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Ontario Lt. Governor Edith Dumont comes ashore at M'Chigeeng



WELCOME TO MANITOULIN—Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Edith Dumont, comes ashore to M'Chigeeng via a police tender and escort from the HMCS Margaret Brooke, a Canadian warship. Lt. Governor Dumont was on Manitoulin to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. **INSET PHOTO:** HMCS Margaret Brooke. **photos by Michael Erskine**



*On the National Day
for Truth and Reconciliation,
Lt. Governor arrives on naval vessel,
lays wreath at M'Chigeeng cenotaph*

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—In an historic event, Ontario Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Edith Dumont visited M'Chigeeng First Nation for a Truth and Reconciliation event, arriving aboard the Canadian offshore patrol boat HMCS Margaret Brooke. This marks the first time a Canadian warship has dropped anchor at M'Chigeeng.

The Lt. Governor arrived at the dock in M'Chigeeng aboard a smaller vessel as the warship's draft was too large to come to the dock itself. Her Honour was met by a reception line consisting of Island First Nations chiefs, councillors and dignitaries, as well as a large contingent of Sea Cadets from Manitoulin and Sudbury who were eager to tour the ship.

The official ceremonies took place at the M'Chigeeng Cenotaph, located across from the band office on Highway 551 and in front of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Following some brief remarks from master of ceremonies Robert Beaudin and a prayer and opening remarks by Elder Jean Debassige, the

Lt. Governor laid a wreath. Drum group Thunder Earth played a welcoming song, an honour song and a song to which the assembled jingle dancers danced in a circle around them. Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige was unable to be at the ceremonies, but her son Private Pierre Debassige delivered words to the assembly on her behalf: "I am honoured to have helped facilitate this visit from the Lt. Governor to our beautiful community of M'Chigeeng. It is a beautiful day to honor our survivors and their families and to honour those children who never returned and their families also. It is a day for us to remember the importance of all of our children and our sacred responsibilities to protect them and raise them to be proud Anishinaabe people. It is a day to uplift the spirits of our communities and our resilience, despite what was attempted on us. We are still here, and we will always be here. Together, and we recognize the trauma we all carry and together. We all

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Three Island police forces jointly announce vigorous anti-drug strategy

by Michael Erskine
WHITEFISH RIVER FN—In a collaborative effort, Manitoulin's police services along with partnering Indigenous organizations have launched a unified drug prevention campaign, with the clear message to those who would poison our communities with illicit drugs. The launch of the campaign was heralded with a new sign delivering the message "drugs are not welcome here."

The 'No Drugs' campaign is

a collaboration between the seven First Nations of Mnidoo Mnising, United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM) Tribal Council, United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Police Service, Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). Together, these partners are committed to prevention, education, protection and enforcement to keep drugs out of Island communities.

The unveiling ceremony for the gateway sign included representatives from the Island's police services, including WTPS

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Tragedy leads to good works: A Thanksgiving read

When Amanda Gibbons' life turned upside down, she was motivated by experience to help others

by Heather Marshall
MANITOULIN—Manitoulin has benefited from strong policing from both the Ontario Provincial Police and Indigenous police services for many years. Recently, there has been a major changing of the guard as many long-serving police officers have retired or moved on and been replaced with a fresh crop of people dedicated to serving and protecting the community. This is especially true in local Indigenous police services. It was her own personal brush with tragedy that prompted

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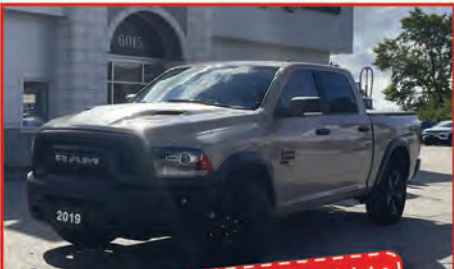
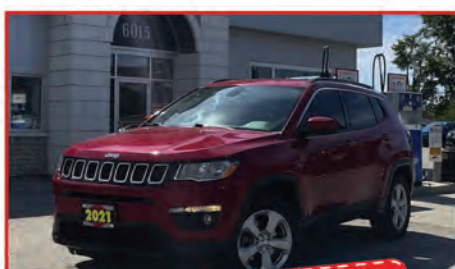
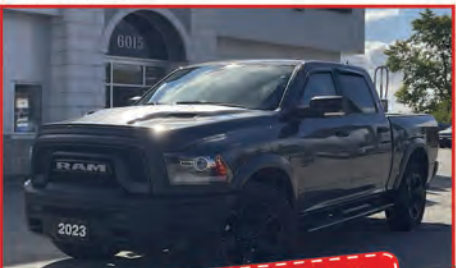







Members of Manitoulin police services are joined by local Indigenous leaders at the unveiling of a new billboard at the gateway to Manitoulin with a clear message: drugs are not welcome here.

