop a 24/7 Wellness Centre which will allow our aging members to remain in our community, rather than move to unfamiliar places. A program is urgently needed, in all First Nations, to ensure our aging population receives adequate support and care.

Sheshegwaning looks to assert its authority over traditional territories and take part in economic development that respects cultural and environmental values. The Robinson Huron Treaty settlement enables Sheshegwaning First Nation to advance economic, land and resource development and address funding gaps left by ISC.

Chief Alana Endanawas led Sheshegwaning in a dedicated and committed way. Her leadership style is inspirational, and I will continue to lead through her model. The significance of community input and engagement. In my two years as Deputy Chief, I found community engagement is essential for advancing initiatives in Sheshegwaning First Nation. As an elected official, I seek member input to stand for and lead effectively. I am committed to working for all members, valuing our Elders' knowledge and history. Community feedback will help guide Sheshegwaning First Nation's progress, ensuring everyone is heard.

Nancy Cada

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later in my career worked in developing policy that addressed the needs of indigenous people.

I returned to Sheshegwaning First Nation 11 years ago. I have served my community as board member for one of our corporations, former committee member and I have also held the position of Director of Lands, Resources and Environment until October of 2024. The establishment of the Lands Department began in 2017 with the development of the Sheshegwaning First Nation Land Code. This was an achievement for the First Nation as it provided us with control over our own lands and eliminated 43 land related sections of the Indian Act.

During my time working with administration, I had worked with and developed policy related to various aspects of land. The development of our Land Use Plan and the Community Footprint, which is our community plan, are tools that were developed to move the community forward. With each new component that was developed, elders, youth and the community members were consulted so they could provide their input in the process and in the end chief and council had the opportunity to review, provide input and approve.

Over the past four years we have had tremendous growth and progress in this community. It makes me proud and happy to see positive movement. I have great pride in the outgoing Chief and Council for marshalling in such positive change for the benefit of our members.

Why I am running for this position is that I believe I, with the help of council, can continue the positive growth for our community for the benefit of the members of our First Nation. I believe I can walk the balance of doing well for the community and supporting its members in a positive way. My vision is to continue this movement. To keep in mind and follow the 7 Grandfather Teachings to guide and assist us in moving forward other projects that need to be addressed. Some of these projects include, continuing the planning for the expansion of the water capacity, development of a new subdivision to improve housing availability, continuing the work of our social infrastructure and developing mechanisms to support the youth in their personal and professional growth. One of the other projects that I would like to begin investigating is the development of a residential assisted living/care space for the elderly population of our community. This would enable us to care for the elders instead of having to send them away from the community.

...Popular Manitowaning man perishes in tragic traffic crash

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deepest condolences to his whole family.”

“I think the whole community knew him,” said a family friend of Mr. Bond and his wife Chanelle. “He was a good young man.”

“Kyle was a really good guy,” said Trevor Wright of Kagawong. “He was quiet, but if you got him talking about hunting or fishing he was good for the day. He and Chanelle, his wife, got engaged on a moose hunting trip.”

The couple “had just got married within the past couple of years and just built a home on the Island,” said Mr. Wright. “Kyle was the type of guy would help anyone out with anything they need. He was just one of those all-around good guys.”

Alton Hobbs, Assignack CAO/Deputy Clerk, told The Expositor Mr. Bond had just left working for Assignack Township this past spring. “He worked here for about three-and-a-half years. He was a great person. From my age, he was a good kid. And he was a good working person willing to stay late to get the job done. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.”

Kyle Bond, who was 33 years old, was the driver of a fuel truck involved in a serious three-vehicle accident near the bottom of Jerusalem Hill on Highway 540, Billings Township, last Thursday evening. He was pronounced dead by the Ontario Provincial



Highway 540 was closed for several hours following the fatal accident last Thursday evening.

Police (OPP) after the accident that occurred at approximately 5:30 pm on November 13.

The North East Region of the OPP shared news of the highway closure on Highway 540 at Billings Concession Road 8, just outside of M’Chigeeng First Nation, due to the serious nature of the collision. The road was closed until about 5:30 am on Friday, November 14. The Manitoulin OPP and UCCM Anishinabek Police Service as well as members of the Billings Township volunteer fire department responded to the accident.

Police reported that none of the other drivers or passengers involved at the scene sustained serious injuries.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage

from the area at the time of the incident is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. To remain anonymous, tips can be submitted Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca

Manitoulin OPP Provincial Constable Berkeley Parisien, Community Safety/Media Officer told The Expositor on Saturday, “we are still receiving information from the OPP (accident) reconstructionist. The UCCM and OPP Police detachments were on the scene, as was paramedics, and the Billings Township and M’Chigeeng First Nation volunteer fire departments.” She noted no charges had been laid as a result of the accident, as of Saturday.

“After hearing about the unfortunate accident on Thursday, know-

ing it was going to be a very long night for all, I thought it would be nice to acknowledge that Alin and BettyAnn, owners of Bridal Veil Variety (in Kagawong) went above and beyond community support as they, at their own expense, supplied food to all the first responders at the scene of the accident. This act of support and kindness is what Manitoulin Island is known for,” wrote a reader of The Expositor, Jeanette MacDuff.

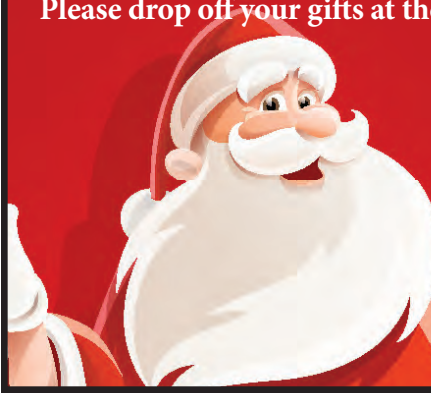
A GoFundMe fundraising page has been initiated by Ashleigh Moffat of Mindemoya for Chanelle

(Hass) Bond. “My name is Ashleigh and I am a good friend and colleague of Chanelle. We, her work family at Mindemoya Dental Centre, are setting up this GoFundMe on behalf of our dear friend, who is facing the unimaginable pain of losing her husband so suddenly. This fundraiser is a way for those who care about here to offer support, compassion and stability during an incredibly difficult time. Any contribution, big or small, will make a meaningful difference as she begins to find her footing again.”

As of Sunday morning,

\$8,424 had been raised through 69 donations toward the goal of raising \$14,000. Persons who would like to make a donation can do so by going online to gofundme.com and searching ‘Chanelle Bond.’

Family and friends will gather at St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Manitowaning, with visitation to take place on Thursday, November 20 from 2 to 4 pm and then from 7 to 9 pm. A funeral service will take place on Friday, November 21 at 11 am with Reverend Catherine Hazlitt officiating. Cremation to follow.



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...Island elder addresses Senate during review of Indian Act

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later, the argument still echoes through the halls of power.

On October 1 of this year, National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak stood before the Senate Committee studying Bill S-2—a proposed set of amendments meant to “fix” the Act’s ongoing discrimination—and said plainly what many have been saying for generations: it cannot be fixed. That battle that began with Ms. Corbiere Lavell in 1970 endures.

The current attempt at amending the act is named Bill S-2, though there have been multi-

ple iterations attempting to right this historical wrong.

Ms. Corbiere Lavell was the very first to challenge the state on human rights violations against women when, despite having two registered First Nations parents, received a shocking letter and a cheque for \$35, telling her she was no longer, in her own words, “an Indian.” Her crime? she had to ask the Indian Agent for permission just to go into Manitowaning to sell a few piglets for Christmas money. She had a buyer that was willing to pay \$25 per piglet. The Indian agent, he tried to give her \$5 for each of them—\$5. She just stood there, stunned, then said no and hauled them back home. That kind of control was normal back

been taught any of that on reserve. But I’d watched my mother, my aunts, my grandmother—all these strong women—keeping our community going, keeping our culture alive. Seeing what was happening to our people in the cities, and remembering what I’d seen at home... that’s really what pulled me into all of this.”

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Jeanette Corbiere Lavell, centre, and daughter Dawn Lavell-Harvard, right, were two of over 60 individuals to address the Senate regarding proposed changes to the Indian Act.

Having fallen in love with and marrying a non-Native man. In the day, this was called “marrying out.”

When asked what it was like to take on the Canadian government in her late twenties, Ms. Corbiere Lavell had this to say:

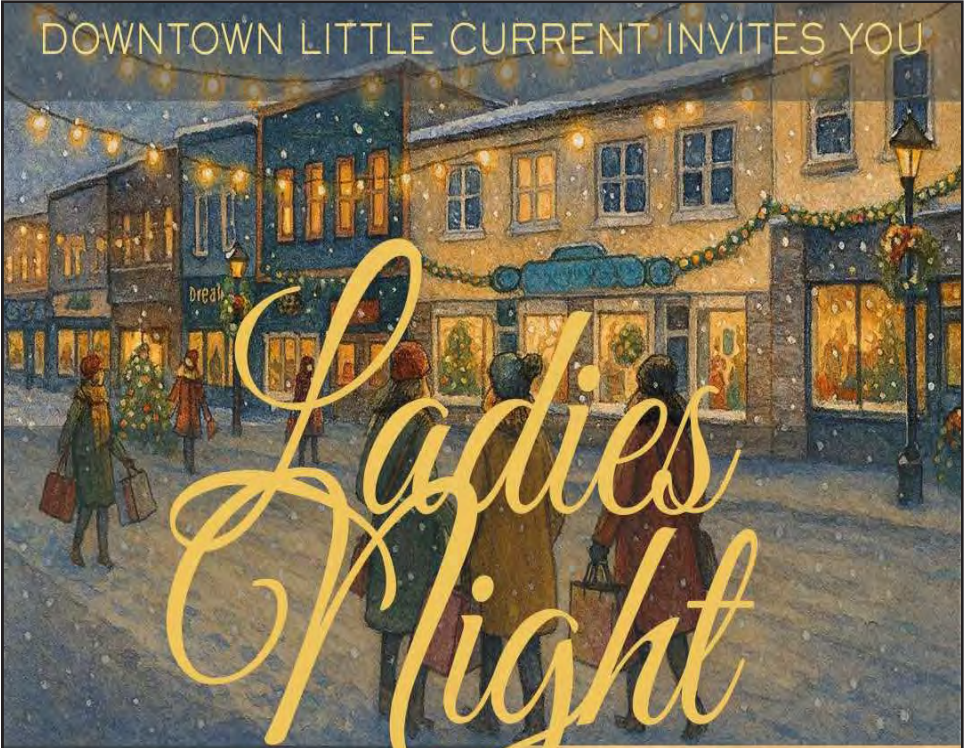
“I guess it really started with the women I grew up around. My mom was one of the first teachers in Wiikwemkoong, and even then, and that kind of strength from our women was, too.

