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**AIRPORT TERMINAL OPEN!** Taking part in the ribbon cutting ceremonies last Saturday for the new air terminal building included Roger Morrell for the municipality of Burpee and Mills, Tim St. Amand from the municipality of Central Manitoulin, Nancy Richards, Ron Lane for the town of Gore Bay, Carolyn Campbell of LAMBAC, Robert Colwell manager of the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport, Carrie Lewis of Gordon/Barrie Island, Lee Hayden, president of the Gore Bay Airport Commission, Dan Osborne of the Town of Gore Bay, MPP Bill Rosenberg and Cliff Barnes of Manitoulin Transport who all took part in the ceremony. Please see story on Page 3.

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## Canada Post faces national workers' strike

by Tom Sasvari  
KAGAWONG — Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) has launched a national strike that has shut down postal services due to the Canadian government outlining that door-to-door delivery will end for virtually all Canadian households within the next decade. The introduction of more community mailboxes and the shuttering of some rural post offices will permanently affect the way many people receive their mail in the future.

"I am going to have to depend on my neighbours to get my mail for me," stated Ed Burt of Kagawong to the proposed sweeping changes. "I can't get it myself; I don't drive." Currently, he receives mail through a rural mail carrier.

"I may lose my home rural mail delivery, and just after I got the best mailbox I've ever had," stated Mr. Burt. "I'm reliant on Canada Post delivering my mail, but it looks like maybe I will have to rely on my neighbours to pick up my mail in the future."

"I think back years ago when Canada Post had the best system going. They had good buildings in every community and moved all the mail in the country," said Mr. Burt. "Because it is a government owned corporation, they didn't make any fast

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## Gore Bay proceeds to examine larger land base

by Tom Sasvari  
GORE BAY—Gore Bay Town Council has voted unanimously in favour of having town staff explore options for restructuring its municipal boundaries including gauging the province's support and has directed that no new water service connections, extensions

or users shall be permitted to the Town of Gore Bay water system that are not within the geographical boundaries of the town.

This despite concerns raised by a local resident at a council meeting September 22.

"The topic of amalgamation is very interesting to me,"

stated resident Brad Wright. "I grew up in the centre of the crater (Valley East) which was an independent municipality prior to January 1, 2001. Since the amalgamation, many outlying communities such as Valley East saw a major decline in services and most communities were never the same.

If Gore Bay continues this path of decrying a lack of tax base, the same amount of effort could be going into budget reductions. Looking outwards for solutions won't change the outcome if spending continues as it is. Shifting the burden to outlying households with no services aside from transfer station and roads is not fair to those taxpayers. For example, if people from outside the municipality come and use our arena, they are most likely stopping at our stores and supporting local businesses. Occasional use of facilities is not a precursor to full taxation. Six years ago, council in Gore Bay voted in agreement with another township that forced amalgamation should not be mandated by the province."

In his presentation, Mr. ...continued on page 11

## Biking fundraiser completes MHC campaign

by Tom Sasvari  
MINDEMOYA—With a substantial donation from the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary through funds raised in the 24th annual Tour de Meldrum Bay ride, the Manitoulin Health Centre has now met its 'Smart Infusion, Smarter Care' fundraising

campaign.

"With this generous donation of \$13,000 we have met our fundraising goal of \$350,000," stated Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer.

"Thanks to the generosity of our community members, First Nations communities and

municipalities, local businesses, MHC auxiliaries, corporate partners, summer visitors, and long-standing fundraising initiatives, MHC is now able to purchase and implement smart fusion pumps at both hospital sites," the MHC said.

Smart infusion pumps are vital tools in modern healthcare, significantly reducing medication errors and improving pa-

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## Juanita Migwans still missing

Police search last week unsuccessful

M'CHIGEENG—A search for missing M'Chigeeng First Nation woman Juanita "Winnie" Migwans carried out by the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) along with the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) in two areas of M'Chigeeng First Nation over two days last week was unsuccessful in locating the woman, who was reported as missing in October of last year.

"Nothing was found in the search, unfortunately," said OPP Provincial Constable Berkley Parisien. "Yes, the search was in relation to missing person Juanita Migwans."

Members of the public had been asked to avoid the area near Riverside Drive and Cross Hill Road in M'Chigeeng, as well as the Bidwell Bog, over two days, last week.

"There's no risk to public safety, but please avoid the area to allow police to work safely and conduct a thorough investigation," re-

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## You could win \$20,000 on October 12

### Mindemoya Old School launches 50/50 lottery fundraiser

by Michael Erskine

MINDEMOYA—Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) have launched a 50/50 lottery, FOMOS Old Walls New Dreams 50/50 Lottery, to raise funds to enable them to rescue the venerable building and time is running out for the Island community to step up and assist in the grass roots endeavour—the lottery ends at midnight on Sunday, October 12.

Central Manitoulin council was intent on demolishing the Old School in order to make way for a

new, modern multi-use complex during deliberations in 2020. The council debate led to a galvanizing of a group of local citizens determined to save the piece of local history.

A letter writing campaign at the time elaborated on the history of the building and its importance to the community. The letter, written by Pat Costigan, contained a number of quotes that highlighted FO-

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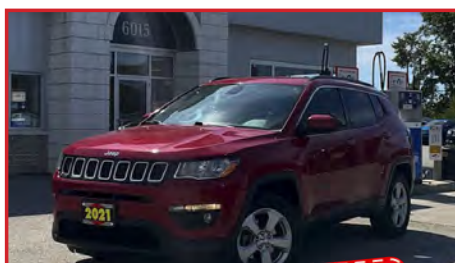








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# The Manitoulin West Recorder



**TABLE TALK**—Rev. Whitney Bruno, right, minister at Little Current United Church Pastoral Charge, chats with young parishioner Gabe Assiniwe following the dedication of the orange picnic table and accompanying educational sign following Sunday’s church service. The picnic table (that was themed by the Little Current United Church Pastoral Charge to encourage discussion about the Truth and Reconciliation process) is one of 100 picnic tables across Canada associated with United Churches, each one themed according to appropriate topics in each community. Summer parishioners Mike and Gail Messick, from Ohio and White’s Point, at left, read the sign’s messages.

## Little Current United Church’s orange picnic table a place to converse, exchange ideas in spirit of truth and reconciliation

**by Expositor staff**  
LITTLE CURRENT—Walk or drive by Little Current United Church on Robinson Street and you’ll see a brightly painted orange picnic table as a new outdoor installation on the front lawn.

The table is meant as a meeting place for conversation and the exchange of ideas.

It’s painted orange in honour of the “Every Child Matters” movement and this statement and accompanying eagle feather are rendered on the tabletop by Manitoulin artist Cliff Jewell.

There’s also a large accompanying sign, affixed to the nearby fence, that is meant as a learning tool. It lays out the history of treaty agreements that impacted the First Nations people of Manitoulin District and makes reference to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (that presented its recommenda-

tions exactly one decade ago) among other useful observations.

Conversations at this table will be as diverse as the people who sit down there and exchange ideas, but it was the choice of this church to give its table this particular theme.

The Little Current United Church picnic table is one of 100 such tables placed outside United Churches across Canada, each one with its own theme reflecting something of importance to its community.

The table in Little Current is the only one on Manitoulin in this program. Other nearby tables are at United Churches in Massey and Thessalon. There are two in Sudbury and one in Sault Ste. Marie, each one with its own unique focus.

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## UCCM Police Chief James Killeen presented with King Charles III Coronation Medal by Solicitor General

M’CHIGEENG—For his leadership skills, service and commitment to public safety throughout his career in policing, James Killeen, chief of police for the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) was recently presented with a King Charles III Coronation Medal.

The presentation was made by Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, who nominated Chief of Police Killeen in recognition of his outstanding leadership, service and commitment to public safety throughout his career in policing.

“It was Minister Kerzner who had nominated me for the



UCCM Anishnaabe Police Chief James Killeen, right, was presented with a King Charles III Coronation Medal by Solicitor General Michael Kerzner.

award,” said Chief of Police Killeen. “It was presented to me on the same day an officer with the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services was stabbed. I watched as our officers and staff melted with the news of the incident.”

Chief of Police Killeen had all the food that was on hand at the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service for another ceremony that was scheduled to take place (involving the Solicitor General, that was cancelled) to help the officers in Wiikwemkoong, while he also made sure that mental health support was brought on the scene to help assist.

“Minister Kerzner, who was around that day to make another announcement that was cancelled, visited the injured officer in hospital, along with his partner-officer, and he told me that I was to receive the medal and due to the leadership I showed in this instance that he would present it to me that day instead of waiting for a later date,” said Chief of Police Killeen.

“I was quite shocked to

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## Gore Bay Airport opens new terminal to great fanfare

**by Tom Sasvari**  
GORDON—While other airports in Ontario have either closed or are close to being shut down, the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport is not only operating, it’s thriving.

“We are the little airport that could—and did,” stated Robert Colwell, airport manager, at the grand opening of the new air terminal building this past Saturday.

Chris Wood, president of Airport Management Council of Ontario (AMCO) said, “the reason I am here at the airport today is to reflect how important this airport is. This airport is an exception these days. We are losing airports in the province and as AMCO we tell leaders in our communities that this is unacceptable.”

“I would like to congratulate Robbie Colwell and his team, the municipal and community leaders for their efforts in not only maintaining the operations of the airport but to see it thriving,” said Mr. Wood. He explained currently, “there are 10 airports in Ontario that are currently \$100,000-\$150,000 away from shutting down.”

“Thank you for having us here today and congratulations to all of you on this beautiful new facility. You should all be proud; Robbie, for the vision, and the great community support. This is a real gem,” stated Mr. Wood.

“I would like to welcome everyone here today. What a beautiful day this is,” stated Carrie

Lewis, CAO/clerk-treasurer for Gordon/Barrie Island, who was master of ceremonies for the celebration.

Everyone on hand for the ceremony sang ‘O Canada’ with Nicki Hinds on the piano.

Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island and president of the Gore Bay Airport Commission said, “A sincere welcome to each of you in attendance here today. The grand opening of our new terminal building is truly a special occasion.”

“It was about 10 years ago when the airport commission first recognized the urgent need for a new terminal building. For clarity, the current Gore Bay Airport Commission is comprised of the three owner municipalities, myself representing Gordon/Barrie Island, Ron Lane for the town of Gore Bay and Roger Morrell for the municipality of Burpee/Mills, along with Cliff Barnes, representing our corporate member, Manitoulin Transport, and our member at large, Tim St. Amand from the municipality of Central Manitoulin. Former (Gore Bay) Mayor Dan Osborne and (Burpee/Mills) Reeve Ken Noland were commission members during most of this project.”

Reeve Hayden explained, “we began the initial discussion on a building design and mainly, the daunting construct cost pro-

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## NEMI receives \$900K toward Cockburn St. expansion project

**by Alicia McCutcheon**  
LITTLE CURRENT—The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands has been approved for \$907,887 in funding under the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program’s Housing-Enabled Core Servicing Stream Projects. The province announced the funding on September 19.

“This is 50 percent funding that will enable us to extend Cockburn Street up to Manitowaning Road,” said Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson.

“We have submitted an application to the federal government for additional funding that can be stacked with these funds and we are waiting to hear back on that. This funding will enable us to expand the inventory of serviced residential lots in the town in order to encourage additional housing development.”

The Cockburn Street project was listed under the 2025 budget as the most costly of the budgeted items, most specifically the survey, engineering and construction of the street for future development to the tune of \$1.5 million. This, Mr. Williamson explained to council at the time, however, would not come to fruition without outside funding sources. “We are looking at funding to encourage building there,” Mr. Williamson said.

Cockburn Street is currently a dead-end street that runs from Highway 540 near the western reaches of Little Current limits. It is the municipality’s hope to

have Cockburn Street extended to Manitowaning Road (Highway 6) just south of Highway 6 Service Centre.

“There are blocks of property there,” Mr. Williamson told The Expositor. “If divided effectively, we would be looking at 24 new lots.”

“We have done the initial grubbing and expect to get the engineering done during the winter with a construction start date in the spring/summer of 2026,” Mr. Williamson said.

**Inquest will examine Alexander Trudeau’s death in Sudbury jail**

SUDBURY—An inquest will take place into the death of Justin Alexander Trudeau, a member of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT), who died on February 13, 2021 (at the age of 44), while in custody at the Sudbury District jail.

Dr. Harry Voogjarv, Sudbury’s regional supervising coroner, announced the inquest into the death of Mr. Trudeau. The inquest will examine the circumstances surrounding Mr. Trudeau’s death. The jury at the inquest, which usually totals five people, may make recommendations aimed at preventing further deaths.

Further details regarding the inquest, including the date and venue, will be announced at a later date.



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# One Manitowaning Road

## opinion

### editorial

## Manitoulin volunteers continue to make a difference

The recent news that the Manitoulin Health Centre has reached the \$350,000 goal of the hospital’s Smart Infusion, Smarter Care campaign highlights the strong culture of giving that infuses Manitoulin Island’s communities.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Lions Clubs, the two site’s hospital auxiliaries and countless individual donations, the fundraising thermometer has reached the top.

That news is only one of many fundraising successes and efforts that regularly grace the pages of The Manitoulin Expositor and we all, as a community, owe a great debt of gratitude to those incredible individuals who make these things happen.

From our hospitals to women’s shelters, food banks to historical preservation, each and every day these folks are manning tables offering up raffle tickets such as the Lions Club Catch the Ace, or scurrying from business to business seeking donations, holding dinners such as the Manitoulin Streams Jackets and Jeans Fund-raising Dinner and Auction, to the host of small church run teas and dinners that help to keep the doors open for tiny rural congregations and let us not forget those chocolate covered almonds and other snacks brought home by schoolchildren to threaten their parents’ waistlines (who among us has not munched their way through their child’s supply, only to pony up the bill at the end).

Without those efforts our communities would be, quite literally, poorer all around.

In a modern democratic Western society such as Canada, and by extension provinces like Ontario and our Island municipalities, governments provide a social safety net that helps keep the wolf from the door—but it is never enough to do the job adequately.

That is where the hearts (and wallets) of our communities come in.

Unless one owns a business, it is hard to comprehend the number of hands that come seeking support for various causes in any given week. There is hardly a week that goes by where a hockey association, a figure skating club, Girl Guides, historical society, conservation group, or other charitable organization doesn’t appear at the door—and the response they receive is nothing short of incredible—even as those businesses themselves are finding times tough. Ever it has been so.

The closure of the Island’s only Beer Store will likely have a detrimental effect on that most Canadian of fundraisers, the bottle drive (in recent years expanded to include beer cans). One must wonder if our current provincial masters bothered to think about that while they were “expanding” beer sales to grocery stores and convenience outlets.

In these times where every dollar has become more precious, even as its buying power rapidly recedes, there are more and more people who are finding their lives in a precarious position. That is why those who are able step up to the plate to help, time and again.

The challenges facing our national and provincial governments are legion. Tariffs, a world that has become more dangerous by the minute, faltering productivity, housing shortages, rising unemployment are coming together in a perfect storm to challenge their (by which we mean “our”) resources.

The next time you see a volunteer sitting at a table outside a grocery store selling tickets or greet a Cancer Society canvasser knocking at your door, dig deep and dig often, of course, but also take a moment to offer your gratitude for their efforts, for without them, so much of what makes our communities special would fade away with the wind.

## letters

## A counter note about tree trimming in front of the hotel

### The Island needs tourism to survive

**To The Expositor:**  
Re tree cutting on North Channel.  
In my opinion the trimming of the trees does add to the beauty of the channel for patrons of the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre and its restaurant. The boat traffic and hotel visitors certainly add to

the revenue for the Island. They aren’t travelling off Island to purchase their goods.  
As for damaging the trail, it should be less dangerous. It will dry quicker and there would be less chance of lawsuits. I pushed to have this cleared, it is so peaceful watching a sunset or boat traffic passing through

the bridge. The Island needs the tourist to survive. Let’s keep it beautiful and clean.  
Long time tourist operator and landowner,  
**Carol Sheppard  
Rockville**

# Ontario’s top doctor calls for national vaccine registry as measles outbreak exposes gaps

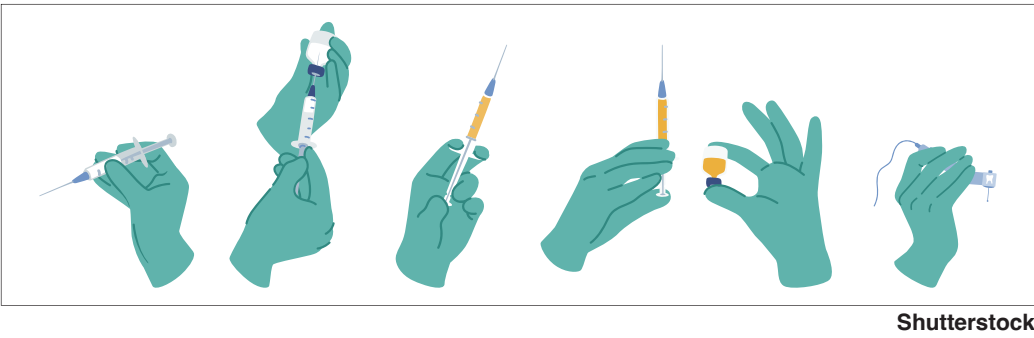
by **Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**  
MANITOULIN—Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore, has issued a stark warning: the province’s patchwork vaccine record system is no longer fit for purpose. His 2024 annual report, ‘Protecting Tomorrow,’ calls for sweeping modernization—both within Ontario and across Canada—after the country’s worst measles outbreak in decades left more than 2,000 people infected.

