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**CROSSWALK OF HONOUR**—From left, Comrades Charles Adam, Doug Clarke, Linda Bowerman, Christy Deschamps, Duane Deschamps, Mayor Al MacNevin, Kari Bourque, Joe Hannah, Paul Abbott, Roy Eaton, Sylvain Boucher; OPP Constable Berkley Parisien, OPP and Ted Bemister were on hand for the official unveiling of the Remembrance crosswalk in downtown Little Current last week. There are two such crosswalks on Water Street, courtesy of the Northeast Town public works crew. The photo also shows a veterans' memorial banner on the lamp post in the centre of the photo, one of 82 throughout the community, and the town cenotaph's WWI soldier looking on. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 10.** photo by Kevin Spikes

## Downtown Mindemoya intersection now four-way stop

### MTO adds two additional stop signs following multiple accidents, near misses

by Michael Erskine  
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The new four-way stop in Mindemoya installed this past week completes a promise made to the municipality by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) nearly two years ago, but the installation, currently without the normal “new” signage alerting drivers to the change, has resulted in an online social media furor as reports of unsuspecting drivers plowing through the intersection abound.

The Expositor first reported on the ministry’s decision to install a four-way stop at the intersection of Highway 551 and Highway 542 (King Street) in the Town of Mindemoya in December of 2023. Mayor Richard Stephens noted at the time that the ministry’s decision had come following several years of lobbying by the municipality.

“It has been on council’s agenda for years,” confirmed Central Manitoulin May-

or Richard Stephens. “It has been a long, long time, two or three different terms of council.” The installation has come during the final year of the current council’s mandate.

The mayor suggested at the time that if



The new four-way stop in Mindemoya is causing some drivers confusion.

it had been up to the municipal council to make the decision, the four-way stop would have been in place many years ago. “When a number of government levels are involved, it can sometimes take a long time,” said Mayor Stephens. He noted that changes at the ministry in recent years may have supplied fresh eyes to the issue following several studies by the MTO that had concluded a four-way stop at that location was unwarranted. “But it often helps to have that collaboration. Kind of like the House of Commons and the Senate, it helps to have a sober second thought.”

The Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP has issue an October 29 advisory on social media that the new stop signs have been installed and cautions drivers that the signs are small and challenging for unwary driv-

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## Retired driving instructor explains navigating four-way stop

by Margery Frisch  
MANITOULIN—Are you confused by the new four-way stop signs going up in Mindemoya and Gore Bay? Forgotten the rules of the road you learned when getting your licence several years, possibly decades ago? Not sure who has the right of way? Don’t worry, we’re looking out for you. We’ve asked an expert to explain proper protocol and keep you safe. Janet Anning, the driving instructor who taught countless Island high school students how to drive over the decades, has agreed to weigh-in on this issue. Ms. Anning had a lot to say, and not just about proper protocol.

“The stop sign is there now, so it’s important that you follow the rules,” Ms. Anning said. She believes the reason accidents happened, in Mindemoya particularly, was not because it was a two-way stop, but for the fact that those who were supposed to stop at

the two-way stop, didn’t. “So, I don’t know how a four-way stop is going to help people,” she said, laughing.

Ms. Anning took issue with the fact that three days after the stop signs went up on Hwy 542, the “new” signs warning of the approaching stop signs still lay on the ground. “And they’re not even proper stop signs; they’re temporary stop signs. If you’re going to do it, do it right!” she said. “Another thing that would have helped would be a big flashing red light to get drivers’ attention.”

Getting back to the proper protocol for dealing with a four-way stop, Ms. Anning said, “Everybody has to stop at the proper stopping position, first off, behind the white line. The person who stops first has the right of way. If two people stop at the same time, the

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The first vehicle to arrive has the right-of-way.



Always yield to the vehicle on the right.



Through traffic has the right-of-way over turning traffic.



Right turns have the right-of-way over left turns.

## Judge orders RHT lawyers’ fees reduced by 95.5 percent after complaint from two chiefs

### From \$510 million to \$23 million

by Ed Prudhomme  
GARDEN RIVER—A press conference was held on Thursday, October 30 at the Dan Pine Healing Lodge in Garden River First Nation, with Gimaa Craig Nootchtai of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Ogimaa-Kwe Karen Bell and Councillor Chester Langille of Garden River First Nation in attendance to speak about a landmark decision. The Ontario Superior Court of Justice ruled in favour of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Garden River First Nation, dismissing nearly half a billion dollars in legal fees charged to the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF). The ruling returns \$487 million to the 21 First

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## Coroner’s jury on Trudeau death in Sudbury Jail recommends 24-hour nursing care

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
SUDBURY—Four years after the death of 44-year-old Justin Alexander Trudeau at the Sudbury Jail, a coroner’s inquest has laid bare what many have always known: that Ontario’s jails are ill-equipped to keep people alive. The five-member jury issued 13 recommendations last week, urging the province to ensure that medical care in correctional facilities meets even the most basic standard of human dignity—including having a nurse on site 24 hours a day.

Mr. Trudeau, from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, died on February 13, 2021, just five days into a 30-day sentence. The post-mortem revealed a severe antibiotic-resistant infection that spread from his lungs into his bloodstream. He had reported difficulty breathing and rib pain. The night before his death, he called his mother, Brenda, gasping for air and asking her to bring an inhaler.

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Author Sophie Anne Edwards, left in photo, signs a copy of her book, ‘A Mouth of Vowels’ for Paula Mallea at the Island launch of the book, held at Split Rail Brewing in Gore Bay, this past Saturday.

## Sophie Anne Edward’s new novel ‘A Mouth of Vowels’ reimagines the language of trauma’

**by Margery Frisch**  
GORE BAY—On Saturday, November 1 at Split Rail Brewing Company, Sophie Anne Edwards launched her new book, ‘A Mouth of Vowels,’ with a reading, Q & A and a book signing. Natalie Edward provided live music interludes and there was complimentary tea, coffee and cake available for all. “It was fabulous,” Ms. Edwards said of the day, “a good crowd, everyone was very attentive. There were so many people that were there who care about me and I care about, and the support. ... it was just a really beautiful event.”  
The book is a daring and innovative work of fiction dealing with domestic violence. Taking place on November 1, the event coincided with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Manitoulin Family Services, Noojmowin Teg Health Centre and Manitoulin Northshore Victims Services were invited to attend the book launch and they came, set up booths, and were a presence to make people aware of the services and resources available to anyone who may need their support.  
“The form of the book echoes the experience. That’s why we call it an experimental novel,” Ms. Edwards explained. “In this book, I chose to tell

the woman’s story in the footnotes, and the upper page is about the man and the marriage. I’ve erased that, so she gets the voice, he doesn’t. But there are little irruptions, because in post trauma there are memories and flashbacks of his voice, so you’ll see little bits of it on the upper page, kind of like it’s bubbling onto the page. So, her story is all on the bottom of the page, but by the end of the book she takes over the whole page and it’s no longer footnotes...It is fragmentary, but the fragments become cohesive over time. I was curious about how the form of the novel could echo the experience of the theme,” Ms. Edwards said.  
‘A Mouth of Vowels’ was long listed for the Omnidawn 1st/2nd Book Prize (US) before being selected by Stuart Ross for his new experimental fiction, Imprint 1366 Books at Guernica Editions. “Imprint is dedicated to experimental fiction, and Stuart Ross won the Trillium Book Award a few years ago, he’s a very respected writer. He started Imprint with Guernica. My book is the fourth book in the series. Guernica is one of the older independent book publishers in Canada,” Ms. Ed-  
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## Two First Nations hosting end-of-year elections *Sheshegwaning First Nation election is on November 22* *Five nominated for chief in Sheguiandah election*

**by Tom Sasvari**  
SHESHEGWANING—There will be a new chief and at least two new councillors elected in the upcoming Sheshegwaning First Nation chief and council elections. A total of five candidates have been nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of chief, with 16 candidates vying for the four councillor positions.  
Five candidates will vie for the position of chief. They include Nicole Bush, Gene Cada, Albert Cada (a former chief), Nancy R. Cada, and Ann Cada-Hamelin (a current councillor).  
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.  
“Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Sheshegwaning First Nation that multiple polls will be held: one on November 9 to be held at the Radisson Hotel, Sudbury, Ontario and the second at the Allure Hotel and Conference Centre on November 15, 2025 (both times are from 9 am to 5 pm),” a message to band membership reads. “The poll date to elect chief and council will be on Saturday, November 22, from 9 am until 8 pm at the following locations: Radisson Hotel 85 St. Anne Road Sudbury, Ontario, November 8, Allure Hotel and Conference Centre, 20 Fairview Road, in Barrie November 15, Sheshegwaning Community Centre, November 22, 2025.”  
“Please be advised that an elector can vote in person at a polling place on the day of the election in lieu of voting by mail-in ballot,” explained elector officer Cynthia Beam. The votes will be counted at the Sheshegwaning Community Centre at 8 pm on the 22nd day of November 2025.

**by Michael Erskine**  
SHEGUIANDAH—It has been almost a year that Sheguiandah First Nation has been without a chief or deputy chief (deputy chief Orville Augonie passed in January of this year). A new full band election has been set for December 9.  
In the October 27 nomination meeting, five candidates were proposed for the position of chief, while 18 were nominated to fill the four positions of band councillor. Nominees had until November 1 to indicate whether they would be willing to stand. Should a nominee not wishing to stand not submit the withdrawal form to the electoral officer by 4 pm November 1, their nomination will be deemed accepted and their name will appear on the ballot.  
Nominated for chief were Aaron Bowerman, Larry Russell Lemarr, Elvis Mishibinijima, Ruby Thompson and Pearl Waindubence.  
Nominated for council are Andrew Aguonie, Valerie Aguonie, Derek Assiniwe, Michelle Bond, Josephine Fox, Larry Russell Lamarr, Elvis Mishibinijima, Zoe Peltier, Donna Rainey, Sunset Sagutch, Nathan Shawanda, Ruby Thompson, Eric Vautour, Carrie Waindubence, Matthew Waindubence, Nevada Waindubence, Pearl Waindubence and Sarah Williams.  
The electoral officer for the election is OneFeather and can be reached at nominations@onefeather.ca or toll free by telephone at 1-855-923-3006.  
OneFeather advises that, due to the ongoing postal disruptions, it is the elector’s responsibility to ensure their completed mail-in ballot is received by the electoral officer before the close of polls on election day. Polls will be open from 9 am to 8 pm on December 9. Mail-in ballots can be brought to the polling station either in person or through a trusted individual.

## Gore Bay Medical Centre will see a major overhaul

**by Tom Sasvari**  
GORE BAY—Gore Bay council has given its approval for the design plans and construction for a major renovation project at the Gore Bay Medical Centre.  
“I think council needs to support this proposal, it would be a significant benefit to the town and all our residents,” said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at a council meeting last week. “This is a significant project that has been in the works for some time. There have been a number of meetings held with the funders, Martian Properties, and the doctors at the medical centre.”  
Jason Quinlan, town manager-clerk told council that town staff was bringing forward a recommendation for, “direction to move forward with single sourcing of design and construction to Martian Properties, for the renovations to Gore Bay Medical Centre located at 70 Meredith Street with a budget not to exceed \$1,700,000.”  
Mr. Quinlan explained, “we have been fortunate to recruit additional doctors (two) to the Gore Bay Medical Centre Team in recent months (with another

doctor to add to the team in the near future). “To facilitate space for them to practice within our current location long term, we were able to relocate our dental provider, Kingsway DPO, to a new location at 60 Meredith Street. In discussions with our current medical team, it was determined that renovations would be necessary to better service the doctors and patients of Western Manitoulin.”  
“These renovations would need to begin in earnest so that we can facilitate a continuance of the high level of service that patients are accustomed to and to have little to no interruptions of these services,” said Mr. Quinlan. “Commencing with council approval staff will develop and enter into a contract with Martian Properties to expedite the design and construction scheduling of the project. The town will add contractual components to ensure Martian Properties and its sub-contractors have the appropriate insurance and indemnification clauses will be inserted.”  
Council was informed by Mr.  
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## Chi-Cheemaun’s season boasts increase in traffic

**by Tom Sasvari**  
OWEN SOUND—This year’s sailing season for the MS Chi-Cheemaun was a success with the ferry boasting an increase in passenger and vehicle numbers.  
“2025 has been an exceptionally strong year for the MS Chi-Cheemaun, with consistently high passenger traffic and outstanding crew engagement,” Nahleena Tye, manager of marketing and communications with the Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) told The Expositor last week.  
Ms. Tye explained, “The MS Chi-Cheemaun saw a four-and-a-half percent increase in vehicle crossings, a one percent increase in passengers and a 1.4 percent increase in the number of sailings between Tobermory and Manitoulin Island in 2025 compared to the previous 2024 sailing season.”  
“July and August are consistently our busiest months, with both the highest total passenger numbers and the greatest average count per sailing,” continued Ms. Tye.  
Ms. Tye noted, “unlike previous seasons, which typically experienced brief slowdowns in late August and during the fall, travel demand remained steady throughout. Travelers’ appreciation for our longstanding service is clear, and our team takes great pride in continuing to deliver exceptional experiences for all our patrons.”  
As one of the most recognizable ferries in Canada, the MS Chi-Cheemaun continues to be an integral symbol of Georgian Bay, and has carried an estimated 10 million passengers, three million vehicles and has completed 24,000 voyages between Tobermory and Manitoulin Island since 1974.  
The MS Chi-Cheemaun was built in 1974 and is a passenger and vehicle RoRo. The vessel is 364 feet long with a passenger

maximum capacity of 643. A total of 143 vehicles can sail on the ship at any one time. Amenities on board the Chi-Cheemaun include a gift shop, live entertainment/guest speakers, all day cafeterias, vehicle transportation and The Upper Deck.  
**Mindemoya woman hopes Islanders will help Jamaican friend who lost everything in tropical storm**  
**by Tom Sasvari**  
MINDEMOYA—A Mindemoya woman has initiated a GoFundMe fundraising campaign to help a family friend who is now homeless due to Hurricane Melissa which hit Jamaica, last week.  
“I last heard from Jovian (Wade) on Friday,” said Jan McQuay this past Sunday. “He lost everything in the hurricane, and he currently has no place to live.” She explained Mr. Wade was able to contact her when, “he got a connection to Starlink. That is how he reached me. I’ve been helping him since my sister, Betty, passed away.”  
Ms. McQuay received a message from Mr. Wade which stated in part, “The country is destroyed. It’s a huge catastrophe. Everything is blown down, and where I rent, the roof blew off and everything I had is lost. I lost my bed...everything I owned is gone.”  
“The whole country is in a state of shock,” messaged Mr.  
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## There is no glory in war—but honour for those who gave their lives

Every small town and First Nation community across our nation hosts a local cenotaph, sometimes even more than one. And an examination of the names on those cenotaphs reveal the history of that community, written in blood spilt on foreign soils and engraved on marble and stone. Few are the families who cannot trace some branch of their lineage to those names.

This is, of course, no different here on Manitoulin, where we also have the incredible Veterans’ Memorial Gardens at the Manitoulin District Cenotaph, where monuments stand not only in memory of the men and women who gave of their life’s blood in service to our nation, whether in the armed branches of the army, navy, air force or merchant marine, but also to the youth whose lives were irrevocably impacted by the violence of the conflict between nations when fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters failed to return or returned scared deeply by their wartime experiences.

War is not glorious. It is brutal. It is pitiless. It is an insane aspect of humanity that continues, to this very day, as an existential threat to our species despite our many social and technological achievements. To think otherwise is a dangerous hubris.

For many of those young men and women who set out for the recruiting office by horse-drawn wagon, car, train, bus and on foot, it might have seemed like a grand adventure, a chance to “get off the rock.” Those ideals were soon dashed upon the rocks of reality. They died on Queenston Heights. They fell in the slaughterhouse of the Second Battle of Ypres, at the Battle of the Somme, the Battle of Vimy Ridge, the struggles for Hill 70 and Passchendaele. They died on the beaches of Dieppe and Normandy, in the hedgerows of The Netherlands, the Battle of Ortona, the Battle of Hong Kong (and its



subsequent death march), in the air and upon the sea, and countless other actions. They died in Korea, on Hill 355, in the Battle of Kapyong and Hill 187. In countless peacekeeping missions around the globe, in Afghanistan and most recently losses in our NATO commitments in Europe.

So many dead. So many tragedies, both in war and in its horrific aftermath—in the hundreds of thousands of mothers and children who were bereft of fathers.