“So, when I ended up in Toronto, meeting people through the Indian Eskimo Association, and this MP, Martin O’Connell, started talking about the Company of Young Canadians—this program meant to teach young people about our rights, about citizenship—it suddenly made sense. We’d never

west Resistance, the federal government crafted the pass system — a slip of paper that let an Indian Agent decide whether an Indigenous person could leave or return to their own reserve. Though most heavily enforced in the Prairie West, its shadow stretched into Ontario through the same machinery of control: the Indi-

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...farmer still moves livestock using traditional cattle drive method

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to caution them.

“It is probably about 9-10 miles in total, and it usually takes four to four-and-a-half hours to get the cattle home. It took four hours this year,” said Mr. Noland. “It would take five trips with a trailer taking several cows each time, and take 10 hours or more by truck/trailer to move them from one location to the other. And this way I don’t have to take the time to get the cattle on and off the truck/trailer.”

Long-time Silver Water farmer Doug Wismer said the cattle drive is very unique. “I’m pretty sure it doesn’t take place anywhere on Manitoulin, I’ve never heard anywhere else that they move cattle a distance if they are not using a truck/trailer. I know in areas of Ontario where there are bigger beef herds at farms than we see on the Island, but I don’t think they have cattle drives.”

He said years ago, Noland family farmers got together and would put their cattle out for pasture at the same location near the Gore Bay Airport. “And for the annual Island cattle sale there were farmers who would move the animals down the highway, staying overnight at other farmer’s homes on the way there. It could take a good three days to move them



The cattle drive is close to 10 miles long and took four hours to get from their summer to winter pasture.

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down to Little Current, depending on where your farm was on the Island.”

“We moved cattle this way maybe two times up here (Silver Water),” said Mr. Wismer. “Dogs were the worst problem because in the old days if they saw cattle, which would be strange to them, they would harass them. The cattle would be petrified and would head right for the bush. And you have to have a crew of people that will help out in a cattle drive for it to take place,” said Mr. Wismer.

Mr. Noland said he has no problem in recruiting people to help in the annual cattle drive, working

the trucks and all-terrain vehicles or walking behind and beside the cattle. “Everyone wants to take part in the cattle drive. There were about 11 people who helped out this year. I will probably get heck from some people for not letting them know about last week’s cattle drive,” he quipped.

Once the cattle were back home at Evansville from the cattle drive, all those who helped took part in a hearty lunch prepared by Lenna Noland, with chili, fresh buns, pie and much more provided for the hungry work crew.

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...Robinson Huron Treaty lawyers may appeal fee cut

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legal fee review was initiated by two First Nations, Atikameksheng and Garden River First Nation, who argued that the \$510 million contingency fee was unacceptably high. They were opposed by the other 19 First Nations in the Litigation Fund (including all First Nations on Manitoulin Island).
“Despite his decision to drastically cut their fees, Ontario Superior Court Justice Fred Myers praised the legal team for doing an exceptional job; winning an extremely complicated case and

achieving a stunning \$10-billion settlement from Ontario and the federal government,” said Mr. Gover.
“The \$10-billion settlement speaks loudly to the tremendous value to the clients that came from the legal team’s efforts on this landmark case. And that does not take into account the value of those efforts to countless generations to come,” continued Mr. Gover. “Counsel for the Litigation Fund and the legal team impressed on Judge Myers during the hearing that, after centuries of inter-

generational poverty and abysmal treatment by the Crown, the case lifted 40,000 Anishnaabe people to a bright future and a new level of self-respect.”
Judge Myers concluded that, “notwithstanding this stellar work, the overall fee negotiated by the legal team and its client was simply too high,” continued Mr. Gover. “This led him to conclude, paradoxically, in our view, that the value of what he found to be ‘excellent services rendered’ was 0.4 percent of the value of the overall settlement compensating the First Nations for the



Robinson Huron Treaty
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Crown’s past breaches of the Robinson Huron Treaty. But this was unlike any of the cases Judge Myers considered in coming to his decision. In setting that amount, Judge Myers did not recognize the perpetual nature of the Robinson Huron Treaty and the fact through implementation of its augmentation clause in the future, the First Nations will benefit from the legal team’s work forever. It is impossible to fully quantify the financial benefits to the First Nations, but they will be enormous.”
Mr. Gover wrote, “We strenuously disagree with Judge Myers’ conclusions about the risk involved. This litigation was enormously complicated and required arduous work by the entire legal team. The massive case required the legal team to invest 17 years and 65,000 hours in a highly uncertain cause. It resulted in a resounding Supreme Court of Canada decision that the Anishnaabe had been systematically cheated for 175 years. The decision ensured payments in perpetuity for the communities and laid the legal groundwork for future Indigenous challenges.”

During the hearing be-

fore Judge Myers earlier this fall, lawyers and witnesses for the Litigation Fund and the legal team emphasized that the fee structure was fairly negotiated and sanctified by a sacred pipe ceremony, explained Mr. Gover. “They submitted that the traditional sense of honour and principle embedded in Anishnaabe culture demanded that the agreement be respected.”
But Judge Myers thought otherwise, said Mr. Gover. “In his decision, he said the Litigation Fund ought to have consulted independent counsel about the fee structure in order to fully appreciate all possible outcomes. He waved aside repeated assertions by the RHTLF that retaining independent counsel was considered at the time and was rejected as being unnecessary.”
“Judge Myers decision flew in the face of the client (the Litigation Fund’s) firm belief that the legal team should be compensated in keeping with a fee structure that had been carefully negotiated,” said Mr. Gover. “It also failed to recognize the central purpose of fee arrangements of the kind the client sought in this case, and that is to

provide access to justice, which is why the first nations retained the legal team.”
Mr. Gover said, “The case provided a classic illustration of how contingency fees permit lawyers to battle for justice on behalf of people with scarce resources. Besides repudiating the right of First Nations to decide key issues without outside influence, the decision failed to appreciate the vital role the legal team played in giving the 21 Lake Huron Anishinaabe communities access to justice. Appropriate legal fees were and are essential to attract lawyers prepared to risk almost 20 years of complex litigation against long odds.”
“After the settlement was reached in 2023 for compensation attributable to the Crown’s past breaches of the Robinson Huron Treaty, the legal team gifted half of the fees that the Litigation Fund agreed to pay, \$255 million to their clients’ communities. It was to be used for a variety of programs and services that would enhance their way of life and the retention of the Anishnaabe language and culture. In the wake of Judge Myers’ decision, it is far from clear how those planning commitments will be affected.”
Mr. Gover told The Expositor on Thursday of last week, “an appeal can be made 30 days from the October 28 date.”

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Cockburn Island hunters post good results

by Tom Sasvari

COCKBURN ISLAND—With a healthy deer population on Cockburn Island, thanks to beneficial winter conditions over the past two years, Ian Anderson, a Cockburn Island hunter, a former conservation officer with the Ministry of Natural Resources, said it appears the deer gun hunt on Cockburn Island would be a good season.

“I was there the first two days of the (Cockburn Island) season (November 3-4),” Mr. Anderson told The Expositor last week. “The first day of the hunt was not good, there were only seven deer taken due to the gale force winds and rain.” However, “there were 30 deer harvested on the second day. For the number of hunters the first week, just under 100 hunters, harvesting 30 deer on the second day is a very successful hunt rate.”

“I expect that it will be another very good hunt on Cockburn, as long as the weather cooperates,” said Mr. Anderson. He explained that the deer hunt on Cockburn Island is a two-week season which is in line with most of the rest of Ontario for the firearm season. There are usually around 25 hunters on Cockburn Island in the second week of the season.

Mr. Anderson said, “with the mild winters we have had on Cockburn and Manitoulin the past few years, there is a really good deer population on Cockburn and some areas on Manitoulin Island. Generally, there has been no negative impact on deer the last few years, although there are a lot of coyotes on Manitoulin Island at the moment. Regardless, the deer population on both Cockburn and Manitoulin is very good.”

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an Act, local Agents, and the constant surveillance of movement, labour and livelihood.

It was never a law, yet it carried the force of one, shrinking freedoms and interrupting the everyday rhythms of families and economies. The pass system became one more tool in a wider project of assimilation, and its effects still echo — a reminder of how quickly a colony can confine a people, not only with fences, but with the permission slips that governed their every step.

By restricting movement and preventing participation in ceremonies and cultural events, the system disrupted social and kinship networks and weakened communities

The current legal battle at the State Senate over the “two-generation cut off” began with Ms. Corbiere Lavell, a veritable trailblazer, who challenged Section 12(1)(b) of the Indian Act.

With a signature on a marriage line, she had been barred from her own reserve, cut off from treaty ben-

efits and denied property rights. Her children were pushed out too, as if identity were something Ottawa could erase with a clerk’s pen. Meanwhile, a status Indian man who married a non-Indigenous woman lost nothing and the non-Indigenous woman gained the status that was stolen. The double standard was the point that Ms. Corbiere Lavell took contentiously.

“When that letter came, it hit me hard — realizing I had no say at all in whether I could belong to my own community. It felt automatic, like the decision had already been made for me. I talked to my friend, Clayton Ruby, who was a young lawyer then, and he looked at the date and said, ‘Well, you’ve got tonight to decide — tomorrow’s the last day to appeal.’ So, I said, ‘Alright, appeal it.’ And that’s what set everything in motion: the court challenge, the hearings, climbing all the way from county court to the Ontario Court of Appeal and finally the Supreme Court. Looking back, I can see how it ties into our teachings — how we’re born into clans with roles and responsibilities. I didn’t know all that then, but I can see now that stepping forward was part of mine.”