On Manitoulin, the cracks in the system are familiar. Parents often find themselves digging through paper slips or phoning past clinics to pull together vaccination histories when registering children for school. Families who move between communities—or who rely on multiple health providers, from public health nurses to hospital clinics—know how easily records become scattered. What seems like a small clerical hassle can quickly become a public health vulnerability, as the measles resurgence showed.

Dr. Moore is urging the province to create a single, comprehensive digital registry that follows residents across their lifetimes, capturing every vaccine administered. Beyond Ontario, he is pressing for a national vaccine schedule and registry to prevent duplication, close dangerous gaps, and allow for stronger coordination during outbreaks.

The Public Health Agency of Canada has already begun working with provinces to knit together a surveillance system for vaccine coverage. As of last fall, five provinces and one territory had begun submitting records, though Ontario has yet to fully step into line.

The stakes are not only medical but economic. A unified national schedule, Dr.



Moore argues, would enable centralized bulk purchasing, driving down costs, preventing unnecessary duplicate shots, and reducing hospitalizations.

But behind the push for digital reform lies another challenge: declining vaccine confidence. Public health officials across the Island have noted rising questions, fatigue, and outright mistrust around vaccines. A modernized, accessible registry could help restore confidence by providing clarity and transparency—tools communities like ours need to keep preventable disease from regaining a foothold.

For Manitoulin, the lesson is blunt. When outbreaks come, distance from major hospitals magnifies the risk. Local clinics and public health offices are the front lines but their efforts are undermined by a fractured record system that too often leaves families and providers scrambling. Dr. Moore’s call for a stronger, unified registry is more than an abstract policy recommendation—it’s a reminder that prevention, coordination and trust are the invisible shield we rely on.

### How vaccine records are kept on the Island

On Manitoulin, vaccine tracking has long

been a patchwork effort. Public Health Sudbury and Districts manages immunization reporting, but the responsibility for keeping records up to date often falls to parents themselves, who must submit copies of slips after each appointment. Schools help deliver routine shots for youth, but those records don’t always make their way back into family doctors’ files. Clinics and hospitals keep their own charts, which may not be shared beyond their walls.

The result is a system in which many families act as their own archivists, carrying paper cards or folders across appointments to bridge the gaps. A child vaccinated in Little Current might have part of their record at the Manitoulin Health Centre, another piece in a public health database, and yet another slip of paper tucked into a parent’s drawer at home.

When everything runs smoothly, this quiet patchwork goes unnoticed. But when an outbreak strikes — as measles did last year — the lack of a central record leaves communities scrambling for clarity. On Manitoulin, where prevention is often the strongest defence, the cracks in the system are not just administrative.



# Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 celebrates 95th anniversary

**by Margery Frisch**  
LITTLE CURRENT—On Saturday, September 27 the Legion Hall in Little Current was set up to receive dignitaries and guests. At the back of the hall, tables held 95 years' worth of history in scrap books, with pictures, news articles and other pieces of information. The Legion's history was also projected on a screen flashing photographs and news clippings dating back through the decades to the present. The projection was on a loop which played repeatedly for guests as they arrived.

Duane Deschamps, first vice president and sports officer of the branch, welcomed everyone, once the hall was filled. After giving the land acknowledgement, and having everyone rise to sing O Canada, he asked Pastor Whitney Bruno to open the ceremonies with an invocation and prayer.

Mayor Al MacNevin also spoke. "I've had the good fortune to attend many events at the Legion. I know the dedication they have to veterans and to the community members in this town. They try to make ev-



First vice president Comrade Duane Deschamps and Branch 177 President Leslie Burnett are presented with a congratulatory certificate from Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command by Zone Commander Gary McPherson, right.



Legion President Leslie Burnett, Zone Commander Gary McPherson and 1st Vice President Duane Deschamps salute after laying a wreath at the Legion's cenotaph.

everyone feel welcome and they offer lots of opportunities to gather with friends and make new friends. I'm glad I'm able to welcome you here today. Thank you for coming and thank you to the Legion and enjoy the rest of the celebration."

"I'm very proud to be a member of this Branch and the Legion as a whole," Duane Deschamps said, before giving a brief history of the Royal Canadian Legion and this Branch. "Thank you to all who have joined us to celebrate this very important milestone of this organization that has seen some good times and some bad times over the years."

"After the First World War, some 560,000 Canadians re-

turned home with little or no security, work skills or job opportunities," Comrade Deschamps began. "To assist their return to civilian life, The Great War Veterans Association of Canada was formed in 1917. This association and many others that sprang up were ill-equipped to deal with the government and to affect any real change."

"In 1926 these groups came together to form a united front as The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League and soon saw 20,000 members in 800 branches across Canada. Following WWII, the Legion again helped ensure the establishment of fully organizing training, pension and relocation plans for all those coming home."

"In 1960, the Queen allowed for Royal to be added to the name. The Royal Canadian Legion has continued to care for veterans and ex-military members, the Royal Canadian Legion's work to perpetuate remembrance and serve the community has earned them the respect of everyone who enjoys freedom today."

"Branch #177 was formed in 1930, four years after the formation of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. In the years just following the end of World War I, a Manitoulin branch of the Great

War Veterans' Association was formed in Little Current and its charter still hangs proudly on our wall.

"For the next 18 years the members held their meetings in the basement of the Edgewater or sometimes in a back room at the Mansion House (the Anchor Inn today). Comrade Keith Patterson, who served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1941-1945, received an honourable discharge and joined Branch #177 in 1948. He, along with other members, Leonard Campbell, Douglas Fenton and Thomas Boyter, felt that an organization of this importance deserved its own home," Comrade Deschamps continued. "They risked all their families had to ensure the survival of the branch. They put all they had on the line and signed a mortgage to build Branch #177's first home. As members of the Building Committee for Branch #177,

two more bonds of \$500 to pay the balance owing on the property to the now Janet Dyell-Eno.

"On October 31, 1973—16 years later—Roy Drolet, Robert Bunton, Boyne Heise and Keith Patterson, as trustees for the branch, formally mortgaged the building and premises for \$80,000. Therefore, they were the mortgagors to the Bank of Montreal for the addition to the branch that gave so much additional space both to the upstairs hall and the downstairs club rooms, games room and meeting rooms. As well, there were 19 others who were guarantors for the mortgage: Frank Drolet, William Morphet, Charles Joseph Beaudin, R. Albert Busieres, Sherman J.W. Vanhorne, A. Grenville Green, Richard S. Eade, Donald Patrick, Bernard Dunn, Louis Emon, Wilburt Oliver, Harold Morphet, Sherman Morphet, James Bond (not 007), Frederick Herbert Noon, Roy



Mayor Al MacNiven brings congratulations on behalf of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

they borrowed \$500 on bonds held at the bank for safekeeping, took \$500 from the Canteen Fund and borrowed \$1,000 from the bank to secure payment to Janet Dyell to grant and mortgage the land and premises. During this time of aggravation, Keith became president for the branch. Janet Dyell owned Lots 24 and 25, south side of Vankoughnet Street, where we are now. On March 26, 1957, they took out a bank note and sold

Green, John Ferguson, Robert McDonald and William Seitz.

"On November 7, 1973, the Deed from the Building Committee from the '50s, which still included Keith Patterson, was signed over to the new trustees of Branch #177 for \$1 as their successors."

"Undoubtedly, Branch #177 had many struggles over the years to survive," Comrade Deschamps said. "There were times of great financial burdens

that threatened its existence, in more recent years with the effects of COVID-19, the future of the Branch became threatened once again. However, due to the efforts and endeavours of dedicated members, we are able to overcome our financial burdens by hosting brunches, dinners and fundraising events. Sadly, as we know, so many Legion Branches have closed due to financial strain. We are proud to say, that with the help of our members and volunteers as well as support from the community, we have prevailed through these challenges and are able to continue to serve veterans, their dependents, the community and our youth. We are 95 years strong and looking forward to many more years of doing great work for our veterans, their dependents, our youth and our community," Comrade Deschamps concluded. Then he said, "If I can have members of any Branch stand," and the room full of uniformed men and women stood. "I'd like everyone to give these hard-working individuals applause." And everyone gave their heartfelt applause.

Comrade Deschamps then asked Roy Eaton to come to the podium. Comrade Eaton brought words from the District Commander Flora Wilson Chartrand. First Comrade Eaton remarked that it was an honour to be representing District H. He pointed out certain members in attendance, Linda Kelly "our most senior veteran," he said (which she later disputed). "And the members from Branch 514, Gore Bay, thank you for coming down."

"District H has a District Commander, Deputy Commander, and a 2nd Deputy Commander and all three want to be here today," Comrade Eaton said, "but they are across this province and therefore I've been asked to say a few words from Commander Flora Wilson Chartrand." The Commander congratulated the Branch on the 95th anniversary. "Since receiving your charter in 1930, your Branch has stood strong for your veterans and your community through historic times...Your Branch has been there to honour its veterans every step of the way. You take great pride in your unwavering commitment to the true spirit of the Legion, which is serving. Serving veterans, serving their families, with dedication and care."

Zone H3 Commander Gary McPherson spoke next. "I'd just like to say ditto to what everyone else has said," he began. "Every time I come to this Legion, I get a warm feeling, this Branch is so welcoming. The people who come to this Legion are absolutely fantastic. Everything that you do is out there for people to see, keep it up." He then presented a certificate to President Leslie Burnett from the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command congratulating the Branch on 95 years of dedicated service.

Everyone was then invited outside to be present "for the laying of the wreath for those who fought, are still fighting, and for those who paid the supreme sacrifice," explained Comrade Linda Bowerman. When the outdoor ceremony was complete, Legion members and guests returned to the hall for refreshments. A celebratory mood was evident throughout the hall, for the achievements of a remarkable organization and the milestone it had reached.



President Leslie Burnett cuts the cake.



WTPS arrests armed barricaded individual following incident

On the morning of September 20, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) responded to a report of a male armed with a weapon at a residence on Wakegijig Avenue in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT). WTPS officers quickly established containment and enforced a perimeter around the area. Additional support was requested, and frontline officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Anishnaabe Police Service and the UCCM Canine Unit assisted with the initial response.

To ensure public safety and a peaceful resolution, WTPS requested further assistance from specialized OPP units, including the emergency response team (ERT), tactical response unit (TRU), crisis negotiation team (CNT) and provincial liaison team (PLT).

Throughout the incident, several occupants exited the residence safely. However, the male suspect remained barricaded inside and made threats toward police, including threats to discharge a firearm at responding officers.

At approximately 1:09 am on September 21, a 37-year-old male from Wiikwemkoong was safely arrested and transported to hospital as a precaution. After being medically assessed and released, the individual was held in custody and charged with the following criminal code offences: break and enter dwelling house with intent to commit indictable offence, trespassing at night, unauthorized possession of a firearm, possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose, unlawfully in a dwelling house, mischief under \$5,000, uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm, two counts of fail to comply with release order.

The accused appeared in WASH bail court in Sudbury on September 21. His matter was adjourned to bail court in Gore Bay on September 22.

“This incident highlights the strength of collaboration with our policing partners and the vital role our community plays in ensuring safety,” said Ron Gignac, chief of police, WTPS. “We deeply appreciate the public’s cooperation during this high-risk situation. Together, we remain committed to keeping Wiikwemkoong safe for everyone.”

Law & Order

WTPS encourages all community members to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. Anonymous tips can be submitted through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or via the online reporting portal at wtps.ca.

Manitoulin OPP seeking owners of horse

The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP is looking to identify the owner of a horse involved in a collision.

On Thursday, September 18 at around 5:15 am, on Highway 6 near Ironside Street in Sheguiandah, police responded to a report of a pickup truck colliding with a horse. The animal appeared injured and fled into the nearby bush. There are no descriptors available of the horse, and initial efforts to locate the horse were unsuccessful.

If you believe this may be your horse, if you’ve already retrieved it and suspect it was involved, or if you know who the owner of this horse may be, please contact the Manitoulin OPP at 1-883-310-1122. Your call will help us ensure the horse is safe and assist with our investigation.

Warrant executed at residence leads to drug and firearm seizure

On the evening of September 24, members of the WTPS, with support from the OPP emergency response team and OPP Canine Unit, executed a Controlled Drugs And Substances Act (CDSA) warrant at a residence on Lakeshore Road in Wiikwemkoong.

During the search, officers seized approximately \$18,000 worth of cocaine, a quantity of Canadian currency and a loaded illegal handgun. This firearm has never been registered in Canada, is a prohibited weapon, and was manufactured in the United States.

As a result of the investigation a 39-year-old female from Wiikwemkoong and a 21-year-old male from North York have been charged with weapons dangerous, unauthorized possession of a firearm, possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of property obtained by crime, possession of a prohibited firearm with ammunition, possession of a firearm knowing it is unauthorized.

Both individuals remain in custody pending a bail hearing. Additionally, a 63-year-old female and a 66-year-old male, both from Wiikwemkoong, have been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking-CDSA 5(1). They were released from custody and are scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

“This operation is part of our ongoing strategy to eradicate drugs from our community,” said Chief Ron Gignac of the WTPS. “We continue to work in close partnership with other law enforcement agencies who share our commitment to community safety. Together, we are united in our goal to disrupt and suppress criminal activity and protect our people.”

Recidivist crime as it relates to trafficking in narcotics, possessing large quantities of hard drugs for the purpose of trafficking, along with unregistered smuggled and loaded handguns in these dangerous search warrants, speak to the immediate action required on bail reform and law modifications in the name of community safety.

This investigation remains active, and the possibility of further arrests are anticipated. Anyone with information related to this investigation is encouraged to contact the WTPS or Crime Stoppers anonymously.

Traffic stop results in drug and weapons charges

In the early morning hours of September 25, members of the WTPS conducted a reduced impaired driving everywhere (RIDE) initiative within the community.

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Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your Friendly October Fly! And just like that October is here! That means it’s officially the silly season! It also means our schedules just quadrupled with penned and dia-rized events, activities, hockey games, Thanksgiving visitors and all the Hal-lowe’en and holiday hubbub. So, what does this season mean to you? My experience with October has always been ambiguous at best. October was the month many moons ago where my mom died, my cat got hit by a car and I had my purse stolen all within a span of a few weeks, after that, I used to begin panicking every September of what October would bring. Despite my absolute love of Hal-lowe’en and fall; for me October really was the “spooky” season. Flash forwards a few years and low and behold, October came bearing gifts and reconciliation. My daughter was born in October, on the very anniversary of my mother’s passing, I got a new cat, Scaramouche and I realized then that my purse was always full, that I was a rich woman as a matter of speaking. So, I made peace with October as it blessed me with the gift of life and love. I suddenly saw the world with new eyes and a changed heart. It truly is a wonderful life filled with incredible mentors, family and friends and as long as you have your health, you have everything. The only thing I had to fear was fear itself. You see, life’s what we make of it. Before every breakthrough there is a breakdown, in order to break boundaries you have to tear down walls and in order to thrive, I mean truly thrive and move forward you have to look directly into the fire and jump in, no fear, no limits, no boundaries, no expectations just clear and present focus and purpose. The Mantra “all that is gold does not glitter” so in this golden season of Fall and gratitude, remember those words. Gratitude is the gold. Everything you need is already a part of you, your life and soul fire, be patient with yourself, forge and go forward with the courage, strength and gifts of your ancestors. Shine on!