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Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane, left, presents a Gore Bay Lifetime Achievement Award to Jack Clark. Mr. Clark received the prestigious award alongside Jeff Hietkamp and, posthumously, Godfrey Porter.

Three Gore Bay men acknowledged for their valued contributions to community

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Three deserving individuals have been recognized for their valuable contributions to the Town of Gore Bay with lifetime achievement awards.

“It is certainly great to see a full house of people here today to celebrate the presentation of these lifetime achievement awards,” stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at the awards ceremony held in the town’s community hall Saturday afternoon. He explained the awards were created by the town in 2015 in recognition of the 125th anniversary of the community.

“Council felt it was important to recognize the contributions individuals have made to the town over the years,” said Mayor Lane.

“The lifetime achievement award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding and enduring contributions to the Town of Gore Bay. This honour is reserved for those whose dedication, leadership, and impact have left a lasting legacy, inspiring others and shaping the future.”

“Since the first year we have presented two or three individuals, annually at the start, and now every two years,” continued Mayor Lane. “Today, we have three people we are honouring

including Jack Clark, Jeff Hietkamp and the late Godfrey Porter.

“This afternoon we are proud to recognize Jack Clark with a lifetime achievement award,” said Mayor Lane. “Jack’s contributions to Gore Bay span decades and have touched nearly every part of our community life.”

Mayor Lane noted, “Jack and I have been friends since Grade 2, in Ms. (Eldene) Gibbs, our teacher’s class. Jack and I attended public and high school, and then he moved away for several years when he attended Royal Military College where he graduated as an officer and then served his country. As the years went by, I saw him from time to time, until he and Betsy moved back to Gore Bay, where he worked for Manitoulin Transport before retiring full time to the golf course and tennis court.”

“For more than 30 years as a dedicated Rotarian, including five years as president, Jack has lived the Rotary motto of ‘Service Above Self.’ He also served as a town councillor for 10 years, including as deputy mayor, where he contributed his time and wisdom on countless

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As Ontario expands front-line powers, critics warn of “care by patchwork”

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
ONTARIO —Across Ontario—and nowhere more visibly than in rural and Northern regions like Manitoulin—the face of health care is changing fast.

The provincial government is moving to expand the powers of paramedics, pharmacists, psychologists, optometrists, and other allied professionals in what it

calls an effort to provide “more connected and convenient care.” But critics say the changes reveal something else: a system under strain, shifting duties downstream as family medicine and hospital care continue to buckle.

Under the new proposals, pharmacists could soon prescribe medications for 14 additional ailments, including sore throats, mild headaches, sleep disorders

and shingles. Optometrists would gain authority to perform minor surgeries under local anesthetic, use laser therapy for cataracts and glaucoma, and order diagnostic tests. Psychologists with specialized training in psychopharmacology could prescribe antidepressants and order lab work.

At the same time, Ontario has given paramedics expanded authority to assess, treat, and even refer patients without hospital transport—especially in palliative, mental health and chronic care situations. The aim is to ease pressure on overburdened emergency departments.

On Manitoulin, where physician shortages and limited hospital capacity have left many communities functionally underserved, these changes could feel like lifelines. Pharmacies often act as de facto clinics; paramedics are first—and sometimes only—responders for both crisis and chronic care. Mental health supports have recently expanded for first responders themselves, a necessary step given the trauma

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Michael’s Bay Point lighthouse shines again

by Tom Sasvari
MICHAEL’S BAY—The light on the historic Michael’s Bay Point Lighthouse is now shining again.

“I want to see that light shine again,” stated Claire Cline, a Michael’s Bay resident, of the light shining from across the bay where she lives, from the Michael’s Bay Point. “I miss not seeing that light at night. It brought me comfort and let me, and others know, that we are never alone.”

Ms. Cline, treasurer of the Michael’s Bay Historical Society (MBHS) is spearheading a fundraising campaign to get the light, which was built in 1869, having fallen into disrepair in the 1940s and then was restored by several local residents in 2005-2006 and was proudly lighting the way until damaged in 2020, and other ren-

Billings faced with big payouts as landfill reaches its end of life

Hopes ministry will grant an 18-year extension

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—With the Billings township landfill at and exceeding its end-of-life date and capacity levels, council is hopeful that the province will approve an extension for its current permit and is looking at all options to reduce the volume of waste going into the landfill.

Regardless of what council decides, the township is looking at significant costs. If approval is not provided for the extension of the landfill it will still result in a closure expense as well as post-closure monitoring fees for 25 years after the landfill is decommissioned.

“I think most of us are aware that the Billings landfill permit is currently under review by the province,” said Mayor Bryan Barker at a special council meeting last week. “As we have just heard from the Pinchin report as a result of the May 2024 topographical survey and the estimated annual fill rate, they showed the landfill would be at capacity in eight months as of May 2024. Those eight months were up in January 2025 and we have already exceeded that date by an additional eight months. If the permit application amendment is not extended

by the province the dump has reached and as already exceeded its end of life date.”