She continues, “I think that’s what pushed me — realizing I didn’t have to be afraid to speak up. I remember thinking, ‘No, I have a right to decide what happens to me. I’m part of this country too.’ Even if the Indian Act didn’t recognize me as a person, I knew I was still a human being, and I wasn’t going to let them tell me otherwise.”

Her fight endured for another 15 years before her status was restored, during which she was the target for slights and resistance even by those who claimed to represent First Nations peoples interests, then called The National Indian Brotherhood, now called the Assembly of First Nations. The original naming is quite telling in how European Patriarchy had already insidiously crept into First Nations governance systems.

“It was very difficult, heartbreaking even. People from my own community pushed back. I remember a woman — a teacher from another reserve who’d married into Wiikwemkoong — writing in The Expositor, saying things like, ‘You made your bed, now lie in it.’ Imagine seeing that in print.

“But here we are, full circle, telling the story in a better way. And you’re right — even within that atmosphere, there were men who stood up. My own chief then, John Wasegijig who supported me. He said, ‘No, you go ahead. Do what you need to do,’ because he was fighting for his own daughter in the same situation.”

But women, once they heard what she was challenging, formed their own grassroots organizations. Ms.

Corbiere Lavell was one of the founding members of the Ontario Native Women’s Association, an organization whose roots are dug deep on this particular issue: “We got together, and then we — across Canada — other women did the same thing, so we did it on our own, with no government support at all, we just did it on our own,” she said when asked about the meaning of self-determination.

Bill S-2, according to the government, would restore Indian status to roughly 3,500 to 6,200 people who lost it through enfranchisement, fulfilling a court order in Nicholas v. Canada. But for the Assembly of First Nations — who first fought Ms. Corbiere Lavell — and many Indigenous leaders, it is another narrow amendment to a structure that should have been dismantled long ago.

“The Indian Act is inherently flawed,” Chief Woodhouse Nepinak said. “Since 1985, we have lived through amendments, litigation, and hollow consultation. None have brought justice.”

She called instead for First Nations to have full control over their own citizenship—something that should never have been taken from them.

A Clash in the Red Chamber

Just earlier this month, on November 5, those fractures widened into open confrontation.

Indigenous Services Minister Mandy Gull-Masty appeared before the same Senate committee to defend Bill S-2. What followed was an hour of tense exchanges that laid bare the deep mistrust between Parliament and Indigenous peoples over who holds the right to decide belonging.

When senators pressed her on the bill’s failure to address the “second-generation cut-off”—a rule that strips Indian status after two successive generations married outside of status—Minister Gull-Masty pushed back sharply.

“To predetermine a solution for a group if you do not live with the reality of that issue is racism itself,” she told the committee.

The remark came even as she faced Indigenous senators—Mi’kmaw, Cree and others—who argued that the second-generation rule has devastated families, cut people off from their nations, and left intergenerational trauma in its wake.

Senator Brian Francis, a Mi’kmaw former chief, spoke of that pain directly. “We’ve been consulted since 1985,” he said. “Let’s get this right and let’s do it now.”

But the minister would not yield. She told senators

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friends and family members to be part of the new camp; those are Don Carter, John Carter, Don Hone, Wayne Noble, Ken Michaud and Willis Campbell.

“When we first started hunting in the West End together, we hunted down here (Gore Bay Gordon area) and this property belonged to my wife Elva’s father Arden,” said Mr. Carter.

“When we first started to hunt, there were two deer gun hunt seasons on the Island—it used to be three days here and six days on the West End of the Island,” said Mr. Carter.

When the two men were asked at what age they harvested their first deer, “I shot my first deer when I was 14,” said Mr. Carter.

“Legally?” Mr. Campbell quipped, indicating he was young when he harvested his first deer.

“When I shot my first deer, that first year, it was

so warm we could hunt in our t-shirts,” stated Mr. Campbell.

“We have 12 guys that are in the camp every year now (from around Manitoulin and Sudbury),” said Mr. Campbell, “and we’ve had the same guys every year for the past six-seven years. We don’t have many guys who take part in the hunt anymore. It’s almost a totally social event now.”

Mr. Carter pointed out that over the years there have been many deer harvested on the property. “I harvested a buck one year that was twelve points and weighed about 212 pounds. I am the only hunter at our camp that has shot two 12-point bucks over the years.”

“A lot of good old stories have been told over the years at the camp, along with a few lies,” said Mr. Campbell. “Throughout the years we had a lot of visitors and hunters in, we also drank the odd beer with them.”

“We used to all drink

Old Vienna beer,” said Mr. Carter, “And it was Wayne Noble who dubbed the camp the Happy Lazy Hunting Camp.”

“I remember a day during a hunt season years ago when I was up early in the morning to check something in my vehicle and there were two deer on the property fighting. I was able to shoot one of them, they weren’t paying any attention to me. That’s when the deer were very plentiful around here.”

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ing for us.” The couple have property on the West End of Manitoulin.

“Jeremy is a teacher and is now working at elementary school (St. Joseph’s Anishinabek School) in Sheshegwaning First Nation,” said Dr. Davie. “We have two children, a 10-year-old son and a 13-year-old daughter. They have both started school at C.C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay and they are loving it.”

“We came back to Canada after having lived and worked in Australia for the past six years,” said Dr. Davie. The family returned to Canada in mid-October. “I started here at the Gore Bay Medical Centre in early November and Jeremy started teaching in Sheshegwaning.”

Dr. Davie explained, “My relationship with this medical centre actually started when I was a student in medical school. I attended McMaster University Medical School from 2007-2010. It was at that time I first met Doctors Shelagh (McRae), Bob (Hamilton) and Chantelle (Wilson) as a medical student and doing rotations here. Then in 2013 I did locums on the Island, here at the Gore Bay Medical Centre, at Mindemoya Hospital and with Dr. Mike Bedard’s practice in Manitowaning.”

“So, medically speaking, my relationship with the Island has been long-time,” said Dr. Davie.

Dr. Davie said even when her family was living in Australia and prior to that in Penetang (where she had a practice), “In the back of our minds we were also thinking that when we retired we most likely wanted to come to Gore Bay.”

“I grew up in Thunder Bay, so Northern Ontario is in my blood for sure,” stated Dr. Davie. Her husband grew up just north of Barrie in the Horsehoe Valley. “For the past six years we lived in the far north in Australia, Queensland, tropics, great barrier reef and beaches close by, but I am very happy being back in Canada.”

“I love it here at the medical centre,” stated Dr. Davie. “The team here at the medical centre has been more than welcoming and the town has been very friendly and welcoming as well.”

Dr. Davie received a recruitment incentive package managed by the town of Gore Bay with the backing of the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation to recruit doctors to the medical centre, and in turn benefit residents of the town and area.

“I love the small-town way of life,” stated Dr. Davie. She had recently mentioned to Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane that her kids had never ice skated before, and he said we should go to the arena and they would be able to provide skates, helmets and skating lessons. We did and the kids loved it.”

“I was at the rummage sale at the (Gore Bay Lyons Memorial United Church) buying Christmas things for the kids (earlier this month),” said Dr. Davie. “I love the small town feeling and way of life. It is lovely.”

Dr. Robert Hamilton stated, “I just want to say just how happy we are to have Dr. Davie join our group here. She is the final piece in the new core group of physicians here at the medical centre. And it is nice that she has the experience, taking a mid-career position, having a lot of skills and experience to add to our team here.”

Gore Bay FD responds to call

ICE LAKE—The Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department responded to a report of a fire on the evening of Tuesday, November 11 due to hydro outages in the area.

Mike Addison, Gore Bay Fire Chief, noted that some areas of Gore Bay and the area sustained power outages during the evening of November 11. “The fire department received a call of a fire with a tree on a hydro line, just this side (Gore Bay) of the Ice Lake Road causeway. A tree was across a hydro line and was shorting out due to the hydro outages.”

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...Island elder addresses Senate during review of Indian Act

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that formal consultations on the issue would not begin until 2026, once her department had co-developed a framework to guide the process.

“The duty to consult is not a checkbox,” she said. “It is the foundation of a solution.”

The Consult

For many senators, those words rang hollow. They pointed to the government’s recent passage of Bill C-5—the One Canadian Economy Act—which sped through Parliament in just two weeks without consultation and, critics say, poses far greater risks to Indigenous rights and sovereignty.

“You look at C-5,” said Senator Francis. “I don’t see any form of reasonable consultation that happened with that.”

Senator Kim Pate added that while consultation is important, “we also have a duty to end the discrimination—both the race and gender discrimination—that persists in the Indian Act.”

Senator Marilou McPhedran, who is not Indigenous, asked the question many have been waiting forty years to hear answered: “What justification can you and Canada offer for forcing these women and their descendants, whose rights are being violated now, to wait longer?”

The minister’s reply: “You yourself have not lived the reality as an Indigenous woman”—only deepened the divide.

Mikmaw Senator Paul Prosper, chairing the session, intervened gently but firmly. “When we talk about consultation,” he said, “the honour of the Crown is at stake.”

He reminded the minister that the second-generation cut-off has been studied, debated, and condemned for decades by courts, commissions, and communities. “Where is the value of that work,” he asked, “and does that not warrant the government to act honourably?”



Jeanette Corbiere Lavell

A Century-Old Law, a Modern Reckoning

Since hearings began, the committee has heard from more than 60 witnesses—elders, lawyers, advocates, and survivors of the Act’s relentless arithmetic among them Ms. Corbiere Lavell and her daughter Dawn Lavell-Harvard, president of the Native Women’s Association of Canada. Nearly all called for the same amendment: remove the second-generation cut-off and restore the pre-1985 “one-parent rule,” where status passes through either parent, not just one side of the family tree.

The Union of BC Indian Chiefs submitted a brief reminding senators of its long-standing resolution: “The second-generation cut-off must be removed to prevent legislated extinction.”