Here’s what’s happening: Providence Bay Arena: The Providence Bay Fall Vendor Market is on Saturday, October 18 and a few more fun fall events to look forward to before the recreation night skating and hockey season goes full tilt - stay tuned! Providence Bay Hall: Manitoulin recreational events calendar with class

schedules for Providence Bay Hall, visit: centralmanitoulin.ca or contact Alison Sloss at asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca or call 705-377-5726. Exercise Classes Fridays at 9 am.

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

Food Drive: REVEL Realty and I are sponsoring the annual pick-a-pumpkin for a nonperishable food drive again this year for Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank. We will have pumpkins generously donated by Tom Cooper of Cooper Farm and I will have a table set up inside the Vendors Market on Saturday, October 18 at the Providence Bay Arena. Look for posters and announcements coming soon! Items in demand for the food bank this season are cleaning supplies, juices, pet food dry and wet, dairy free products and canned meat. How can you get involved? Come to the arena to say hello, bring your non-perishable food donation and then pick-a-pumpkin! If you like, you can take a fall/pumpkin selfie at our photo booth for fun! Hope to see you all there! We thank you all for your support!

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. October 7 is Full Hunter’s Supermoon, October 7 is also Draconids Meteor Shower which runs annually between October 6 and October 10 and peaks on the October 7.

The Friends: Happy Birthday to all of you early October babies!

Happy Hallowe’en decoration and glory days fun! Hello October.

All that is gold does not glitter, Not all those who wander are lost.

The old that is strong does not wither, Deep roots are not reached by the frost. From the ashes a fire shall be woken, A light from the shadows shall spring.

Renewed shall be blade that was broken, The crownless again shall be king.

- J.R.R Tolkien

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

It’s October, which means all of the cobwebs and dust in our houses have officially become Halloween decorations. Autumn is a spectacularly beautiful time of year in Billings and Team Ferg-

meijer has been enjoying some truly scenic hikes lately. The trick is to carry binoculars with you so that when you make frequent stops, it looks like you’re appreciating nature rather than gasping for air and clinging to consciousness by your fingertips.

Although it’s only just barely fall, Billings is planning a sweet spring: the Manitoulin Maple Syrup Festival is in the works for March! There will be games, events, vendors, interesting guest speakers, and of course, food, all with a maple syrup focus. Vendors and baking competitors can pre-register, but tickets for the dinner are not on sale yet. Visit https://manitoulinculinarytourism.ca/ for more information and to register.

Tonight! There is a special meeting of council to discuss the new landfill by-laws, October 1 at 7 pm at the Park Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend as usual.

We at Team Fergmeijer have been asked to put on our sleuthing caps and help Eleanor from Owen Sound reconnect with a couple she met on the mainland back in July. If you are a new Kagawongian from the Dornock area and towed your belongings up to the Island at the beginning of July, Eleanor would like you to know she misplaced your contact information but would love to get in touch. You can reach out to us at fergmeijer@gmail.com and we can help you reconnect.

Here’s what’s happening with the Kagawong Seniors Active Living Program! Fitness with Kelly runs Thursdays from 9-10 am (free), Monday yoga classes begin October 6 (also free), and Tuesday yoga classes begin on October 7 (still free!). All activities will be at the Park Centre, and anyone over the age of 55 is welcome to join. Contact Mary at 705-348-2285 or seniors@billingstwp.ca for more information.

We can’t wait to explore the special Fall Market this Saturday. Stop in at the Kagawong River Complex to check out the variety of local and handmade goods (1:30 to 6:30 pm). See you there!

And from the market, mosey on over to the church of St. John’s the Evangelist for an evening of music with Cia and Bill Savage! They’ll be presenting “Come as you are - 2,” an evening of contemporary inspirational music and sing-along at 7 pm. Admission is by donation, with funds going right back to the church. Refreshments will be provided.

If you want to learn about the progress on the Mud Creek Road access survey, there is a public information evening happening on Friday, October 10 from 4 to 8 pm at the Park Centre. The engineer-

ing firm that is conducting the study will be on hand in a drop-in setting to provide information, answer questions and collect feedback from the public.

The library board is busy gathering a fantastic collection of items for their annual silent auction. This year’s online auction is November 13 to 16. Sneak peaks at auction items will be posted to FB.com/groups/libraryauction starting in November. Join now to be the first to see what is up for bid.

Save the date and start working your way onto the “nice” list - the annual Christmas in Kagawong market is just around the corner on November 14th and 15th!

Deep thought of the week: parenthood turns you into a morning person the same way being chased by a bear makes you a runner. Have a great week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday, September 19 we went to play euchre in Meldrum Bay. There were seven players.

On Saturday morning, there was a vendor market in our yard with several vendors and lots of people out to shop. We continue to raise money for the Angel Bus. There will be no market on October 4 so we can attend the funeral for Ginger Morrison in Meldrum Bay. There will be no market on October 11 as we will be at the Rotary’s Fall Produce Auction in Gore Bay. We will resume on October 18 with the regular market and then the Christmas market will be in our yard on October 25.

On Monday evening, we went to the Burpee and Mills Complex to play euchre.

Thursday there was euchre at the Silver Water Hall.

There was no swimming last week. We will start daily walks soon instead.

Doug and Brenda Carter travelled to Winnipeg for a week to visit with their son Michael and his family, including new grandson Liam. They celebrated granddaughter Kim’s 15th birthday.

The Silver Water Recreation Centre Inc. is having their annual board meeting on October 1 at 7 pm. This will include the election, the year’s financials and the year’s meeting minutes.

The Local Services Board is working on the Request for Proposal for the fire hall roof.

It is nice to see the leaves changing colour on the trees.



# ...Gore Bay Airport opens new terminal to great fanfare

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jections. The commission was stymied as to where the funds would come from. To be completely honest, I never dreamt I would be standing here today, in this amazing, magnificent terminal building. It is an absolute jewel that welcomes all aviators to Manitoulin Island.”

He explained, “the journey of this new building began in 2019 when the commission was informed of an unprecedented funding announcement through the provincial ICIP agency, that included airports and potential recipients. However, there was a very short window to apply, and without the incredible effort of a number people, it would not have been successful. The municipal owners of the airport, Gordon/Barrie Island, Gore Bay, and Burpee/Mills called a special meeting to be informed, and each municipality had to decide to commit to their share of the project costs. An engineer design was fast tracked by Whittington Engineering to be submitted with the application.”

“There were literally 11th hour phone calls and required documents emailed for submission by the deadline,” said Reeve Hayden. “But the person mostly responsible for orchestrating the successful application process, that resulted in nearly \$4 million dollars in funding, was the executive director of LAMBAC, Carolyn Campbell, with assistance from Kristin Luoma from NOHFC.”

The Town of Gore Bay offered to be the lead municipality on the application, and from that point on, all aspects of the project administration was handled professionally by then CAO Stasia Carr and Treasurer Michael Lalonde, said Reeve Hayden. “This was a significant commitment of time and resources placed on an already busy municipal office. On behalf of the airport committee, Gore Bay, Gordon/Barrie Island and the municipality of Burpee and Mills, I want to recognize and thank Stasia, Michael and the Town of Gore Bay for that much appreciated contribution.”

Reeve Hayden noted, “there were several major curveballs and delays thrown at this project along the way, including COVID, and then the subsequent unprecedented inflationary costs. But the commission and municipal owners rallied with unfaltering support to see this building to completion.”

“I am proud to have worked alongside all the contributing partners, people and agencies in the construction of this building,” said Reeve Hayden.

Ms. Lewis called the grand opening “truly historic” and called forward all members of the airport commission.

Mayor Lane told the large gathering of about 200 people, “I would like to thank everyone for coming today. It is a special day for the airport and all of Western Manitoulin.”



Chris Wood, left, president of Airport Management Council of Ontario was on hand to congratulate airport manager Robert Colwell and all those who had a part in making the dream of a new air terminal building at the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport a reality.



Musical accompaniment at the opening of the new airport terminal was provided by Oliver Runnalls, Doug Smith and Nicki Hinds.



Lee Hayden, right, president of the Gore Bay Airport Commission presents a gift on behalf of the commission and local municipalities to Carolyn Campbell, executive director of LAMBAC for her tremendous efforts in the successful funding application towards the new airport terminal building.

He explained “there was no airport at the location before World War II and the airport was built by the federal government in 1947 to be an emergency airfield for civilian and military aircraft. It was turned over a number of years ago to the three Western Manitoulin municipalities and operated by the Gore Bay Manitoulin Airport Commission. It has a 24-hour-a-day weather station with information which can be viewed on your phone. The airport is directly under the east west North America flight path and is on Flightradar, along with all the other significant airports in the world.”

“The local airport is one of the few certified small airports left in Northern Ontario, and it handles all types and sizes of aircraft from Canada and the US, as well as being a major boost to Manitoulin tourism,” continued Mayor Lane.

“I have a personal con-

nection to the airport,” said Mayor Lane, explaining his parents’ farm on Barrie Island was directly under the airport flight path. “My mother was an official civilian aircraft observer after World War II.”

As well Mayor Lane’s uncle, Larry Lane, “worked most of his adult career at the airport following his discharge from the army after WW2. He was also the longest serving mayor of Gore Bay and always a big proponent of the airport.”

Mayor Lane was on the airport commission as Gore Bay representative in his last term as mayor and currently is the vice-chair of the commission and attended almost all the construction meetings from 2023-2024 for this project.

Mayor Lane thanked several people for their efforts in the project, including the architect of the building, Chris Perry of Perry and Perry from Sud-

bury, the engineers-EXP Mark Langille, the general contractors-Jeff Bint with Lignam Contractors plus his staff and many sub-trades and contractors.

“Airport manager Robbie Colwell was deeply involved in the planning, design and the construction phase and he knows more about airplanes and running an airport than most people could ever know, and he is probably the best promoter of the airport and Manitoulin Island that you could ask for with his connections internationally in the aviation field,” said Mayor Lane.

Mr. Colwell, who is entering his 30th year as airport manager stated, “I would like to welcome everyone here today. It is a great day for the airport, the Island and the country.”

“As an airport we service a vast region,” said Mr. Colwell, noting the airport is very popular and well known. “We are fortunate to have this modern, beautiful facility.”

Mr. Colwell explained that in 1996 the airport was divested from Canada. “The only constant at the airport has been myself, with several mayors, reeves, changing over the years. I can recall the negotiations with Transport Canada who wanted out of the airport business, even though at one point this airport was a source of pride for them.”

The local municipalities took over ownership of the airport, which was a totally new thing, Mr. Colwell explained. “Thankfully, the community and the municipalities had the wisdom to see the value and importance of the airport, and we had aviation personality and pilot Bryan Barfoot head the negotiating team. From the beginning the commission was formed, the feeling of the community and people was that we needed to keep the airport going and saw the value and importance of the airport.”

The early years of the commission taking over were challenging, with little money being provided by Transport Canada. “Action needed to be taken, and the commission worked hard to save the airport. They expanded their funding sources, reached out and found corporate citizen support, as well as help from other municipalities and donations as well.”

“We could see the light, we had hope,” explained Mr. Colwell. With the progression was the development of airplane hangars at the airport, supported by the federal government in 2005. Further upgrades

were made at the airport in 2010 with an extension of its runways, and work on its secondary runway. “Then the big upgrades at the airport that we are here to celebrate today. This included the new terminal building which is the true champion of this project, the helipad, and the extensive electrical upgrades that have been made.”

“Projects like this don’t happen on their own, it takes a lot of support and work from a lot of people,” said Mr. Colwell. “And we would not have got this far without tough decisions being made and efforts to keep going. This airport is the exception because we are building up while other airports are being torn down. We are not here to fail.”

“It begins with a lady named Carolyn Campbell who I consider the unsung hero of this whole thing. We would not be here

without this lady. It was Carolyn and her LAMBAC team that moved this forward, having found and completed the application for the funding. She used the resources of others and was totally committed on making sure the funding application had the highest potential of being successful. And with great skill, determination and commitment this paid off. Nothing happens without money-funding,” he said, noting moving forward the project committee was formed with Mr. Hayden, Reeve Noland and Mayor Lane.

“This has been an amazing project to be part of, and is more amazing after it has been completed,” said Mr. Colwell. He said the new building is long overdue. “Everyone loves the airport and knows about it, and the love affair has just begun. Fortunately-

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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY: 4 PM - 9 PM  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 4 PM - 10 PM



# ...James Killeen presented with Coronation Medal by Solicitor General

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be presented with this award,” said Chief of Police Killeen. “The whole day was emotional and to be hit with something that I didn’t expect was emotional for me.”

Chief Killeen is a Mohawk originally from Akwesasne who grew up in Sudbury, Chief of Police for the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and Vice-President of the Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario. With more than 27 years of policing

experience, he began his career with the Geater Sudbury Police Service in August 1998, serving in specialized areas including drug enforcement, outlaw motorcycle gang investigations and criminal intelligence. He went on to lead both the drug enforcement and intelligence units, overseeing and proudly being part of teams on experienced joint force operations and major projects targeting organized crime, human trafficking and gang networks and was recognized

as a court expert in drug and gang investigations. Though his heart has always been on the road and in the action of frontline policing, the path of leadership called him in a different direction. Since joining UCCM APS in 2021, first as Detective Inspector and then as Chief of Police, Mr. Killeen has championed at the local, provincial, and national

level for equitable funding, officer safety and enhanced investigative capacity to protect First Nations communities on Mniidoo Mnising (Manitoulin Island). Through his role with IPCO, he continues to advocate for recognition of First Nations policing as an essential service and for parity in resources and legislation. Known as

both a strong operational leader and a dedicated mentor, Chief Killeen combines intelligence-led policing with community-driven priorities to advance safety and justice for Indigenous peoples. Even in leadership, his approach remains grounded in the perspective of a frontline officer—carrying forward the values, instincts and

commitment forged on the road. He has never forgotten where he comes from, or the colleagues and mentors who helped him along the way. His philosophy is simple: build the team and they will come—a belief that continues to shape the way he leads officers and serves communities.

# ...reopens airport terminal to great fanfare

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ly, our future is ours.”

Mr. Colwell thanked the three municipal partners (Gordon/Barrie Island, Gore Bay, Burpee and Mills) for their support in the project as well as supporting municipalities Billings and Central Manitoulin, Manitoulin Transport, which both uses the airport year round, and supports the facility, Lafarge and US family supporters and the support of so many volunteers including the Gore Bay Flying Club, and Carrie Lewis, for being a huge help in the process.

Mr. Colwell noted the airport terminal building now has a baby grand piano inside the building, thanks to the late pilot Lloyd Richards and his family. “Over the years Lloyd and I developed a very good friendship,” he said. “Unfortunately, four years ago we lost him. He was one of the most passionate, powerful aviation personalities I have known. Lloyd and I kept in fairly constant contact; he was crazy about this airport and had said he wanted to support the airport in some way and that having a piano here would be a nice touch. He said he was going to put a piano here. He didn’t get to see it here, or hear

it, but his presence will resonate with this piano in the terminal.”

Mr. Richards’ wife Nancy provided greetings at the opening, explaining one of the main reasons her husband was so inspired by airports is that he had grown up in a small village, South Porcupine Lake, and as a little boy would see fire bombers on the lake, as it was the base location for them. He became a pilot, and later would ship food and other supplies to remote northern communities. “Lloyd loved airports, particularly this one,” she said.

MPP Bill Rosenberg told the large gathering, “I want to congratulate everyone here today, from mayors, committee members, users of the airport, everyone who has been a participant in this project. This project is a great accomplishment, with all the communities having worked together to produce this. And the proof is in the pudding with this great new facility.”

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place followed by music provided by Doug Smith on clarinet, Oliver Runnalls on saxophone and Nicki Hinds on grand piano, which was donated to the terminal.

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# ...Canada Post faces national workers' strike

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moves and corporations like Purolator came in and took on delivering more packages as time went by. They shouldn't have been able to compete and take over anything from Canada Post. Now there are all kinds of different mail delivery services in place other than Canada Post," said Mr. Burt.

"Canada Post is the victim of its own failure," said Mr. Burt. "When companies like Purolator moved in, Canada Post should have been able to do better and provide improved services. They had it all—all the infrastructure including beautiful buildings, but something went wrong, and now these other folks (companies) seem able to provide the services better than CP."

"Look at the post offices in Gore Bay and Little Current, years ago they were the best buildings in their towns," said Mr. Burt. "But this all slipped through their fingertips."

"And now, it's quite a thing for (CUPW) to go on strike for more money when the corporation is already down and they are not making it financially. It would be better to have the books balanced before asking for higher wages," continued Mr. Burt. "Canada Post is in a rock and a hard place."