Mayor Barker explained, “Should the province see fit to extend the permit, the landfill will be able to operate an additional 18 years, keeping in mind the 18 years has already been shortened, as of today (October 1) by 19 months. Eighteen years sounds like a long time but, realistically, it’s not.”

“The purpose of any of the fees in this (proposed amended landfill operations policy) by-law is to soften the blow when we have to decommission our landfill,” said Mayor Barker. “We are faced with two scenarios: the first is if we don’t get our amendment and have to decommission the landfill immediately, we are facing a \$936,000 expense. If our permit is amended and the 18-year extension approved we are facing a \$636,000 expense, at that time. Added to both these amounts is a post closure monitoring fee for the following 25 years.” He noted there is \$73,600 earmarked in township reserves for the landfill decommissioning, which can be subtracted from those

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Construction started on seniors’ housing units in Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—With no concerns raised by members of the public, Gore Bay town council has given its approval for Official Plan and zoning amendments for two semi-detached duplex rental units for senior housing in the downtown core area of town.

The new housing is being developed by brothers Kurtis and Kyle Noble, with the new housing construction having already started.

33A Meredith Street, and also passed a similar official plan amendment and municipal zoning by-law amendment to permit a semi-detached dwelling for senior housing at 33B Meredith Street.

The two duplex buildings are on the two properties which flank the Manitoulin Transport quonset building on Meredith Street.

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“Each building is a duplex, for seniors’ housing,” said Kurtis Noble. The single-storey buildings will have shingle roofs, and “each unit will have two bedrooms, a bath and are each 1,000 square foot in size.” All units are wheelchair accessible and there is a storage shed at each.

“Work has begun on the units,” said Kurtis Noble, who pointed out a local contractor is being used for the foundation work, with others to be used during the construction. “These two units should be completed by April 1.” He pointed out all four units have already been rented.

Rotary Club Fall Produce Auction this Saturday

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—The great community work of the Rotary Club of Gore Bay cannot be done without the generous support of the Island businesses and individuals, including the club’s annual fall produce auction.

“The work of the local Rotary Club, and all the assistance we are able to provide to the community, is only possible through the generous support of local businesses and individuals,” stated Peter Carter, Rotary president.

“On October 11, the Rotary Club will once again host our annual Fall Produce Auction. This event has been long standing in the community and remains one of our important fundraisers,” said Mr. Carter. “Over the years the produce auction has evolved from primarily produce to include a wider range of items including

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“Yes, there is a need for housing here and all over the Island,” said Mr. Noble. “With these new units, it will free up the market if someone is looking to downsize and sell their house, and move into one of our units.” He pointed out, “we are looking, potentially, to build another nine more units in town next year. If anyone wants to rent one of the units, they can call me here at our business (Pat Noble Lumber) at 705-282-3218.”

Gore Bay council, at a special meeting last week, passed an Official Plan amendment and a municipal zoning bylaw amendment to permit a semi-detached dwelling for senior housing for

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Rising battery fires highlights need for greater safety

Across the province, and across the nation, fire departments are sounding the alarm on a new and dangerous phenomenon—electric vehicle battery fires. While there are no nationwide statistics or data on the actual number of such fires taking place, there is plenty to garner from information coming from major cities which do.

Toronto, for instance, saw 76 lithium-ion battery fires in 2024, a whopping 38 percent increase from 2023. Montreal reported 71 fires, while British Columbia documented 70 rechargeable battery fires in the province in 2024, resulting in four injuries and \$3.4 million in damages—and by all accounts those numbers are also rising.

Now many of those fires were from smaller vehicles, e-bikes and e-scooters, still the data is a bit unnerving. The rising popularity of lithium-ion battery-powered vehicles and devices is not likely to abate any time soon, despite the antipathetic focus of the current president of the United States. They are simply the best suited to providing the power bang for the buck in this technology-obsessed world—powering not only vehicles both big and small, but also the ubiquitous cellphones, laptops, tablets and watches that today's consumer can't seem to get enough of.

The Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs has warned that lithium-ion battery fires are on the rise across the country, again with the surge being largely attributed to the increasing popularity of micro-mobility devices like e-bikes and e-scooters.

Even fire departments in large urban centres are finding it difficult to meet the challenge of dealing with lithium-ion battery fires due, in part, to a lack of specialized equipment and training in how to tackle such fires.

Vehicle fires are quite spectacular, meaning they are likely to fill your social media feed on any given day, but even the smaller, less “newsworthy” or viral meme fires are very dangerous to those within breathing range—especially due to the release of the chem-

letters

Central Manitoulin Historical Society clarifies and educates

Personal invitation extended to members of council who have never been to the museum

To the Expositor:

This letter is in response to the Expositor article dated September 17, “Councillors divided over Historical Society donation increase.” The directors of the Historical Society have asked me to write this letter to clarify and educate.