Sharon McIvor, whose 2009 court victory restored status to hundreds of thousands, warned senators that the cut-off continues to “twist and damage” lives. “Young First Nations women and men are being governed by an unjust, sexist, and racist law,” she said. “The government is using up their lifetime.”

Senator Prosper has since indicated he will introduce an amendment to establish a permanent one-parent rule. But even if the Senate adopts it, few expect the House of Commons to let it stand.

The Long Wait

For now, Bill S-2 continues its slow crawl through Parliament—a law written to correct the sins of

another law, while leaving the same architecture intact.

In her October testimony, National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak warned that Canada’s piecemeal fixes are not reconciliation, but repetition. “There is something wrong,” she said, “that it is 2025 and we are still having these same discussions.”

Still, she urged that the work continue—not through bureaucratic tinkering, but through true recognition of Indigenous sovereignty over identity.

First Nations people, she said, are the only people in the world legislated into existence by another government. The only people whose belonging has been written and rewritten by those who never had the right to hold the pen.

And until that pen is returned—until the stories of identity, kinship, and nationhood are written by the people themselves—the promise of justice will remain what it has always been under the Indian Act: deferred.

Ms. Corbiere Lavell closed the interview with the Expositor saying this: “They should have let us govern ourselves. We’ve always known who we are. But the government stepped in, bound by their own laws and that so-called fiduciary duty—rules written long before 1967 and followed blindly ever since. Even now, this government would rather sidestep the real issues, push the second-generation cutoff down the road, hold another round of consultations.”

“So, what does real justice look like? For me, it comes back to our teachings. Justice is truth, honesty, love, respect—the simple principles of how human beings ought to live with one another.

Our people have been on Turtle Island for more than 60,000 years; we had governance long before any Indian Act. Wisdom, truth, love, respect—those are the foundations of how we related to each other, and they should

be the foundations of any justice system worthy of the name.

“And especially now, we need bravery—the courage to say what must be said, to name what needs to change, and to stand up not only for our-

selves but for those who have no voice. That has always mattered to me.”

The State Senate is expected to deliver their recommendations later this week.

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Development completed on Sandy Point subdivision in Assiginack

MANITOWANING—Development has been completed for the Sandy Point Subdivision in Manitowaning.

“We are very pleased to have the development completed,” stated Jordan Chandler, developer of Sandy Point. “The first block of 10 lots were registered in 2022, and most of those have sold. The second phase of 38 more lots has just been registered, so we are excited to offer them to the public, moving forward.”

“I believe there have been four subdivisions like this attempted in the last decade on Manitoulin, and this is the only one that has been successfully completed,” said Mr. Chandler. “These developments take a lot of time and require cooperation from several avenues along the way. This would not have seen the finish line



The Sandy Point subdivision has a total of 48 waterfront lots and a marina.

without amazing and patient ownership, fantastic contractors, and guidance from the Manitoulin Planning Board.”

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In May, Assiginack Township council provided its approval for phase two of the Sandy Point subdivision proposal, as all requirements had been satisfied.

“It’s going to bring development to the township. I’m pleased that all of this has come to a conclusion,” stated Brenda Reid, Assiginack mayor. “Development is certainly good for the township.”

Mr. Chandler added, “Moving forward, we plan to refurbish our on-site marina so we can offer buyers an option for launching and docking. We are also investigating the feasibility of hiking/ski trails on the remaining 600 plus acres of forest, within the development lands.”

Coming Events

Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6 from 9 to 11 am at Little Current United Church. Serving pancakes, sausages, juice, fruit and coffee, \$5 per person.

26-29p

Come join George Williamson and friends for an evening of great music, fun and dancing at Little Current United Church on Friday, November 28 and Friday, December 12 from 7 to 9 pm. Non-perishable food/monetary donations for the food bank are greatly appreciated. See you there!

26-28p

Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary Bake Sale is Thursday, November 20 and Friday, November 21 beginning at 10 am at Turner’s Store, downtown Little Current.

26-27p

All Saints Anglican Church, Gore Bay will be holding their annual cookie walk on Saturday, December 6 from 10 am to 3 pm at the church at 38 Meredith Street, side door entrance. Let us prepare your favourite Christmas cookies for you! You choose your cookies. Large box, \$25; small box, \$15. We look forward to seeing you there no matter the weather!

27-29p

Christmas in Tehkummah at Tehkummah Hall, Saturday, November 29 from 10 am to 2 pm. A wide variety of unique gifts and goodies from local vendors, entertainment, homemade lunch and a door prize. A social event hosted by Tehkummah Library.

27-28c

Manitoulin Community Choir in concert Friday, November 28 at 7:30 pm at Lyons Memorial United Church, Gore Bay, \$15; and Sunday afternoon, November 30 at 2:30 pm at the Spring Bay Church, \$15; or attend our final rehearsal, by donation, at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, November 25 at Lyons United Church in Gore Bay.

27-28c

The MHC Board of Directors will be holding their regular Board meeting on Thursday, November 27, beginning at 6 pm in the Multi-Purpose/Boardroom at the Little Current site. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues. Regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting.

27c

Coming Events

Christmas Tea and Fair at Knox United Church Hall in Manitowaning on Saturday, November 29 from 11 am to 3 pm. For the Tea: adults, \$6; ages 6 to 12 years, \$3. Shopping without tea: \$2. There will be door prizes; draws; silent auction; penny table; touch and take; baking and bazaar tables.

27-28p

A program of 'Lessons and Carols' will be held at Knox United Church in Manitowaning on Sunday, November 30. Potluck lunch at 12 noon followed by 'Lessons and Carols' at 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

27-28p

The Island Quilt Guild invites young and seasoned quilters to our next monthly meeting on Thursday, November 20 at the Mindemoya Community Centre. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting begins at 7 pm. This month it's all about half square triangles and how to trim HST units with a square ruler while they are folded. This month's fat quarter exchange is Christmas fabric. If you have a square ruler, rotary cutter and mat, please bring them along or we will share ours. Hope to see you there. And of course, refreshments will be served. Call Vicki for more info, 705-368-1826.

27c

Gordon/Barrie Island Christmas Market is Saturday, December 6 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Community Centre, 29 Noble Sideroad. Shop for unique gifts, art and handcrafted items. Have lunch and enjoy the country ambiance! Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Gore Bay Food Cupboard. Vendors call 705-282-2702.

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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, December 17, Mindemoya Council Chambers from 2 to 4 pm. For more information please contact: Terry Mackenzi, 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Ann Cranston, 705-282-7531 or bnannnc@gmail.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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Services

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

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

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

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In Memoriam

STRAIN—In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, David, who passed away November 22, 1982. Your smile is gone forever, Your hands we can not touch, We hold so many memories of you dad, We love you so much. Sadly missed, Gary, Elva, David, Jim and Karen

27c

CORBIERRE—In loving memory of my mother Donna Corbierre, January 18, 1935 to November 19, 2022.

Mother, you're missed and thought about each day that passes by, And I'm so very fortunate to have forged such a strong mother/son bond with you over the years. You will always be close in my thoughts.

Rob

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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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In Memoriam

FOGAL—In loving memory of Doreen Fogal, May 23, 1939 to November 18, 2024.

They say there is a reason, They say time will heal, Neither time or reason, Will change the way we feel. Gone are the days we used to share, But in our hearts you are always there.

Love and miss you every day. Always and forever, Diane, Wayne, Norman, Bonnie, Joanne and families

27c

MCMURRAY—In loving memory of our husband, father and grandpa, Arthur (Art) McMurray, who passed away November 16, 2018.

They say there is a reason, They say that time will heal, But neither time nor season, Will change the way we feel. For no one knows the heartache, That lies behind our smiles, No one knows how many times, We have broken down and cried. Gone from home that smiling face, Those cheerful happy ways, The heart that won so many friends, In bygone happy days.

We want to tell you something, So there won't be any doubt, You're so wonderful to think of, But so hard to be without. We cannot bring the old days back, When we were all together, The family chain is broken now, But memories live forever. Love always and forever, Margaret, Candy, Geoff, Lily, Cassie, Jordan, Megan and Brianna

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WADE—In loving memory of Brent Wade. Twenty-six years have come and gone, my son. November 9, 1999, at 22, your earthly life was done. You went to work and never came home; so sudden, so unexpected, so unplanned for.

I could not imagine a life without you. Never again to hear your voice or see your smile or hear your laughter. Always questioning the reason and the hereafter. With loss/death, there are the two “G’s: guilt and grief. The guilt is: “If only”, “I should of”, “I could of”, “I would of.” For those of you fresh into grief, that time heals will not be your belief. Know you are now on a life changing, forever journey. The loved one you have lost will always be in your heart. I am here to assure you, eventually time will heal you. Healing is not forgetting your loved one, not loving them less. Your heart has been severed. Like suffering a severe wound, it takes time to heal that wound and what remains is a permanent scar. Healing for me was learning to live the new norm without you, Brent. Initially I never thought I would feel joy again, feel happiness, or even just feel again.

I felt so empty, so numb, void of motivation and purpose. To help me heal I have found writing to you or just writing helped. Having family and friends that “just show up” is so much part of healing. We all know death is something people are not comfortable about “What do I say? What do I do?”

I am trying to increase everyone’s awareness and importance and the meaningfulness of “just showing up.” It means much more than you can imagine. Please do not forget the siblings of a young adult killed. Their heart is aching, their world has been shattered as well. One of Brent’s cousins, my nephew, he and his girlfriend, came to our home upon hearing the news of Brent’s death. They sat there quietly, saying nothing, but I knew they were missing you, Brent. I knew they cared. They “just showed up.” I empathize with all of you fresh into your journey. It brings tears to my eyes and pain in my heart just thinking of your pain. I offer you hope and that you are not alone. There is life after death, after loss.

The Threads of Life is an organization I have belonged to for 22 years. It supports families suffering from workplace tragedies. Starting in 2003 with approximately 100 families, we are now national, supporting over 3,000 families across Canada. It gave me hope, encouragement and understanding of my emotions. I knew I was not alone.