CUPW announced on September 25 it has launched a national strike following the government announcement on Canada Post's transformation. Canada Post's operations will shut down during a

national strike, affecting millions of Canadians and businesses across the country.

Public Works and Procurement Minister Joel Lightbound announced last week he ordered sweeping changes in an effort to make the Crown corporation financially viable.

These changes will in-

sulation." He said Canada Post needs to change to achieve financial sustainability and maintain reliable service.

The change to mail delivery is expected to increase the time it takes Canada Post to deliver letter mail from an average of three to four days to an average of three to seven days, reported CP.

released on Wednesday of last week, CUPW said they had not been informed of the announcement on the sweeping changes was coming and did not know the details.

Canadian Press reported that after newly two years of negotiations between Canada Post and CUPW on a new contract, the two sides are show-

ing with our issues, we can come to an agreement quickly. If they ignore the overwhelming vote to reject the vision from the employees that do the work, they are proving they have no intention to achieve negotiated collective agreements."

Customers should expect delays with the

strike. Mail and parcels will not be processed or delivered for the duration of the national strike. Service guarantees are suspended for items already in the postal network. No new items will be accepted until the national disruption is over, including

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In what might be a first, there are two sets of unions picketing in downtown Little Current this week, OPSEU, represented by Cambrian College full-time support staff on the left, and CUPW, represented by some of the Island's rural mail carriers, right.

photo by Michael Erskine

clude slowing down the frequency of mail delivery and shuttering some post offices. The minister said the federal government is accepting all of the recommendations of an Industrial Inquiry Commission's report on Canada Post, which also called for the introduction of more community mailboxes.

Minister Lightbound told Canadian Press that Canada Post is now facing an existential crisis financially. "Repeated bailouts from the federal government is not the

Four million Canadians will also see their service switch from door-to-door delivery to a community mailbox model. Minister Lightbound said more than three in four households don't have door-to-door delivery now, but there has been a moratorium in place on expanding the use of community mailboxes. However, that moratorium is ending, he said.

Canada Post has 45 days to come back to the federal government with a plan to implement the changes.

In a media statement

ing few signs of progress. The parties have been far apart on wages and on restructuring the collective agreement to allow for corps of part-time workers and weekend delivery.

"The timing of the announcement coupled with new global offers could reveal a lot about Canada Post's plans for bargaining, our jobs and the future of the public post office," CUPW national president Jan Simpson said in a media statement last week. "If Canada Post drops its demands to gut the contracts and deal

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# ...picnic table a place to converse, exchange ideas

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As part of her sermon on Sunday, Rev. Whitney Bruno recalled that, 30 years ago, the United Church of Canada, meeting for its biannual General Council that year in Sudbury, devised an apology to Canada’s First Nations citizens for the national church’s role in the residential school program, the first national church to take this initiative. She quoted then-United Church Moderator Right Reverend Bob Smith who said at that moment, “We ask you to forgive us and to

walk together with us in the Spirit of Christ so that our peoples may be blessed and God’s creation healed.” This statement is one of the messages on the outdoor sign beside the orange picnic table.

Rev. Bruno, who had participated in this summer’s edition of the national church’s General Council as a delegate, noted that she had heard other participants observe “I’m so sick of apologizing. How long do we have to do this!” and “Making white people the bad guys in every story is becoming

trying” and “But what more can we do? and “It’s only about and always about money- they always want more money.”

Before she led the congregation outside to participate in the formal dedication of the table, Rev. Bruno observed, “We are not reconciled, there is still atonement to be done and repentance to be manifested, racism to rout out.”

Following the table’s dedication, conversations on important topics did begin around it.

Rev. Bruno had planned

to be at the table on “Orange Shirt Day” Tuesday, September 30 (the day the federal government has declared an annual federal statutory holiday in honour of the day the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission were accepted by the Government of Canada) to play the “The and Reconciliation Board Game” with anyone who wants to participate. (The game was developed by Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory member James Darin Corbiere.)

## ...Scott Woods Band back November 2

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The Scott Woods Band is no stranger to Manitoulin and they continue to fill halls wherever they play because they bring not merely a “show” but fun and lively entertainment.

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by visiting [www.scottwoods.ca](http://www.scottwoods.ca).

The Scott Wood Band includes six talented musicians who bring humour, fancy bowing techniques and fiddling while walking on a rolling barrel, step-dancing (Leo Stock, aka ‘Spaghetti Legs’ is the reigning and threetime Canadian Open Step Dance Champion who also sings and plays the fiddle!) and other musical novelties sure to please

The Northeast Town Recreation Centre will open at 1 pm on November 2, one hour prior to the show, and if there are still tickets available, they can also be purchased that day.

If you have any questions, please call The Expositor Office at 705-368-2744.



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# ...examine larger land base

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Wright questioned what the capacity of the town water and waste system in Gore Bay. “How close are we to the limit, 60 percent to limit, 70 percent etc. To expand on that today do we know with concrete data how many more homes or developments can be built in Gore Bay with the current system in place? Before more statements or lines in the sand are drawn this is critical to understand.”

Mr. Wright said, “it was about a year ago the statement of doubling the population of Gore Bay was discussed. Not sure what triggered this vision but if we are opening the door to development we cannot pick and choose the outcomes. Either you are pro-development or you are not. Demand for assisted living buildings would only increase in such a scenario and I have seen two actively pushed away. Development does not mean certain incomes only and it will only add to the demand on such facilities. I also want to add that with my experience of working in mining in many different communities across Canada that, working at a mine is usually a very well-paying job. That being said, I have witnessed it’s not

just the poor who suffer from mental health challenges. If the assisted living proposal from two years ago was built and operating now it would have positively decreased our tax increase this past year.”

He pointed out, “A private business (WEST) came forward to council recently with a request to upgrade and expand waterline to a proposed waste management facility. Half of our costs for the transfer station are related to trucking waste the recycling to Espanola. If this facility is successful, it would drastically reduce the cost of waste in this municipality. No support was given, and it was publicly stated there was “no benefit to the town” which is not financially accurate. Not only would this facility reduce waste costs it could have reduced water bills or future increases to the entire town. The more water users on the system the lower the cost will be. Until the town has a firm understanding on water capacity you are putting undue pressure on the taxpayer.”

On the motion to cut off new water service connections and extensions outside of Gore Bay, Councillor Dan

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# ...Canada Post faces national strike

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# Fall Fair at Central Manitoulin Public School a tribute to the students, the school and families

by Margery Frisch  
MINDEMOYA—With- in moments of Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) opening its doors Monday evening, Sep- tember 22, throngs of children and their par-

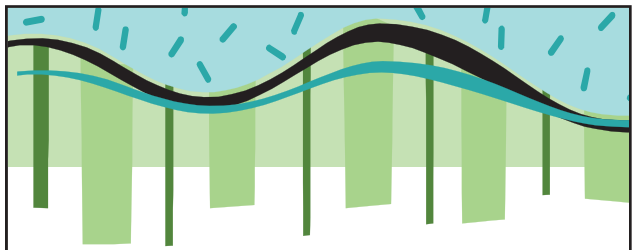
ents, filed into the gym- nasium. The room was filled with tables laden with arts, crafts, flower arrangements, vegetable displays, baked goods, Thanksgiving and Christ- mas decorations and




Grade 3 student Trinity Dagenais-Colard poses with her first place birdhouse.

other imaginative cre- ations—all student-made. It was like Christmas as the kids dashed to find their entries to see how they placed. Shouts of ex-

ular, and Lego creations. Building a campfire (not a real one), and there was pebble art. There were traditional and imagina- tive Thanksgiving centre




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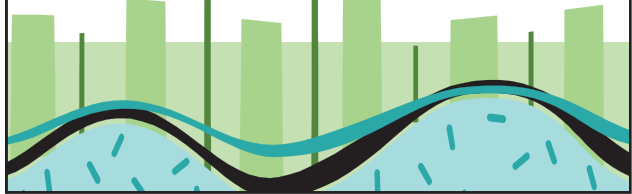
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Senior Kindergarten student Ben Mahoney is justly proud of his first place decorated canoe paddle.



Grade 2 student Gabe Whalen and his first place pumpkin.  
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citement filled the hall, and not just for their own winnings but for their sib- lings and friends as well.

The categories were numerous and divided according to grade level. Students could show their artistic abilities by creat- ing sunflowers or draw- ing plants and animals; there was a category for designing quilt blocks, ob- jects made of wood. Build- ing birdhouses was pop-

pieces, there were cre- ative candles, a decorated paddle (one) and painted rocks. Flower arrange- ments in unusual contain- ers was a popular choice, decorated cupcakes, pumpkin muffins and bannock. The students could enter one or many categories and lots of the younger students did in- deed enter several.

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# ...Fall Fair at CMPS a tribute

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Trinity Dagenais-Colard, a Grade 3 student, placed first in entering the largest maple leaf, sewing a button and her Thanksgiving centre piece, but she was most proud of her birdhouse, for which she also won first place. Ben Mahoney, a senior kindergartener, placed first with his Christmas decoration and his decorated paddle. Third grader Deacon Douglas was thrilled to come in second with his campfire creation. Jonathon



Grade 4 student Jonathon Orford poses with his prize winning bannock.

Orford, a Grade 4 student walked away with first place for his bannock, his corn stalks and his sunflower. Gabe Whalen had a magnificent pumpkin entry which

took first place and for which both he and his parents were very proud. Gabe is in Grade 2.

All the children were winners in the hall that night, for their effort and their support of each other. The creativity on display was a tribute to the students, the teachers and their families. They say, 'It takes a village,' and that tenet is quite apparent at CMPS.

"I'm glad to see they're still doing this," said one happy grandparent as she left the building. Everyone was glad, it seemed.



Grade 3 student Deacon Douglas poses with his second place campfire creation.

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Osborne said, “we need to forward on this now. Right now, we don’t know what the water capacity is. Our plans are to grow the town and population, and with

“this is an increased need for water in town. And currently we only receive user fees each year for those on the water system outside of town.”

"I would have to say I support the motion with the knowledge that this is a motion of council and is something that could be changed at any time," said Mayor Ron Lane. "Our goal is to grow our town and there is a need for more housing. We need to be satisfied the water capacity we have meets these needs. For those in Gordon if it wasn't for water being provided through the town, they wouldn't have any. We are not under any obligation to provide water service outside of the town."

On the issue of exploring opportunities to improve the sustainability and delivery of municipal services, Councillor Osborne said, “it is the same thing for this issue. We need to explore every opportunity to increase our tax base. Our responsibility is to the taxpayers of Gore Bay.”

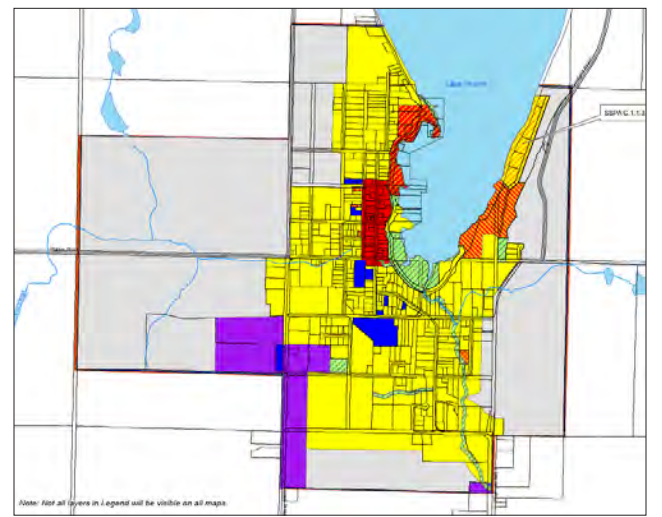
Mayor Lane stated, "I have been thinking a lot about this as well. I was thinking about the history of the town. It was a settlement in 1870, and the town grew to the point that in 1890 it was incorporated as a town by the province."

“In 1870, surveys were done to the town plot in Gore Bay, and by 1890 it included range lots all around it,” continued Mayor Lane. “Now 135 years later, the motion we are considering is to expand our boundaries for a second time. One-hundred and thirty-five years ago, there was no water or sewer services. We want to make Gore Bay affordable enough to have increase our population. It makes total sense. This is a motion we should support.”

Mayor Lane pointed out the motion includes gauging the province's support. "We would need a ministry order to expand; the province has to approve (any boundary changes made) and provide a minister's order. Right now, everything is preliminary and we will have to see where it goes."

Earlier in his presentation to council Mr. Wright said, "First off, I want to thank council for allowing me to speak tonight. A lot has been discussed publicly the last few years in the media regarding Gore Bay's future, its plans of expansion and neighbours. You may disagree with me after hearing me tonight, but I was compelled to speak to you and give you an alternative view."

“Gore Bay was incorporated 135 years ago and has survived wars, economic depressions or recessions, and overall demographic shifts. I find it hard to be-



Gore Bay is looking at ways to extend its town limits.

lieve in 2025 we can't continue to be financially viable/independent as a municipality," said Mr. Wright. He explained, "the 2025 town budget is \$1,486,832 with 47.53 percent of that being levies outside of council's control. This leaves \$780K of spending controlled by council. Something as small as a marketing consultant of 20K can move the needle 2.5 percent. Or even in this meeting is a proposal for a planning consultant of \$54K moves the needle 6.9 percent. This would equate to roughly 15 households taxation at the rate I pay annually. In addition to this the current annual burn rate of salaries and benefits is \$423K. We have increased staff with minimal increase in taxation revenues."

"In my opinion the reliance on consultants needs to be reduced and only used when critical," said Mr. Wright. "Many of the projects I have worked on in minding involved engineering firms and I have learned they will gladly take your money and spit out a report. More time needs to be spent thinking about the question before going to external experts to ensure it is laser focused which will reduce costs and provide better outcomes."

Mr. Wright stated, "Municipal governments are not the vehicle of expansion of sustainable development, private businesses are. Gore Bay can facilitate

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# ...Juanita Migwans remains missing

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ported Constable Parisien at the time. The investigation was conducted by Manitoulin OPP, UCCM APS. The Emergency Response Team and K9 units assisted with the ground efforts.

Ms. Migwans was last seen on October 2 walking near Highway 551 and Oakhill Drive around 10:30 am. She was wearing a light-coloured jacket and dark pants. She is described as an Indigenous woman, standing 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing approximately 110 pounds,

with brown hair and brown eyes.

If you have any information, no matter how small it may seem, authorities urge you to call the tip line at 1-833-941-9010.

There was a large police presence in M'Chigeeng last week, aiding in the search for Juanita Migwans.



# ...Gore Bay to examine larger land base

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this by either being pro development or against it. Picking and choosing projects won't help the taxpayer nor entice businesses to invest."

"To summarize, I encourage council to consider the following: limit consultant spending; determine what the capacity of our water and sewer infrastructure is to determine which economic developments can take place; look internally for solutions prior to making demands of neighbouring municipalities or generous benefactors; and take a firm review of staffing levels roles/responsibilities." He added, "I understand personally how being a municipal councilor or mayor is a thankless job. I thank you for your contributions and encourage you to consider what I have said tonight."

Council passed the town motions, unanimously, one being that the town is currently investigating density in serviced areas within the Town of Gore Bay and provision of further water services outside the municipal boundaries may place undue burden; therefore be it resolved that the Town of Gore Bay council does hereby direct that no new water service connections, extensions or users shall be permitted to the Town of Gore Bay water system that are not within the geographical boundaries of the town of Gore Bay."

The second motion reads in part,

"whereas the Town of Gore Bay continues to explore opportunities to improve the sustainability and delivery of municipal services; therefore, be it resolved that the town of Gore Bay council hereby directs staff to explore options for restructuring municipal boundaries including gauging the province's support. Further be it resolved that the report shall be ready to present to council at the December 8 council meeting.

The Ontario government website, 'Municipal Restructuring' shares how and why municipalities change their geographic boundaries. "Municipal restructuring is a process municipalities can use to change their geographical boundaries. The most common forms of municipal restructuring are: annexations and amalgamations. Annexations move jurisdiction for land from one municipality another. In Northern Ontario, annexation also refers to municipal boundary changes where territory without municipal organization comes under the jurisdiction of a neighbouring municipality. Amalgamations merge neighbouring municipalities into a new municipality."

"Municipal restructuring can also include: establishing a municipality, dissolving a municipality, changing a municipality's association with an upper-tier municipality, for example, when a lower-tier becomes a single-tier municipality."

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# ...Biking fundraiser completes MHC campaign

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tient outcomes by ensuring the precise delivery of their medications. Their integration into care practices at MHC will provide greater safety, particularly for critically ill patients while strengthening the hospital's ability to deliver high-quality, patient-centred care close to home.