Today, we tend to look upon war as something of a spectator sport. Playing out on our television and computer screens. Something far removed from our daily lives, insulated from us by a pane of glass, unless, of course, it was your child, your parent, your cousin, uncle or aunt who number among the recent fallen.

There is no glory in war. Even victory must prove hollow to those whose families were ripped asunder by the bullet’s path. Canadian Forces have never lost a war. But so many lives have been lost, more than 118,000 since Confederation.

As we approach November 11, Remembrance Day, and don our poppies and stand in solemn silence as the bugle sounds, let us all remember that war is not a game. It is a brutal curse upon all of humanity and something that does not fail to touch each of us in ways we may not even understand or realize. It is something to be abhorred and eschewed at every opportunity and only faced when all other avenues have failed.

That is why we must honour those who have stood, and continue to stand, on the bulwarks in our nation’s defence.

We shall remember them.  
Lest we forget.

### letters

## Cheap shots against Poilievre unbecoming of Expositor

### Expositor sales manager takes writer to task

#### To the Expositor:

It’s been painfully obvious for some time now that certain editorial writers have beehives in their bonnets when it comes to the federal Conservative leader, The Honourable Pierre Poilievre. In their latest screed against all things Conservative (“The saga of the Trump tariffs continues to astound and amaze,’ October 29, 2025), the quill-driver in question chose to insert a question mark after the word Loyal in reference to Mr. Poilievre’s official title, unsubtly suggesting that Mr. Poilievre is somehow disloyal to Canada for doing his job as the official Leader of the Opposition.

While disagreement over policy is fair game and free speech is still somewhat protected in Canada, ad hominem attacks questioning the loyalty of a duly elected member of parliament, without any justification or proof whatsoever, should be beneath the dignity of the editorial pages in this newspaper. With all due respect, perhaps the writer(s) could spill more ink assessing the performance (or lack thereof) of the current government in power.

Having said that, let’s take a moment and apply a brief loyalty litmus test to Mark Carney, coroneted leader of the Liberal Party of Canada and head of a precarious minority government.

Up until this year, Carney held three citizenships: British, Irish and oh yes, Canadian. In addition to his puzzling triad of citizenship, Carney’s professional resume is distinctly un-Canadian. Eschewing university studies in Canada, he chose to spend his academic career at Harvard and Oxford.

Following graduation, he worked for Goldman Sachs, an American investment bank headquartered in New York City, in their Boston, London, New York, and Tokyo offices. After a brief stint as Governor of the Bank of Canada, he departed to presumably greener pastures as the Governor of the Bank of England. Carney also worked at and led Brookfield Asset Management, a global private

equity firm, formerly headquartered in Toronto but moved to New York City under Carney’s watch. He was appointed Chairman in 2022, the highest office in the company. This is where it gets really interesting.

According to the Toronto Star and Canadians for Tax Fairness calculations, Canada lost out on an estimated \$5.3 billion in tax revenue due to Brookfield’s tax avoidance schemes during Carney’s tenure. That’s probably enough money to pay for a six-lane bridge across the North Channel, build a hospital in every town on Manitoulin and eliminate property taxes for every homeowner on the island for decades.

Most of Brookfield’s core operations, responsible for about \$50 billion in revenue, are registered in Bermuda, a well-known tax haven. Even the CBC reported that the two investment funds personally managed by Carney were registered in Bermuda to avoid paying taxes. Carney himself acknowledged that these funds, whose “offices” are located above a bicycle shop, were registered in Bermuda for tax reasons. Unbelievably, Brookfield paid zero tax between 2022 and 2024, while recording \$1 billion in profits, according to SEC filings.

Given all of the above, I know whose loyalty to Canada I would question, and it’s not the Honorable Member for Battle River-Crowfoot.

**Kevin Spikes  
Honora Bay**

*EDITOR’S NOTE: The letter writer, Kevin Spikes, is also a valued employee of this newspaper. Editorials here are unsigned and so represent the paper’s opinion on a given topic at a given time. The Expositor equally values Mr. Spikes’ opinion and all others who take the time to agree or disagree with anything they read on this page in the interest of democratic dialogues.*

## Empty Big Lake fire hall should raise serious concerns

### No firefighters coupled with looming training deadlines could spell disaster

#### To the Expositor:

First, I would like to thank The Expositor for the recent story about the status of preparedness of our volunteer firefighters with regards to the Office of the Fire Marshall guidelines on their obligation to obtain certification. This story by Ed Prudhomme was very thorough and informative.

As he correctly pointed out in the report, Islanders can be grateful for the dedication of the men and women volunteer firefighters and their commitment to the safety of their communities – something with which I completely agree.

I also believe it is important for community members to be informed about these matters since not only our health and safety, but also our pocketbooks, are directly affected by the local fire halls’ ability to meet the new provincial requirements.

These same issues lead to my concern about the decision several months ago by the Central Manitoulin fire chief to remove fire-fighting equipment from the Big Lake/Sandfield fire hall, leaving it empty, unmanned and effectively inactive. The pumper truck previously housed there is now in Mindemoya where “it will be more useful,” according to the chief.

The decision to move the vehicle took the last remaining volunteer firefighter by surprise and left him so upset that he resigned in protest. Over the past few years, the number of volunteers working

out of the fire hall has dropped from 13 according to the chief to now zero.

This problem came to the attention of the Safety and Health Committee of Central Manitoulin council in October where it was revealed that town council had not been informed of the move either. To date, many if not most of my neighbors in Ward 3, still don’t know about it. This is cause for concern given that anyone whose residence is outside a 13-kilometre radius used as a benchmark by insurers to set premiums will now be facing a hefty increase in the cost of insurance. Quotes prepared at my request by a Manitoulin insurance broker show a difference of nearly \$1,000 in premiums that would be paid in Sandfield compared to those paid by homeowners in Mindemoya with access to fire hydrants. This increase comes at a time when our municipal tax rate keeps rising (five per cent in 2024), even though our services are being reduced.

At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, I made a presentation to raise awareness of the impacts the fire chief’s decision will have on our properties and the price we pay for insurance coverage and to ask for help from council. To my disappointment and dismay, these issues didn’t seem to concern the committee chair and my supposed ward representative, Rose Diebolt. I was shocked

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# Unravelling the mysteries of the Masons

## Manitoulin's Doric Lodge opens the doors on Freemasonry

by Heather Marshall  
MANITOULIN—Ask most people what comes to mind when they hear the word ‘Masons’ and chances are good many will say a secret society. Fans of Dan Brown novels might even go so far as to suggest the Masons are a cult that practices sinister rites in epic battles of angels and demons – something that draws a hearty laugh from Rick Mauti, who assumed the mantle of Worshipful Master of the Manitoulin's Doric Lodge, succeeding his predecessor Brent Forsyth, in June 2025.

“People might be surprised to learn that the Patron Saints of the stoneworkers who founded the first Masonic lodge in England during the Age of Enlightenment were Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Divine. In fact, the Grand Lodge of England was formed on St. John the Baptist Day in 1717,” he explains. “And there are much earlier references in the Bible to stonemasons who built King Solomon's temple.”

Freemasonry is not a religion but rather a philosophy and way of living that promotes personal moral development and community service through principles such as brotherly love, relief and truth. Members must believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the ‘Great Architect of the Universe.’ They also must believe in an after-life and be committed to being a person of good moral character as they seek spiritual truth and knowledge. “Being non-political and non-denominational makes Freemasonry accessible to people from all faiths and all walks of life who want to help, support and protect one another,” adds Rick.

Freemasonry is an international fraternity made up strictly of men who meet in local Masonic lodges or temples, such as Manitoulin Island's Doric Lodge.

The Mason's female counterpart is the Order of the Eastern Star. It's a worldwide sororal (the sisterhood equivalent of a

fraternity) non-profit, charitable service organization that also has a Manitoulin chapter.

**Masons' Manitoulin roots**  
Masons have been on the Island almost as long as settlers have lived here. The first record of a lodge, in Gore Bay, dates to 1885 in the days when forestry and fisheries were major industries. It was one of the few in Northern Ontario, the only one between Mattawa and Thunder Bay at the time. Known as Manitoulin Lodge, it ended operations in 1891.

Roughly a decade later, in 1902, the Doric Lodge in Little Current was created and, shortly after, the Gore Bay Lodge was launched in 1906. Both operated until the Gore Bay Lodge closed its doors during the recent pandemic.

The remaining lodge is currently just shy of 60 members, ranging in age from 21 to 80. Prospective members need to be sponsored by a member of Doric Lodge who is a Master Mason. Many are entrepreneurs and community leaders and all but one are white, the only other member an Indigenous person.

Rick Mauti bristles at the suggestion that Masons are primarily white men interested in supporting and promoting each other's businesses, a criticism of the organization by some.

“We represent a cross-section of society – from business owners to teachers, principals, doctors, farmers, millworkers and arborists, to carpenters. Most were raised as Protestants, but I was raised as a Catholic, so we are diverse. What we have in common is our goal of providing guidance to men who want to become better individuals, husbands, fathers and members of the community.”

The Masons are not a registered charitable organization, but doing good work is a key part of the group's activities. Each local lodge determines where to focus its charitable efforts. Perhaps partly explaining what some perceive to be secre-



Brent Forsyth, past Worshipful Master of Manitoulin's Doric Lodge with Richard Mauti, right, present Worshipful Master.



The Manitoulin Masons always take part in the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Remembrance Day ceremonies.

ty, support veterans and uphold the shared values of service, sacrifice and the pursuit of peace. This provides an opportunity to remember and respect the heroism of Masons who served.”

The public also may see the aprons being worn by Masons at the funerals of former members when a special ritual is performed to pay tribute to the deceased. This reflects the ancient tradition associated with the trade, when stonemasons used aprons to protect their clothes, mentioned in the biblical account of the construction of King Solomon's Temple. Today's Masonic aprons represent purity and the importance of labor. They are usually the first gift that an initiate receives when joining.

“Most Masonic rituals are held behind closed doors because we respect the privacy of our members. We believe that secrecy helps protect their dignity, allowing them to engage in personal growth and moral education without external judgment. We consider our rituals a sacred thing and there are obligations to not disclose what goes on in lodge to strengthen the bond between one another. This reinforces the connection among members as we all have been through the same process.”

There are an estimated 200,000 Masons across the country, an impressive number given that better known groups like the Rotary and Lions each have national memberships in the +/- 25,000 to 35,000 range. However, with a reputation for secrecy and mystery, it can be difficult to attract new members. Like other community service organizations in Canada many Mason members are seniors, so recruitment is a priority for the local lodge.

Without the infusion of new blood its future may appear to be at risk. But, given its centuries-long presence in communities around the globe, Rick isn't concerned. As someone who has gone through the process and can bear witness to the positive impact it has had on his own life, he is optimistic that shining a light on the group's work will encourage potential members interested in its activities to learn more. Anyone wanting to join the organization can only do so by being a 21-year old or older man of faith and good character who is sponsored by two members. (Contact the secretary of Doric Lodge No. 455 by email: doric455@gmail.com for details.)

People are drawn to the organization for a variety of reasons, he sums up. “Freemasonry is many things to many different people. For some, it's about making lifelong friends and acquaintances, for others it's a place to engage in introspection or to discuss philosophy and practice charity and goodwill. For most, it's probably a combination of all of the above.”

### Where does the term ‘freemason’ come from?

As early as the Middle Ages, stoneworkers formed guilds to share building skills and techniques. Renowned for building cathedrals and temples, they were known as operative masons. Although the guilds were initially made up of craftsmen, they eventually included merchants and notables. Innkeepers, aristocrats, scientists and others who didn't belong to the trade were called “freemasons” or “speculative masons” who utilized symbolic masonry tools and applied them to their morals.

The tradition of apprenticeship carries on among speculative masons today. New members must pass through three stages of masonry to become a Master Mason. An initiate starts as an Entered Apprentice Mason. When that level is fulfilled, he moves on to become a Fellow Craft Mason. The final stage is becoming a Master Mason.

Freemasonry is symbolized by building tools. The square represents virtue, while the compass stands for wisdom. The masonry tools are used to draw straight lines and construct correct angles. They exemplify staying upright and dignified, praising rationality to understand the world and improve society in keeping with the Enlightenment Age, and maintaining a moral geometry.

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by the dismissiveness and disrespect she showed, telling me that “all of that is water under the bridge, we have moved on.”

Thankfully, the other Ward 3 councillor, Linda Farquhar, raised the idea of exploring whether Tehkummah township's fire hall could respond to calls in an emergency since the Big Lake/Sandfield Hall no longer has volunteers or

equipment. She asked for a motion to explore the costs of establishing a contract arrangement to do so.

In the meantime, the fire hall in Big Lake/Sandfield is now an empty shell. The chief insists it is still very much operational and that all he needs is more volunteer firefighters. Surprisingly, he even told council that nobody should worry in the event of a fire because his team from the Mindemoya fire hall could be in Sandfield in “three minutes” if nec-

essary. I have serious doubts about that. What I know for sure is that our insurance premiums will go up, way up.

And all of that presumes that Central Township will even meet the Ontario Fire Marshall Office's July 1, 2026 deadline to have all its members certified.

As Ed Prudhomme noted in his story, “If fire departments cannot certify their members in time, they may face restrictions on which services they can legally provide, meaning slower response

times, fewer available responders, and reduced capacity to handle emergencies like structure fires, motor vehicle collisions or hazardous incidents.”

Should that happen, it won't only be people living outside the 13-kilometre radius of the closest fire hall that will be raising a ruckus at council.

Sandra Hutchinson  
Sandfield



# Friends and Neighbours

## Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your friendly fly ball! Well, everyone is talking baseball as the Jays have made their mark in the World Series history books of baseball.

I remember when the Jays took the Pennant back in '93. The streets of downtown Toronto undulated with celebration and cheer, the Jays paraded down Yonge. I got to high five Carter and the rest of the Toronto Blue Jays; this nugget is permanently embedded in my memory as are all last week's games. Why? Because win or lose, sports teams, athletes, coaches and champions break down all barriers and bring people together. We are no longer separated by geography, time, space, colour, creed or beliefs, we are a united whole, hopeful, happy, ambitious, dedicated, loyal, encouraging, empathetic, engaged and emphatic. We are the adrenaline and dream-driven, fearless, fierce, fired-up sports fans, living the dream vicariously through the eyes, ears and heart of a boy or girl in a ballfield, hoping to hit a homer! This drives the ball home for all of us, let's never forget that feeling. That's the magic, the beautiful power of all of us together, because it belongs to all of us, one love, one goal, one game. Stay passionate, stay driven, stay gold and stay Trey!

Here's what's happening:

Ice Ice Baby! Here we go! Providence Bay War Memorial Community Arena is located at 5143 Hwy 551, Providence Bay, phone number us 705-377-4090

Providence Bay Hall: Manitoulin recreational events calendar with class schedules for Providence Bay Hall visit [centralmanitoulin.ca](http://centralmanitoulin.ca) or contact Alison Sloss at [asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca](mailto:asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca), or phone 705-377-5726.

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

Fowl Supper is slated for Tuesday, November 18 at the Providence Bay Hall, stay tuned for updates!

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Joys and community updates are Sundays at 10:30am; Service is Sundays 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 starting November 8 until the end of March. Ages SK to Grade 8 - equipment provided, cost is \$25 per curler. For more info visit: [provcurling.ca/junior](http://provcurling.ca/junior).

Try curling! Learn to curl free workshop Sunday, November 9 from 1 to 3 pm. Come throw some rocks at houses! All you need are clean running shoes and warm comfy clothing. We will provide the rest!

Friday, November 28 to Sunday, November 30 join in the fun at the first bonspiel of the Manitoulin curling season! This is 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](mailto:providencebaycurling@gmail.com) or 705-377-4668 to register your team!

Manitoulin District Cenotaph and Memorial Gardens: Four distinct monuments; Merchant Marines Memorial, Manitoulin District Cenotaph, Youth in Partnership with Veterans Memorial and Women's Memorial stand in this tranquil memorial garden located on Hwy 551/542 between Mindemoya and Providence Bay off Monument Road. These monuments are a tribute and ode to the men and women whose service, contributions and sacrifices for peace and freedom we honour and remember. The Cenotaph flags are those of Canada's WW2 allies. We remember and give thanks. This year, our veteran banners will be proudly displayed on existing banner poles throughout the community and in the windows of some local businesses.

The Horses: The October 26 horse show was a great success! Thanks to all the organizers, riders and trainers. Stay tuned to the Manitoulin Horse Enthusiasts Club Facebook page for details and

updates.