It has put life back into living and living back into life for me. For anyone that is, or has been affected by workplace tragedies, be it a fatality, life-altering injury or occupational disease, we are there for you. We are on line.

Brent, it is through the love and support of your sisters Chrissy and Laura, family, my very dear friends and The Threads of Life that I am where I am today. I want to give back and by writing this lengthy memoriam. It is my way of healing, of talking to you, of remembering where I was and am now and of giving back.

I miss you every day and I am grateful for the 22 years I had with you. You are and will always be “Forever in Our Hearts.”

Wishing you were here. Love into eternity, Mom.

P.S. I can be a listening ear or a shoulder to cry on, no matter what the cause of death or loss.

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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.

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Knox United Church Rummage Sale In Manitowaning will be closing for the season on Saturday, November 22 at 3 pm and will re-open sometime in the New Year. Have a happy holiday season.

27p

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning will remain open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm until December 13 at 3 pm.

27-29p

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

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Celebration of Life

DONNA KANERVA

We will celebrate the wonderful life of Donna Kanerva on Sunday, November 23, 2025 from 10 am to 2 pm, at Lively Golf Course (uper hall). Informal speeches will take place at 12 noon. All who knew and loved Donna are welcome.



The Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy has announced the creation of Sucker Lake Ridge Nature Preserve, a 100-acre addition to its protected lands on Manitoulin Island.

New nature preserve protected on Manitoulin

MANITOULIN—The Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) has announced the creation of the Sucker Lake Ridge Nature Preserve, a 100-acre addition to its protected lands on Manitoulin Island.

The new preserve is situated between the EBC Fossil Hill and Eagles Nest preserves and strengthens one of Manitoulin’s most ecologically significant corridors, protecting habitat for little brown myotis bats, Blanding’s turtles and the ram’s head lady’s slipper orchid.

Perched high above Sucker Lake, the ridge reveals the striking Niagara Escarpment geology with dolostone cliffs, fossils and rugged terrain shaped over millennia.

“Sucker Lake Ridge embodies the es-

sence of the Niagara Escarpment: geologically ancient, ecologically vibrant and deeply connected to the Island,” said Beth Gilhespy, chief executive officer of EBC. “The ecology at many areas like Sucker Lake Ridge thrives thanks to the enduring stewardship and land care practices of the First Peoples and traditional land stewards. We are adding to that care, creating a larger protected area and sharing its ecological and cultural values.”

She explained the project was made possible through community support and funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund, delivered through the Ontario Land Trust Alliance.

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Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of **Local Food Manitoulin**

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The following equipment has been declared as surplus by the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council and is listed for sale. Sealed bids will be accepted until 2 pm on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. Bid documents with instructions on how to submit a bid are posted for each item at: centralmanitoulin.ca/our-government/bids-and-tenders/

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Deadline to submit sealed bids: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at 2 pm.

Two-day conference on Family Violence fosters healing and hope

by Margery Frisch

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Nookomisnaang Shelter for Victims of Family Violence hosted a two-day conference at the 4Directions Complex, November 6 and 7, ‘Balance and Harmony – A Good Mind.’ Due to a glitch in the sound system, the conference got a slow start, a quiet beginning, with prayer by May Roy and an honor song by Berniece Trudeau. MC Samantha Mandamin did her best to be heard and to keep everyone engaged.

Diane Jacko, health director at Wikwemikong Health Centre, gave some introductory remarks. The statistics she present-

ed in relation to Canada’s First Nations communities set the tone for the conference: Approximately 61 percent of Indigenous women in intimate relationships have experienced intimate partner violence compared to 44 percent of non-Indigenous women; around 42 percent of Indigenous women have reported childhood physical or sexual abuse compared to 9.2 percent of non-Indigenous women; and, most staggering, Indigenous women comprise 26 percent of all victims of intimate partner homicides, while only representing about five percent of the female population. “Let this

conference be more than conversation,” Ms. Jacko said, “let it inspire action grounded in reconciliation, justice and collective responsibility. We owe this to our children, our families and our future.”

Patsy Corbiere, chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning also addressed those attending the conference. “This is a very important conference,” she said. She spoke from her experience as chief and the crises First Nations’ communities are in. “More drug use, more children in care. Children are growing up with violence, and they become violent with their partners. So, this is a very important con-



Mary Pheasant, Manager at Nookomisnaang Shelter, heads an art session at the conference

ference, but it’s not just about talking. I’ve been to a lot of conferences and everybody talks and talks and talks. There has to be an action plan, how we will address the issue.” Ms. Corbiere said.

Thursday’s keynote speaker was Asha Frost, and everyone received a copy of her book, ‘You are the Medicine.’ “I’m hoping I can bring some healing words, some healing activation for everyone,” Ms. Frost said. As an Ojibwe healer, best-selling author and guide, Ms. Frost took an individual approach to the action Chief Corbiere was looking for. With stories and her own lived experience, Ms. Frost led the attendees in various brief activities to activate their memories, their strengths and their ancestral connections. “How much are you carrying? How much of it is generational stuff? What do you want to end with you?” she asked. “I want to be a cycle breaker, I don’t want my sons to carry this burden,” she said. “You have the power to let it go.”

Friday began in much the same way. May Roy opened the conference with prayer and Berniece Trudeau offered an honour song. Mary Pheasant, Nookomisnaang Shelter manager, and Bernadine Francis, Wikwemikong band council member gave their opening remarks. Ms. Pheasant addressed the importance of prioritizing our health—spiritual, mental and physical health. Councillor Francis said she planned to report everything she learned at the conference back to the band council. “This conference has made me see the importance of concentrating on the positives, not the negatives, something I’m sad to say I did not do with my kids. This conference is about the positives.”

Friday’s keynote speaker was psychologist Angela Grier, whose impressive list of credentials and accomplishments are long. Ms. Grier is a member of the Pikani Nation of the Blackfoot Confederacy, based out of Calgary.

She sits on the Indigenous Board of Governor for the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association’s national board and is the mental health lead for Susan Aglukark’s Arctic Rose Foundation, which promotes Indigenous-led arts-based programs for kids, along with other cultural and creative projects.

Ms. Pheasant led an afternoon painting session, prefacing how her love of art came as a way of working through physical pain, when she became ill decades ago. “There’s was a lot going on, back then,” she said. She spoke, as she led the art lesson, of the importance of making one’s own health and wellness a priority. And how she discovered immersing herself in her love of painting, blocked out the physical pain she was experiencing, it was a way of healing. And she showed others how to do it.

There was much to take in, much to digest in the two-day conference. Afternoon activities were led by Nookomisnaang staff and Jenn Recollet Catering provided food through out the day – breakfast, lunch and snacks. Nookomisnaang Shelter provided a thorough conference with knowledgeable speakers providing thoughts and ideas and means of breaking cycles and moving forward.

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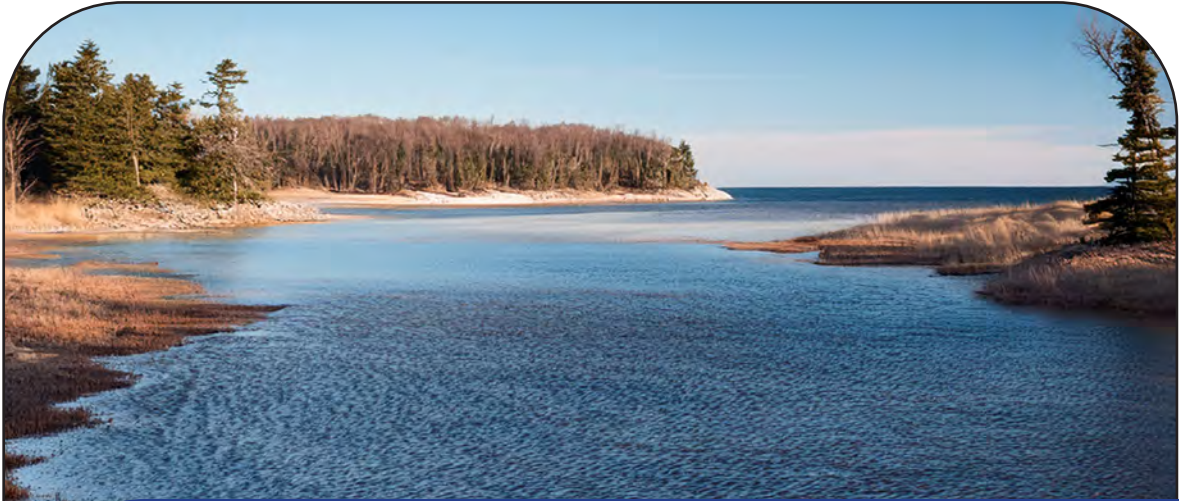
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Doric Lodge’s ‘The Empty Chair’ Ceremony—is a profoundly moving Remembrance Day ritual

by Margery Frisch
LITTLE CURRENT—On the evening of November 11, the Masons of Doric Lodge #455 gathered, along with invited guests, to honour Remembrance Day in a unique and moving way, with the Empty Chair Ceremony. This Empty or vacant Chair ceremony has been celebrated by the Masons for 150 years, but for this Doric Lodge, it was a first.

Ten years after the American Civil War, the Masons paid tribute to those who did not return home by honouring them with the Empty Chair service, and Masonic lodges have adapted this ceremony ever since, paying homage on Remembrance Day to Brother Masons who did not return from the World Wars and other wars. A similar form is also used at funerals honouring deceased Masters and Members.

The ceremony at the Doric Lodge began that night with the Worshipful Master, Rick Mauti,



The empty chair.

photos by Margery Frisch

granting admittance to the deacons who carried the empty chair, the symbol of the fallen brother, into the inner chamber, setting it before the podium. During the ceremony, an apron was placed upon the chair, the first gift of masonry and an emblem of innocence. A sprig of evergreen was set upon the chair as a symbol of immortality, a white rose, a symbol of ‘that true light’ to which they have been called., was placed on the chair, and a poppy, too, in honour of Remembrance Day. “Everything is symbolic, because in Masonry everything is symbolic. There’s a lot of meaning behind all things and it’s all good,” Worshipful Master Mauti ex-



Explaining the symbolism of the items placed on the empty chair.