"This is an incredible achievement for our community," said Ms. Fields. "Reaching this goal shows the true spirit of Manitoulin; when we come together, we make extraordinary things happen. These pumps will not only improve safety and accuracy but will also support our healthcare teams in delivering the very best care possible."

Dennis McGregor, chair of the MHC board of directors added, "We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed, whether through donations, supporting the MHC auxiliaries, attending



With a generous donation of \$13,000 from the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, raised through the annual Tour de Meldrum ride, the Manitoulin Health Centre has now reached its fundraising goal of \$350,000 for the "Smart Infusion, Smarter Care" campaign. In photo from left is auxiliary member John Carlisle, Dennis McGregor MHC board chair, auxiliary member Joanne Carlisle, Paula Ferguson and Paula Fields of MHC, Dale Scott, organizer of the Tour de Meldrum, auxiliary members Kathy Graham, Mary Alice Lewis and Judy Murphy.

fundraisers, or supporting annual events like the Tour de Meldrum. Your efforts directly impact patient care on Manitoulin Island, and this success belongs to the whole community."

Next steps include the installation of the pumps later this fall, followed by comprehensive staff training to ensure a smooth transition to best practice use.

"We raised \$13,000

through this year's ride," stated cyclist Dale Scott of the ride held in September. A total of 17 riders along with three support staff took part in the ride, from Evansville to Meldrum Bay return.

"We are grateful to all of you in the auxiliary, Dale and all the riders (in the Tour de Meldrum Bay)," said Ms. Fields, who along with Paula Ferguson, vice-president of the clinical services, chief nursing officer took part in the ride.

"The Tour was a lot of fun," said Ms. Fields, noting two of the riders were youngsters, 11 and 12 years old.

Karen Noble provided lunch for all the riders at the Meldrum Bay Ma-

rina, it was pointed out. "We would like to thank Dale for again organizing the ride," said Ms. Fields. "We also appreciate all the volunteers and all the participants for taking part in this community event."

It was Dr. Scott, from Mindemoya, who, 24 years ago, as a challenge to himself, rode his bicycle from Mindemoya to Meldrum Bay and return in the same weekend.

While he completed the ride, Dr. Scott acknowledged at the time that it was a lot of work and that if he was going to carry out the ride again, he would ride to support a good cause. What came of that was the Tour de Meldrum Bay, which has continued

since, with over \$220,000 in funds being raised over the years, that go to the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC, through the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary) toward needed hospital equipment.

"There were three of us who took part in the ride the second year of the tour," said Dr. Scott.

"This year's ride was about 100-110 kilometres in total," said Dr. Scott.

With the MHC fundraising milestone being reached, MHC celebrates not only an advancement in medical technology but also the collective commitment of the Manitoulin community to keeping healthcare strong and close to home.

## Expositor corrections


Corrections need to be made in three stories published in the September 24, 2025 edition of The Expositor. In the headline and story on page three, titled 'Mindemoya Auxiliary donates \$14K to hospital fundraising campaign,' this should have read that \$20,000 had been raised.

On the first page of the LIFESTYLES section in the September 24 edition, in the third paragraph of the story 'Trinity United Church bids farewell to pastor Kim Inglis,' a quote is attributed to Shirley Robinson. The quote should have been

attributed to church pianist Shelley Lanktree.

On page three of the LIFESTYLES section a headline reads 'Stanley Cup returns to Manitoulin for History Day in Kagawong.' The headline is incorrect. The Stanley Cup coming to Manitoulin Island is a remote possibility and only if it doesn't conflict with its summer tour with the 2025-2026 National Hockey League Stanley Cup champion team.

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



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Campaign Expense:	
	<b>\$714.<sup>72</sup></b>
Donations from Fund — Grant to Veterans, Bursaries, Donations to Veteran Programs, Youth Education Programs:	
	<b>\$1,570.<sup>03</sup></b>
Total Expenses and Donations:	
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# OCF, Sheguiandah FN receive substantial donations from Green Family Trust

by Tom Sasvari  
MANITOULIN—Both the Ojibway Cultural Foundation (OCF) in M’Chigeeng First Nation and Sheguiandah First Nation have received donations made through the Barry and Laurie Green Family Charitable Trust, based in Toronto.

The OCF was provided with a substantial donation of funds, while the Sheguiandah First Nation (SFN) received a gift of

workout and sports equipment to be used by members of its community.

“We received a donation of \$160,000 through the Barry and Laurie Green Charitable Trust,” stated Glen Hare, executive director of OCF, last week. “Mr. Green visited the OCF in early August. He stated he was impressed with what we (OCF) can and do offer visitors.”

Charlotte Commanda of Sheguiandah First Nation

said the community is to receive, “a gift of workout and sports equipment for community members use. We haven’t received the equipment as of yet, I will be meeting with Mr. Green (last) Friday. Amongst the equipment being provided are bicycles, weights and other

workout and sports equipment.”

“We are struggling like everyone else these days,” said Mr. Hare. He explained the funds received will be going toward the OCF building itself, supplies for the gift shop, language books and supplies. On the day (Mr.

Green) called to say we were receiving this donation, one of our boilers went down and we will be putting some of the funds toward this.”

Mr. Hare pointed out that through this Foundation, “donations are made coast to coast. A year ago, \$450,000 was provided to

Six Nations Cultural Centre.”

“I first met Mr. Green when I was the Ontario Regional Chief,” said Mr. Hare. “The donation we have received is certainly a huge boost for the OCF and our operations.”



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During the stop, a 31-year-old male was investigated for driving while suspended. The individual was arrested, and a subsequent search led to the seizure of approximately \$1,700 worth of cocaine and several prohibited weapons.

The accused has been charged with the following offences: possession for the purpose of trafficking, weapons dangerous, possession of a prohibited weapon, drive while suspended.

The accused remains in custody pending a bail hearing.

This arrest is part of WTPS’s ongoing efforts to remove illegal drugs and weapons from Wiikwemkoong and to ensure the safety and well-being of all community members.

“We remain steadfast in our commitment to keeping our mission statement front and centre,” said Chief Ron Gignac of WTPS. “Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for all community members in Wiikwemkoong by working in partnership with the community through enhancing community policing, enforcing the law, preserving the peace, protecting lives and property, and reducing fear. Every operation we conduct is a step toward a safer, healthier community.”

WTPS encourages anyone with information related to drug or weapons activity to report it online at wtps.ca, call 705-370-3141, or to remain anonymous at Crime Stoppers 1-888-222-8477. Together, we can continue to build a stronger and safer Wiikwemkoong.

## Motor home swerving on Highway 540 results in impaired arrest

One person is facing impaired related charges after police conducted a traffic stop.

On Monday, September 1 at approximately 4 pm, the Manitoulin OPP were patrolling on Highway 540



## Law & Order

in Billings Township when officers observed a motor home swerving and driving on the shoulder of the road. A traffic stop was initiated to conduct a sobriety check, and as a result of further investigation, the driver was arrested for impaired operation.

The driver, Darren Richard, 60 years old from Innisfil, was charged with operation while impaired, driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available, fail to have insurance card, fail to provide required document, drive motor vehicle no licence.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on October 9.

## RIDE check on Highway 6 in Espanola results in impaired arrest

A driver is facing impaired-related charges after they were arrested at a reduce impaired driving everywhere (RIDE) check.

On Thursday, September 4, at approximately 11 pm, the Manitoulin OPP was conducting a RIDE check on Highway 6 in Espanola. A vehicle came through and police initiated an investigation. As a result, the driver was arrested for impaired operation.

Phillip Spruce, 56 years old from Mindemoya, was charged with operation while impaired, drive vehicle with cannabis readily available, drive vehicle with liquor readily available.

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

The OPP wants to remind the public that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe while driving. If you suspect an impaired driver on our roads, waterways or trails, don’t hesitate to make the call and dial 911. Your phone call could save someone’s life.

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# Debajehmujig Six-Foot Festival marks 16th year of creative exploration

by Ed Prudhomme  
MANITOWANING—Sixteen years ago, the Six-Foot Festival emerged from humble beginnings, and has since grown into a vibrant celebration of imagination, collaboration and cultural expression that extends far beyond the borders of Manitoulin Island. What started as a local experiment has evolved into a cherished community tradition that now brings together artists, musicians, storytellers and curious community members to share in the process of creation, in the spirit of expression and interpretation.

This year, the festival took place on Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27, at the charming and welcoming Debajehmujig Creation Centre in Manitowaning. The 2025 theme, Aki Noo’ooma—“The Earth’s Language”—asked its artists to explore and interpret how the land itself communicates and how humans might come to better listen. The result was a rich collection of exhibits, performances, storytelling, food, and interactive installations, each offering a different way of hearing and responding to the earth’s subtle messages and teachings.

Festival founder and operator Ashley Manitowabi reflected on the event’s continued growth. “I think it was pretty successful seeing new people coming in on both Friday and Saturday,” he said, noting that 15 artists participated in total. However, it was originally slated for 16, a fitting, but coincidental number given the anniversary of the event. Sadly, one artist had to step back following a family loss.

This year, Mr. Manitowabi himself returned to cube-building, a central tradition and method of



Waabivii Courchene worked throughout the weekend on a mural titled Sagkeeng. Her work depicted the Thunderbird and the serpent.



Jenn Mezei’s six-foot cube encouraged everyone to get involved by creating art with mixed media then pasting it to the walls with wheat paste.



Candice Irwin gave a lunchtime performance Saturday titled ‘Moving with the Land.’

the festival. “I did a cube this year, though I haven’t in several years. I did it as part of Ontario Culture Days, as one of eight participants, and I began thinking about how I can give a voice to the four teachers—the birds, the animals, the plants and the fish. I carved each of these in my piece, and all four were represented in all of this.”

He explained that the creative process was deeply personal, shaped by the challenges of living close to the land on his homestead. “Emo-

tions were heightened because of a bear that was local and was eating my crops of vegetables and cherries. I found myself being frustrated, but I challenged myself to change my perspective from being frustrated to seeing it for what it was and as a learning experience in what I could learn from the experience.”

Mr. Manitowabi’s cube stood tall among the others, built from tree rings salvaged from trees felled by time, weather or animals. His work was paired with an education-



Chantal Filion’s six-foot space encouraged kids and adults alike to get their hands dirty and dig.

al component. “This year, I also did two workshops, where people got to create their own miniature versions of my work out of branch discs for which of the four teachers they would want to learn from over the course of

the years,” he said. “So there were several smaller versions and plaques at the back of the main hall, which had several of these images in them. A few people took part on the Friday, but on Saturday, there were several

other people taking part, and by the end, there were at least a dozen pieces to display.”

Like the festival itself, the workshops encouraged people not only to observe art but also to take part in the creative act, thereby bridging the gap between artist and audience. Through these interactions, it invited guests to not only be complacent observers but also artists in their own right.

Looking ahead, Mr. Manitowabi stressed that community feedback is important to planning the ongoing direction of the event. “In terms of planning next year’s event, we usually start planning for future events right after the first one is done. We listen to feedback and try to come up with things that people have said they might want to see or ideas that we might not have considered.”

The process is an organic thing, fitting given the natural themes which define the festival. “We’ll be trying to figure out where we are headed in

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# ...Old School launches 50/50 lottery fundraiser

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According to FOMOS member Jan McQuay, "the story of the Mindemoya Consolidated School is a good example of progress through controversy, the democratic system working for the benefit of all

concerned. The first settlers in this area of Carnarvon Township arrived in the early 1870s. The Loves, Vincers, McDonalds, Galbraiths, Elliotts, Hodgsons, Kings and Cadells all worked together to establish a thriving pioneer community. Recognizing the need for a school, School Section No. 1 Carnarvon, was organized in the year 1876 and a log schoolhouse was built to the north of the main intersection (north of Jake's) the next year. When it burned to the ground, the decision was made to rebuild in the same place.

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was built, "This was one of the first Consolidated Schools in Ontario where more than one school section was served and pupils from grades one to twelve were educated in the same building."

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FOMOS intends to repurpose the structure into

a seniors' active living centre and artisan/artist hub, providing resources for the community as well as preserving a key piece of Island history.

The tickets are available online at [mindemoyaold-school.rafflenexus.com](http://mindemoyaold-school.rafflenexus.com) or by scanning the QR code included in this article. Tickets are three for \$5, 10 for \$10, 50 for \$20, or 200 for \$50. The final sales deadline is midnight, Sunday, October 12.



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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin passed Comprehensive Zoning By-Law No. 2024-12 on August 28, 2025 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended.


PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Municipality of Central Manitoulin has passed a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law, which repeals and replaces existing by-law 2002-07 and all amendments to this by-law. The purpose of the new Comprehensive Zoning By-law is to regulate the use of land in the Municipality of Central Manitoulin in accordance with the policies laid out in the Official Plan and relevant provincial policy.

APPEAL - The last date for filing a notice of appeal of the Zoning By-Law is October 17, 2025, being twenty days after the giving of this notice. Any such appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the Municipality using the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) Appellant Form (A1) (copies are available at the Municipal Office) and must be accompanied by the fee required by the OLT (a certified cheque or money order in the amount listed on the OLT Fee Schedule, payable to the Minister of Finance). Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-Law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

A copy of By-law No. 2024-12 may be obtained from the Municipal office.

DATED at the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, this 26th day of September, 2022.

Denise Deforge  
CAO/Clerk,  
Mindemoya, ON P0P1S0  
Tel.: (705) 377-5726



Spirituality

PUBLISHER'S NOTE—The following paid advertisement contains statements some readers may find offensive. The contents do not necessarily reflect the views of this publication.

Because of biblical symbolism, typology and parallelism, I believed for a long time that the rapture will take place on a future day of Atonement. This year the day of Atonement falls on October 2 and the rapture may very well take place this year. For all the signs Jesus foretold that would precede His second coming are present. I have also prophesized that one of the conditions for being in the rapture and for becoming the bride of Christ and for entering the millennial rest (Sabbath) of REV. 20 is the sanctifying of the Sabbath from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset. Because Sunday Christians do not obey this commandment of God, they worship (the right) God in vain, see MAT. 15:9+MARK 7:7, and won't be in the rapture and will miss the blessings of the millennium. Just like Israel was not in the land while the land rested during the 70-year Babylonian captivity because the main sin of not sanctifying God's Sabbaths, see LEV. 26:34+35, 2 CHRON 36:20+21, JER. 29:10, NEH. 13:17+18, EZ. 20:23+24, even so, Christians who won't sanctify God's Sabbath won't be in the earth when the earth keeps its millennial Sabbath. Please note the Hebrew word Haaretz can be both translated as land and earth. The symbolism, typology and parallelism are here too. If Christians don't learn from the mistakes Israel made, they will make the same mistakes. Because of JER. 17:25+28 I believe the Sabbath will be restored before Jesus returns and sits on His throne in Jerusalem, in the last few years the Sabbatarians have been the fastest growing group among Christians. This is evidence that many Christians have heeded God's call to come out of "Mystery Babylon," REV. 18:4. Just like Israel went literally into Babylon for not sanctifying God's Sabbath. I believe all Sunday Christians are in Mystery Babylon for this same sin. Because of the parable of the wise and foolish virgins in MAT. 25, I believe there will be many foolish Sunday Christians who won't repent, but if the rapture has not yet taken place there is still time to confess that not sanctifying God's Sabbaths from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset is sin and repent. I explain the conditions for entering the Kingdom of God in more detail in my book "The Keys to the Kingdom." It is available from Amazon or free by writing me. Please investigate what I am saying, your destiny depends upon it. Please note that because the Post Office in M'Chigeeng has moved I have a different Post Office which Box is 8004. I am also available for counselling from a biblical perspective at 226-808-1594

Hank Reckman  
Prophet of Manitoulin  
Search for Truth Biblical Ministries  
Box 8004  
M'Chigeeng, Ont.  
POP 1G0





Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services  
Services aux victimes de Manitoulin Northshore

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

Location: N.E.M.I. Rec Centre – Curling Lounge  
9001-ON6, Little Current

Please note: Amendments to the bylaws will be discussed.  
For details, call 705-370-3378 or email [mnvs@vianet.ca](mailto:mnvs@vianet.ca)


Date : Le mercredi 8 octobre 2025 @ 17 h

Lieu : Centre récréatif de N.E.M.I. – Salle du club de curling  
9001, route 6, Little Current

À noter : Des modifications aux règlements administratifs seront discutées.  
Pour tous les détails, appelez nous au 705-370-3378 ou par courriel [mnvs@vianet.ca](mailto:mnvs@vianet.ca)

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS  
SNOW REMOVAL  
2025-2026  
Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

Tenders for the year 2025-2026 are now being accepted for snow removal at the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service. Required services are to include plowing, (sanding, salting and pushback of snowbanks when requested) for the following property areas:

- Roadway
- Front of building (visitor's parking)
- Bay garage doorways
- Staff parking area
- Driveway at Apt B – 26 Edward Street
- Driveway at 87 Henry Street (up to December 31, 2025, unless otherwise stated)

The roadway, front of building (driveway), garage doorways, staff and visitor parking areas must be plowed by 6 am during the tender period.