It must be noted that the Central Manitoulin Historical Society, CMHS, did not ask for this increase in funding. Needless to say that we are grateful. Received monies will be spent responsibly. Recent purchases have included upgrading the museum’s technology in the form of a new smart TV to play videos and provide slide show presentations.

We have also purchased new picnic tables for the public to use on the museum grounds. A new laptop was bought for the use of summer staff. CMHS has spent approximately \$12,000 over the course of the last three years.

The CMHS is not a “club.” We hold regular business meetings, giving regular guidance for the operation of the Museum. We have, until the hiring of a curator, managed the museum displays, including those in the four outbuildings, the collection of artifacts, archives of family genealogy and a library of local history books.

We facilitate the training of summer staff so they can give guided tours to the public. We host events such as being a stop on the Manitoulin Art Tour, which brings visitors into Central Manitoulin. Over 900 visitors came into the only indoor attraction in Mindemoya last season.

Museums are not a “business.” The cost of losing your history is incalculable.

The CMHS wants ratepayers to be proud of the hard work and past achievements of our ancestors.

We are proud to include the heritage of all the communities in Central Manitoulin. Our mandate is to preserve, conserve and educate the public about the Pioneer heritage of Central Manitoulin.

We invite anyone interested in local history to become a member of CMHS. E-mail us at cmhsmuseum@gmail.com.

Finally, I want to extend a personal invitation to all of the council, especially to those who have never been to the museum, for a personalized tour of the museum to see firsthand the municipality’s hidden gem.

Sincerely,

John Carlisle
President, CMHS

A few thoughts on Canada Post’s plans for delivery

A day of reckoning is coming for the all-mighty dollar

To the Expositor:

A message for Prime Minister Carney. Do not cut off my mail delivery service. Community mailboxes are not going to work for me. I have no transportation and live on a back road. It’s bad enough you stole my land, you damn thief. Get this through your thick skull.

I have just about had it with you claiming to be for the masses but always making the all-mighty dollar God. Let me tell you something, on the day of reckoning your all-mighty dollar, your God will not be around to save your sorry ass.

This is a fact!

Ron Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong

Anishinabek Nation calls for respectful and flexible firearms regulations

NIPISSING FIRST NATION—With the fall season, the Anishinabek Nation continues its commitment to upholding the rights and traditions of its First Nations, particularly in the area of sustainable and culturally significant (hunting) practices.

“As the federal government continues to implement firearms regulations, we are advocating for policies that recognize and accommodate First Nation practices,” stated Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige. “We need to ensure that they are protected and respected, including the statement by the Supreme Court of Canada in the R. v. Sparrow decision that Aboriginal people are entitled to use their ‘preferred means of exercising their rights.’ Further, the same court in the Blueberry River First Nation decision acknowledged that for some First Nations, industrial and commercial development in their territories is increasing the amount of effort and investment required to exercise their rights.”

“We are pleased to see that recent firearms regulations have included some important exemptions that acknowledge First Nation rights under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Specifically, Indigenous hunters have alternative means for safety certification, including elders and others with sufficient knowledge of safety and the law,” said Grand Council Chief Debassige.

However, the Anishinabek Nation urges federal and provincial regulators to: continue to recognize and respect First Nation hunting rights and their preferred means of exercising them in their use of all classes of firearms purchased prior to the change in regulations; understand that increased industrialization and commercialization of our territories means that First Nations must become more efficient in exercising their rights, including utilizing different models of firearms; provide clear exemptions and allowances for First Nations protected Section 35 rights; ensure licencing requirements are flexible for First Nations hunters, respecting their sovereignty and traditional ways, and the impact on loss of culture, including the cultural practice of harvesting.

“Our communities remain dedicated to responsible firearm use, and we seek partnerships with government agencies to ensure our traditional practices are preserved and supported with regulation that is respectful of First Nations section 35 rights,” stated Grand Council Chief Debassige.

Updated Truth in Truth and Reconciliation game gives players perspective

by Rev. Whitney Bruno
LITTLE CURRENT—It is difficult to have conversations about heavy subjects like the Indian Act, residential schools, and cultural genocide. James Darin Corbiere, (Waabi Makooahns, Bear Clan), born and raised in Wiikwemkoong, has given the world a way to begin this talk. James is a childhood church trauma survivor, who became a peace keeper (police officer) and later, an Indigenous language teacher. His educational board game ‘The Truth in Truth and Reconciliation’ gives participants the experience of being an Indigenous person attempting to survive the theft of land, culture, identity and language.