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Bonspiel Winners!
Congratulations to Team Wahl (Skip **Eric Wahl**, Vice **Spencer Johnston**, Second **Devon McKelvie** and Lead **Parker Johnston**) who won the Tri-Town Toyota Youth Bonspiel over the weekend. The young elementary/secondary rink were undefeated in the U-18 Men’s division held at the Horne Granite Centre in New Liskeard.

Panther Points!
The U15 Manitoulin Panthers hit the road to Blind River to play the North Shore Thundercats in a double header. Game one saw **Boston Abotossaway**, **Josh McComb**, **Landon Armstrong**, **Ryley Corbiere**, **Casey Bowerman** (from **Jackson Lalonde**), **Adrian Bois** and **Collin Campbell** netting eight goals with help from their teammates to take an 8-5 win.
In the second game, **Merrik Sokolowski** had three assists and **Boston Abotossaway**, **Adrian Bois**, **Casey Bowerman**, **Josh McComb** and **Mathew Debassige** scored to give the Panthers a 7-1 win.
The U13 Panthers battled hard at home on Sunday in a fast, back and forth game with the Thundercats. **Jacen Simon** opened up scoring for the Panthers with a hard shot from the point. **Jordyn Corbiere** also put one in from the blue line, and **Oliver Wilding** scored the third in

a tough 6-3 loss.
The U11 Panthers also saw the North Shore Thundercats this weekend. On Saturday they met at Massey arena and battled it out to a 4-4 tie, with goals by **Alexander Woods** (assisted by **Bryce Debassige**), **Connor Pheasant** (from **Hunter Inglis** and **Bryce Debassige**), then **Hunter Inglis** (assisted by **Harrison Wright** and **Connor Pheasant**) and **Connor Pheasant** again (from **Reid Flood** and **Alec Mills**).

On Sunday the Thundercats came to the Island. **Bryce Debassige** took a pass from **Connor Pheasant**, netting the first goal for the Panthers, and **Harrison Wright** set up **Greyson Francis** for their second goal in the 8-2 loss.
The U18 Lady Panthers had a massive tournament win in North Bay and I was able to get results from the score-sheet side of things that is always only part of the story. For instance, I failed to mention the stellar job netminder **Brynn Best** did. Brynn also played this well for the whole tournament, taking over for her injured teammate.
Those shut-down blue-liners and defensive forwards might not get a point but your teammates especially your goalie notice that back-check, blocked shot and clearing your defensive zone. Hats off to all the unsung heroes of your big win. Go Panthers!

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MSS Robotics team reaches Hamilton finals

by Tom Sasvari
M’CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Manitoulin Metal #6865 robotics team took part in a competition held at McMaster University in Hamilton recently.
“It was a very good experience as far as competition goes,” said Yana Bauer, a mentor for the MSS team, said of the event that took place the first weekend of November. She noted the MSS team reached the finals in the competition.

The MSS team travelled to Hamilton on Friday, October 31 and took part in the competition the next day. “Our robot is the same robot as last year’s model and is getting glitchy because of wear and tear, so there was a lot of stress on the team’s part as to whether we were going to get it working again. But we also knew that other teams would be there that would help us if needed.”
“Then when we got to Hamilton Friday evening in just 10 minutes we had the computer running properly,” said Ms. Bau-



The Manitoulin Secondary School Manitoulin Metals #6865 robotics team reached the finals of a competition held at McMaster University in Hamilton, recently.

er. She pointed out one of the reasons the MSS team took part in this competition was to give the robot drive team, made up of Grade 9-10 students, the opportunity to get experience in a competition.
“We had five parents of team members with us, so they were able to see what it is like at a competition. We also had a bunch of Grade 9 students who took care of media and helped in the team pits, while the older students were able to mentor the younger students,” said

Ms. Bauer.
The event provided the opportunity for the MSS team to network with McMaster University students. “What was special for us it that three of our former robotics captains, Jocelyn (Kuntsi), Ben (Willis) and Alex (Wilson-Zegil) were there for a while to cheer everyone on,” continued Ms. Bauer. “It was wonderful.”
As Ms. Bauer mentioned, the MSS team reached the finals and

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...MSS Robotics team reaches First Robotics finals in Hamilton


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although they didn't win, "the team had a great showing and everyone on the team was able to contribute. The robot worked great, and we were able to achieve our goals. It was a great learning experience. We were also able to set our goals for the season and what we have to do to get ready for the new season." Among the teams on hand were teams from Michigan and Montreal, teams MSS has never competed against before. Manitoulin Metal will be putting on a battery



The MSS STEMley drive team included technician Xander Thompson, driver coach Samuel Pennings, driver Jack Hartin, Kaelan Thompson and Joseph Zilio, alternating operator and human player.


drive and will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts as two of its fundraisers for the new season, which will kick off on January 13 when all First Lego teams will find out what their robot has to do in the 2026 competitions. From there the team will have to design and program their robot to get ready for the competitions.



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Gore Bay Rotary Club makes several significant community donations

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—With a highly successful Fall Harvest Auction in October the Rotary Club of Gore Bay has made significant donations to three Western Manitoulin volunteer fire departments.

“On behalf of the Gore Bay Rotary Club and the many lovely donors who contributed to our annual Fall harvest auction (held October 11) to make it a success, we are in the position of having funds available to support the community,” said Peter Carter, president of the Rotary club in a presentation made last week at the Gore Bay fire hall. “We decided to spread the wealth around to all three fire departments in our area, for everything you do in the community.”

The Gore Bay/Gordon-Barrie Island, Billings township, Burpee and Mills township volunteer fire departments each received a donation of \$3,333.

“On behalf of the three fire depart-



The Rotary Club of Gore Bay presented three western Manitoulin volunteer fire departments with donations of \$3,300 each, last week. In photo front sitting are Gore Bay fire chief Mike Addison, Billings fire chief Martin Connell, Burpee and Mills fire chief Rick Graham with members of the Rotary Club and volunteer fire-fighters in the back row.

ments we would like to thank the Rotary Club for your generous financial support of our fire departments,” said Mike Addison, Gore Bay fire chief and

co-chair of the Manitoulin Mutual Aid committee. “The firefighters from all three volunteer departments work hard and train hard to serve the community.

These three fire departments do a lot of work together providing things like tanker support, water and manpower. Probably the biggest fire we all worked on to put out, at least recently, was the Woods Lane Apartments fire earlier this year (in Gore Bay). We thank the Rotary Club for thinking of us and the support your club is providing.”

The Gore Bay fire department will be putting their donation towards communications, a radio tower, Billings donation going toward a defibrillator and possibly a portable radio, with Burpee and Mills fire department funds going toward breathing apparatus for the firefighters.

Mr. Carter encouraged the local fire departments to keep the Rotary club, “in mind for future endeavours if you need help. We are proud to be able to help out each fire department.”

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- Liaise with other First Nations, program agencies and related organizations/institutions to network effectively for the benefit of AOKFN, Chief and Council and the AOKFN community;
- Attend appropriate workshops, seminars and training sessions as required and assigned to remain current and up-to-date on topics of concern to the position;
- Counsel students regarding educational issues such as course selection, timetables and scheduling, school adjustments, attendance issues and study skills;
- Counsel students regarding career or vocational issues including career exploration and planning, resume preparation, job search strategies and interview skills as well as to make available a wide range of educational and occupational information;
- Counsel students and/or facilitate referrals to support services with regard to personal and social issues such as substance abuse, anxiety, self-esteem, relationship and interpersonal skills;
- Counsel students in crisis situations such as dealing with the death of a friend or family member, or abuse situations;
- Consult with teachers, parents, faculty and other professionals such as psychologists and social workers regarding various issues and concerns as well as administrators and community agencies regarding programs and referrals;
- Coordinate co-op and school-to-work transition programs, and the provision of counselling and information services to students, parents, teachers, faculty and staff such as career information services, professional development sessions and interactions with other educational institutions;
- Supervise peer counselling programs in school settings;
- Develop and coordinate study skills groups or workshops on topics such as note taking, time management skills, test or examination preparation strategies;
- Coordinate or participate in student orientation programs for colleges or universities;
- Arrange for employers to recruit graduating students and students for co-op work terms;
- Visit post-secondary institutions and secondary schools to provide academic information to prospective students, their parents and education counsellors;
- Other duties/tasks/responsibilities as required and as assigned.

SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS and EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

- College Diploma or Bachelors Degree in a related field (i.e. Social Sciences, Counselling, Education);
- Must have a proficient level of communication skills, verbal and written;
- Proficient computer skills;
- Excellent conflict resolution skills;
- Must possess a current and valid Driver's Licence and dependable vehicle;
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe customs and traditions and a good understanding of First Nation educational issues;
- Must provide a clear CPIC (Vulnerable Sector) prior to commencing position.

APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:
Cover letter with contact information, resume listing education and work experience and at least three (3) work-related letters of reference with contact information.

Please forward applications marked “CONFIDENTIAL” to:
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
c/o Chief Patsy Corbiere
13 Hill Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

Deadline for applications is Thursday, December 4, 2025 @ 12:00 NOON.



Gore Bay Dental expands under Kingsway DPO management

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Gore Bay Dental will continue its growth and expansion of space, staff and services it provides as it goes under the management of Kingsway DPO.

“We want to be a good partner for the town of Gore Bay and local residents,” stated Brian Holland, chief executive officer of Kingsway DPO at the opening of the new office, located on 60 Meredith Street in the Town of Gore Bay. Their neighbours in the new building include LAMBAC.

Dr. Mary Cross, “had approached us as she felt it would be a good fit and be able to provide and even expand services,” stated Mr. Holland. “She felt our group would be the best fit for all of this.”

“I feel this is a really great match for the town and our clients,” said Dr. Cross. “Our previous office (in the Gore Bay Medical Centre) was at capacity, and we needed to expand our space to grow and meet growing demands.” The new office location is about three times the space size of the previous office location, with three doctor chairs and hygiene space along with additional rooms being added.