Please submit your proposal for: Seasonal rate for the period of November 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026. This rate must include all plowing (salt/sand, and snowbank pushback as required). Include the type of equipment to be used.


All tenders must submit legible copies: proof of WSIB coverage and proof of Commercial General Liability Insurance.

All decisions are based on price, quality and service level of supplier. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Closing date is Friday, October 17th, 2025 at 2 pm.

Please submit sealed tender to:

Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service  
2074 Wikwemikong Way, PO Box 27  
Wiikwemkoong, Ontario  
POP 2J0  
Attention: Snow Removal Tender



INVITATION FOR TENDERS  
SNOW REMOVAL  
2025 - 2026  
UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service

Tenders for the year 2025 – 2026 are now being accepted for snow removal at the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service. Three Locations: 5905 and 5926 Hwy 540, M'Chigeeng and 4 Margaret Street, Mindemoya. Services required include plowing, sanding, salting and pushback of snowbanks for the following property areas:

1. 5905 Hwy 540, M'Chigeeng
  - Parking areaThe parking area must be plowed and salted/sanded by 7:00 am and 2:00 pm.
2. 5926 Hwy 540, M'Chigeeng
  - Roadway.
  - Front of building (visitors' parking).
  - Staff parking area.The roadway, front of building (driveway) and staff parking areas must be plowed and salted/sanded by 6:30am, 2:30pm, and 10:30pm all calendar days. Pattern of snow removal to be directed by management of UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service.
3. 4 Margaret Street, Mindemoya
  - Driveway.
  - Shovel walkway, sand and salt when necessary.


Please submit a proposal for:

- Seasonal rate for the period of November 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026. Rate must include all plowing, salt & sand and snowbank pushback.
- Identify type of equipment to be used.
- Proof of WSIB coverage.
- Proof of Commercial General Liability Insurance.

Successful tender to be based on price, quality and service level of supplier. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Please submit before October 24, 2025 at 12:00 PM to:

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service  
5926 Highway 540, P.O. Box 332  
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0  
Attn: Joey Stoneypoint, Custodian/Maintenance  
Or by Email to: [joey.stoneypoint@uccmpolice.com](mailto:joey.stoneypoint@uccmpolice.com)



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SNOW REMOVAL  
2025 - 2026  
UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service

Tenders for the year 2025 – 2026 are now being accepted for snow removal at the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service. Location: 990 Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning. Services required include plowing, sanding, salting and pushback of snowbanks for the following property area:

990 Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning First Nation

- Roadway
- Parking area
- Front of building (visitors' parking)
- Staff parking area
- Shovel walkway, sand and salt when necessary

The roadway, front of building and all parking areas must be plowed and salted/sanded by 7:00 am, and as required, all calendar days.

Pattern of snow removal to be directed by management of UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service.

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SNOW REMOVAL  
2025 - 2026  
UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service

Tenders for the year 2025 – 2026 are now being accepted for snow removal at the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service. Location: #72 Shebawenaning Road, Whitefish River First Nation. Services required include plowing, sanding, salting and pushback of snowbanks for the following property area:

#72 Shebawenaning Road, Whitefish River First Nation

- Parking area
- Front of building (visitors' parking)
- Staff parking area
- Shovel walkway, sand and salt when necessary

The roadway, front of building and all parking areas must be plowed and salted/sanded by 7:00 am, and as required, all calendar days.

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# Death Notices

## DOROTHY “KIT” ANN VOLLICK (née Gillis)

June 13, 1935 - September 11, 2025



Dorothy “Kit” was born in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland to Hugh and Florence (née Dubourdieu) Gillis, and grew up in Sydney (formerly New Glasgow), Nova Scotia. After completing high school, Kit spent a short time as a schoolteacher before she joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. There she met Eugene Vollick in basic training and they were wed in 1957. They bore three sons, Gene, Shane (1959-1961) and Dean (Andrew Saxe) and one daughter, Lisa (Jordy Scott). Kit was very involved in the community life of Port Robinson and was instrumental in raising the funds for the first renovation of the old Port Robinson Schoolhouse. Kit held many part-time jobs while she was raising her children, but her great love was nursing and she spent many years caring for the elderly at Sunset Haven in Welland. In their retirement, Gene and Kit discovered Manitoulin Island, where they bought and renovated a small cottage on Silver Lake. Many nights were spent in Port Robinson and Manitoulin with friends and family playing music and singing, sometimes dancing. Kit had the voice of an angel, it blended so sweetly with Gene’s as they sang many Gorden Lightfoot songs as duets. Kit is survived by her children Gene, Dean and Lisa; dear grandchildren Michael Mercer and Raven Tanner; sister-in-law Barbara Koski; brother-in-law Ronnie Vollick; and many loving nieces and nephews. One niece wrote, “Heaven has gained the kindest, most gentle soul.” Please join her family in Celebrating her Life at the Darlene Ryan Centre, 40 Cross Street, Port Robinson on Monday, November 10, 2025 from 12 noon to 2:30 pm. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society may be left, along with online condolences at <http://www.Bocchinfusofh.com>.

## CLINTON JOHN REED August 24, 1945 - September 24, 2025



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Clinton John Reed on September 24, 2025 peacefully surrounded by family, at the age of 80 years. Born on August 24, 1945, Clint lived a life full of love, adventure, and dedication to his family and passions. He is lovingly remembered by his devoted wife of 49 years, Janis; son David (Kim); daughter Stephanie (Shaun); and cherished grandchildren, Eli and Olivia; Clint’s nephews, Kyle (Cynthia), John (Keri), Paul (Shelley) and Jamie (Angela) and their families held a special place in his heart. He shared an unwavering bond of friendship and love with his sister Mary Ellen Bradley. Predeceased by his parents Jack and Margaret Reed. Clint also had a deep affection for animals, especially his beloved dogs, who brought him endless joy and companionship over the years. Clint enjoyed a long and fulfilling career with Inco, where he was known for his strong work ethic and steady presence. After retiring, he embraced a well-earned retirement that lasted 26 wonderful years - years he filled with the things he loved the most. A true outdoorsman, Clint found joy and peace in nature; whether he was camping on Manitoulin, hunting in the quiet woods, casting a line into a favourite fishing spot, feeding deer or making maple syrup. His warm smile, steady hands and kind heart will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to remember Clint’s beautiful life. In lieu of flowers or donations, the family simply asks that you spend time in nature, as he so often did and remember the great times you shared with Clint. Arrangements entrusted to the Loughheed Funeral Homes.

## DWAYNE JOSEPH ISAIAH GREGORY ANIMIKWAN

Sunrise: May 28, 1980 - Sunset: September 19, 2025



It is with deep sorrow and profound respect that we announce the passing of Dwayne Joseph Isaiah Gregory Animikwan at the age of 45. Dwayne joined his ancestors, family and friends on Friday, September 19, 2025. He was a devoted husband of 16 years (partner of 22 years) to Brenda; father of Mason; son of Gail and Ronald; brother of Tammy (Adolphus), Stacey (Fabian), Jason (Rachel) and Kaella-Marie; uncle to nieces Teyla, Arianna and Gabriella; brother-in-law of Joey Rump and sister-in-law Florence Rump; son-in-law of Maryann Rump; godfather and a beloved cousin to many. He was the godchild of Wayne Osawamick and Linda Fox/Kaboni; and the grandson of the late Esther Animikwan and the late Joseph Andrew Animikwan, the late Isaiah Peltier and the late Lena Peltier. He will be deeply missed by his best friends Luke Wassegijig, Darryl Fisher, Jonas Bondy and Roy and Lloyd Coleman from Sudbury, as well as many aunts and uncles. A powerful voice, musician, spirited event MC and storyteller for Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabek, Dwayne is leaving behind a legacy of advocacy, creativity, humour, kindness and unwavering dedication to his community. Dwayne was a bright spirit. He loved singing, playing guitar and will be deeply missed by all of his friends at golf, hockey and baseball (both of which he coached), wrestling (which he MC’d) and more. A gifted communications expert whose talents spanned graphic design, audio recording and public speaking, his work was not just professional—it was personal and culturally relevant. Every project he touched carried the heartbeat of the Anishinaabe Spirit and, through his voice, he gave strength and visibility to stories that needed to be heard, even in his last moments. Dwayne served as a communications officer, author and data governance specialist with distinction at Chiefs of Ontario, contributed to numerous radio programs including CBC, MBC Radio Saskatchewan, Country 103 Great Lakes and worked for the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education for nine years. He wrote for the Three Fires Press, worked in construction and the Wiikwemkoong Youth Centre and even offered Peer Helper workshops in the community. His contributions to the Anishinaabe Aadizowin books published by Wiikwemkoong will continue to educate and inspire generations to come. His presence was a source of light, laughter and wisdom to all who knew him. Dwayne’s legacy lives on in the voices he helped amplify, the stories he helped tell, the songs he sang and the love he gave so freely. His spirit will continue to guide and uplift the Anishinaabe people and all those who walk the path he helped illuminate. Visitation began at Buzwah Church on Thursday, September 25, 2025 from 1 pm. Funeral Mass was at Holy Cross Church on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 11 am. Burial in the Upper Cemetery followed. There was a feast at the Pontiac School following the burial. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [www.islandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.islandfuneralhome.ca).

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## ROBERT “BOB” WISEMAN



In loving memory of Robert “Bob” Wiseman who passed away peacefully at Finlandia Village on Friday, September 12, 2025 at the age of 93. He is the beloved husband of Shirley (Palmer) Wiseman of Sudbury. Loving father to Mark (Joanne), Lauri Grenier (Terry Young) and Jeff (Jacinthe Trudeau). Cherished grandfather of Gregory (Amanda), Richard (Beth), Hannah (Harry), Robyn (Andrew), Chad, Rebecca and James. He leaves behind seven cherished great-grandchildren Nora, Zack, Reid, Leah, Brisbane, Leo and Lynk. Dear brother of Ronald (Gail), Bill (Shelva), Wilhelmena Puersten (predeceased) (Wolf), Clarence (predeceased) (Maggie) and Len (Marjorie). Predeceased by his parents James and Annie (Lane) Wiseman. Bob was a longtime resident of Falconbridge. He worked for Falconbridge Ltd. for 33 years until his retirement in 1990. An avid golfer, curler and talented musician, he played with the same group, Manitoulin Swing Band for over 70 years. A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, September 28, 2025 from 1 to 4 pm at the Sudbury Curling Club, 300 Wessex Street, Greater Sudbury. Donations to the Northern Cancer Research would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home. “His trumpet may be quiet, but his melody will never fade.”

## DAVID ARTHUR WOOD May 22, 1958 - September 22, 2025



In loving memory of David Arthur Wood, born May 22, 1958, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 22, 2025 at Manitoulin Health Centre. David is survived by his wife Joan Wood (nee Sokolowsky); daughters Tiffany (John) and Teresa (Scot); and grandson Gavin. Loving son of Kathleen and the late Edward Wood. Brother of Brenda Reid (Walter), Tammy Reynolds (Steven), Lorelei Prout (Roger) and Pamela Klodnicki (Frank). David will be remembered and missed by many other family and community members. David had a passion for gardening and was a life ong farmer. He was always willing to lend a hand where needed. We would like to thank Health Sciences North, Manitoulin Health Centre and Assiginack Family Health Team for all of their compassionate care and support over the last several years. A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring.

# Burial Notice

## HEATHER EADIE

Family and friends are invited to the graveside service and burial of Heather Eadie on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Mountain View Cemetery, Little Current at 11 am.

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.



# ...Debajehmujig Six-Foot Festival marks 16th year of creative exploration

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the following weeks, and then we'll start trying to attract new artists to participate. We are always looking to make people feel welcome, and that's very important to us. We always say we want our space to become your space." Mr. Manitowabi said that this is because the creation process can be intimate for many people. "They need to feel comfortable and they need to feel welcome into the areas where they will be creating or displaying their works."

This emphasis on welcome extended beyond the visual arts on display in the centre. "This was also a big first for us as we had our first annual

open mic," Mr. Manitowabi shared proudly. "People were playing acoustic original music, as well as a woman from out of town who came and did her own poetry. We have begun to find that people are coming from all around. This year, the longest was our mural artist outside, who came from northern Manitoba."

That artist was Waabivii Courchene, who worked throughout the weekend on a mural titled Sagkeeng. Her work depicted the Thunderbird and the serpent—two forces of nature often seen as oppositional, though in her interpretation, they coexisted as necessary counterparts. "It's a piece which features the Thunderbird



Ashley Manitowabi, founder of the Six-Foot Festival, poses with his six-foot installation which highlights the four teachers: birds, animals, plants and fish.

"The piece is a loose reference between the two, and it talks to a concept known as hollow water, where the serpent had the Thunderbird trapped under water, because the serpent is a water creature, and this led to the creation of islands. It's all part of an oral legend." Ms. Courchene noted that the work would be completed in the coming days and encouraged those interested to follow her work on Instagram at @waabiivii

As the festival drew to a close, the sense of togetherness it created remained. The Six-Foot Festival is never simply about what appears on the stage, the cubes, or the walls of the hall. Instead, it is about what happens between people, between artists and their audiences, and between the community and the land that sustains them. The theme of Aki Noo'ooma—"The Earth's Language"—was more than a guiding phrase. What it manifested most clearly was that art provides an entry point into deeper, more meaningful dialogue. Mr. Manitowabi's story of frustration and renewal when a bear threatened his crops resonated with many attendees.

## Death Notices

### CHRIS ALBERT LAIDLEY March 22, 1967 - September 24, 2025



It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness we mourn the passing of Chris Albert Laidley on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at the Manitoulin Health Centre at the age of 58. As in life, Chris chose to live and leave this world on his own terms. Surrounded by his loving, devoted wife and business partner Tammy and their two loving sons, Dustin (Jamie) and Cole; his mother Marlene; older brother Kevin (Les) (in spirit); older sister Connie; and niece Nikki. Chris was born March 22, 1967 in Little Current at St. Joseph's Health Centre. Son of Ab (Albert) Laidley (predeceased) and Marlene Laidley (nee Breathat). Chris leaves behind his unwavering, compassionate wife Tammy Laidley (nee McKenzie) of 20 years and their sons, Dustin and Cole. Chris also leaves behind his beloved family, his mother Marlene, his brother Kevin (Les) Laidley of Guelph, Ontario and his sister Connie of Little Current. Chris also leaves behind much loved nieces and nephew (Nikki, Sheila (Henry) and Michael T (Tasha) and their families, as well as many cousins, friends and clients who we both formed a strong bond with. Chris was diagnosed with a rare cancer in March 2025 and fought a very short but brave and valiant fight until the end. Chris was a very loving, kind, caring and smart man. He was dedicated to what he found of interest to him and importance to him in his life, and he pursued his desired and achieved success throughout his life. Chris was a volunteer firefighter for about 18 years in total. Chris went to Cambrian College for law and security after high school but quit after one month as it was boring! He worked on the small family farm and helped neighbours farm and with his dad (Ab), worked together for nearly 30 years driving school bus on the Island. Chris loved boating and being on a ski-doo, it was heaven for him. Chris always made time for the white fluff and went on weekend adventures with his friends and family for some good times. As a teen, he and his close friends worked at the Manitoulin Health Centre in the hospital kitchen as their first jobs together. Chris worked for Bermish and Belanger on the highways, snow plowing and swing bridge operations. Chris also worked for Legend Boats and delivered boats as far as N.W.T, and he drove transport for various companies like Walker Transport and Manitoulin Transport in the beginning of his career. Chris moved off the Island for a short time to St. Thomas and once he returned home to Manitoulin Island, he later met Tammy and Dustin in 2005 and were married in 2007, they lived and raised their boys in Little Current. Chris and Tammy purchased an existing business in late 2010 and opened and operated Laidley Stationery and Office Furniture, had great success with the business for 15 years together and ongoing. Chris enjoyed the Laidley camp and bought his first used boat in the early 1990s. The boat was called "Wysiwyg," which stood for "What

you see, is what you get." He went on to purchase his own new boat in 1996, the 4 O'clock Special where they were many a story to be told there. Chris was involved in the snowmobile club and enjoyed volunteering his time there. Chris had a class AB licence to drive everything except a motorcycle and an AZ (air brake endorsement) licence. He taught many to drive motor vehicles when operating Laidley Training Centre, school buses and AZ courses. Chris loved driving for hours, something he and his dad had in common. Chris had a mathematical mind and could build and repair so many things. Chris enjoyed the Laidley "camp" and docked his boat there over the years. Opening and closing the camp was always bittersweet. Chris was always willing to help others with anything they needed, be it a ride, repairing skidoos, lawnmowers, grass cutting, snow removal, towing people off the snow machine trail, and was prepared for many situations. Chris got his "last ride" in for the season in April 2025 when he was joined by his friends, Tom and Scott, his wife Tammy and their sons, Dustin and Cole. Chris was determined to go out on the machine only four days out of the hospital. Our boys will forever have that memory of that last ride with their dad. Chris was a very strong man and could often be found going to deliver furniture to our valued clients who became like family to us, often showing up on the job site alone and moving heavy furniture by himself, assembling it without directions. He was very visual and could build things in his mind and assist clients with their office layouts. He was a quiet and gentle spirit, but he also had a fun and wild side too! He worked hard to be sure everyone was satisfied with the end results. Chris was able to travel over the years and took some wonderful trips with his family and friends. Chris planned the "getaways" and he was the driver! Chris enjoyed his music, country music specifically. Chris was not a man of many words, and he had a hard time expressing his feelings, but his family all knew he loved and valued all of them dearly, and he was very proud of our two boys and their accomplishments. He loved and cherished his wife Tammy and valued their time together. Chris will be reunited with his dad when he is laid to rest beside him. He was a wonderful man and everyone will miss him dearly. Friends and family will gather at Island Funeral Home at 36 Worthington Street for visitation on Friday, October 3, 2025 from 2 to 4 pm and on Friday evening from 6 to 8:30 pm. A Celebration of Life to be held at the Island Funeral Home on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 12 noon. Burial to follow at Mountainview Cemetery on Hwy 540 just outside of Little Current, returning to the funeral home afterwards for light refreshments.