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 5 Full Moon is tonight! (Freezing Moon or Baashkaakodin Giizis) or Beaver Moon.

The Friends: Happy Birthday to all of you early November babies! Happy Birthday to Pam, Grace, Nicole and Darren.

Go easy out there on the roads as there are more kids and critters crossing and commuting at this time of year so eyes up! Yes, there is a new four-way stop on the main drag in Mindemoya now - you are not going crazy.

Countdown to Christmas!

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

We at Team Fergmeijer have decided that there is a grown-up version of "the floor is lava." It's when you've gotten dressed to go out and are waiting for your ride to arrive. You now have to somehow exist in your home for 12 whole minutes without touching anything covered with pet hair.

Thank you to the Billings Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee for Halowe'en and for doling out some fa-boo-lous treats to young ghouls and goblins at the Park Centre last Friday!

Miss the puzzle swap last weekend? The library still has lots of puzzles that you can borrow just as easily as you can check out a book (or a game, or a movie, or a cake pan!). Stop in and see what the library has to offer.

Last call! The Seniors' Active Living Program is planning a potluck lunch on Saturday, November 8 at 11:30 am at the Kagawong Park Centre. Reserve a seat by contacting Mary ASAP at 705-348-2285 or [seniors@billingstwp.ca](mailto:seniors@billingstwp.ca).

Happy birthday wishes to Connie F, Gail L and Jody K. We hope you live it up as you celebrate 29 whole years on the planet! Hey, remember when you used to think people your age were 'proper' grownups and had their life in order?

The Kagawong Cenotaph Board is sponsoring the annual Remembrance Day Service, Tuesday, November 11, at 11 am, at the Park Centre. The theme will be the 80th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War. A potluck lunch of finger foods will follow the service. Lest we forget.

Do you know a volunteer who deserves recognition? The township is calling for nominations of community volunteers in several categories (Arts and Culture, Outstanding Community Group, Senior Volunteer, Youth Volunteer, Historical Pillar of the Community, and Mayor's Volunteer Service). Drop off the name of the deserving person or group, along with the category and a short explanation of why you feel they should be recognized to the town office or send via email ([deputyclerk@billingstwp.ca](mailto:deputyclerk@billingstwp.ca)) by November 11.

The library's annual silent auction kicks off next week! Bidding starts November 13th at 9 am and closes November 16th at 6 pm. With nearly 70 amazing items from our generous supporters, you don't want to miss it. Stop by [FB.com/groups/libraryauction](http://FB.com/groups/libraryauction) to see a sneak peek or two.

How do you know Christmas is just around the corner? You can sense Santa's presents! Christmas in Kagawong is coming up soon on November 14 and 15 - save the date!

Also on Saturday, November 15, join St. John's Church for their annual baked goods table, craft table and gift baskets plus homemade lasagna, as well as beef and turkey pot pies! Stop by the church from 9 am to 2 pm.

Last weekend, Team Fergmeijer threw a ball for their neighbour's dog. A bit extravagant, but he looks amazing in a tuxedo.

Have a great week!

## Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Friday night at cards we had three full tables. We have changed the starting time to 7 pm. High lady was Lisa Townsend with 71; high man was Doug Carter with 69; Natasha McVey had three lone hands for the women; Donna Kay McDonald had six lone hands for the men; Bob Benedict won for most euchres with 11; Elaine Bradley won the door prize; Lois Wismer won the 50/50 draw.

Cards was cancelled for Halloween. There are some children in town plus there was a party in Silver Water. Back the first Friday in November at 7 pm.

Saturday morning Karen's yard sale is a highlight of our week but last week there was also an event at the hall. Karen had some people with tables, and it was nice to see old friends like Jean Steeves selling homemade preserves. A friend of mine bought one of Karen's fantastic pies and they were almost sold out. In the hall there were vendors selling a variety of items but also breakfast and lunch. The food was excellent. They were going to serve it again the next day as the hydro was to be out and the hall has a generator. I bought some beautiful mitts. I'm preparing for cold weather.

Saturday afternoon my husband and I had a bad cold and are still coughing and sneezing. So, I have little report other than my niece's birthday celebration at my brother and sister-in-law's place here in Meldrum. Hopefully they don't catch our cold.

Rose VanEvery has returned from a vacation with family in Southern Ontario. They went on a boat cruise and Rose said it was wonderful. She wished it could have been longer. But, from our perspective we're glad to have her back with us.

Sunday will be over when you read this but hopefully everyone remembered to set their clocks for the time change.

Have a great week everyone.

### Barrie Island Enid Runnalls

Well, it is currently a dark and spooky morning as this is being written. The Halowe'en ghosties will be out for sure this evening! But that will have to be next week's news.

Frost covers the ground each early morning and is slowly killing off the summer surviving foliage. The farmers are prepping the yards and corrals and have started to put out a little bit of hay to prepare to get some of the cattle in for winter feeding grounds and yards soon.

I forgot to mention that Edith and Elwood Beange's grandson Stephen was here from out west a few weeks ago. Also, on the guest list were four-legged friends Perogi (Linsey's) and Annie (Adam and Katie's). Then Carolyn Lane-Rock rolled in on her side-by-side!

Speaking of Carolyn, she's mostly in Sudbury now and she says she's very sad to leave Barrie Island because all she has to do is open the weekly edition of The Expositor to find out what she did all week. That's a quote.

Enid attended the Manitoulin Fine Arts Association meeting at the Mindemoya Curling Club along with several other members and the executive. The yearly events were reported on and plans for the recently acquired grant from the Ontario Council for the Arts were discussed.

Oliver was out for a practice at the Water's Edge with the Manitoulin Swing Band.

This was bow-hunting week on Barrie Island, so you might've noticed trucks parked on the edge of the road and hunters in camouflage. The Robbins boys took three bucks as of press time, one each for Andreas, Ian and Mattie. Nathan was still out looking along with Kevin and Mark.

The girls were also having a bit of fun; Sharon worked on her pottery and Lisa and Enid were painting. There was a lot of food. So, a good time was had by all.

We're all looking forward to Lil's 80th Come and Go birthday party at the Bar-

rie Island Hall on Saturday. I'll be letting you know how it all went next week.

Last night there was an important Town Hall meeting regarding "Road Safety and Slow-Moving Vehicles" at the Gordon/Barrie Island Municipal Office. Lee Hayden (G/BI Reeve), Ken Noland (Burpee Mills Reeve) and Bill Orford (Ontario Federation of Agriculture Representative) presided over the discussion. Approximately 30 people were in attendance and that included six elders from the Amish Community. It was a very cooperative and productive meeting, and all were appreciative to have a chance to express concerns and work on solutions to improve safety on the roads especially where horse and buggies and farm machinery are involved. It is important for cars and trucks to be patient and learn how to pass safely, keeping an eye on visibility, weather and road conditions, curved and hilly roads, the length of slow-moving vehicles, horses which easily spook and other such concerns.

If you have any news, please reach out because I'd love to get it in the paper!

### Silver Water Karen Noble

On Saturday, October 25 there was a Christmas market at my house with four vendors set up. Thank you to all the people who came to shop locally.

Jean Steeves had a good visit with several people. Now that Mark and Laurie have sold the house, Lloyd and Jean will likely be here less.

There were vendors upstairs and downstairs at the hall and lunch was being sold.

All week, Albert Meijer and I have been working at our rental house to get it ready for a tenant. We must thank Andy McFadden of Island Heating and Air Conditioning who got the furnace and hot water working. We thank Mitch Strain and his crew for the plumbing work. My brother Shawn Noble helped with a few lighting issues.

Murray Duncanson arrived home on Sunday from moose hunting. The tag was filled.

Saturday afternoon, Albert had the recycle bins open.

Gladys Duncanson, my sister Lara Chevette and I attended the burial of our cousin Doreen (Noble) MacEachern, her husband Alex and her sons David and Robert on Saturday afternoon at the Silver Water Cemetery.

Shawn Noble attended firefighting training in Little Current on Saturday.

A terrible cold has been making its way around recently. I am doing my best to avoid it.

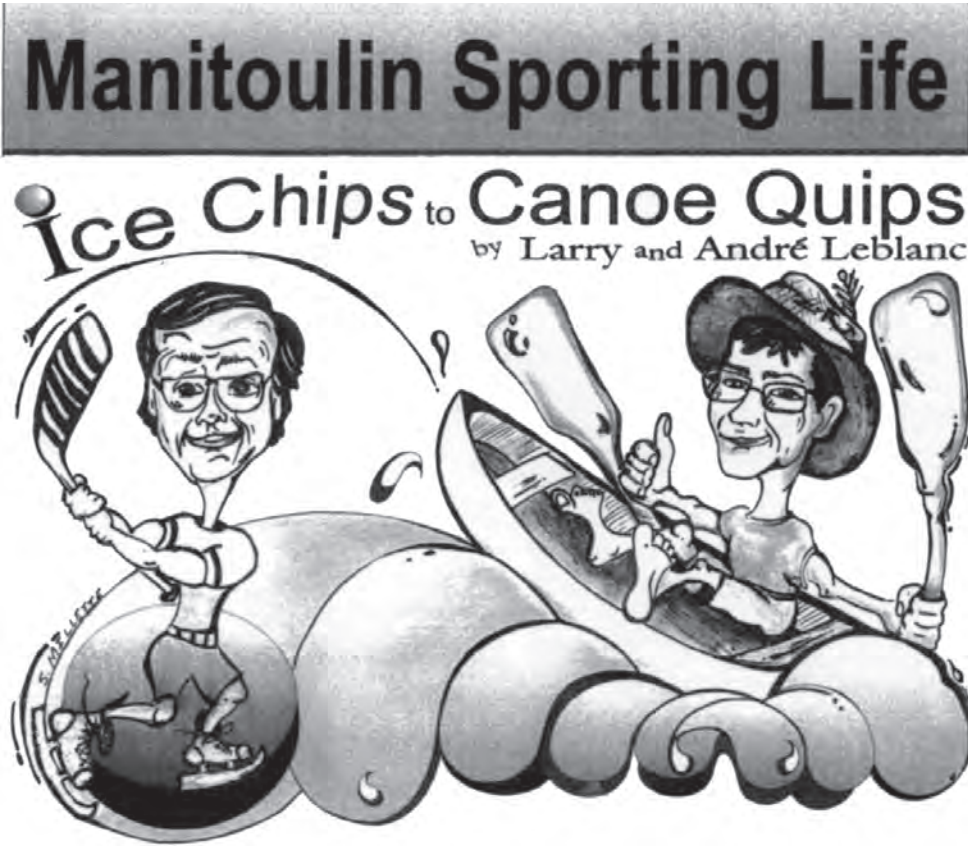
There was yoga at the hall on Tuesday afternoon.

Euchre was held at the Silver Water Hall on Thursday night.

Euchre was cancelled for Friday in Meldrum Bay as it was Halowe'en.







**Locals run at OFSAA!**

Congratulations to the Manitoulin Secondary Mustang rookie **David Joyce** and veteran **Wyatt Williamson-Wright** and Birch Island's **Violet Sutherland** (who runs for Sudbury's Lo Ellen) who took on the province's best secondary school runners at the annual OFSAA meet in Brampton on Saturday. The trio ran very well despite the sea of athletes in their races!

**Panther Points**

The U11 Manitoulin Panthers headed to North Bay after a night of tricks and treats to meet a very strong East Nipissing Vipers team for a double header. The U11s fell short in the first game, but they gave the Vipers a run for their money in a tight second game, taking a 4-2 loss.

The U13 Panthers hosted their first home game on Sunday against the Nickel City Cubs. They played an exceptionally strong game for their first showing in front of a home crowd. The score was back and forth however the Panthers ended up falling just short with a score of 4-3.

The U15 squad hosted the Copper Cliff Reds and entertained fans with an epic come from behind win. The Panthers were down 5-3 heading into the third period. A goal from Adrian Bois (assisted by **Casey Bowerman**) and two more from **William McKeown** (assisted by **Ryley Corbiere** and **Hunter Nebonionquit-Chenier**), clinched the win for the Manitoulin Panthers.

**Manitoulin Selects call for staff**

Are you passionate about hockey, leadership and building positive experiences for youth athletes? Manitoulin Island's Select Hockey Program is now accepting applications for head coaches and bench staff for the upcoming season.

They are looking for dedicated individuals who can lead with integrity, foster team spirit, and support player development across all levels. Whether you're a seasoned coach or a community member ready to step up, we encourage you to apply and help shape the future of our local hockey community.

Applications will be reviewed by the Manitoulin Minor Hockey committee, with priority given to those who demonstrate strong communication, fair play values, and a commitment to youth development. Their deadline to apply is November 17. Let's build a season full of growth, teamwork, and unforgettable memories—on and off the ice.

**Off the Rock, hockey!**

**Kohyn Eshkawkogan** had two games over the weekend and two more assists. The shut-down defenseman at just 17 years old now has 12 points now sitting at 13th in overall OHL blue-liner scoring. His Ottawa 67's squad are currently third in the Eastern Conference with a healthy 9 and 5 record.

Meanwhile, over in the Western Conference, goaltender **Carter George**, with strong Manitoulin roots, has helped his Ottawa Attack rocket up the standings to second place. Carter's veteran presence and .907 save percentage have helped his perennially, basement dwelling Attack to its current rise.

**Paquis Trudeau** and **Greyson Brewer-Case**, who play for the Copper Cliff Reds U18AA squad had their season opener on Sunday, November 1 against the powerhouse Soo Greyhounds U18AA. The Hounds have already had a dozen games in the bank before the double header held in Copper Cliff. The Reds played well, in getting their game-legs but were shut -out 3-0 in game 1 and just edged 3-2 in the second match. Keep up the hard work, guys!

**A good sport is good for sports.**  
**chipstoquips@gmail.com**



On October 29 Manitoulin elementary schools participated in the Island flag football tournament held at Assiginack Public School in Manitowaning. Teams strutted their footballer skills to compete for the highly coveted Golden Football of the Year. After a 15-game round-robin on two fields, Little Current Public School (LCPS) Team One emerged as the first place team with the Assiginack Public School team finishing in second. The LCPS team shown in photo, include from left to right Kailyn Inglis, Lynndra Madahbee-Peltier, Boston Abottossaway, Matias Behm, Xavier Panamick-Eshkawkogan, Mason Dedman, Brenna Pollard, Brooke Varey, coach Melanie Pollard.



The Assiginack Public School team finished in second place in the Island elementary school football tournament, held last week. The team included back row Anaya Wabanose, Chayton Sainio, Miah Hughson, Bryson Corbett, King Medwid, Ayleana McDermid; middle row-Rox Meawasige, Eli VanVolkingburgh, Addison Page; front row-Jaden Huang. Coaches Margit Alberti and Mathieu Page are missing from photo.

# Hydro One rates see substantial increase

ONTARIO—The Ontario Clean Air Alliance (OCAA) is alerting consumers in the province that residential electricity rates have increased substantially.

“There is a spooky surprise for Ontario electricity customers coming right on the heels of Halloween. On November 1, electricity generation costs for residential consumers in the province will surge by 29 percent,” wrote Angela Bischoff, director of OCAA in a release October 30. “According to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), which just approved this increase, a major cause of this cost jump is a result of an increasing reliance on expensive nuclear generation.”

“Premier (Doug) Ford knows a bad news story when he sees it. So, he is going to bury much of this increase on your electricity bill by increasing the taxpayer-financed Ontario Electricity Rebate (OER) from 13.1 percent to 23.5 percent,” the OCAA release continued.

“The bill for maintaining this taxpayer subsidy for electricity rates will now cost Ontario’s taxpayers much more than the \$6 billion per year we’re already paying to artificially lower rates! This massive subsidy disguises the real cost of keeping the lights on with expensive nuclear reactors,” continued the OCAA.

Ms. Bischoff said things are going to get even worse. “The Ford government is planning to spend more than \$20 billion on new US nuclear reactors that will produce power costing two to eight times more than solar and wind power. Given that it will take at least a decade, and probably more, to build these reactors, the province will be burning more pollution gas for years to come while it waits for

these first-of-their-kind untested reactors to be completed.”

“Meanwhile, we could be deploying solar on rooftops and parking lots and building offshore wind in the Great Lakes right now to produce more affordable power,” says the OCAA. “The Premier’s decision

to go with more expensive nuclear is a sweet treat for his friends in the nuclear and gas industries, but a nasty trick for Ontario electricity consumers and taxpayers at the worst possible time.”