The game comes with an extensive guide, references and warnings: “Subject matter includes abuse, violence, assault, suicide, death, abduction, racism, sexism, classism, and cultural genocide. The contents of this activity are based on real events in Canadian history that may be emotionally and intellectually challenging to engage with. This activity is crafted as a guide to help people engage bravely, empathetically, and thoughtfully with difficult content.”

As the game progresses, “shame” cards build up on the government and church for their deeds. These also can be removed through reconciliation efforts.

On September 30, the game was out at the new Every Child Matters educational area at the Little Current



Rev. Whitney Bruno, left, Karen Carlson and Ruth McDonald, right, play the The Truth in Truth and Reconciliation game.

United Church as an act of education, truth telling and reconciliation.

Selena Bruno, age 10, found herself playing a status Anishinaabe male. When she reached the end of the game she observed, “I don’t think I like this game.”

Her mother, Rev. Whitney Bruno, facilitating, replied, “Then you played it right.”

Rev. Bruno explained to participants that there is no “winning” in the game. There is just experiencing.

The McCutcheon family found themselves playing a Metis status woman and a Haida status man. Very quickly the impact of the Indian Act on different sexes appeared when government acts stripped the woman of identity cards.

Karen Carlson was “enfranchised” and lost half of her language, culture, identity and land cards. She observed, “I am not going to last very long.”

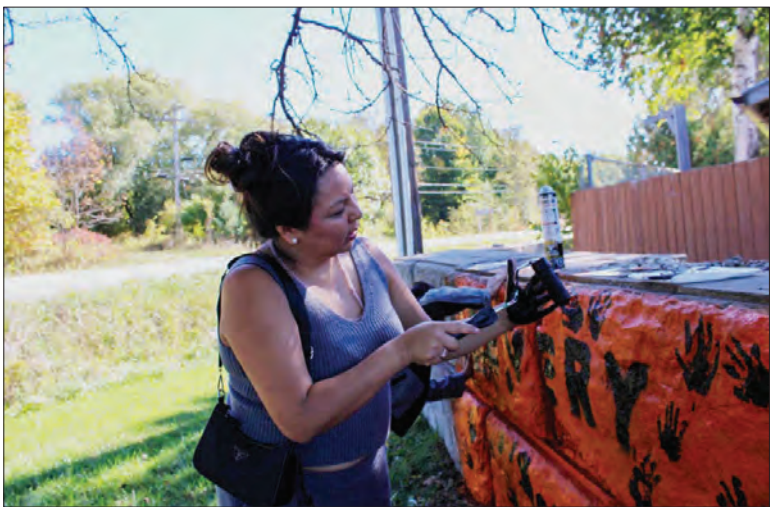
Deep conversation ensued, and also getting out phones to look for more information on Louis Riel. That is the goal of the game—to open the way to receive these truths and to seek more. The game is labeled “volume 1 of 2,” implying that the Reconciliation in Truth and Reconciliation is not yet released. But perhaps that experience is for you to live and design in your own life.

The Truth in Truth and Reconciliation is available at MedicineWheelPublishing.com. Two versions of the game are out - one designed for primary school ages and the other for secondary to adult school ages. (About \$100 CAD). You can borrow the game at Little Current United Church through a grant from the Canadian Shield Right Relations Team. Email lcucpc@gmail.com or dial 705-368-2941.

Annual Memorial Pow Wow at M’Chigeeng Day Care Centre honours Ellen Migwans

by Margery Frisch
M’CHIGEENG—On September 29, a day more like summer than fall and just a day before Truth and Reconciliation Day, the M’Chigeeng Day Care held its annual Memorial Powwow for Ellen Migwans, who died 25 years ago. Ms. Migwans played a large part in the day care centre and was loved by everyone there all those years ago. For the past 24 years, the centre has been honouring Ms. Migwans and her family with the annual powwow.

In the backyard at the centre, drummers played, and dancers circled around them. It was a festive event, full of laughter and conversation as Sylvia, Lorraine, Leland, Clive and Joe, Ms.



Designer Tashina Migwans makes her mark on a TRC mural at the M’Chigeeng Daycare.

Migwans, who taught us the importance of our Native Language and Culture.”

“Anybody that knew her, loved my mom,” Joe Migwans said. “This is the first time I’ve been able to experience this (event in his mother’s honour), but I’m super happy to be here today. This is amazing. The drummers that come, and all the people from the community that come to honour her and have fun. And that’s the main thing, because my mom was all about fun.”

Going on simultaneously at the centre, Stephanie Thompson was creating a mural out

front on the stone wall at Highway 551. A bright orange mural, boldly stating ‘Every Child Matters.’ Ms. Thompson had the children of the day care centre add their handprints to the mural, she had teachers and anyone else who was willing to blacken their hand and add their print to her mural do so. After the family feast inside, some of the Migwans siblings joined in the fun, preserving their presence at the centre with their handprint on the mural. It was a memorable day and a good way to face the day of Truth and Reconciliation that followed.