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and serpent. It's a visual form of storytelling. The two are natural opposites, though neither is seen as good or bad. Rather, they are both needed to keep balance," Ms. Courchene explained.

She described her inspiration as rooted in Anishinaabe oral tradition:

**In Memoriam**  
**MCLEAN**—In loving memory of James McLean, December 9, 1944 to October 1, 2020. I never imagined living in a world this empty, Where your voice is just an echo and your presence is only a memory. You weren't just part of my life... You were my life, my home, my safe place. Since you've been gone, Everything feels unsteady. I laugh when I am supposed to, I smile when people expect me to, But inside, I am still shattered in ways no one will ever see. The truth is, I haven't been okay since the day you left, And I know I never truly will be. Some losses don't heal, They just become a part of who you are. Forever loved and missed, Your Munchkin, Lorraine

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**FOGAL**—In loving memory of Alford Fogal, August 6, 1938 to October 4, 2020. Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear. Love always, Diane, Wayne, Norman, Bonnie, Joanne and families

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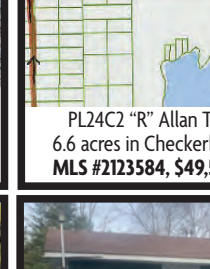






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**by Margery Frisch**  
BIRCH ISLAND—On Friday, September 26, the doors of the Shawanowswe School opened and the children spilled out onto the grounds, ready Grade 1 students. Danette McGregor played her hand drum and sang as the line of marchers made their way down along the back road and out past the band office to where the “We also march on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Womens’ Day as well,” Principal Gail Payette explained. “We wear red on that day.” On Friday, all the students,



Shawanosowe School teachers and students gather in front of the school in preparation to march down to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls monument.

photos by Margery Frisch

to march. Grades 5 and 6 were assigned as helpers to assist the teachers with the Kindergarten and monument stood on Highway 6, dedicated to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. teachers and parents wore orange, as their Friday march was close to the Day of Truth and Rec-

teachers and parents wore orange, as their Friday march was close to the Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Ms. Payette explained the children have learned why this march is important. "In the classrooms, the teachers prepare lessons on the history of Truth and Reconciliation Day, the importance of it, and the significance of the Orange Tee Shirt, the story behind it. They learn about residential schools and the impact it's had

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# ...Shawanosowe School students march to honour MMIWG

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on the indigenous people throughout the years and how we support and value each other in a good way by doing activities like this.”

Marching at a pace to match everyone’s abilities, the group arrived at the memorial site. It took a bit of time to corral the little ones and quiet them down, but once that was achieved, a beautiful, yet simple ceremony followed. The Grades 5 and 6 set down the orange rocks they had painted and the principal gave tobacco to all present. Student Ace Bowerman went about smudging all gathered.

“We’re all wearing orange shirts for a reason today,” Ms. Payette began, “Tuesday, September 30 is Truth and Reconciliation Day, a day when we recognize and honour our ancestors and our indigenous families who attend-

ed residential schools. We want to ensure that we pass the message on that every child matters, back then and today, especially. Every one of you matters, every child in the world matters, and today we are honouring that. We’ve asked Ms. Arlene to lead us in a special way for that.” Nookmis Arlene Pitawanakwat began



Shawanosowe School grades 5 and 6 students painted rocks in honour of MMIWG.

with a prayer and words of guidance for the young students. Danette McGregor, the Ojibwe Language

Teacher at the school, led songs which everyone sung, and Talon McGregor, school counsellor, also White River First Nation Health Nurse, col-

lected the tobacco from everyone with prayers of thanksgiving, which Nookmis Pitawanakwat would take to a sacred fire.

The hope is that these marches and simple yet poignant ceremonies will have increasing significance over time for these young students, bringing

healing and wellbeing, truth and reconciliation to these children and future generations.



Students and teachers dressed in orange march down to the MMIWG monument located beside the Whitefish River First Nation cenotaph.

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## Lodge bids farewell to Dr. Hamilton

*Beloved doctor feted for 43 years of service*

by Tom Sasvari  
GORE BAY—St. Joseph's Lodge feted Dr. Robert Hamilton with a party in his honour for his over 40 years of service as Medical Director at the long-term care facility.

"I have great respect for all the nurses, personal support workers, and administrators who have worked here over the years that I have served here," said Dr. Hamilton, at the party held at St. Joseph's Lodge last Friday for his efforts over 43 years as a dedicated medical director at the facility. "One of those people was Marie Foster, a legendary registered nurse. I have learned so much from everyone here over the years and from so many other nurses and PSWs. What these people do is critically important, and they provide great care and compassion to the residents of the lodge."

In welcoming everyone on hand for Dr. Hamilton's retirement from St. Joseph's, Jaime Lynn-Kalmikov, administrator said, "Dr. Hamilton has been a dedicated medical director for our home what I have been told is over 40 years. This is true



Dr. Robert Hamilton, in photo right, was the guest of honour at a party held last week at St. Joseph's Lodge. The event was held in recognition of his over 40 years of service as medical director at the long-term care facility.

who he is taking care of, he is interested in their story and who they are. He is well spoken and takes the time with his residents and patients," said Ms. Kalmikov. "I personally have always appreciated Dr. Hamilton's wisdom and the knowledge that he has shared with us over the last few years."

Ms. Kalmikov explained, "Dr. Hamilton has cared for countless residents in our home, and so many more people out in the community. Your dedication to our lodge and community is exceptional. We wish you



Dr. Robert Hamilton addresses residents and staff of St. Joseph's Lodge, at a party held in his honour.



Dr. Robert Hamilton, in photo left, was the guest of honour at a party held last week at St. Joseph's Lodge, in recognition of his over 40 years of service as medical director at the long-term care facility.

ly admirable for the dedication he has shown to our home, the residents, families and community."

"Speaking to people about Dr. Hamilton's retirement from the lodge, the words that are used are: kind, holistic, really cares about the people

all the best with your retirement from the lodge and in the future from your clinic (Gore Bay Medical Centre). We hope you and Dr. (Shelagh) McRae both enjoy the well-deserved downtime."

"Thank you again for your service to Manitou-

lin Lodge and now St. Joseph's Lodge. Please join us in a round of applause for Dr. Hamilton," added Ms. Kalmikov.

"Last Thursday Shelagh showed me an advertisement in the paper about this retirement party, and said 'you had better at-

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## Manitoulin Sporting Life

### Mountain-biking Mustangs!

The second race of the high school mountain bike season took place at the Walden trails on September 25th. The Manitoulin Novice team improved on their debut performance and now sit in second place overall. **Nathan Quackenbush** dominated the race, finishing first with a commanding lead—fast enough to outpace all of the Junior riders as well. Teammates **David Joyce** (10th), **Jonah Moffat** (12th), and **Waylon Hartin** (15th) all climbed the standings from their week one results.

The MSS Senior team also had a strong day, moving into third place overall. **Bradley Slaght** led the way in 5th, with **Isaac Quackenbush** in 9th, **Jacob Swartz** 21st, and **Jeff Harper** 22nd.

The third race of the season will be held at McLean's Park in Assiginack on October 2nd, giving the Manitoulin riders a chance to perform on their home trail.

### Local rides with the Wolf Pack

Congratulations to **Dane Gibeault** who rides for the Walden Wolfpack team. They won the Fall Epic 8hr relay at Harwood Hills. Dane and teammates completed 16 laps when their last lap couldn't be completed due to mechanical failure. Fortunately, they had built a significant lead and still won the 3-4 person, 20-29 age category!

### Island 3-Pitch

The Island Elementary 3-Pitch Tournaments took place on Thursday having been pushed back a day due to iffy, weather forecast from Tuesday.



Summer Paling, Blair Noble, Jacob Zimmerman, Matthew Merrylees, Dawson Honess, Nixon Lane, Lincoln Hardy, Theo Desjardins, Greta von Schmeling, Letty Horvath, Tommy Joyce, Alexander Woods, Cameron Chaytor, Sophia Hubbard, Arlo Menzies and Coach Colleen Vander Weerden.

At the Junior Tournament in M'Chigeeng, Lakeview School played host. It all came down to the Assiginack Allstars edging the Charles C. McLean Colts to earn the win. Hats off to Coach **Joanne Atchitawens** and her team: **Cora Griffin, Simon Paige, Walter Webber** and **Jackson Barnes**.

The runners-up Colts: **Summer Paling, Blair Noble, Jacob Zimmerman, Matthew Merrylees, Dawson Honess, Nixon Lane, Lincoln Hardy, Theo Desjardins, Greta von Schmeling, Letty Horvath, Tommy Joyce, Alexander Woods, Cameron Chaytor, Sophia Hubbard, Arlo Menzies** and Coach **Colleen Vander Weerden**!

At the Central Manitoulin Public School hosted intermediate tournament, it was the two Little Current Coyotes teams battling it out for the win. At the end of the day, it was "Team-2" winning this year's title. Congrats to **Leo Shonias, Boston Abotossaway, Kailyn Inglis, Lynndra Madahbee-Peltier, Lauren Musquetier, Xavier Panamick-Eshkawkogan, Jack VanVolkingburgh, Matias Behm, Laine Coleman, Haleigh Simon, Ada Nicholls, Hazel Nicholls** and Coach **Melanie Pollard**!

The LCPS 1side was **Alex Bond, Simon Fessenden, Brooke Varey, Jordyn Corbiere, Ava Shawanda, Oliver Wilding, Jack Bentley, Finlay Card, Mason Dedman, Ada Correa, Rachel Quackenbush, Brenna Pollard** and Coach **Melissa McCulloch**!

### Kyle Palooza-2

The birthday celebratory tournament

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for **Kyle Baibomcowai** was a whirlwind event on Friday and Saturday two weekends ago. The birthday-boy's team finished as runners-up to the \$3,000 winning squad captained by **Jonas Aiabens**! The fun started Friday night with four games and then 10 on Saturday with the champions not crowned until 10PM!

### Sons of Pitches in Gatineau!

In other Wiikwemkoong ball news, the all-star Son's of Pitches team were in a tournament in Gatineau Quebec this past weekend and scooped the \$5K prize! It was tough getting a full team together with only eight players on Friday. They drafted three more last minute including **Dawson Leblanc-Peltier, Jordan Cooper** and **Chris Manitowabi**. From that point there were so many injuries they were glad they did, needing everyone to secure the title! Hats off to the team of: **Danial Madahbee, Jordan Cooper, Jonas Aiabens, Gregory Trudeau-Paquet, Gerard Baibomcowai, Michael Aiabens, Lyle Baibomcowai, Kyle Baibomcowai, Landon Manitowabi, Dawson Leblanc-Peltier** and **Chris Manitowabi**!

### Panther Points

The new jerseys have arrived, the schedules are made and the four, 25-26 Manitoulin Panther teams are ready to play. The U11, U13 and U15s hit the ice on Sunday, October 5th, while the U18 Lady Panthers start off first with a home game against the Sudbury Lady Wolves today, Wednesday, October 1st at 7:30 at the Nemi Rec Centre.

This season's rosters have been released! Have a look for those you know

and will know. Let's help cheer them on this year.

The youngest side are the U-11's featuring **Hunter Inglis, Dawson Honess, Gazongii Manitowabi, Nixon Lane, Bryce Debassige, Harrison Wright, Alec Mills, Alexander Woods, Nolan Jones-Nashkawa, Conner Pheasant, Mikayla Bondy, Greyson Francis, Rowan Lecuyer, Reid Flood, Kyree Morrison, Deandre Nebenionquit-Chenier** and **Arlo Menzies**!

On the U-13 squad are: **Tate Abotosaway, Parker Donnelly, Aiden Corbiere, Ashton Piche, Ayleana McDermid, Bently Mailloux, Brody King, Bryson Sackoney, Calvin Kaboni, Howard Desjardins, Jacen Simon, Jaxyn Duguay, Joseph Jacko, Oliver Wilding, Treilyn Gonawabi** and **Trapper Cyr**.

The U-15's are **Nathan Quackenbush, Kaedin Cooper-Trudeau, Adrian Bois, Landon Armstrong, Ryley Corbiere, Casey Bowerman, Jackson Lalonde, Hunter Nebonquit-Chenier, Boston Abbotossaway, Josh McComb, Merrick Sokoloski, Brayson McGregor, William McKeown, Owen Trudeau, Matthew Debassige, Matias Behm** and **Colin Campbell**.

Finally, this year's U18 Lady Panthers feature: **Brynn Best, Ciera Sokoloski, Amara Wilson-Zegil, Ava Corbiere, Brinley Watson, Carlynn Simon, Charmaine Webkamigad, Clytie Mishibini-jima, Emery Watson, Jordyn Corbiere, Kara Atchitawens, Kayla Lockeyer, Lourdes Taukei, Niomi Tomaselli, Maddie Kaboni, Megan Roszell** and **Naj Migwans**!



# Manitoulin Secondary School sports teams are off to a great season

by Tom Sasvari  
M'CHIGEENG—For the third consecutive year Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs golfers have qualified for the provincial champion-

ship! Mustangs Noah Thorpe and Amy Smith have both qualified for the provincials, after their efforts at the Northern Ontario Secondary School Associ-

ation (NOSSA) championship. Jordan Smith, MSS sports coordinator updated The Expositor on the school's golf, mountain bike and cross-country running team efforts over the past week.

MSS recently hosted the North Shore Secondary School golf playdowns at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course (RRGC) in Manitowaning. "Our boys' team finished second overall, losing by one stroke to the Espanola High School team," said Mr. Smith. "Individually, Noah Thorpe finished second overall with a score of 77. Leyton Belanger of Espanola was first with a score of 76. Rylan Carrick was third with 82, Hudson Roque seventh (89), Lucas Brown finished 10th with



Manitoulin Secondary School golf team member Noah Thorpe receives his medal after qualifying for the provincial championships.

a score of 96, Kyle Nodecker placed 13th with a score of 98."

The MSS boys team moved on to NOSSA, held last Thursday at the North Bay Golf and Country Club. "Noah Thorpe finished first overall in the high school division, and second overall (which included an open division) with a score of 75 (three over par). It is pretty incredible, it was a very tough golf course, and our team had no practice round on the course which teams from Sudbury and North Bay did."

Mr. Smith said, "an honourable mention goes to Lucas Brown who finished in the top six overall in the high school division, with an impressive score of 80."