## Manitoulin Pet Rescue

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# ...Gore Bay Medical Centre will see a major overhaul

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Quinlan that there will be no impact to the current tax budget as funding for the renovations has been attained through an alternate source. “It is very exciting news to see the medical centre will be renovated.” Mayor Lane explained the final design for the renovations has not been

completed, with further input needed from the doctors in the medical centre and the town. “The doctors will need to be able to continue to work while the renovations are being carried out.” “That will be a challenge, but all of this is certainly good news,” said Mayor Lane. “The construction/renovations would start early in the

new year.” Councillor Dan Osborne questioned if other area municipalities have been contacted about providing funding for the renovation project. Mayor Lane told council the Gore Bay Rotary Club makes an annual donation toward equipment in the medical centre, and the town has a sign in the facility that people can make donations toward the medical centre, “but no, we have not reached out to other municipalities, at least not at this point.” The proposed renovations “is certainly a good news item for the town,” added Mayor Lane. Council gave its approval for the single sourcing of design and construction to Martian Properties.



A major renovation project of the Gore Bay Medical Centre will take place in the new year. Gore Bay council gave its approval for the design plans and construction for the project, at a meeting last week.

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## ...hopes Islanders will help Jamaican friend

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Wade. “It’s not nice right now, everything is closed, and we don’t have a life. I had to walk like a mile to connect with someone who has Starlink.” Ms. McQuay posted on her GoFundMe post, “I know a young man who has lost everything in Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica. Melissa tore the roof off the home Jovian was renting in Savanna La Mar, and everything inside was destroyed.” She explained, “I first met Jovian in 2011 when his father was dying of cancer in hospital in Kingston, Jamaica. I went to Kingston with my sister Betty for a last visit. Jovian was 16 at the time, and his father was a good friend of my sister, who died in 2021.” “I’ve helped him out since she died, but now Jovian’s rental is destroyed, and there’s wreckage everywhere,” wrote Ms. McQuay. “He had a job driving a delivery van until Melissa struck (October 28). Now everything has stopped. He finally managed to contact me today

(October 31) on What’s App. He needs a lot of help, he needs to find a place to live, food, clothes; I can’t be more specific because everything is in turmoil there, but trust Jovian to use the money to find shelter and food, and knowing Jovian I’m sure he will do what he can to help his mom and family.” “This is the worst hurricane to ever hit Jamaica,” continued Ms. McQuay. “You’ve probably seen videos of Black River, which was completely destroyed; well... Sav La Mar is just 45 kilometres from Black River so you can imagine the devastation.” Ms. McQuay added in her GoFundMe post, “I haven’t found a YouTube video of Sav, but even the hospital roof was whipped off by the hurricane. Can you help me help Jovian through this catastrophe by donating through Go Fund Me?” “I’ve been helping Jovian since my sister Betty died,” Ms. McQuay told The Expositor. She has continued

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# Gore Bay’s new veterans’ banners beautifully enhance downtown revitalization project

GORE BAY—The installation of veterans’ banners in the town of Gore Bay last week enhances the recently completed downtown renovation project in the town. It also means most municipalities on Manitoulin Island have recognized their local veterans in this form.

The Gore Bay banner project is a project of the

Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Branch 514, Rotary Club of Gore Bay, Hydro One volunteers putting up the brackets on hydro/light poles and the town providing street light posts for the banners to be installed. Beverly Wright, second Vice President of RCL 514, noted that Gary McPherson, of the RCL Branch 39 in Espanola

had provided the local Legion with all the information they required for the veterans’ banners project. RCL Branch 39 had installed veterans’ banners in Espanola several years ago.

“There is going to be a total of 94 banners, al-

though we can’t guarantee they will all be up this year for Remembrance Day,” said Ms. Wright.

“So, 94 banners have been ordered this year, and 52 for sure will be going up this year with

more to come,” said Ms. Wright. “The Rotary Club has partnered with the Legion to make sure banners are up for all veterans.”

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Canadian Armed Forces veteran August Kruger is on one of the veterans banners installed in the town of Gore Bay last week.



A Hydro One worker hangs one of the veterans banners installed in the town of Gore Bay last week.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES IN LITTLE CURRENT**


Little Current Legion Br. 177, in cooperation with Little Current Public School, will conduct a Remembrance Ceremony at 10 am on Tuesday, November 11 at the school. Members are asked to be present by 9:45 am. Our traditional Remembrance Ceremony will start at 11 am at the Little Current Legion. At 1:30 pm, a Remembrance Ceremony will take place at the downtown Little Current Cenotaph. At 2:30 pm, the last ceremony of the day will be held at the Centennial Manor.

Ceremonies will be held in communities and First Nations across Manitoulin Island to recognize the achievements of our Veterans and honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We hope you will attend.

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# Little Current commemorates Remembrance Day with new crosswalk markings

by Kevin Spikes

LITTLE CURRENT—Residents and visitors to Water Street in downtown Little Current are sure to have noticed the bright new crosswalk markings commemorating Remembrance Day in front of the Anchor Inn to the west and The Manitoulin Expositor office to the east. With distinctive red and white stripes and superimposed with images of World War I soldiers at either end, the markings are an impressive tribute to those who served and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on October 29 with members of the Little Current Legion executive, NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin and Constable Berkley Parisien of the OPP participating. Poppy Campaign Chair Kari Bourque had the honour of cutting the ribbon after a recitation of the Act of Remembrance by Roy Ea-



A salute is offered over the new Remembrance-themed crosswalk on Water Street in downtown Little Current.

photo by Kevin Spikes

ton, Little Current Legion Public Relations Officer. Laid down on October 23rd and 24, the idea for bringing the markings to Little Current was at the suggestion of Joe Hannah, an executive member with the Little Current Legion. Comrade Hannah saw the

markings on an Internet post about a crosswalk in the City of Hamilton. “I just really liked the idea and thought we could do something similar in Little Current,” says Comrade Hannah. “We’re a small executive here but we get things done and

I’m happy to have found a new way to honour our veterans.” Comrade Hannah presented the idea to the Little Current Legion’s board who enthusiastically embraced it. Up next was a formal submission to town council, requesting permission to lay down the markings on Water Street. The motion was immediately passed by council with all in favour. “We were very excited when the Legion approached us about the idea,” said Mayor MacNevin. “Not only is it a great way to honour our veterans, but with the bright colours, it will hopefully slow traffic along Water Street!” Duane Deschamps, first vice president, Little Current Legion Branch 177, reached out to the City of Hamilton which graciously provided the digital files so that the templates

could be produced locally on the island. “The response has been overwhelming,” said Comrade Deschamps. “Council was tremendously supportive and the positive feedback from Legion members and the public has been heart-warming. It’s really done a lot to accentuate our poppy and banner campaigns.” Not long after they were laid down, pictures of the Little Current markings went viral on social media, with more than 75,000 views and more than 1,700 “likes” on Facebook and LinkedIn in less than a week. Costs for the templates and paint were paid for by the Legion, with the town generously chipping in to cover the cost of labour. Work crews were out before dawn on the 23 and 24, carefully putting down the markings adjacent to the actual crosswalks so

they wouldn’t be walked on or scuffed by passers-by. According to the Legion, every year from the last Friday of October to November 11, millions of Canadians wear the poppy as a visual pledge to honour Canada’s veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. As of October 31, poppies have been on sale at many locations across the island and the Legion is grateful for any donations in support of veterans and their families. On November 11, the Legion will hold the country’s National Remembrance Day Ceremony which will be livestreamed from its Facebook page. Local ceremonies will be held in communities and First Nations across Manitoulin.

## Remembrance sing-along planned for Nov. 10

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Songs of remembrance from both World War I and World War II will be on the list of tunes that will be performed at a ‘Sing-Along songs of Remembrance’ event taking place in Mindemoya next week. “I’ve been talking to Jim and Joanne Smith, two local, wonderful musicians, for a while about holding a sing-along,” said Jan McQuay. “I said that it would be nice to do something, we have been talking about this for about a year and I mentioned doing something next Christmas, but Jim and Joanne both said, ‘Let’s do something before then.’ They said they would like to do a sing-along with songs of remembrance. I’m all for that.”


“The tenor of the songs released in the World War I era and World War II era very different,” said Ms. McQuay. “With WWI no one knew how awful it would be, so the songs of that time were a little bit more upbeat, while the songs of WWII were a little more reflective, while songs in the 1960s and 1970s were more protest songs for the Vietnam War and other conflicts.” “Jim and Joanne have a bunch of different songs that they have worked out, with the lyrics to all of them to be provided to all who attend to take part,” said Ms. McQuay. “Those who attend will be able to join

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### NEMI Rec Centre Activities

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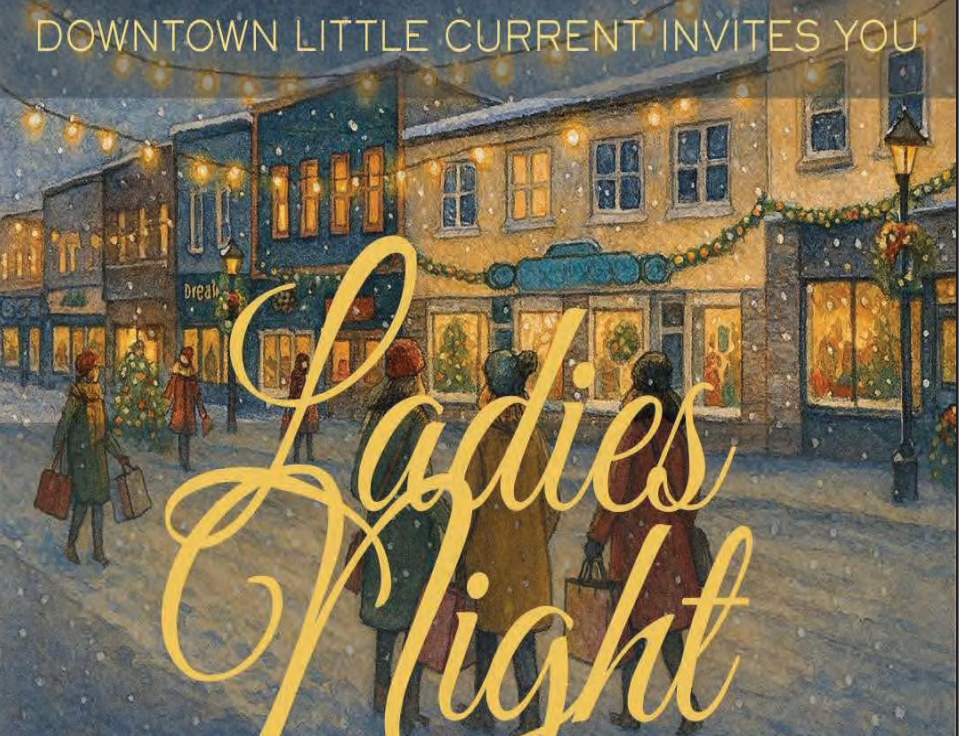
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# ...Judge orders RHT lawyers’ fees reduced by 95.5 percent

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Nations of the Robinson Huron Treaty, marking what many tribal leaders are calling a “historic correction” to an unfair legal arrangement.

As the conference began, Chief Bell passionately spoke about the long road to this ruling, saying, “We were only ever asking for fairness across the board and transparency. This decision ensures that hundreds of millions of dollars will remain where they belong — with the beneficiaries, the people of the Robinson Huron Treaty Nations.” Chief Bell also expressed the transformational potential of these remitted moneys, stating, “Together, with this funding and these visions, we will be building a strong future rooted in integrity, accountability, and the spirit of our ancestors.”

When asked why she and the other dignitaries present took action, Chief Bell said, “As leaders, we are obligated to ensure we’re making the best decisions not only for our own two nations but for all the people who live within the Robinson Huron Treaty Territory.”

Word of the victory has been quick to travel. “Since the ruling, I’ve been inundated with emails, phone calls, and messages. Not just from our own community, but from nations across the region, saying miigwetch, thank you for stepping forward and pursuing this case. The result brings back wealth that rightfully belongs to our

communities.”

On October 28, 2025, Justice Frederick Myers, who presided over the case, found that the \$510 million in fees charged by six lawyers under a 2011 Partial Continuity Fee Agreement were “unfair and unreasonable.” In his ruling, he ordered the total amount reduced to \$23 million, deeming this sum a fair payment for “excellent legal services.”

In the findings, Justice Myers wrote, “Lawyers in Ontario are entitled to fair and reasonable fees for their services. But they are not entitled to a piece of the action. A lawyer’s professional retainer is not a lottery ticket offering a bonus prize of generational wealth to the lawyers if the clients hit the jackpot and win a mega-award.”

The decision stems from the Restoule litigation, a decades-long legal battle to enforce the Crown’s obligations under the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty. That Treaty promised the Anishinaabe peoples of the Lake Huron region annual annuity payments that would increase as Crown revenues grew.

In 2023, the federal and provincial governments reached a historic \$10 billion settlement with the RHTLF to address those past breaches. But the enormous success was soon overshadowed by controversy over the ensuing legal fees RHTLF had been said to acquire.

The lawyers representing the RHTLF, many of whom are Indigenous, had negotiated a complex fee agree-

ment dating back to 2011. Under its terms, the lawyers received half their regular hourly rate during the case, with the remainder to be paid as a “success fee” equal to five per cent of the total recovery in the event of a successful result. When the settlement reached \$10 billion, that five percent translated to an astonishing \$510 million.

Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Garden River First Nation challenged the fee, saying that it violated the Solicitors Act, which requires that lawyers’ fees be fair, reasonable, and proportionate to the work and financial risk involved. Justice Myers agreed.

Chief Nootchtai spoke about how he and others involved in this process had attempted to remedy the situation through amicable means. Chief Nootchtai said, “Justice Myers really took into consideration our efforts to resolve this matter without having to go through the courts, and he incorporated that value into his decision.” Having faced a challenging and potentially very costly rebuttal to the demanded fees he said, “It wasn’t easy to stand up at first, but as a chief and a trustee, I knew it

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# ...Edwards’ new novel ‘A Mouth of Vowels’

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ward explained.

In a press release from Guernica Editions, publicist Marisa Jorgensen said, “A Mouth of Vowels’ marks Ms. Edwards’ first work of prose following her acclaimed poetry collection ‘Conversations with the Kagawong River’ (Talonbooks, 2024). That collection became a regional phenomenon—selling more than 650 copies in two months, a significant number for Canadian poetry—and was featured on both CBC Books and Quill & Quire’s “Most Anticipated” lists. Both books were supported through



Sophie Anne Edwards reads excerpts from her new book, ‘A Mouth of Vowels,’ at the Island launch of her book, held at Split Rail Brewing this past Saturday.

careful about it because of the theme and because we were inviting the agencies to come. It was very thoughtfully done. And, with Natalie Edward’s beautiful music, it was a really great event and I just feel so supported and humbled.”

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# ...Jamaican

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helping him, for instance paying for Jovian” driving lessons so he could get his licence; so he could get a job as a delivery car driver.

“He was renting out a place to live,” said Ms. McQuay. “Since the hurricane he has no place to live.”

Ms. McQuay is hoping to raise \$8,000 in her GoFundMe fundraising campaign. Those who would like to make a donation can go online to GoFundMe “Please Help After Hurricane Melissa in Savanna La Mar Jamaica.”

funding from the Canada Council for the Arts.”

“It’s exciting to have two books published in two years,” Ms. Edwards said. “I’ve been wanting to write since I was about eight or nine years old, but I didn’t begin to write seriously till I was 50. As I said at the book signing, it’s not a retirement plan,” and she laughed. “You don’t make a lot of money at this, not with the smaller publishing companies.”

Critics are already praising ‘A Mouth of Vowels’ for its innovation and emotional precision. Literary critic Rob Mclennan calls it “a remarkable book,” while author Chris Turnbull describes it as “a

celebration of resistance, emergence, and timing.”

“It’s an interesting and a challenging book to read,” admits Ms. Edwards, “because it’s not a traditional novel, and because of the topic, but she does find her own voice, and she takes over the page. I wanted to emphasize that the character does take over the page and reclaims her life. We need to talk more about the strength and courage of the women coming out of abusive relationships,” she said.

Back to the event itself, the book launch, “I’m so grateful for Andie Smith who organized this and who has been a friend for decades. We were very

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Go Flames Go!



# A veteran’s journey: From NORAD command to Kagawong’s gourmet grilled cheese hot spot

by Tom Sasvari  
KAGAWONG—Lieutenant-Colonel (LCol) Scott Marshall flew on 27 combat missions in Afghanistan in 2010 on the USAF E-3 AWACS (Airborne Early Warning and Control System Aircraft) and participated in innumerable North American Aerospace Defence (NORAD) missions across Canada and the US, including being involved in the aftermath of 9/11.