The new mural honours the memory of Ellen Migwans, who died 25 years ago.

Migwans’ children, gathered and danced, along with aunties and many little children. Ms. Migwans had eight children. Two sons have since passed away and daughter Rhoda was unable to be at the memorial.

“My mom went to school to get her certificate in Early Childhood Education,” Joe Migwans told The Expositor.

photos by Margery Frisch

“She worked with others to get this going. She worked here for the longest time,” he said, indicating the daycare centre that still loves and remembers his mother. “The culture needs to be brought back; we need to support it and preserve it. This, by teaching the children, is the very first thing we have to do to bring things back, to instill in them the values, the beliefs the stories of our people, this is where it begins, with the children.”

A feast followed the powwow, everyone then entered the daycare centre and enjoyed a huge meal prepared by many of the family members. The family proudly pointed out a plaque with Ellen Migwans picture, and at the bottom is written, “In memory of Ellen (Cub-dee)



Joe Migwans lays a handprint on the TRC mural at the M’Chigeeng daycare.

Lakeview School walks for those who made it home, and for those who did not

by Margery Frisch
M’CHIGEENG—As school was closed on September 30, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, the children of the Lakeview School gathered the day before. “We are acknowledging Truth and Reconciliation Day,” Principal Roxanne Corbiere said, once the children had filed into the gymnasium. “I know you have all been talking about Orange Shirt Day in your classrooms and I hope that you’re reflecting on all of that, the importance of Orange Shirt Day with the Anishinaabe people.”

Before the students and staff, and family members, streamed out of the building, a smudge was performed, in which everyone present took part. Michelle Taukei, the Anishinaabe Aadziwin teacher, then led everyone in prayer in Anishinaabemowin and all members of the school community recited the prayer together.

“We walk for those who made it home, we walk for the ones who did not make it home, we walk for our families, our communities, and we walk for youth. Always remember who you are,” said Ms. Taukei before leading the prayer that is said every morning at the beginning of the school day. A moment of silence fol-



All 100 students from Lakeview School in M’Chigeeng took part in the Truth and Reconciliation Day walk. Students and staff were showing their orange shirt vibes.

lowed to remember the children.

Once out the door, the walk began, a UCCM Police cruiser leading the way with lights flashing. The line of walkers, in which all 100 students took part, slowly made its way down to Clifford’s Corner where all squeezed in close for a photograph. A kind and thoughtful parent was waiting down where Lakeview Road ends, to hand out Freezy pops to quench the thirst and provide a boost of energy for the march back to the school.

Soup was served to all who took part in the walk, the students, teachers and families. Some students stood along the wall of the gymnasium, not wishing to take part. One older student was asked what the walk and Truth and Reconciliation Day meant to him. “It’s a day to remember those who were lost,” he said. Then, looking out into the large room, he added this insightful observation, “but they’re here, I can feel them. They’re here.”



The eagle staff leads the way.

photo by Margery Frisch

Friends and Neighbours

PROVIDENCE BAY

Alexia here with your Harvest and Halloween fly. Yesterday I was cleaning the kitchen ahead of my houseguest and realized I already have a few new ones! There is a petrified fly between the kitchen windowpanes that is bordering on Palaeontologic and there is a wolf spider that has taken residence in the back corner pocket of the kitchen nook and as far as anything else that's thinking of shacking up in here for the winter. The cat has already got your number! Happy hunting Scaramouche! And happy hunting for Moose Manitoulin! I have already seen some good hunts and harvests! While we are busy refilling our freezers and pantries with meat, potatoes and preserves and relocating our hunting, hockey, Halloween, holiday decorations, hats boots, gloves and skates, the little critters and creatures too, are busy stockpiling, weaving, nesting and burrowing their foraged treasures deep. And every last one of us, all creatures great and small are enjoying basking in the last warm days and colours of the season of sun.

Here's what's happening:
Providence Bay Arena: The Providence Bay Fall Vendor Market on Saturday, October 18 and a few more fun fall events to look forward to before the rec 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 phone 705-377-5726.

Exercise Classes are Fridays at 9 am.
Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Joys and community updates are Sundays at 10:30 am. Service is Sundays at 11 am. Check the Providence Bay Community of Christ Facebook page for announcements and updates!

The air is getting crisp, the night is getting spooky... and we're ready to dance!

Food Drive: REVEL Realty and I are sponsoring the annual pick-a-pumpkin for a non-perishable 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. This will be updated again for October, please visit the Manitoulin Family Facebook page for updates. 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! Thanks 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. Whether you're a seasoned sky-watcher or just love watching shooting stars and auroras, October is packed with celestial beauty.

October 7 is Full Hunter's Supermoon.
October 8 is when Draconid Meteor shower sprinkles the sky with shooting stars.