“We bought the business from Mary, but she will still continue working here in Gore Bay when the (MS Chi-Cheemaun) ferry runs (between Tobermory and



Gore Bay Dental continues to grow and expansion of space, staff services it provides as it is now under management of Kingsway DPO, and has moved into its new location in Gore Bay. In photo from left are Colleen Punkari office manager, Kimberly Jee vice-president of operations for Kingsway DPO, Dr. Mary Cross, Brian Holland chief executive officer of Kingsway DPO, Sherri Loutitt registered dental hygienist, Monica Zilio dental assistant.

photo by Tom Sasvari

South Baymouth),” said Mr. Holland, noting Dr. Cross husband had purchased a dental practice in Wiarton, (where she will practice in late fall to the spring).

“We manage 15 small clinics in small areas like Schreiber, Sagamok and Blind River,” said Mr. Holland. “All of these offices have been around for decades and will continue on as they have been.”

“All 15 locations are remote and rural. We understand the needs of the clients and the communities

they are located in,” said Kimberly Jee, vice-president of operations for Kingsway DPO who has worked in dentistry for the past 20 years.

“Staff at Gore Bay Dental will remain the same,” said Mr. Holland. New staff includes Monica Zilio as a dental assistant and also a couple of more dentists will be on hand at the clinic.

Dr. Cross explained that two new locum doctors (dentists) will provide services until Christmas until a full-time dentist is

hired to start in January, and she will return next spring as well, through the fall. “We expect to be able to accept new patients again and with the new Canadian Dental Care Plan more people will have access to care. “We have seen greater demand, and we will be able to accept more patients and meet this growing demand.”


Dr. Cross and the new management Kingsway DPO praised the town of Gore Bay and Manitoulin Transport for the support and help they provided with the move to the new location.

“We offer full dental/emergency services,” said Dr. Cross. These services include complete examination and x-rays, hygiene and periodontal

care, fillings, crowns and bridges, root canals-both simple and complex, dentures, simple and surgical extractions, kids’ examinations, hygiene treatment and dental emergencies.

Dr. Cross said, “We are proud of what we have accomplished and look forward to enhancing services for our clients. When I first started here it was just Colleen Punkari (office manager) and I at the clinic, then we were able to hire a dental hygienist, dental assistant. We have really grown a lot over the years. We have a great staff team here.”

For more information on Gore Bay Dental you can go online at Gore-BayDentistry.com or call the office at 705-282-2223.



UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS of MNIDOO MNISING

BYLAW-EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OFFICER

Location: United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Tribal Council – M’Chigeeng First Nation
Duration: Full-time Permanent or Casual Part-time (pending funding)

Position Summary
The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising is seeking a Bylaw-Emergency Preparedness Officer who will be responsible for enforcing First Nation Bylaws, conducting investigations, promoting voluntary compliance and educating the public on community standards. The role also supports the development, maintenance and implementation of emergency management plans, training and response activities. This position contributes to the safety, wellbeing and resilience of the UCCMM communities.

Key Responsibilities

- Report to the Manager of Community Safety and Bylaw Operations and carry out duties in alignment with departmental policies, procedures and strategic priorities.
- Bylaw enforcement and compliance.
- Respond to complaints and inquiries related to First Nation bylaws.
- Conduct proactive and complaint-driven patrols.
- Interview complainants, witnesses, property owners and respondents.
- Gather, secure and document evidence including photographs, statements and records.
- Promote voluntary compliance through education, engagement and professional communication.
- Conduct thorough investigations using recognized investigative practices.
- Prepare accurate and detailed reports, case files and correspondence.
- Maintain detailed records of enforcement activity and file documentation in compliance with policy and legislation.
- Apply strong report-writing and documentation skills to produce court-ready files.
- Assist in the development, maintenance and updating of the UCCMM Communities Emergency Response Plans and supporting documents.
- Participate in training exercises, drills and emergency operations planning.
- Support the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) during activations.
- Work collaboratively with police, fire, EMS, public works, provincial agencies and partner organizations.
- Provide public education related to emergency preparedness, disaster readiness and community safety.
- Public Interaction & Community Relations.
- Engage with the public in a professional, respectful and community-focused manner.
- Attend council, committee and community meetings as assigned.

Qualifications

- Diploma or Degree in Law Enforcement, Criminology, Public Administration, Emergency Management or a related field.
- Completion of Bylaw Enforcement/Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Training (Level I/II) or equivalent.
- 3–5 years’ experience in law enforcement, policing, regulatory enforcement, military or security operations, emergency management or related field.
- Demonstrated experience conducting interviews, investigations and evidence collection.
- Strong knowledge of First Nation Bylaws, regulatory enforcement methods and applicable provincial / federal legislation.
- Ability to safely wear, carry and utilize issued officer safety and enforcement equipment. Demonstrated use of force and officer safety training.
- Skilled in de-escalation and conflict resolution.
- Ability to work independently with sound judgement.
- Proficiency with computers and office software.
- Valid Ontario driver’s licence Class G with no regulatory restrictions.

Remuneration: Based on Qualifications + benefits

Closing Date: Friday, November 21st, 2025 at 12:00 pm

To Apply: Please submit a letter of application, resume and three (3) written employment references, one from current/most recent employer and current Criminal Reference Check. Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted.

Mark “**Confidential - Bylaw-Emergency Preparedness Officer**” to:
Jordan Atchison
Manager - By-law Operations/Community Safety/ Emergency Preparedness
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
Box 275
M’Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

OR by email: jatchison@uccmm.ca

Thank you for applying, but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Little Current Place Non-Profit Housing and Elderly Citizens’ Centre Corporation and Agent for Property Management of Manitoulin Non-Profit Homes Inc. is seeking a Property Manager

Scope of Job

Reporting to and under the general direction of the Board of Directors, the property manager will be responsible for the overall management and administration of the projects.

Skills/Experience Desired

- Experience with computer, Excel, Word Perfect
- Accounting/bookkeeping/typing
- Communication skills (written and oral) including tact and diplomacy
- Maintenance/property management experience
- Experience in non-profit housing administration an asset

Please note: this is a one year contract, part-time position of 25 hours per week with possibility of full-time or renewal.

Submit resumes by November 21

Please mail copy of resume to:
Chair of the Board
Box 851, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

...Doric Lodge’s ‘The Empty Chair’ Ceremony—profoundly moving

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plained, following the service.

As each symbol was placed, an explanation was given by a lodge member. The recitation of Psalm 23 followed, “The Lord is my Shepherd...” The Lord’s Prayer was recited by all; an explanation of the red poppy was given, followed by John McCrae’s poem ‘In Flanders Fields.’

The names of those Doric Lodge members who have died in the past five years were then read aloud, 21 members in all. The public was invited

to name those who have served and who have died. Lodge members who had also served in Legion #177 were named, six in all. Members of the Gore Bay Lodge #472 were named. A moment of silence followed, honouring all whose names had been spoken.

“Dear brothers and distinguished guests this concludes our Empty Chair Ceremony for Remembrance Day observance. On behalf of the brethren of the Doric Lodge I wish to sincerely and wholeheartedly thank you all for joining us here this evening. I now invite you all to join me in singing our national anthem.” And O Canada rang out in



Senior and junior deacons and stewards stand to the north, south, east and west with locked wands as a sign of unity with the fallen brethren.



Pastor Reverend Whitney Bruno, left, Worshipful Master of Manitoulin’s Doric Lodge, Rick Mauti and Legion Zone Commander Gary MacPherson share a smile.

photos by Margery Frisch

the crowded inner chamber.

“It was the first time the public has been in that room while we were in our regalia,” Worshipful Master Mauti said after the service, “kind of like a sneak peak of what we do.” He was pleased to have Masonic brothers from Elliot Lake, Chelmsford, Blind River and Sudbury in attendance. Mayor Al MacNevin, as well as council members, and a large contingency from Legion Branch #177 were also present.

Perhaps it was that sneak peak the public was given, or perhaps the very brief yet poignant Remembrance Day service, but the crowd was animated following

the ceremony, and very moved. Former District Deputy John Miszczak,

of Sudbury, put it simply and succinctly, “The solemnity and ritual of our

services make good men better,” he said.

Wikwemikong Property Management Co. Ltd O/A Rainbow Ridge Golf Course Employment Opportunity Golf Course Manager

The Wikwemikong Property Management Co. (WPMC Ltd.) o/a Rainbow Ridge Golf Course is seeking a highly motivated and well-organized individual to fill the position of Golf Course Manager. The Golf Course Manager reports directly to Enaadmaagehjik Management and Board and will be responsible for all Golf Course operations, including but not limited, to Restaurant, Pro Shop, Golf Course maintenance and administration.

General Duties:

1. Develop, maintain and administer a sound business and organizational plan for the property which includes an operating/capital budget and marketing plan.
2. Hire, develop and supervise all key employees of the property and ensure that all employees have the necessary certifications.
3. Consistently assures that the property is operated in accordance with all applicable local municipal, provincial and federal laws.
4. Oversee the care and maintenance of the property’s physical assets and facilities.
5. Development and implementation of the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course marketing strategy and annual business plan.
6. Work with management team to ensure the highest standards for food, beverage, sports, recreation activities and other property services.
7. Analyze financial statements (income and expenses) relative to budgeted goals and takes corrective measures as necessary.
8. Prepare and present financial and operational reports to the Enaadmaagehjik Board and Shareholders on a Quarterly and Annual basis.
9. Responsible for hiring, scheduling, supervising and directing the work of all Golf Course employees.
10. Participate in outside activities to enhance the presence and brand of the Golf Course in the local community.
11. Other applicable duties/responsibilities as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Must have 3-5 years related management experience in the hospitality industry and/or golf operations/club management with a proven track record of leading a professional, efficient, high quality, service-oriented operation.
- Post-secondary education in business, commerce, hospitality/tourism management or hotel and resort management is preferred.
- Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Must be highly organized, efficient and detail-oriented.
- Must have excellent interpersonal/relationship skills.
- Must be proficient in the use of accounting/database software and point of sale systems.
- Must have extensive human resource background in supervisory, coaching and staff development experience.
- Must have a strong business aptitude and passion for the golf industry.