“I was in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) just under 26 years,” Mr. Marshall, who lives outside Gore Bay, and along with his wife Gisele Marshall own the popular That’s What Cheese Said gourmet grilled cheese restaurant in Kagawong. “I think the best part of my career was living and working in Alaska. In so many ways it is so very different than anywhere else in Canada. To be able to fish for wild salmon on the Kenai River or in the ocean are experiences I will never forget. The wildlife is fantastic; we saw 43 moose in a single day while driving from Anchorage to Fairbanks. I would definitely go back to Alaska on a cruise or vacation.”

Most of Mr. Marshall’s time was in various NORAD operations jobs, including in the underground complex at the base in North Bay, Cold Lake Alberta and Winnipeg. He was Commanding Officer of Canadian Forces Station Alert at the north of Ellesmere,

Island, as well as the Commanding Officer of the Canadian Detachment Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, in Anchorage, Alaska where he was also Chief of Combat Operations at the 611th Air Operations Centre for the Alaskan NORAD region, and Alaska Command.

Mr. Marshall also served as a Mission Crew Commander on the USAF Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) E#3 at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, with a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. His last position was as Deputy Command Centre Director for NORAD at headquarters in Colorado Springs.

“My wife Gisele and I are both graduates of Laurentian University,” said Mr. Marshall. “I applied to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) after graduation, and enrolled in December, 1996. I was sworn in, and in April, 1997, completed the 12-week basic officer training course.”

Mr. Marshall was born in Winnipeg and lived across the country with his family growing up. His family moved to Sudbury partway through his Grade 11 studies. “I lived in four provinces before I joined the military,” he said explaining, “In my dad’s career he moved in his job every three or four years, so it got me used to the lifestyle early in life.”

“I completed Aerospace

Control Officer (AEC) training at the NAVCAN Centre in Cornwall, Ontario and my first operational posting was to 21 Air Control and Warning Squadron in North Bay,” said Mr. Marshall. “Aerospace Control is a combination of the former Air Traffic Controller, and Air Weapons Controller occupations, and I focused on air weapons control or what is commonly referred to as Air Battle Management.”

“After that we moved to Cold Lake, Alberta, one of the two fighter bases in Canada, from 2004-2008,” said Ms. Marshall. “From there I was promoted to the rank of Major, and moved to Oklahoma City to fly on the AWACS. It is an important role for domestic NORAD operations as well as international missions. While deployed, each combat mission was around 14 hours, so much different than small, fighter aircraft or helicopters. The E-3 was used to control the airspace over Afghanistan and ensuring the allies had the support they needed in ground combat. I was deployed in the winter and spring of 2010. There were some difficult times, but nothing like those on the ground.”

He explained, “One of our more interesting stories involved winter thunderstorms over Western Afghanistan that kept pushing us closer and closer to the Iranian border.”

He was then stationed at Canadian NORAD Region

(CANR) headquarters in Winnipeg where he held both operational and staff positions, culminating as Executive Assistant to the Commander, CANR, a Major-General.

“Afterwards, I was the Commanding Officer Canadian Forces Alert, at the north tip of Ellesmere, Island,” continued Mr. Marshall. “Being so far north means a significant time without sunlight or darkness. There was no sunlight at all from mid-September to end-February, and the coldest I saw was -56° Celsius.” During that time, he was able to visit Greenland, saw wild muskoxen and explored nearby ice caves.

“I then went to the Canadian Forces Staff College in Toronto for a year, followed by a staff job at RCAF headquarters in Ottawa. Following that, we were posted to Alaska for three years.”

Operationally, when Russia would send aircraft to Alaska, he was responsible to coordinate the NORAD response, including USAF F-22 Raptors interception, along with KC-135 tanker aircraft and local E-3 WACS as well. “During our time in Anchorage, there was a 7.1 earthquake, significant wildfires, and the first years of COVID. It made for difficult times for the Canadian families posted to Alaska.”

His last position was as Deputy Command Centre Director for NORAD at headquar-



Lieutenant-Colonel Scott Marshall, was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force for just under 26 years.

tem Administration Officer followed by being the Business Planning Officer at 22 Wind Headquarters. Once they moved to Cold Lake, she served as a 4 Wing Accommodations Officer for a couple of years.

After they moved to the Island, the couple decided to buy the property in Kagawong and open That’s What Cheese Said, effectively un-retiring to make gourmet grilled cheeses for the locals and visitors alike. As their first season came to a close on October 31, Mr. Marshall said that they have been “grateful for the response to the restaurant, and we can’t wait to see everyone again in May.”



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was my duty to represent the Robinson Huron Treaty beneficiaries and say, ‘We need to take a closer look at this.’ I’m glad the decision is now here.”

The Court acknowledged that the legal team had performed “extraordinary work” in achieving a settlement of such historic magnitude. However, Justice Myers noted that the lawyers had carried only limited financial risk, as their clients paid 75 per cent of the legal fees and costs over the course of the process. The six lawyers collectively had just \$5.78 million in unpaid time at stake. Conversely, many First Nations took out loans that were secured against future revenues to pay the lawyers’ fees. Ultimately, the RHTLF paid more than \$17 million in legal fees before the final settlement was reached, while the lawyers sought an additional \$510 million, as per their original agreement. Chief Nootch-tai said, “From the beginning, the issue was about ensuring we understood

how much was going to the lawyers before distributing funds to our communities. We needed clarity and fairness.”

The official ruling was clear: “The \$10 billion outcome belongs to the clients,” Justice Myers wrote. “The lawyers’ risk of \$5.78 million allows for an additional \$23 million fee, nearly double their full billable time. That is generous, reasonable and consistent with the honour of the legal profession.” He added that had he not ruled in this fashion, “15 of the 21 First Nations would have received less money than the lawyers under the fee arrangement. That cannot be fair or reasonable.”

Justice Myers reserved some of his sharpest criticism for the lawyers’ conduct following the settlement, finding that they discouraged clients from seeking independent legal advice and provided “incorrect and self-interested” guidance on approving the \$510 million fee. He singled out lawyers Dianne Corbiere and David Nahwegahbow, both

prominent members of the Indigenous bar, for crossing these ethical lines.

“Ms. Corbiere twice advised her clients that it was simply incorrect, expressly to pressure them to recognize her fees without obtaining independent legal advice,” Justice Myers wrote. “Mr Nahwegahbow acknowledged that he was in a conflict of interest when advising on the fees, but gave advice that was incorrect and self-interested.”

The Court concluded that the lawyers “acted completely unaware of the difference between their personal interests and the clients’ interests that they were duty-bound to protect.” The Court’s ruling also touched on the precarious nature of Anishinaabe and Ontario law. The lawyers had argued that Anishinaabe legal principles governed their agreement, citing values of reciprocity and honour tied to the original pipe ceremony that established the relationship. They even offered to “gift” half of their \$510 million fee back to the communities

for cultural and language programs—this would have still equated to a legal fee of \$255 million.

Justice Myers found that the retainer agreement explicitly stated it was governed by Ontario’s Solicitors Act, not traditional law. “The deal expressed in the Partial Contingency Fee Agreement,” he wrote, “was that the Legal Team would be paid five per cent

subject to section 28.1 of the Solicitors Act and the usual controls and protections available at law. That means the lawyers’ fees must always be fair and reasonable.” He added that Ms. Corbiere had also appealed to cultural ties by calling her clients “family” and invoking the sacred pipe ceremony that had blessed their working relationship, saying she

“created false urgency to imperil the clients’ obvious priority to distribute the settlement funds.” On this matter, Chief Nootch-tai was quick to comment, “Our next job is to ensure these funds are returned to the beneficiaries as quickly as possible. You can count on us to do that, and my council has given

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the sing-along or just come out and listen,” said Ms. McQuay, noting the sing-along will be a free event. She pointed out the Smiths have put together a long list of songs for the sing-along including ‘Keep the Home Fires Burning,’ ‘It’s a Long Way to Tipperary,’ ‘Lili Marleen,’

‘We’ll Meet Again,’ ‘The White Cliffs of Dover,’ ‘Where Have All the Flowers Gone’ and many more tunes.

The sing-along will take place at the Mindemoya Community Centre on Monday, November 10 from 2-3 pm and is being sponsored by the Friends of the Mindemoya Old School and the Central Manitoulin Historical Society.

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# ...Coroner’s jury on Trudeau death in Sudbury Jail recommends 24-hour nursing care

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By the time guards found him the next morning, he was already gone. The inquest heard testimony about shortages of both nurses and correctional officers, miscommunication between shifts, and the absence of overnight medical staff. Dr. Dominic Mertz, an infectious disease specialist, told the jury that closer monitoring could have caught signs of sepsis, a fatal condition if left untreated. Key measures include hiring additional staff and ensuring 24-hour nursing coverage, as well as having a dedicated staff mem-

ber to manage medications so nurses can focus on inmate care. The jury also called for clear standards for inmate monitoring, especially during overnight shifts, and for segregation cell windows to be retrofitted to allow better visibility. Improved communication between correctional officers, particularly during shift changes, and training on clear, detailed documentation were also emphasized. Health care recommendations include enhanced monitoring for infections, especially sepsis, and mandatory training for nursing staff on rec-

ognizing and responding to septic shock. The ministry was urged to move forward with the implementation of electronic medical records (EMR) to improve continuity of care. Finally, the jury called for expanded education for staff on the needs of vulnerable populations, including those facing homelessness or substance use challenges, and for reconciliation-focused cultural safety training that integrates Indigenous knowledge and perspectives into correctional practice. It is a grim irony that Mr. Trudeau died iso-



Justin Alexander Trudeau died at the Sudbury Jail from an antibiotic-resistant infection at the age of 44.

privately. The pandemic, in other words, didn’t create neglect; it amplified what was already systemic. Across Canada, Indigenous people remain disproportionately incarcerated, a legacy of policies that criminalize poverty, addiction, and trauma. In Ontario, the Indigenous incarceration rate sits roughly six times higher than for non-Indigenous people. The factors are painfully familiar: inter-generational trauma, inadequate access to health care, systemic racism, and the over-policing of Indigenous communities. At the inquest, coroner co-counsel Robert Kozak thanked Mr. Trudeau’s family for their courage and patience in reliving their son’s final days. “The purpose of this process,” he said, “is to prevent future deaths.” Whether these recommendations will do that remains to be seen. They are not legally binding, and history has shown how easily such promises fall away once the spotlight fades. But if Mr. Trudeau’s death forces the system to confront its failings—if it compels this province to place a nurse where there was once only silence—then perhaps something more than loss can come from it. As his mother said during the proceedings, “He was asking for help.” This time, the system might listen.

lated in a cell meant for COVID-19 observation. February 2021 was the height of pandemic restrictions, when vaccines were just beginning to reach long-term care homes, but far from the reach of provincial jails. At that time, Ontario’s vaccination rollout for inmates had not yet begun—it would be another month before the first doses arrived in some facilities, and several more before others were reached. By June 2021, more than 6,700 prisoners across Canada had tested positive for COVID-19, an infection rate many times higher than in the general population. Yet less than half of Ontario’s incarcerated people had received a first dose. The lockdowns meant to protect inmates from infection also worsened conditions inside. People were confined to their cells for long stretches, with little access to medical care or the outside world. Indigenous cultural supports—already limited—were halted almost entirely. Elders and cultural workers were cut off due to public health measures, replaced by patchy phone lines and virtual calls that few could access

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# From Army Cadets to Afghanistan: Scott Hartley’s 27 years of service ends in medical retirement and blacksmithing in Meldrum Bay

**by Margery Frisch**  
MELDRUM BAY—From the time he was small, Scott Hartley had always wanted to be a soldier. As soon as he was able, he joined the military. “I started out in Army Cadets and progressed from there,” he said.

Mr. Hartley enlisted in 1985 as a field engineer. He was sent to Cypress on a peacekeeping mission in 1989. His Afghanistan tour was in 2007. “I enjoyed my time in Afghanistan,” Mr. Hartley said. “It was a good tour, though we suffered the most losses of the war, it was still a good tour. I served at Camp Nathan Smith, in the

provincial reconstruction team. I was the supply guy there, I looked after the running of the camp; the ordering of ammunition and rations and all of the goods and stuff. It was a camp of around 300 guys. My shop looked after basically the running of everything.” Mr. Hartley’s tour was a seven-month stint. “Long enough to know what you’re doing, and then they ship you out,” he said with a laugh.

“When not on tour, it’s about training...physical fitness and being ready,” Mr. Hartley explained. “In most trades, including supply, there’s an actual job to perform, whether

it is issuing clothing and equipment to soldiers, warehousing, ordering parts to keep vehicle fleets operational...and lots of professional development.”

Mr. Hartley spent 27 years in military service. “I joined as a field engineer, but re-mustered as a supply tech where I retired as a sergeant,” he said. Re-mustering, for those non-military readers, refers to assigning military personnel to new duty categories when a period of service has concluded. Mr. Hartley was 45 years old when he took a medical retirement in

2012. From Athens, Ontario originally, he has set up blacksmith shops in various areas of southern Ontario in the years following his retirement. He discovered Meldrum Bay about four years ago, when looking for a nice quiet place to settle, away from city life. Though his blacksmith shop is up and running here on the island, he says, “I still haven’t decided what I’ll do when I grow up.”

It was with great pride and enthusiasm that Mr. Hartley shared the news that his son joined the Armed Forces just this year, as a field engineer as

well. “He’s 30, he joined a bit later. I joined young,” he said.

When asked what it meant to serve his country as he did, Mr. Hartley replied, “I put on a uniform as a way to serve my country, but once you are serving, it is the soldier to the left of you and to the right of you who form a bond, it goes beyond flags and borders.”

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Early morning wake-up call at Finn’s gas bar leads to drug charges

Two individuals have been arrested by the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services, with drug possession.

On October 24, at approximately 7:28 am, the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service responded to a report of a vehicle running in the middle of the Finn’s Gas Bar parking lot in M’Chigeeng First Nation, with two occupants appearing to be unconscious inside.

Officers attended and located a blue 2025 Nissan Murano registered to a Sudbury resident. Upon approach, officers detected a strong odour of cannabis coming from the vehicle.

The driver was identified as Sylvie Ducharme, 45 years old of Sudbury, and the passenger was Christopher Bermudez (31 years old) of Ottawa.

During the investigation, officers observed indicators of drug activity and conducted a search under the Cannabis Control Act.

As a result, police located and seized the following: 957 Hydromorphone (8 mg) tablets, approximately one gram of crack cocaine, 63 grams of illicit cannabis, three cannabis cigarettes, a digital scale with residue, three cell phones, and \$4,296 in Canadian currency.

Both individuals were arrested and charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking and related offences. They were held in custody for a bail hearing.

Deputy Chief Dan Despatie said, “community safety is a collaborative effort with our communities. (UCCM APS) would like to remind the public that we must work together to ensure the safety, protection, and overall health and wellness of our communities. We need your help, your information, and your assistance to affect change.”

“Drug trafficking invites residual and lateral violence into our communities, such as home invasions, serious assaults, and homicides, and leads to the erosion of our communities through addiction, homelessness, and overdose deaths. We need to speak directly with the people who have the information we require to keep our communities safe,” continued Deputy Chief Despatie.

“The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, OPP Community Street Crime Unit, and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service remain committed to working collaboratively and will continue to focus efforts on major crime operations that pose a direct and elevated threat to the safety, security, and wellness of our communities,” continued Deputy Chief Despatie. “This integrated street crime unit is a joint force operation that aims to identify and disrupt organized crime on Manitoulin Island through innovative technology, collaborative partnerships, and traditional police work, resulting in the arrest of those involved, holding them accountable, and the seizure of illegal drugs,

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Driver charged after attempting to switch seats during traffic stop

A traffic stop for speeding has led to multiple charges after a driver attempted to switch seats with a passenger.

On Wednesday, October 12 at approximately 8:30 am, officers from the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were conducting speed enforcement on Highway 6 in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI). A vehicle was observed traveling at 119 kilometres per hour in a posted 80 km/hr zone, and a traffic stop was initiated.

Upon stopping, the officer observed the driver move from the driver’s seat to the rear passenger seat, while the front passenger shifted into the driver’s seat. Further investigation revealed that the original driver was suspended from driving, and the driver was subsequently arrested.

The driver, Michel Desormeaux, 37-years-old from Sudbury, was charged with: two counts of driving while under suspension, failure to comply with release order, and speeding 1-49 kilometres per hour over posted speed limits.

The accused was scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on November 4.