October 10 to 11, the moon glows near the Pleiades star cluster.

October 19, a stunning moon, Venus's conjunction shines at dusk.

October 21, the Orionids meteor shower peaks with fragments of Hailey's Comet blazing across the sky.

November 5, Full Moon (Freezing Moon or Baashkaakodin Giizis) or Beaver Moon.

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

Go easy out there on the roads as there are more kids and critters crossing and commuting at this time of year so eyes up! If you are visiting Manitoulin Island, welcome!

You can also visit the Central Manitoulin Township webpage or visit explor-emanitoulin.com for updates on all the events happening near you.

Linus: "Just wait 'til next year, Charlie Brown. You'll see! Next year at this same time, I'll find a pumpkin patch that is really sincere and I'll sit in that pumpkin patch until the Great Pumpkin appears. He'll rise out of that pumpkin patch and he'll fly through the air with his bag of toys. The Great Pumpkin will appear and I'll be waiting for him! I'll be there! I'll be sitting there in that pumpkin patch... and I'll see the Great Pumpkin. Just wait and see, Charlie Brown."

KAGAWONG

It is one of our favourite times of year in Billings - the salmon run! We love when we get the chance to see them jumping up the falls. Of course, no matter how effishiently the salmon might be able to move, it would be an absolute fluke if one of them made it all the way up. Perch-ance if they were able to get sufficiently ca-fin-ated before the attempt? We'll be honest, it might be time to scale back on some of these puns, but they've been reely kraken us up.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Kagawong Fall Market on the weekend! It was a wonderful afternoon for everyone involved.

Here's an update on what's happening with the Kagawong Seniors Active Living Program: Fitness with Kelly runs Thursdays from 9 to 10 am and Monday yoga classes run 9 to 10 am (\$5 per class). All activities will be at the Park Centre, anyone over the age of 55 is welcome to join.

The Seniors Active Living Program is also planning a Gratitude Lunch on Wednesday, October 29 at 11:30 am at the Park Centre. Save the date! Come for the food, music, trivia challenge, or to visit with friends. Contact Mary for more information and to reserve your seat, at 705-348-2285 or seniors@billingstwp.ca!

Never trust a small salmon. It's a little fishy.

We wish a very happy birthday to eminent Kagawongians Keith, Kim, Dennis and Jamie. Just remember, when dropping hints about birthday gifts around your loved ones, you need to be specific. Saying, "just get me something with diamonds," seems clever and cute right up until you unwrap a brand new, shiny pack of playing cards.

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 engineering 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.

Salmon eggs are so small, you need a mic-roe-scope to see them!

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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/libraryauction) starting in November. Join now to be the first to see what is up for bid.

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.

Holy Mackinaw! Rumour has it Toronto Maple Leafs announcer Joe Bowen will be coming to History Hockey Day in Kagawong in 2026! The Old Mill Heritage Centre is looking for Manitoulin hockey or NHL memorabilia for an exhibit tied into the day. Please contact Rick at oldmillheritage@billingstwp.ca or 705-282-1442 to reserve your spot in the upcoming Local Hockey Hall of Fame!

Salmon must have a good data plan, since they're always streaming. Have a great week!

MELDRUM BAY

I didn't get the Meldrum Bay News in the paper last week, so I want to let you know that two weeks ago Myra Duncanson got high ladies' and won the mon-

ey jar with 88 points. Congratulations, Myra! This week Harold Rogers won the money jar and got high man with 83 points; he also had six lone hands. Congratulations, Harold! High lady was Myra Duncanson with 80 points; Bob Benedict got men's lone hands with three; Mildred Kelly got ladies' lone hands with eight; most euchres went to Karen Noble with 10; Tom Rumley took home the juice; Rose VanEvery won the 50/50 draw; and the door prize went to Linda Rumley. It was a fun night. Thanks to everyone who came out.

T.J. Murray was at our euchre night. He was kind to us and transported our hygiene kits down to the warehouse in southern Ontario. Thank you, T.J., for helping us out. He said that the people at the warehouse were thrilled to get the kits. Thank you also to the Kits and Quilts people who get together at the Hall every second Tuesday to prepare the items to help people in disaster areas.

This Friday night we will be having the euchre game at the Marina building at the waterfront. Saturday is the funeral for Ginger Morrison and they are preparing the hall Friday night. Our sympathies to Ginger Morrison's family and friends.

Last Friday morning we once again went to Gore Bay for coffee and lunch at Almaz's. We got a little shopping done as well.

On Saturday morning we went to Karen's for her yard sale. Once again, I came home with fresh fruit and veggies although there were many other things for sale. We brought our own lawn chairs (although Karen supplies some) and sat around and visited.

We've been picking apples and putting them away for winter pies and other desserts. Our grape vine gave us many grapes as well.