Salary Range:

\$75,000 base salary plus performance incentives and benefit package

Please submit cover letter, resume, three (3) current work-related references to:

Wikwemikong Property Management Company Ltd.
PO Box 96
Wiikwemkoong, Ontario
P0P 2J0

For more information and/or job description, contact John Dube, Business Services Manager at jdube@wikydevcom.ca

Deadline: December 12th, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES – MULTIPLE POSTINGS
Gwekwaadziwin Miikan – Seven Grandfathers Program

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan is seeking motivated professionals and natural helpers to join our growing team!

Internal training opportunities and professional development provided to all staff.

Program Description	
Gwekwaadziwin Miikan provides a person-centred model of mental health and addiction treatment for individuals 19+. It supports a community of healthy people working towards wellness, education and economic prosperity for First Nations individuals and communities. Gwekwaadziwin Miikan offers four phases of support, including Withdrawal Management, Land-Based Treatment, Live-in Aftercare and Community Aftercare.	
Position Descriptions	
Administrative Assistant (Parental Leave Contract) Application deadline: November 28, 2025 at 4:00 pm	The Administrative Assistant is responsible for providing administrative support for admissions, management and general program operations. The successful candidate will have the ability to multi-task and prioritize time-sensitive matters in a confidential setting.
Land-Based Counsellor Application deadline: November 28, 2025 at 4:00 pm	The Land-Based Counsellor is a unique position that combines the skills of an outdoor experiential learning leader with a treatment counsellor. Staff in this position will be living and working in outdoor settings with participants and operate on a three-week rotational schedule. Staff in this position will be responsible for delivering a wholistic treatment program with a significant focus on Anishinaabe culture and land-based learning.
Withdrawal Management Support Worker (Casual) Application deadline: Open until filled	A part-time casual position responsible for the implementation of acute withdrawal support, distribution of harm reduction supplies, safe/flex beds, as part of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan continuum of services. Must be available to work weekends.
Aftercare Support Workers (Casual) Application deadline: Open until filled	A part-time casual position responsible for assisting in the implementation of participant treatment plans, monitoring the facility, facilitating group and assisting with other facets of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan programming. There is opportunity to provide casual relief in all areas of programming.

Please visit gwek.bamboohr.com/careers for more information

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

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

Please scan the QR code for more information and to apply!

Gore Bay ceremonies mark 80th anniversary of Second World War

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—This year's Remembrance Day ceremony in Gore Bay was significant in that it marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, but also the local partnerships in working towards giving the downtown cenotaph a refresh and the placement of veterans' banners throughout the community.

After the parade march made up of veterans, Legion members and members of the Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department and members of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets, the ringing of church bells could be heard as the large crowd on hand for the Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #514 ceremony took place at the cenotaph in downtown Gore Bay.

"Good morning, everyone and welcome," said Comrade Michael Lalonde. "As we gather here at Gore Bay's newly refreshed cenotaph, we come together in a place that reflects both remembrance and respect."

"This site, renewed with care earlier this year with support from Veterans Affairs Canada, stands as a symbol of gratitude from our community to all who served," said Comrade Lalonde. "Its improvements help us honour the past with dignity, while offering a setting where future generations can continue to reflect and remember."



Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane outlined the many new improvements the town has made in honour of Remembrance Day.

photos by Tom Sasvari

"This year's Remembrance Day carries special significance," continued Comrade Lalonde. "In 2025, we mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, a milestone that reminds us of

the extraordinary courage shown by those who stepped forward in service, and the deep sacrifices made by families and communities across our country."

"Eight decades later, as the number of living veterans from that era grows smaller, we are reminded of our responsibility to uphold their stories and carry their legacy forward with care," continued Comrade Lalonde.

"Here in Gore Bay, remembrance is personal," Comrade Lalonde said. "The faces and names displayed throughout our downtown represent the men and women from this very community, individuals who served with honour, who left home, who

answered a call larger than themselves."

"The banners we see are not decorations; they are reminders. They help us recognize the legacy of those who lived

here, worked here, raised families here, and whose service shaped both our past and the freedoms we cherish today," said Comrade Lalonde.



CC McLean students Alexandria Wright and Sadie Hardy are escorted by a Manitoulin Sea Cadet as they lay a wreath on behalf of the children who were left behind.

Billings Remembrance Day service recognizes 80th anniversary of the end of WWII

by Sharon Jackson
KAGAWONG—Members of the community gathered and were welcomed by Dianne Fraser to the Kagawong Park Centre to honour those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice to secure our freedom.

Presented by the Kagawong Cenotaph Board, the service included the singing of O Canada, two musical selections: 'Abide with Me' and 'Let There Be Peace' sung by Heather Theijsmeijer, Maggie Forrest, Willa Wilson, Holly Scott, Jason Forrest and Kevin DeJong, laying of wreaths, recitation of In Flanders Fields (read by Ian Anderson) and The War is Over, presented by Old Mill Heritage Centre and Cenotaph board member Rick Nelson.

Mr. Nelson began his address by congratulating Kagawong resident Miranda MacKay for her recent promotion to Lieutenant (Navy). Ms MacKay has been a member of the Sea Cadets since she was 13 years old. He also recognized and welcomed two newcomers to the annual service: Lieutenant Colonel Scott Marshall and Captain Giselle Marshall, both retired.

"This time last year, on Remembrance Day 2024," shared Mr. Nelson, "we celebrated the service of Justin Roy of M'Chigeeng: the last living Manitoulin Island veteran to have served in World War II. He landed on



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photo by Heather Jackson

Juno Beach during D-day, was wounded, but survived. Just weeks after last year's service, Mr Roy passed away at the age of 100. Today we remember him."

In Kagawong, victory in Europe was celebrated 80years ago in front of the local post office followed by an impromptu parade which began at the schoolhouse with children marching down to the lower village. Flags flew, car horns honked. The joy was contagious.

"When peace finally came," continued Mr. Nelson, "it reshaped family and community life here at home While servicemen and women were overseas, those on the home front ran farms, kept businesses alive and took on responsibilities they'd never faced before."

"Eighty years later, we remember the sons and daughters who served, who went overseas and those who kept life going at home. We also salute the veterans here with us today, current members of the Armed Forces, law enforcement, the Cadets and Lieutenant Navy Miranda MacKay; all helping to preserve the peace that the Greatest Generation gave us," stated Mr. Nelson in closing.

Ms. Fraser thanked everyone for attending and invited the public to remain for lunch following laying of a wreath by Captain (retired) Giselle Marshall at the Cenotaph.

Little Current Legion Branch 177 holds two Remembrance Day ceremonies



A piper leads a procession of Manitoulin Sea Cadets and Legion dignitaries into the Little Current Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 hall at the start of the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies.

photo by Michael Erskine




A Manitoulin Sea Cadet bugler plays the Last Post during the Remembrance Day ceremonies held downtown while standing in front of a class of students from Little Current Public School.

photo by Michael Erskine



This innovative poppy display at the entrance to Karen McGraw's driveway in Aundeck Omni Kanning certainly catches the eye. The home also decorates each year for Harvest Glory Days. We look forward to seeing what the family comes up with for Christmas.

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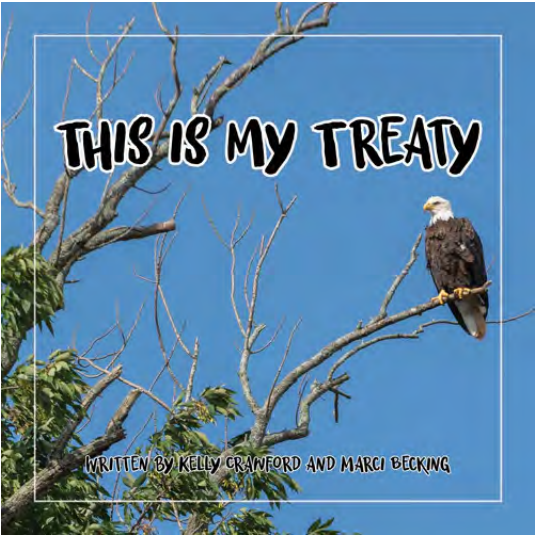
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Anishinabek Nation releases new treaty resources for young learners

ANISHINABEK NATION—The Anishinabek Nation marked the annual Treaties Recognition Week in Ontario (held the first week in November) for the 10th year by launching a new book called ‘This is my Treaty,’ aimed at preschool and Kindergarten-aged learners.

“This is my Treaty” aims to engage learners with treaty concepts that are related to concepts in their curriculum, such as sharing and the meaning of promises,” stated Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige. “Educators and parents alike can use the book as a platform to discuss concepts of treaties. It can be used in early childhood education, as students at this age can clearly make connections to these concepts, as they are fundamental to their learning at this age.”

An interview with author and treaty educator Kelly Crawford talking about the most recent book can be heard on the Anishinabek Nation Bemaadizijig Ganoonindwaa-Talking to People Podcast. “This podcast’s episode features Kelly Crawford, an Anishinaabe-kwe who has been instrumental in advancing Anishinaabe and First Nation education, who discusses in great detail the importance of treaty education,” said



This is my Treaty is a new publication from the Anishinabek Nation.

Grand Council Chief Debassige. “The Bemaadizijig Ganoonindwaa podcast complements other storytelling vehicles such as the Anishinabek News and videos compiled on the Anishinabek Nation YouTube channel and other social media platforms. By having these vehicles accessible for all, we hope that our non-Indigenous counterparts will learn about our collective treaty rights and obligations to create greater understanding to build a stronger relationship.”

Treaties Recognition Week is annually held the first week of November and is designated to honour the importance of treaties and help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights,

relationships and responsibilities. The education and awareness of treaties made with First Nations will help Canadian citizens understand their own obligations as subjects of treaty conditions in this country.

The Anishinabek Nation is dedicated to supporting a clear and responsible understanding of the treaty relationship and observed Treaties Recognition Week November 3-7 by sharing information and resources virtually through its social media channels and the Anishinabek News.

‘This is My Treaty’ is available to order through www.goodminds.com in English, Anishinabemowin and French.



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