Impaired arrest made after traffic stop for stunt driving

One person is facing charges after a traffic stop for stunt driving.

On Wednesday, October 15, at approximately 10:30 pm, officers with the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP were conducting speed enforcement on Highway 17 in Baldwin Township. A vehicle was observed travelling 104 kilometres per hour in a 60 km/hr. zone, and a traffic stop to investigate further was initiated. The driver provided a breath sample using an approved screening device (ASD), which registered a fail. The driver was subsequently arrested for impaired operation.

The driver, Garry St-Jean, 54, from Elliot Lake, was charged with: drive motor vehicle-perform stunt, operation while impaired, operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus), breach of probation order, speeding 1-49 km/hr over posted limit, drive motor vehicle with liquor readily available, operate motor vehicle without insurance, drive motor vehicle with no plates, fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle, fail to apply for permit on becoming owner.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on November 17.

Intimate partner violence assault investigation leads to arrest

One person has been arrested in connection with an intimate partner violence (IPV) investigation.

On Wednesday, October 12, officers with the Manitoulin OPP received a call reporting an IPV-related assault involving a vehicle. Police located the suspect vehicle shortly after on Highway 6 in Espanola and made an arrest.

As a result, one person was charged with: assault with a weapon, dangerous operation, failure to comply with undertaking, possession of property obtained by crime.

To protect the identity of the victim, the name of the accused will not be released.

The accused was held in custody for a bail hearing and remains in custody pending a future court appearance.

“The OPP is committed to addressing all forms of intimate partner violence and wants survivors of intimate partner violence to know that you are not alone. Anyone experiencing or witnessing such violence is encouraged to come forward and contact police. Support services are available through law enforcement and community organizations.”

Arrest made following break and enter at community water tower

A 34-year-old male from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has been charged with break and enter, two counts of assaulting a peace officer, uttering threats and mischief.

At approximately 2:55 am on October 26, members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) responded to a report of a male attempting for forcibly enter the community water tower.

Upon arrival, officers encountered the suspect, who fled into a nearby wooded area while making threats toward police. The United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Police K-9 Unit was deployed, and containment was swiftly established. The suspect was located and arrested by WTPS officers after refusing to surrender with assistance of the Wiikwemkoong surveillance team and K-9.

While in custody, the individual continued to be combative, spitting at officers and causing damage to police property. The individual was held for a bail hearing. The WTPS extends its sincere appreciation to UCCM APS K-9 and his handler for their vital assistance in this incident.

“This is a true testament to the dedication and professionalism of our officers in swiftly responding to an urgent call within the community,” said Ron Cignac, chief of police, WTPS. “Incidents like this underscore our commitment to keeping our community safe. We thank our citizens for reporting such malicious activity, and we’re grateful to Ogimaa (Tim) Ominika and our territorial leadership for their steadfast support of (WTPS).”

OPP warns about increase in grandparent scam

With the convenience of on-line shopping, purchasing gifts for the upcoming holiday season couldn’t be easier. However, there is an assumed risk in providing financial information online. Hundreds of millions of dollars are lost to fraud every year in Canada.

In addition to protecting yourself online, one of the more troubling frauds is the ‘Grandparent Scam.’ It is a sophisticated fraud where criminals impersonate a grandchild or close family member, often claiming they’ve been arrested, injured, or stranded and need immediate financial assistance. Fraudsters claim these funds are needed to pay bail, lawyer’s fees, hospital fees, ambulance fees, etc. These calls may use personal information gathered from social media or public records to appear legitimate, creating a sense of urgency that pressures victims into sending money via wire transfers, gift cards, or other untraceable methods.

The OPP caution people to, “be aware of some warning signs: urgency-the scammer always makes the request sound very urgent, which may cause the victim to not verify the story; fear-the scammer plays on the victim’s emotions by generating a sense of fear. For instance, they may say, ‘I am scared, and I need help from you’; secrecy-the scammer pleads with the victim not to tell anyone about the situation, such as ‘Please don’t tell Dad, he would be so mad’; Request for money-Money can be requested by money transfer or in some cases the scammer sends someone to your home to pick up the payment.”

If you receive a suspicious call, remember: be suspicious of calls that require immediate action. Hang up and contact the family member directly; the caller either doesn’t provide a normal jail location for the area if asked or mistakes the local police service. Call the non-emergency number of the police service to verify the story or confirm the name and badge number of the officer calling; when at the bank, tell the truth about why you’re taking out large sums of cash as bank tellers are very familiar with scams; the courts won’t ask for cash to bail out someone in custody and will require people to be present in court; never send cash, cryptocurrencies or any other funds to unknown person, unverified addresses of bank accounts; take time to verify the story by asking the caller a few personal questions or pressuring your caller for details. Scammers are counting on your wanting to quickly help your loved one in an emergency.

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# ...Judge orders RHT lawyers’ fees reduced by 95.5 percent

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me their full support.”

While acknowledging the cultural significance of the pipe ceremony and the lawyers’ good intentions, Justice Myers stated that “money recovered for clients in litigation belongs to the clients.” Any fee above and beyond fair value, would amount to “champerty,” an ancient common-law doctrine prohibiting lawyers from profiting from the outcome of litigation beyond reasonable remuneration.

For the applicants, the ruling represents a significant victory, not only financially but also morally.

“For years, we have been urging the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund and the Legal Team to have the legal fees assessed,” said Chief Craig Nootchtai. “We are proud to receive this decision from the Court, which will transfer hundreds of millions of dollars from the hands of six lawyers to the 21 First Nations of the Robinson Huron Treaty.”

Chief Karen Bell added, “We are delighted to receive this decision from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, which affirms our long-standing position that the RHT-LF was overcharged in legal fees. The return of these funds to the proper rights holders will have transformative impacts on our communities.”

Councillor Chester Langille agreed, saying, “We went to Court to protect the rights and interests of the beneficiaries. We are grateful that they will now receive what is rightfully theirs.” He added, “It’s imperative that we always act on behalf of the people. When the legal team ends up receiving more than 16 of the 21 First Nations, that’s something that must be questioned.” Councillor Langille added, “We wanted transparency, and we wanted an independent legal opinion on the fees. We were never given that opportunity before the vote took place, and we felt it was our duty to fulfill our own due diligence.”

The Court’s decision has significant implications for the use of fee arrangements in Indigenous and public-interest litigation. Justice Myers emphasized that while lawyers may be entitled to success bonuses, those bonuses must be proportional to the value, risk, and time invested, but not the size of the settlement itself. “The integrity of the legal profession requires that lawyers’ fees remain fair, reasonable and proportional,” he wrote, citing recent appellate guidance that warned against “unseemly, disproportionate, champertous windfalls” in so-called “mega-fund settlements.” He added that Ontario’s legal system allows contingency fees to ensure access to justice, but “not as a means for lawyers to participate in their clients’ winnings.”

The six lawyers named in the ruling include David Nahwegahbow, Dianne Corbiere, Roger Jones, Mark Stevenson, Donald Worme and Connie Addario, who represent some of the country’s most prominent Indigenous rights lawyers. Justice Myers was clear that the decision should not detract from their historic achievement in advancing the Treaty rights of the Anishinaabe peoples. “The Legal Team did great legal work,” he wrote. “Its member lawyers represented the clients zealously, resolutely, passionately, and with extraordinary success. Apart from issues when dealing with its own remuneration, the Legal Team acted in the best traditions of the independent bar of Ontario.”

Nonetheless, the Court’s findings are bound to send

waves through the legal and Indigenous communities. The Law Society of Ontario may review aspects of the case, and several First Nations leaders have called for new safeguards to ensure transparency in any future high-stakes litigation.

Justice Myers ordered that the overcharged \$487 million be returned to the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund. Those funds will now be distributed among the 21 First Nations, representing roughly 40,000 beneficiaries across Northern Ontario. According to recent estimates, the repayment could translate to millions of dollars for each Nation. The Court also assured that ongoing litigation regarding future annuity payments under the Treaty remains unaffected by the ruling. The Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund will continue to represent the collective interests of the First Nations in ensuring that the Crown honours its Treaty obligations going forward.

Over the course of the press conference, the sentiment of thanks was hard to miss. Chief Nootchtai remarked, “I want to thank all the beneficiaries who attended the hearings, many at their own expense, and those who watched online and supported us. Your presence and

encouragement meant a great deal. Miigwetch.” He was also quick to extend his appreciation to the unsung heroes who’d helped in making this ruling a reality “A big thank you to our legal team from McCarthy Tétrault, Michael Rosenberg, Alana Robert and Greg Riggs who all did a fantastic job framing what this case was truly about: transparency, accountability and determining what a fair and reasonable legal fee should be.”

Councillor Langille echoed these sentiments, adding, “Our new legal team brought a greater understanding of the issues as Anishinaabe people themselves, and that perspective helped move this matter toward a successful resolution.”


Chief Bell was also quick to extend her thanks to former chiefs, such as Andy Ricker, as well as previous leadership who had taken up the fight long before their involvement in the issue, expressing the collective efforts which were needed to achieve this victory.

Brian Gover, counsel for the firm Nahwegahbow Corbiere Genoodmagejig told CBC News that an appeal in the case is being contemplated.

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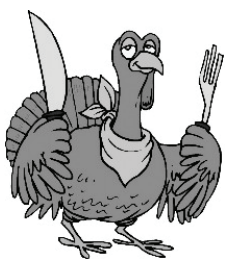
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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER • Day 1**  
Asha Frost (she/her) is an Indigenous Medicine Woman, Entrepreneur and a member of the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation. She is the best-selling author of *You are the Medicine*, and has guided thousands of people through profound and lasting transformation. As a highly sought-after speaker, Asha leads from her Clan teachings of the Crane — holding space from vision and heart. Asha has blended her life experience in her work as a homeopath, energy healer and mentor, with her innate gifts and the wisdom of her Ancestors.



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER • Day 2**  
Angela Grier/Piioshkskoopanskii (Comes Over Singing) (Piikani/Blackfoot), is a registered Provisional Psychologist residing in her traditional territory. Mohkinstsis (Calgary), the Indigenous Initiative Lead for the CCPA National Office, and a board member for the Parkland Institute. For over 25 years, Angela has been working and supporting First Nation/Indigenous peoples and communities through direct and systematic experience, including Indigenous psychology and counseling, Indigenous and child/youth rights advocacy.



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# ...Downtown Mindemoya intersection now has a four-way stop

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ers to notice—especially for drivers familiar with the old two-way stop sign setup.

“We urge all motorists to approach with caution, slow down, and be alert as other drivers adjust to this change,” notes the advisory.

Mayor Stephens suggested that the ministry’s change of heart may have been influenced by previous accidents that resulted in life-changing injuries.

In July 2021 a two-vehicle crash at the intersection resulted in a then 51-year-old passenger from Willisville sustaining “life-altering” injuries and being transported to a Sudbury hospital. Several years earlier, an Indigenous artist was killed while driving his motorcycle through the intersection.

The intersection has been dubbed “killer corner” by local residents over the years. It is hoped that the new four-way stop will reduce the likelihood of further fatalities and serious accidents at the corner, which sees numerous school buses passing through during the school season.

A sampling of the online comments include: “The new four way stop sign in Mindemoya really shows who shouldn’t have a licence; With all the posts about the 4 Way Stop in Mindemoya now ... why wasn’t flashing stop lights placed at the top of the STOP sign to indicate new sign? This is a normal safety practice elsewhere in

the province unless Dougie Ford saved a few bucks to pay for the bridge in Little Current; and in all seriousness we need to be extra cautious when approaching the new 4 way stop in Mindemoya. My wife was nearly t-boned because someone didn’t stop and they blew

their horn at her as if she was in the wrong. There have been a lot of jokes and complaints in regard to this but I’m praying during this adjustment period there isn’t a serious accident.”

## ...Retired driving instructor explains four-way stops

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driver on the right always has the right of way. If four people stop, then it’s the same thing, if you’re approaching the stop sign, you should be looking to see who’s going to have the right of way, who’s going to get there first. Then it’s always the driver on the right goes first. You do have to use common sense.” Ms. Anning said she recently approached the stop sign and someone was already stopped, but instead of proceeding, they waved her through.

“I don’t think they were familiar with proper procedures,” she said.

There are other rules to be aware of: If two people on opposite sides of the stop sign arrive at the same time and one is turning while the other is continuing straight ahead, the driver travelling straight ahead will always

have the right of way. If two drives approach the stop sign and one is turning left while the other is turning right, the right turn driver will always have the right of way.

According to research, four-way stops are supposed to reduce crashes by up to 45 percent. That doesn’t seem to be the

case when intersections have been two-way stops since time immemorial. It’s best, with these new intersections to do as Ms. Anning has instructed: pay attention and “use common sense.” Stay alert, have patience, use your turn signals if turning and proceed with caution.



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**SEASON WRAP-UP**—The familiar eye van, where an eye-health team, led by an ophthalmologist, visits communities throughout Northern Ontario over more than a six-month season, wrapped up its 2025 work in Little Current on Friday, October 29 where local clients accessed the eye van’s sophisticated services in the Legion parking lot. This was the last of four late September and October visits to Manitoulin where clients were referred to the service when it also visited Gore Bay, Mindemoya and Wiikwemkoong. The map on the medical van behind the team indicates the communities in Northeastern and Northwestern Ontario where over 5,000 individuals receive medical assessments relating to their eye health. The team that ended the 2025 season includes, from left, A.J Johnston, eye van driver and technician; Dr. Adnan Pirbhai, ophthalmologist; Hamid Aminparvin, ophthalmologist technician; Mahsa Farahini, ophthalmologist assistant. Typically, ophthalmologists (eye specialists) like Dr. Pirbhai leave their medical practices for a week in order to lend their expertise to the eye van program for this amount of time and a roster of them, one after another, a week at a time through the 27-week season, ensure that rural and Northern communities enjoy this high level of medical service.

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# Crime spike follows treaty settlement in Wiikwemkoong, but police emphasize healing through community partnership

**Jacqueline M. St.Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative reporter**

WIKWEMKOONG—The glow of long-awaited justice came with shadow. When the Robinson Huron Treaty (RHT) settlement funds began flowing into Wiikwemkoong in the late summer of 2024, they brought both relief and reckoning. Within months, the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) recorded a surge in crime—calls for service, arrests, and collisions all rising sharply as the community adjusted to the influx of long-withheld wealth.

According to WTPS Chief Ron Gignac, the data spoke plainly. “Our statistics said that, yes, there was a dramatic increase in the amount of police responses following the per capita distributions,” he said. “I wanted to provide a frame and a metric from year to year to see if there was any impact upon the community—and there was.”

Since the payments began, arrests have risen by more than 70 percent, motor vehicle crashes by 69 percent, and drug-related and traffic complaints by 81 percent. Yet behind those numbers, Chief Gignac sees not a crisis of crime, but a call for collective responsibility. “We cannot address these challenges as a police service alone,” he said in his fall message to residents. “We must approach them as a community—supporting one another, reporting crime, standing with those who may be struggling. Only through collective action can we ensure a safer future for everyone.”

Ogimaa (Chief) Tim Ominika echoed that spirit of unity and foresight. “We knew the funds were going to have a major impact,” he said. “I’m very proud of our First Nation police force for doing all the work that they have to do. It was because of that additional source funding from the government for a 10-year police agreement that we could build capacity—to protect our First Nation community, to combat illicit drugs, and to respond to rising crime rates.”

The funding has allowed WTPS to grow from 15 officers to more than 30, with plans to reach 50 staff in coming years. That expansion has birthed new initiatives: an Offender Management Program to reduce repeat offences, a weekly Situation Table that brings police, health, and social workers together to intervene before crisis hits, and a School Liaison Program to teach youth safety and resilience.

Nationally, crime in Canada fell 4 percent in 2024, driven largely by declines in property and non-violent offences, according to Statistics Canada. But for many First Nations, such numbers fail to capture the complex

fallout of colonial policy. Indigenous people remain vastly overrepresented in prisons and underrepresented in prosperity—an imbalance rooted in generations of dispossession, poverty, and systemic bias that no one-time payout can fix.

Legal reforms like Gladue and Ipeelee were meant to account for this history in sentencing, yet the Supreme Court itself has lamented their limited effect. Over-incarceration has worsened, and breaches of conditional sentences often funnel Indigenous people into longer, harsher penalties than before.

For Wiikwemkoong, this is not abstract law—it’s lived experience. Chief Gignac’s officers

now handle more complex investigations, more repeat offenders, more trauma than ever before. But they’re doing so through the lens of community policing—one that blends enforcement with empathy, rooted in Anishinaabe values of relationship and restoration.