"We had three team members take part in the NSSA girls' golf tournament," said Mr. Smith. "Our competitors finished first to third, with Amy Smith first with a score of 96, Ava Corbiere 105 and Hailey Hawke 115. This allowed all three to qualify for NOSSA."

At NOSSA the top six girl golfers overall qualify for the provincials. "Amy Smith tied for third place so she will be going to OF-SAA in Mississauga in October," continued Mr. Smith.

Noah Thorpe will take part in the boys Ontario championship taking place at Kawartha Lakes in Lindsay October 14-16.

## MSS Mountain Bike Team

The MSS mountain bike team took part in a competition held in Walden on September 25.

"Nathan Quackenbush won the boys' novice division race," said Mr. Smith. He noted, "all of our other novice boys improved greatly from their first race results in the season and included David Joyce, Jonah Moffatt and Waylon Hartin."

Mr. Smith explained in the senior male division, Bradley Slaght finished fifth and Isaac Quackenbush sixth. Other MSS riders included Jacob Swartz and Jeffrey Harper.

The team is coached by Caroline Black and Ben Quackenbush.

## MSS Cross-country Team

The Mustangs cross-country took part in the 'Rumble on the Rock' event held at Laurentian last week. Five Mustangs took part in the race on a tough course, with two hills aptly named 'The Beast' and 'The Wall' among them.

Mustang David Joyce, a Grade 9, student finished 10th in the novice division, while Wyatt Williamson-Wright finished fourth overall in the senior boy's division.

The Mustangs team will next be taking part in the pre-NSSA championship on October 10.



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Submit a cover letter, resume, and three (3) work-related references marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in person to:

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# ...Lodge bids farewell to Dr. Hamilton after 43 years of service

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tend that event’,” quipped Dr. Hamilton. “I thank everyone for being here today,” he said noting, “I would like to take a few minutes to indulge myself and some of the observations I have had since I started to work here.”

“I am so grateful and honoured to have been able to work in long term care,” said Dr. Hamilton. In 1982 Dr. Hamilton and his wife, Dr. McRae began their work in Gore Bay. “At that time the Prime Minister of Canada was a fellow named Pierre Trudeau. His son Justin was in primary school.” “Social media at the time meant meeting face to face,” said Dr. Hamilton. “Television and radio was still big, and a gap toothed American, comedian David Letterman, made his debut on television.” The population in the town of Gore Bay in 1982 was about 800 people, said Dr. Hamilton. “This nursing home was built in the 1970s as a wave of nursing home facilities were constructed,” said Dr. Hamilton. “A lot of the homes at the time were designed more similar to institutional facilities rather than having a home like atmosphere.” Dr. Hamilton said “in the early ‘80s I met and cared for a centenarian for the first time. I realized and learned that his values and beliefs were different than mine. He had been around since the 1880s and we came from a different time and place.” Dr. Hamilton said in the 1970-1980s doctors were often criticized for being too focused on body parts when it came to health care. “Doctors would say someone on the fourth floor had sustained a heart attack. I don’t think they were being mean, but the thought was a lit-

tle disjointed in looking at the full person. Here at the Lodge staff would say that its uncle Bill that had a heart attack in room 20, and that he had constructed their cottage a few years earlier, but now he was in the Lodge due to having dementia. Not only was it important to remember that it was the whole person we had to look at, but they were also members of a family.” “I’m reminded of two other incidents as well,” said Dr. Hamilton. “Years ago, I was doing rounds




This caricature of Dr. Robert Hamilton greeted visitors as they entered the main reception area in St. Joseph’s Lodge. here, and there was a lady in her 90s I was caring for. She was worried about her daughter and about what she was going to do when she passed away. The lesson I learned from this is you never stop being a parent and loving your children, whether they are very young or frail and elderly.” “In providing end of life care, 25 years later I was treating that same lady’s daughter in the nursing home. We discussed her life and her family and how important they are,” said Dr. Hamilton. Dr. Hamilton said as the Lodge “goes forward it is going to have new owners and a new location. There is a wonderful future ahead in long term care.”

He explained Dr. Chantelle Wilson, “who does a fantastic job in our medical clinic, will continue

to provide this excellent service in taking over as medical director at the Lodge. She will be work-

ing with three other doctors in the years to come who also have a lot of dedication and skills. I want

to thank everyone here today. It has been a pleasure to provide service to you.”



## WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

### Family Well-Being Team

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**FAMILY RESOURCE WORKER**

**Term: Full-time**  
**Salary Range: \$52,160 - \$62,280 (Depending on education and experience)**  
+ In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a comprehensive benefits package, including group benefits, pensions and more!  
As a Family Resource Worker, you will have a unique and culturally significant opportunity to work collaboratively with families of the Whitefish River First Nation, focusing on children up to 18 years old. The Family Resource Worker will identify the strengths and needs of the family, create Individual Family Service Plans and facilitate support to help them achieve their goals. They will also be crucial in coordinating and advocating for families alongside the Child and Family Well-Being Coordinator.

**Qualifications:**

- BSW or B.A. Degree in Social Services, Native Child and Family Worker or Child and Youth Worker Diploma.
- Aware of Health and Safety and Child and Family Services legislation.
- Knowledge of typical and atypical Indigenous child development.
- Knowledge, respect and understanding of Anishinabek culture, traditions and language.
- Strong understanding of colonization and its impacts on Anishinaabe communities (Intergenerational Trauma resulting from IRS, Day Schools, '60s Scoop, child welfare, etc.).
- Ability to make connections with community members.
- Must work independently and with minimal supervision.

**CULTURAL COORDINATOR**

**Term: Full-time**  
**Salary Range: \$46,360 - \$55,360 (Depending on education and experience)**  
+ In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a comprehensive benefits package, including group benefits, pensions and more!  
The Cultural Coordinator will provide culturally appropriate services to children, youth and families, reflecting our unwavering commitment to preserving and promoting our rich Indigenous culture. This role is not just a job, but a mission to inspire and motivate the next generation. The position will provide mentorship, advocacy and links to traditional, cultural and knowledge keepers. \*This position prioritizes working with children in care.

**Qualifications:**

- Diploma in Social Work or equivalent combination of education, training and experience.
- Experience working with families, youth and children.
- Experience in group and process facilitation, community development and presentations.
- Extensive knowledge, respect and understanding of Anishinabek culture, traditions and language.
- Strong understanding of colonization and its impacts on Anishinaabe communities (Intergenerational Trauma resulting from IRS, Day Schools, '60s Scoop, child welfare, etc.).
- Ability to make connections with community members.
- Must work independently and with minimal supervision.

**FAMILY WELL-BEING COORDINATOR**

**Term: Full-time**  
**Salary Range: \$52,160 - \$62,280 (Depending on education and experience)**  
+ In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a comprehensive benefits package, including group benefits, pensions and more!  
The Family Well-Being Coordinator collaborates with key community resources and knowledge keepers to plan activities based on annual traditional activities. They will also aim to increase family participation in traditional activities, knowledge about traditional parenting practices, connections between families and the land, cultural knowledge about hunting, awareness of ceremonies, community history and legends.

**Qualifications:**

- Post-secondary education in social work, health, land-based disciplines or related fields, or a suitable combination of training and experience.
- Minimum of three (3) years of work experience within a health or social services setting /programs and initiatives related to community social well-being and wellness.
- Experience in group and process facilitation, community development and presentation with excellent interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge of Health and Safety and Child and Family Services legislation would be considered an asset.
- Knowledge, respect and understanding of Anishinabek culture, traditions and language.
- Strong understanding of colonization and its impacts on Anishinaabe communities (Intergenerational Trauma resulting from IRS, Day Schools, '60s Scoop, child welfare, etc.).
- Ability to make connections with community members.
- Must work independently and with minimal supervision.

**BAND REPRESENTATIVE**

**Term: One-Year Contract (with the high possibility of an extension)**  
**Salary Range: \$58,670 - \$70,060 (Depending on education and experience)**  
+ In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a comprehensive benefits package, including group benefits, pensions and more!  
The First Nations Band Representative plays a crucial role in advocating for and supporting Whitefish River First Nation children and youth involved in child and family services cases, regardless of their place of residence. Your primary responsibility is to ensure that their voices are heard in court and that their cultural identity is respected and reflected in all decision-making processes. Your work is vital to the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN).

**Qualifications:**

- Post-secondary degree in Social Work, Social Science, Child and Youth Care or a related field.
- Minimum of two (2) years of experience working in Social Services or a related field in an Indigenous community or organization.
- Advanced computer skills: Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer and Adobe Acrobat Pro.
- Must have a Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle.
- Able to interpret legislation and legal documents; understand the Customary Care Agreement and the Child/Family Services Act (CFSA).
- Knowledge of Case Management techniques and Alternative Dispute Mechanisms (i.e. Sharing circles).
- Understanding of Anishinaabe language, culture and traditions as it relates to traditional healing.
- Excellent communication skills, including written and verbal skills, to be effective in negotiation, advocacy, facilitation and collection and dissemination of information.
- Must be willing to be on-call for emergency response services regarding child welfare matters.

All positions must provide a clear Police Vulnerable Sector Check upon hire. This check is a standard requirement in our organization to ensure the safety and well-being of the children and families we serve.  
For a complete job description, please email: [hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca)

**Application Closing Date: Open Until Filled**

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, one (1) character reference (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to the address below. Please ensure that your application clearly indicates the position you are applying for.

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# Provincial realtors hold motorcycle ride for food and shelter charities

by Michael Erskine  
TEN MILE POINT—A large group of motorcycle riders taking part in the Ontario Realtors Care Foundation Provincial Ride stopped by Ten Mile Point on their cross-province ride after getting off the Chi-Cheemaun ferry in South Baymouth.

“We are almost 30 riders raising money for food-based/shelter-based charities in Sudbury Manitoulin, all over the province, really,” said Luke Bock of Sudbury’s Royal LePage North Heritage Realty, whose group included Manitoulin’s own Leanne Lewis and the Lewis Team.

“We ride different areas every year,” said co-leader Brad Johnstone of the Niagara Region’s Johnstone Team. “We support local charities and give back.”

The group were headed to Sudbury, where after a brief Giant Nickel photo op, Royal LePage North Heritage Realty was hosting a dinner at the Caruso Club.

“It’s awesome that we were a part of this,” said Ms. Lewis. “It is a good



Ontario realtor motorcyclists gather at Ten Mile Point for a group photo. The riders are raising funds for food-based and shelter charities, including Manitoulin Family Resources’ Haven House.  
photo by Michael Erskine

cause, everybody from different organizations—it doesn’t matter if you are Royal LePage, ReMax, Century 21, we are all in this together.”

The need is dire, notes the foundation. Despite recent increases to social assistance program rates, in real terms, those rates have never been lower. In Ontario, 45 percent of tenant households

spend 30 percent or more of their total income on shelter—the highest rate in Canada. And is expected to get worse, by this year, about 160,000 Ontario households will spend greater than 50 percent of their income on rent. Food bank use in Ontario has increased 42 percent over the past three years alone—one-third of these visitors were using food

banks for the first time.

Further, there is not enough deeply affordable community housing. Our nation, including Ontario, lags significantly behind other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries when it comes to social housing supply—some 200,000 Ontarians are waiting years for access to social housing. At least 99,000 new units would be required to meet this need and the build

remains far below that number.

Ms. Lewis herself has embarked on a number of overseas charity trips in recent years. She is in the top 20 fundraisers for the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation’s Cambodia Challenge this year.

“In October I’ll be heading to the other side of the globe to participate in the Cambodia Challenge for Shelter,” she notes. “For five days, I’ll be trekking alongside like-minded colleagues from coast-to-coast in support of the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation.”


“While my trek towards the picturesque temples of Angkor Wat will be immensely rewarding, it will not be easy,” she admits. “Days will be long, hot and humid and jet lag will be intense. I will be going without the comforts of home, sleeping in a small tent, using rustic bathroom facilities and unplugging completely from cell service and technology. To be eligible to take part, I will pay my own trek and travel expenses and must raise at least \$10,000 for the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation. Of the funds I raise, 80 percent will be directed to my local wom-

en’s shelter (Manitoulin Family Resources’ Haven House) and 20 percent will fund national domestic violence prevention programs.”

Ms. Lewis is under no illusions on the trip. “I know the adventure ahead will test me both physically and emotionally,” she continues, “but I’ve raised my hand because I believe that a house is only a home when the people who live there feel safe. As I face this challenge, I will draw strength knowing that every dollar I raise and every kilometer I walk will help make it easier for women and children to find the safety, hope and healing they deserve.”

Islanders can assist in Ms. Lewis’ efforts by dropping by the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation webpage and clicking on the Cambodia Challenge header.

As for the Ontario Realtors Care Foundation Provincial Ride, this year’s ride has so far raised \$65,646.81 of a \$58,000 goal, so one can safely declare it an outstanding success. Donors can pop by realtorscareontario.ca/ride to help put even more on the scoreboard.



## WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

### Economic Development Officer

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-time

Salary Range: \$52,160 - \$62,280 (Depending on education and experience)

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The Economic Development Officer (EDO) plays a crucial role in providing value-added business development support services to Whitefish River First Nation entrepreneurs interested in starting or expanding their businesses. This role also contributes to projects based in the WRFN territory that will impact regional economic development, support entrepreneurial opportunity and capacity, and perform other related duties, thereby making a significant difference in the community.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- The EDO plays a crucial role in the development and implementation of the long-term economic development strategy in accordance with the Economic Development Strategic Action Plan.
- The EDO is instrumental in supporting employment and training initiatives for WRFN members by identifying, creating and sharing job opportunities, coordinating with industry partners, and helping to set up training programs that build skills and capacity for current and future employment opportunities.
- Deliver presentations to businesses, developers, industry associations, site selection consultants and businesses, and opportunities for investment in the community.
- Build and maintain relationships with government agencies, private sector partners and other stakeholders.
- Conduct research and analysis on economic trends, funding opportunities and business development initiatives.
- Provide opportunities for WRFN entrepreneurs to learn about the requirements of starting and running a business.

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

**Qualifications:**

- Post-secondary education in economic development, business, commerce, land-use planning, marketing, public administration or a related field.
- Certificate in Economic Development and/or professional accreditation from the Economic Developers Association of Canada (Ec. D) is considered an asset.
- Experience working in economic development, business development, investment attraction, land use planning, development or related field, experience in First Nation, municipal government or broader public sector environment considered an asset.
- Understanding and appreciation of Whitefish River’s economic development sectors and how they relate to the First Nations’ strategic goals.
- Possess a demonstrated knowledge of business development.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to interact professionally and effectively.
- Knowledge of funding programs, grant writing and proposal development.
- Proficient computer skills, including Microsoft Office, contact management and social media knowledge.


Must provide a clear Police Criminal Reference Check (CRC) upon hire.  
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**Application Closing Date: October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at noon.**

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

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## WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

### PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### LIBRARIAN

Term: Indeterminate

Hours: Up to 24 hours per week

Salary Range: \$23.16 to \$27.65 per hour (Depending on education and experience)

As the Librarian, you will play a crucial role in the community, responsible for the overall management and operation of the public library. Your work will directly impact the community's access to knowledge and resources.

**Responsibilities:**

- Implement the policies and directives of the library.
- Regularly inform the Education Manager of library activities, including any issues that may affect library services.
- Coordinate and participate with the library's advisory body and management in long-term planning for the library.
- Plan, organize, direct and evaluate library programs and services.
- Meet provincial grant deadlines (Ontario's Annual Survey of Public Libraries) to ensure the library's effective and efficient operation.
- Develop and promote a vision of library service that aligns with the community's goals and needs.
- Assist in preparing budget proposals and financial submissions; administer the library's operating budget.
- Ensure the library collection is organized, maintained and updated regularly.

**Qualifications:**

- Librarian and Information Technician Diploma or prior experience as a Librarian in a similar role would be an asset.
- Minimum of one (1) year of relevant work experience.
- Knowledge of library policies, procedures and technologies.
- Computer aptitude, including knowledge of Microsoft Office and Outlook.
- Proficiency in computer and web searching skills with the ability to train others.

**Skills:**

- Excellent interpersonal, communication and organizational skills.
- Positive team player with the ability to work independently.
- Ability to foster a love for reading and learning in students.
- Knowledge of Indigenous culture, Ojibway language and traditions.
- Willingness to attend relevant training events and meetings on public library issues, skills and technology.
- Formal training or a commitment to enroll in and complete a library training program.

**\*\*Upon hire, the successful candidate must submit a Vulnerable Sector Check. \*\***

**Applications must be submitted by October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at noon.**

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, one (1) character reference (with contact information) to:

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