“The increases we’re seeing are not just statistics,” Gignac said. “They represent the challenges families are facing, the risks our youth are encountering, and the pressures that ripple across Wiikwemkoong. Together, we must face these challenges with honesty, accountability, and resilience.”

The treaty settlement was meant as restitution, not rupture. Its promise

lies not in the short-term storm of spending, but in the long-term healing it can fund—self-determination, education, and renewed safety on Anishinaabe terms. And that is what Wiikwemkoong’s police, leadership, and people are working toward: a community where justice is not just restored, but re-imagined.

“Chi Miigwech for your ongoing trust and support,” Chief Gignac wrote to residents. “Together, we are achieving great things—and the best is yet to come.”



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# Talented Manitoulin kweok shine under the bright lights

## Wiikwemkoong youth to star in ‘Annie: the Musical’ at Sudbury’s YES Theatre

by Margery Frisch  
MANITOWANING—In the green room at Debajehmujig Creation Centre, 12-year-old Ogeequa Williston Osawabine meets with The Expositor to talk about her leading role in ‘Annie: the Musical,’ soon to run at the YES Theatre in Sudbury.

Acting is nothing new to this young thespian, here is what The Expositor’s Michael Erskine wrote of her in the summer of 2022: “A bright new star arose with the launch of Debajehmujig Storytellers latest collaboration with Manifesto Poetico, ‘If I listened...’ (‘Jiishpin Bizindimaa...’), which premiered on July 27. While

the entire production was outstanding, the incredible performance of nine-year-old Ogeequa Williston Osawabine presages great things to come—it is well worth catching the production just to watch this amazing young kwe in her leading role.”

Great things indeed are coming. Her involvement with the YES Theatre began when her mother, Christine Williston, took Ogeequa to a production of ‘The Magic Stone.’ “Then I saw Matilda a few times,” Ogeequa explains. Ms. Williston was doing work for the theatre – she was a costume designer who was pulled out of retirement for the

production, which is why Ogeequa got to see it several times. Her mother felt it was an opportunity to introduce her daughter to the exciting work that goes on behind-the-scenes, backstage, “where all the cool people are,” she says. “But Ogeequa was bored to tears and kept sneaking out to watch the rehearsals.”

So, at that point in her young life Ogeequa was very comfortable acting in front of an audience, but she was adamant about singing. ‘No! Not in front of people.’ So, what changed? Well, after that introduction to the YES Theatre, she became immersed in learning drama

and musical theatre. YES Theatre runs classes on Saturdays, March Break, summer camps, and Ogeequa has taken part in all of it. Soaking it all up and, finally, feeling comfortable singing in front of people. When tryouts for Annie began, Ogeequa was encouraged to try out for the lead role by none other than the Artistic Director of YES Theatre, Alessandro Costantini.

Here is what Mr. Costantini has to say about the young performer: “I am so grateful to have this remarkable young artist tackling this iconic role. Ogeequa is such a brilliant emerging talent with a beautiful, natural ability for storytelling and performing. The show is going to be a mammoth undertaking for all of the young performers. It’s a huge piece and they are working under the direction of Canadian Theatre legend and icon, Peter Hinton. I know that Ogeequa will rise to the great challenge, and her performance will be distinguished and heart exploding!” That’s a powerful endorsement.



Wiikwemkoong’s Ogeequa Williston Osawabine is taking on the lead in YES Theatre’s rendition of ‘Annie: the Musical.’ The play hits the stage November 20 until December 22.

### Little Feather takes flight on Project Runway Canada

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
TORONTO—When the lights rise on the runway this November, one of Mniidoo Mnising’s own will be standing beneath them—needles flashing, fabric breathing, story stitched into every seam.

Tashina Migwans Odjig, who designs under the name Little Feather, will appear in the upcoming Crave Original series Project Runway Canada, premiering November 14. The new season reimagines the famed fashion competition through a distinctly Canadian lens, led by host and judge Coco Rocha, alongside Jeanne Beker, designer Spencer Badu and mentor Aurora James. Over 10 episodes, designers from across the country will compete for \$100,000, a feature in Elle Canada, and the title of Canada’s Next Great Designer.

For Little Feather, whose work bridges couture and culture, this is less about fame than it is about reclamation. Her label, Little Feather Couture, draws from Anishinaabek teachings and aesthetics—each piece a meditation on lineage, transformation, and the act of survival as art. A graduate of George Brown Col-



Little Feather on the set of Project Runway Canada.

leges Fashion Exchange Program and a two-time resident in the Banff Centre’s Indigenous Haute Couture residency, she brings to the show what fashion too often forgets: that beauty is not only made, it is remembered.

From the limestone of Mniidoo Mnising to the mirrored catwalks of Toronto, Little Feather carries her ancestors in every thread.

Project Runway Canada streams Fridays on Crave, beginning November 14, with the finale set for January 16. Keep an eye out—when Little Feather takes flight, she tends to leave the sky changed.

liston says of this ensemble cast. She accompanies Ogeequa to every rehearsal and, through the generosity of Wiikwemkoong, their costs are being supplemented. They have the use of an Airbnb when rigorous rehearsals go long and late.

Ogeequa Williston Osawabine is one of two performers taking the lead in the musical. “Most of the youth ensemble is double casted, or even triple casted,” she says. “The youth ensemble is huge. It’s complicated.” The part of Annie will alternate between Ogeequa and another girl, who “has an amazing voice,” Ogeequa says of her co-star. She shares a few little

bits of information about what you can expect, then stops. “Okay, I’m not going to yack about that because you’ll just have to see it to figure it all out. I’m not telling you anymore. You’ll have to see the show.” And she means it. And, after speaking to Ogeequa for any length of time, there’s no doubt in your mind – you must see the show.

‘Annie: the Musical’ opens on November 20 and runs till December 22. You can get your tickets online at: yestheatre.com and, as soon as the schedule is set, Christine Williston will be happy to share with you those performances in which her daughter will star.

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# ... Gore Bay's new veterans' banners

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ans names listed on the outside of the Legion, 44 in total from World War I and World War II.”

Ms. Wright explained, “when we originally put this out to members of the public in August 2023, we had a response of 25 people/families interested in veterans’ banners being installed. At that point we said the project was a go, and checked with the town about using their 33 light poles for the banners.” However, “it was explained that the town would be working on a downtown revitalization project, so we put the banners project on hold until this year.”

The RCL and Rotary club purchased the brackets for the light posts, said Ms. Wright.

“The installation of veterans’ banners in communities is a fantastic idea and I’m glad our branch (177 Little Current) is one of the communities that has taken part (a few years ago),” said Linda Bowerman. She pointed out her daughter, who lives in Espanola, had seen the veterans banners installed there (spearheaded by Mr. McPherson and RCL 39) and told her mother, ‘mom this is a project for you.’ It was right after my husband passed, and then we had COVID. Three

years ago, I came across the file on it and I approached the Legion and the town (NEMI).”

“We now have 81 banners altogether,” said Ms. Bowerman. She pointed out similar veterans’ banners have been installed in Manitowaning, Kagawong, Mindemoya, South Baymouth and Tehkummah. I knew Gore Bay was looking to have banners installed, and they look fantastic. I am glad other communities on the Island doing similar projects.”

Ms. Wright noted not all families requested the rank of the veterans are listed on the banner and she pointed out a black band will go on the top and bottom of the banners next year, signifying those who were killed in action.

“There is a waiting list for those who have requested veterans’ banners for next year,” said Ms. Wright. For those individuals/families who would like to order a veterans’ banner to be installed in Gore Bay, they should contact Branch 514.

Among the first 52 banners installed included: James McLean Johnson (killed in action), Marvin Woods, Stanley Howard “Pete” Woods, Robert Willett (killed in action), Fred Woods, Carmen Midgaugh, Herbert Walker,

Roy Bailey, Corporal Kenneth Alexander Wright, Roy Baxter, E.F. “Frank” Priddle, Private Percy L. Runnalls, Dalton Arden Wright, Frank R. Major MM, D. Howard Harper, Dougal Buchanan, Grant Priddle, Charles “Charlie” Beaudin, A.W. “Bud” Priddle, Private Edith Martine (Kruger) Bailey, Major William Farquhar McRae, Alexander, Scott, Hugh and Lincoln Fraser, F.W. Bainborough, James Percival Merrylees (killed

in action), Gordon Greenman, Arnold “Angus” Cada, Paul Cada Sr., Maxwell E. Graham, Lyman R. Pearson, Archie Kruger, Lloyd W. Orford (killed in action), Raymond Orford, George W. Slomke, August Kruger, Joseph A. Baker (killed in action), CWO Darryl Foster, William “Bill” Porter, William Foster, Henry VanMeer, George S. Clarke, Thomas Franklin Clarke, Jessie A. Clarke, Grant Williams, Grant Witty,

Lawrence Lane, Donald “Fraser” Porter MID,CD, Ranald Hector McQuarrie, Robert James Purvis, Bob Kruger, William Alexander Clark, Richard Jeffray Clark (killed in action) William A. G. Little.

The next 42 include Flight Lieutenant Earnest Lockburn “Kelly” Claridge, Jack McKenzie, Sgt. R.V. Lamb, along with those killed in action Percy Beck, Harry Beatty, Alden Wilkinson, Joseph C. Gallagher, John D. Currie, R.J. Good, Blair Fraser,

James A. Raynor, William Wickett, Sam Blackburn, Edgar Kent, Dave Mathe-son, William Scott, Valentine Willman, Robert Hill, Austin W. Blackie, William Riching, James Pattison, Jack Elliott, Wil- liam Carr, Lorne Rumley, Percy Pifer, Victor New-son, Michael Cada, Thos Neganiwina, Armand Mc- Millan, Ernest Blackie, Keith Beange, Les Camp- bell, Douglas Wright, Lyle Vanhorn, Ivan Falls, Lloyd Fowler, William Fowler, Russel McCrack- en, Floyd Williamson, Douglas Wagg, Gilbert Al- exander, Lloyd Hall.



Royal Canadian Legion Branch #514 president Marilyn Clarke and first vice-president Trevor Wright stand under one of the veterans banners installed in Gore Bay last week.



Veteran Bud Dearing, left in photo, and Jim Woods, past president of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay, stand under one of the veterans banners installed in the town of Gore Bay last week.

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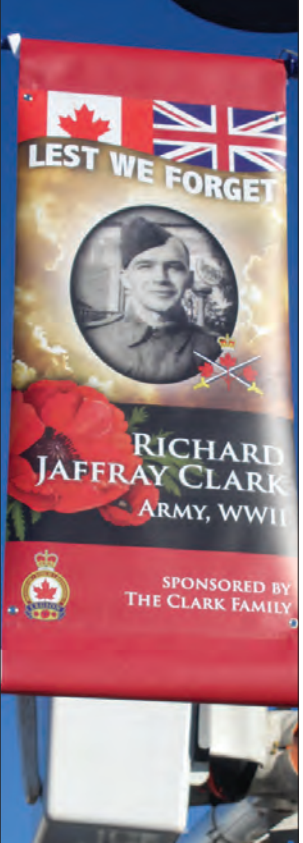
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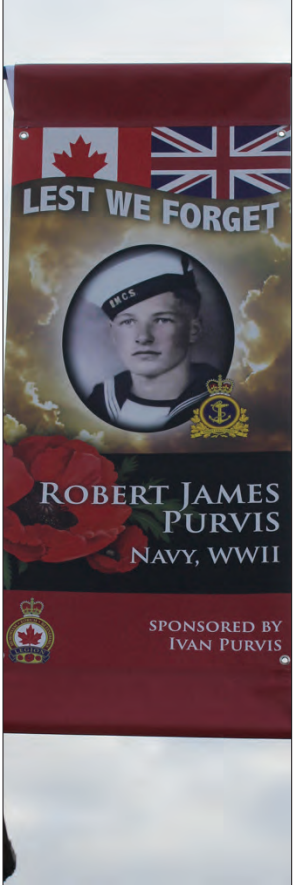
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**Christmas Decoration Sale** at Little Current United Church on Saturday, November 15 from 9 am to 2 pm. Also a bake and craft sale.

22-26p

**Remembrance Day Potluck** Supper on Monday, November 10 at 5 pm at the Silver Water Community Hall. Donations for Angel Bus by Silver Water United Church. Thank you for your help.

23-25p

**Christmas in Kagawong** at St. John's Church on Saturday, November 15 from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be baking, a craft table, gift baskets plus homemade meat pies and lasagna.

24-26p

**Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary** is holding their Bazaar, Bake Sale and Luncheon on Saturday, November 8 from 11 am to 2 pm. Lunch runs from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Cost: \$15 per adult, \$10 for ages 6-12 and under 5 is free. Come out to the Mindemoya Community Hall at 6032 Hwy 542, Mindemoya and support your local hospital.

24-25c

**Time to get ready** for Christmas! Drop by the Lyons Memorial United Church, Gore Bay for their annual Christmas rummage sale. Come find that special something for your home as well as lots of other sale items on Friday, November 14 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, November 15 from 9 am to 12 noon. Come out for some fun and support a good cause. Donations accepted the sale week, Monday to Wednesday from 9 am to 12 noon. Proceeds support United Church Community Outreach Programs. Please bring your own bags.

25-26p

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25-26p

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Coming Events

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25c

**Big Lake Community Association** Hunters Bake Sale. Serving apple pie, apple crisp, apple caramel loaf, apple jellies or special orders. Preorders are welcome until Wednesday, November 12. Pick up is Saturday, November 15 at the Old Big Lake Schoolhouse, 28 Silver Bay Road. Message us at [biglakecommunity@gmail.com](mailto:biglakecommunity@gmail.com) or call 705-562-4183 for more information.

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**Ontario strengthening provincial electoral processes**

TORONTO—Ontario is proposing a series of reforms to strengthen and increase public trust in the province's electoral system, including the removal of American-style fixed election dates in favour of the province's traditional electoral process and strengthening regulation and oversight of election financial and campaign spending.

"The proposed reforms will return Ontario to an electoral process that served our province well for nearly a century and a half, prior to the imposition of American-style fixed election dates," said Attorney General Doug Downey. "With these reforms, government will be better positioned to respond to changing circumstances and external threats, including by seeking a fresh mandate from the people of Ontario when it's needed."

Proposed reforms to the election act would see provincial elections take place on a date determined by the Lieutenant Governor on the advice of the premier, as has traditionally been the case in Ontario. Ontario will continue to observe and be subject to the five-year maximum legal limit between elections that is mandated by the Constitution.

Ontario is proposing additional reforms to the Election Finances Act that would strengthen the rules around campaign finances and electoral spending, as well as reflect the removal of fixed election dates. These reforms would: discourage bad actors by establishing new financial penalties for those who do not comply with the Election Finances Act, for example by failing to provide information to the Chief Electoral Officer and not complying with political advertising rules. Proposed changes would also increase the maximum existing penalties around failure to register, third parties exceeding political advertising spending limits and political parties, candidates and constituency associations exceeding campaign expense limits.

In response to recommendations from Ontario's chief electoral officer (CEO), provide new tools to the CEO to ensure third parties follow political advertising rules. This includes investigative powers to allow them to request information from third parties, whether they have registered or not; third parties would be required to provide proof of registration status to broadcasters and publishers before placing political advertisements during an election period. This would ensure third parties that advertise during this period are following election laws; make the quarterly per-vote subsidy that is received by all parties a permanent measure, rather than allowing it to expire at the end of 2026. This measure implements a recommendation from the CEO following the 2022 provincial election, to ensure a balance of public and private spending in elections; eliminates pre-writ spending limits for third parties and political parties, which were introduced to prevent the ramping up of political spending in the lead up to a fixed election; increasing the annual amount a person can contribute to a political party from \$3,400 to \$5,000 beginning in 2026, which is consistent with or less than the maximum allowable amount in other provinces such as Manitoba, Alberta and Nova Scotia. Future increases would be indexed to the rate of inflation.

Ontario is also considering measures to ban political advertising on government property, whether it be on buildings, billboards or transit stations. If implemented, a coordinated approach across government and its agencies would ensure flexible, appropriate measures are implemented across different properties.

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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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RUTH KAREN FRAWLEY  
February 6, 1952 - October 25, 2025



It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Ruth Karen Frawley of Big Lake, Ontario, on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the age of 73. Ruth passed unexpectedly in the early morning at her home in Big Lake. The family takes comfort in believing she went quickly and peacefully in her bed at home. Born on February 6, 1952, in Titusville, Pennsylvania, Ruth devoted her life to family, community and public service. She retired in 2022 as CAO/Clerk of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, concluding an exceptional 41-year career serving both the Municipality of Central Manitoulin and the former Sandfield Township. She also gave generously of her time to local organizations, including the Central Manitoulin Lions Club, where she proudly served as Treasurer for the past five years. Ruth was well known for her love of reading, history, plants and the beautiful flower gardens that surrounded her home in Big Lake. In recent years, she rekindled her passion for pottery, creating mugs, bowls and other pieces that she shared from her front porch and through local shops. She especially loved time at the family camp on Windfall Lake, where visits with family and friends made countless happy memories. Above all, Ruth treasured her family. She adored her only granddaughter, Scarlet Mohr, with all her heart, celebrating every milestone and making lasting memories on their many trips. Marcus and Scarlet often smile remembering Grandma's "shrine" of framed photos that lined the stairwell and upstairs hallway of her home, a testament to her pride and love. Ruth will be forever loved and deeply missed by her children, Marcus Mohr and Clayton Mohr (Celsa De Sa); her cherished granddaughter, Scarlet; and her loving partner, Dave Pilon. She is also survived by her sister, Sara Davis (Robert); sister-in-law Faye Frawley; and her nieces and nephews Dustin Frawley (Steffi), Jessie Sabella (Joe), Bronwyn Sullivan (Ryan) and Robert Davis (Sammie) and their families. She was predeceased by her parents, Richard and Geraldine Frawley (née McCoy); her sister, Judy Tipton; and her brother, Joe Frawley. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place. Family and friends were invited to a Come and Go Celebration of Life on Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 2 to 4 pm and had an opportunity to raise a glass (Irish Wake) from 4 to 6 pm at her home at 17A Silver Bay Road, Big Lake, Ontario. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Ruth may consider a donation to the Central Manitoulin Lions Club, where she proudly served as Treasurer. E-Transfer: cmlionstransfers@gmail.com | Mail: P.O. Box 260, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0. For more information, please contact Marcus Mohr at 249-878-1659. Arrangements entrusted to Island Funeral Home, Little Current, ON. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [www.islandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.islandfuneralhome.ca).

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

Remember your loved ones fondly in  
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In Memoriam or Obituaries

Send an email to Debbie at  
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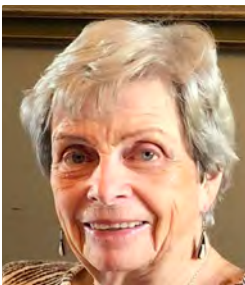
April 14, 1956 - October 25, 2025



With heavy hearts we remember Patricia (Tricia) Nellie Meinzinger (Wilson), who passed away with family at her side on October 25, 2025, at Grand River Hospital in Kitchener, Ontario, after a year-long battle with duodenal cancer. She was 69. Born in Mindemoya on April 14, 1956, to Gordon and Nellie Wilson, Tricia grew up on the family farm in Providence Bay. On August 23, 1980, after meeting at Emmanuel Bible College, she married Robert (Bob) Meinzinger. Together, they raised three children: Nathan, Angela and Joshua. The family returned to Manitoulin for many years before moving to Mississauga in 2010. In May 2025, Tricia and Bob moved to Elora to live with their daughter and enjoy the country life once again. Her family is so proud of her will to fight as long as she could. They feel so blessed to have been unwaiveringly loved by someone so kind, patient and beautiful. The sound of her laugh, the warmth of her hugs, and her sneaky sense of humor will always be remembered with a tearful smile. A devoted follower of her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Tricia found strength and comfort in her faith and from scripture, especially Psalm 46:1: "God is our refuge and strength." She was happiest when her hands were dirty from gardening, and her home was full of family to feed and laugh with. She always put others first. Tricia was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by her loving husband, Bob; children Nathan, Angela and Joshua; sister Marie; and brothers Donavon, Ed and Jeff; as well as extended family and friends who will all miss her dearly. At Tricia's request, there will be no service. In remembrance of Tricia, donations may be made to World Vision Canada.

MARIAN GILMOUR  
(née McKinnon)

October 13, 1928 - October 29, 2025



Peacefully at St. Joseph's Villa in Sudbury, Marian Gilmour passed away at the age of 97. Predeceased by her beloved husband, William (Bill) and her sisters Donna and Maizie, she leaves behind her loving daughter Mary Byford (Ottawa), son Malcolm Gilmour (Don MacMillan) (Toronto), and cherished grandchildren Stephen, Sarah, Katie and Laura. She is also survived by her youngest sister Carolyn and many beloved family members and dear friends. Born on Manitoulin Island and a proud Islander all her life, Marian started her teaching career in Espanola. Later, she moved to Sudbury, where she met Bill. Together, they shared a deep commitment to education, finding joy and purpose in their teaching careers and forming lifelong friendships with colleagues and students alike. A passionate supporter of the arts, Marian was a dedicated member of the Sudbury Opera Guild. She was also an exceptional cook and generous hostess, known for bringing friends and family together around her table in both her Sudbury and Manitoulin homes. A lifelong traveller and enthusiastic gardener, she remained active and inquisitive well into her early 90s. She was a longtime member of St. Peter's United Church and, in retirement, volunteered with the Sudbury Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. A proud graduate of Queen's University, Marian will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by everyone who knew her. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the compassionate staff at St. Joseph's Villa for their dedicated care. According to her wishes, Marian has been cremated and will be interred with Bill at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the Loughheed Funeral Home, [www.loughheedfuneralhomes.com](http://www.loughheedfuneralhomes.com).

In  
Memoriam

PEARSON—In loving memory of my dear husband Calvin, who passed away November 10, 2019. His memory is as dear today as in the hour he passed away. I often sit and think of you when I am all alone. For a memory is the only friend that grief can call its own. Greatly missed, forever loved by wife Joan and family

BRUDER—In loving memory of Donna Bruder who passed away November 11, 2022. Donna would claim this was as a result of determination, preservance, humour and an unwavering Faith that the Creator would get them through it, together. Donna was a humble woman but had an inner strength that many came to tust and rely on. She never sought fame or riches, but she was rich beyond words in the courage, joy and love to so many. Donna was a Spiritual warrior, she prayed unceasingly for her family, friends and community 24/7, 365 days, she went to bed praying and woke up praying for everyone, everywhere. Her Spiritual legacy was her wish that all people would turn back to God and return to church and live a life based on kindness, charity and faith in the Creator and love. Donna, we thank you for all you taught us by your life. Your eample will bot be forgotten and we ask that you continue to watch over us, pray for us and until we meet again, know you are loved. Chi megwetch, ba ma pii Donna! Jack and Joyce



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The Annual General Meeting of the **Manitowaning Agricultural Society** is scheduled to be held  
on **Tuesday, November 25, 2025**  
at the **Assiginack Public Library in Manitowaning**  
at **7 p.m.**  
The meeting will review the financial position and to elect a board of directors and officers for the 2026 fiscal year.  
All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK  
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THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK  
TENDER NO. 2025-02  
ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE  
& WASHROOM RENOVATION

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Township of Assiginack for the renovation of the northwest entrance and washroom at the Manitowaning Arena to meet AODA and Ontario Building Code accessibility standards.

Mandatory Site Inspection:  
**11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 12, 2025**  
Closing Date:  
**4:00 p.m., Friday, November 28, 2025**

Tender documents are available at [www.biddingo.com](http://www.biddingo.com). Bids may also be submitted electronically through Biddingo.

Submissions clearly marked "Tender No. 2025-02—Accessible Entrance & Washroom Renovation" must be delivered to:  
Town Clerk's Office,  
156 Arthur Street,  
Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0



# CAREERS

MUNICIPALITY



OF ASSIGINACK

Township of Assiginack

Custodial Maintenance

and Operations Services Contractor

The Township of Assiginack is seeking a qualified individual or contractor to provide **Maintenance and Operation Services** for the **Assiginack Municipal Offices (156 Arthur Street)** and the **Assiginack Public Library (25 Spragge Street)**.

The Contractor will be responsible for housekeeping, cleaning and routine maintenance of the designated municipal buildings and grounds. Services must meet health, safety and regulatory standards as outlined by the Township. Preference will be given to applicants bidding on both buildings.

- Applicants must provide:
- Proof of WSIB and \$2,000,000 liability coverage
- A valid Police Criminal Record Check

The contract term is January 5, 2026 – January 4, 2027, with the possibility of extension.

**Application Deadline:** November 14, 2025  
**Submit applications to:**  
Alton Hobbs, CAO  
Email: [ahobbs@assiginack.ca](mailto:ahobbs@assiginack.ca)

For a detailed copy of the contract agreement, please go to our website at <https://www.assiginack.ca/administration/request-proposals-tender-opportunities/custodial-maintenance-and-operations-services>

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- Personal Support Worker certificate or equivalent
- First Year Developmental Service Worker students may also qualify
- A valid Ontario driver's licence (Class G)
- Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Mrs. Megan Wickett; Operations Manager by regular mail to:

**Community Living Manitoulin**  
**PO Box 152**  
**Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0**  
**Or by email to [mwickett@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:mwickett@clmanitoulin.com)**

Community Living Manitoulin welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available upon request for applicants taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin please visit our web site at [www.clmanitoulin.com](http://www.clmanitoulin.com).

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The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Justice Program is an Anishinaabe Community Justice Program. We are seeking an IYPIP worker who will work in partnership with the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services to address critical program and service gaps for Indigenous-specific responses to gang activity and gun violence in Ontario. This program will target the root causes of gang involvement by providing culturally-relevant youth educational and physical activities. The educational component will include educational assistance and career/employment mentorship with participation from police officers in the local police service to better establish relationships with the community. Culturally relevant activities will be organized that focus on positive, strength-building experiences that are rooted in one's relationship to family and the land. The Program will provide services to youth 8 -18 years old.

For a complete list of responsibilities and qualifications, please visit [www.uccmm.ca](http://www.uccmm.ca).

**Remuneration:** \$50,000.00 + benefits  
**Closing Date:** November 20, 2025 at 12 pm

**To Apply:** Mail or deliver a complete package which must include the following:


- Cover letter
- Resume
- Copy of valid Ontario driver's licence
- Three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a supervisor/manager.

Incomplete, emailed or late packages will not be considered. Thank you for applying, but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe applicants. Please self-identify in your application.

Mark "Confidential-IYPIP" to:

Paula Corbiere  
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United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising  
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**NOW HIRING: TEACHER ASSISTANT (SUPPLY / SHORT-TERM)**  
Location: St. Joseph's Anishnabek School, Sheshegwaning, ON  
Position Type: Short-Term / On-Call



**About Us**  
St. Joseph's Anishnabek School is committed to fostering a culturally rich, inclusive and supportive learning environment rooted in Anishnabek values. We are seeking dedicated and compassionate individuals to join our team as Teacher Assistants for short-term / supply assignments.

**Position Summary**  
The Teacher Assistant will support classroom teachers in delivering educational programming, supervising students and maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment. This role is ideal for individuals who are flexible, reliable and passionate about working with children.

**Key Responsibilities**

- Assist classroom teachers with instructional activities and classroom management
- Support students with academic tasks, including reading, writing and numeracy
- Supervise students during recess, lunch and transitions
- Help prepare learning materials and classroom resources
- Foster a positive and inclusive atmosphere aligned with Anishnabek teachings
- Maintain confidentiality and professionalism at all times
- Follow school policies and safety procedures

**Qualifications**

- High school diploma or equivalent (post-secondary education in Early Childhood Education, Child and Youth Work or related field is an asset)
- Experience working with children in an educational or childcare setting
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with staff and students
- Knowledge of Anishnabek culture and values is considered an asset
- Current Vulnerable Sector Check (or willingness to obtain)
- First Aid/CPR certification preferred

**How to Apply**  
Please submit your resume and a brief cover letter outlining your interest and availability to: Heather Wilson, Education and Lifelong Learning Director  
Email: [heather@sheshegwaning.org](mailto:heather@sheshegwaning.org)  
Phone: 705.283.3292, ext 109

*Preference will be given to qualified members of Sheshegwaning First Nation.  
We thank all applicants for their interest.  
Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*



**Billy Burgers for the win**  
The operators of Rich Man's Chip Stand presented a \$5,000 donation to the Manitoulin Health Centre to honour family friend Billy Debassige who recently passed away. From left is Lila Sloss, Jolene (daughter of Billy and Patty Debassige), Paula Fields, MHC CEO, Ryder (Jolene's son), Richard Bayer owner of Rich Man's. The proceeds raised came from a portion of sales from each 'Billy Burger' sold. The burger was named in honour of the late Billy Debassige.

# CAREERS



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**How to Apply:**  
To register and receive the application package and detailed job profile, email [hr@e4m.solutions](mailto:hr@e4m.solutions) with "MMS Applicaiton Package Request" in the subject line.

**Please note:** Resumes are not required or accepted at this stage.

**Registration Deadline:**  
Friday, November 21, 2025 at 2:00 pm.



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

Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates, please self-identify in your application.

We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:

**Manitoulin Island:**

- Child Well-Being Worker

**Sudbury/Manitoulin Island:**

- Volunteer Driver: Open Recruitment

**Sudbury:**


- Legal Counsel
- Child and Youth Worker - Casual
- Youth Transitional Home Worker - Casual

**\*All postings close November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4 pm EST\***

To apply, kindly send your application to our Human Resources department at [applications@kgcfs.org](mailto:applications@kgcfs.org), ensuring to specify the position title in the subject line. For comprehensive job descriptions and to access the postings, please visit our website at: [www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities).

*At KGCFs, we are steadfast in our dedication to fostering a work environment that is accessible to all, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Should you require any accommodations during the recruitment process, please do not hesitate to request them. We sincerely appreciate your interest in joining the team; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to provide the following documents: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (dated within three months of the application date), Driver's Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.*

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



**Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands**  
**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**Facility Maintenance Worker**  
6 month contract

Interested parties are invited to submit their resume for the position of **Facility Maintenance Worker**. This position will be a full-time position, 40 hours per week including shift work and weekends reporting to the Manager of Community Services.

**Application Deadline: November 14, 2025 at 12:00 pm (NOON)**

Forward Application to: Pam Myers, Clerk  
[pmyers@townofnemi.on.ca](mailto:pmyers@townofnemi.on.ca)  
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## Mark Morton's 'The Headmasters' wins at Canadian Children's Book Centre Awards

by Margery Frisch  
TORONTO—The Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) held a ceremony on October 27 at Double-Tree by Hilton's downtown Toronto location, bringing together seven unique categories and celebrating Canadian excellence in literature for kids and teens. There they announced the winners of each of the categories. The awards recognize the books' creators for outstanding literary achievement. In total, \$52,000 in prize money was awarded.

Mark Morton, a part-time Manitoulin resident, was among the recipients; his young adult novel 'The Headmasters' won the Arlene Barlin Award for Science Fiction and Fantasy. Here is what the jury had to say about Mr. Morton's novel: "A new science fiction novel that feels like it's already a classic... Morton's 'The Headmasters' invites the reader into a dystopian future that is rife with traditional science fic-



Award-winning author Mark Morton.

tion world building... This well-paced young adult novel captures the readers' attention right from the beginning, engaging them in epic storytelling and reminding them that there is a time when it's important to stand up and fight for what you believe in."

"In a way it kind of felt like the culmination I was looking for," Mr. Morton said. "When you're writing a book, and editing and re-writing it, in that whole process there's no big moment of closure...The winning was great because it wasn't just a recognition of confidence in the book, but with the jurors and the CCBC itself, it feels like a

broader, deeper affirmation." He has noticed lots more traffic to his author Facebook page, the number of people visiting having jumped 100-fold. "Whether that translates into sales, we'll have to wait and see," he said.

Mr. Morton attended the awards ceremony along with his wife, author and poet Melanie Cameron, and their daughter, Rukhsana. In accepting his award, Mark Morton said: "I want to give thanks for two things in my life that shaped my writing of 'The Headmasters.' First, I want to thank the wood ticks that I grew up with on the Saskatchewan prairies, which inspired (in a much-enlarged form) the creepiest alien creatures that I could ever have imagined! And second, I want to thank the four kids whom my wife and I adopted as older children — Brandon, Laika, Rukhsana and Matthew. The resilience and courage our children showed us, individually and collectively, as they overcame the challenges that they had been handed through no fault of their own, were the inspiration for the resilience and courage that characterize my novel's protagonist, Maple." For the young adult reader in your life, get your hands on a copy of this novel ASAP. Find it at Shadowpaw Press: shadowpawpress.com, Amazon, and coming soon to The Manitoulin Expositor bookshop.



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