Tuesday chair yoga was cancelled this week. It'll be back next week.

Thursday the West End UCW had their meeting at the Meldrum Bay Church and Peggy Morrison hosted it. It was a warm and friendly meeting with tea, coffee, juice and goodies afterwards. Rev. Janice Frame was there after having been away visiting her daughter in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. She said the weather was nice and they had a good time. It's nice to have her back.

Rose VanEvery and Diane Jones drove to Sudbury to attend Diane's aunt's Making a Difference Award. They brought Diane's grandson Bear. Diane enjoyed meeting with her family and they shared some good food.

BARRIE ISLAND

We have a little catching up to do in this column as the last two weeks have been busy ones!

Enid and Scott Runnalls had company last week when Enid's cousin Sylvia Kircher flew in from the Stuttgart area of Germany. Naturally the cooking, visiting and shuttling back and forth to the airport took all their time! It was lots of fun and we hope it won't be another 32 years before we see each other again!

Ms. Chapman's Kindergarten class was involved in the Terry Fox run at C.C. McLean Public School and some of the older students were on hand to encourage the little ones to run the track. Micah Runnalls was pleased to report that his cousin Arie Miller ran with him the whole time. Micah was running for his daddy who "runs really fast, but not all the time."

This past Tuesday, Micah and his class learned about the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. They wore orange to school to recognize those who went to the residential schools.

Last Saturday a huge crowd gathered at the Gore Bay Airport for its grand opening. Airport Manager Robbie Colwell was on hand to welcome the visitors to the impressive facility that will serve not only western Manitoulin but international aviation.

Oliver Runnalls travelled with his Manitoulin Swing Band friends to the Sudbury Curling Club for the funeral of longtime friend Bob Wiseman, who played the coronet with the band for years.

Carolyn Lane-Rock enjoyed a Gore

Bay ladies' golf tournament with friends Bonnie Depencier, Sue Clemenson and Judy Elliot this week. Judy and Carolyn won prizes for being "The Most Honest Golfers." They came in last, but they had a grand time.

Earlier this week, Wayne Jeffkins and Carolyn, Jim and Sandy, and Scott and Enid enjoyed dinner at Stop 540 in Silver Water. While there they had a visit with Myra Duncanson and her brother Ken who were supping with the Rumleys.

The ladies of Lyon's Memorial United Church have been sorting and sorting and sorting all week for the rummage sale this week. Sandy Miller was there to lend a hand and reported that the ladies work steadily every morning receiving donations and there is a wonderful comradery in the group as they organize the various items and 'geegaws' (that's Bev Woestenenk's word for things that have no actual category) onto tables. The local community loves this event and there's always a huge turnout of support. All monies go to local charities and so this is an excellent example of the 'Gift Economy' that everyone seems to be talking about these days. If you want to know more about that, you can read 'The Serviceberry' by Robin Wall-Kimmerer.

On Thursday, Oliver Runnalls was accompanied by Jim and Sandy Runnalls to Thessalon for the interment of Nonie Barrow, an old family friend who he will dearly miss.

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather and send me your news!

SILVER WATER

On Friday we went to Meldrum Bay to play euchre.

Saturday morning there was a market in our yard with several vendors and lots of shoppers.

On Monday, we went to Little Current with the car packed full of liquor containers.

Tuesday our car had some new parts put on at McQuarrie's. We have decided we need to drive it for several more years to get the use out of the parts.

On Tuesday, Doug and Brenda took another load of liquor containers to Little Current for us. The goal of \$2,500 for the Angel Bus has been reached. The fundraising will switch to the food bank in Mindemoya now.

Murray and Gladys went to Espanola on Tuesday to spend the night with their son Blake and his family.

On Wednesday, I got up early to go to Espanola to attend a financial literacy course for the day. FCR CPA firm did the training. It was very worthwhile, and I made some notes to implement.

I left Espanola with just enough time to get to Silver Water in time for the hall board annual meeting. The new board is Brenda Carter, Gwen Binsfeld, Paul Sorbara, Donnakay McDonald, Abby Morrison, Lynn Pickard and Amanda Gaul. They have a lot of plans, so stay tuned.

Thursday afternoon, the UCW meeting was held at the United Church in Meldrum Bay. There were 17 ladies. Thank you to Peggy Morrison who hosted us. There are some events coming up. The UCW will be selling baking at the Christmas market on October 25 and at the pancake breakfast on November 16.

There was euchre on Thursday night at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Gladys and I had some short walks in the past week.

Albert and I picked all the squash this week. The garden is getting closer to being empty.

Albert has been picking up some of the trees cut down by the roads crew. He is working on next year's supply.

I have finished knitting toques for this year's food bank Christmas baskets and will get the full box delivered soon.

Condolences to the family of Chris Laidley.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

...Gore Bay men acknowledged for their valued contributions to community

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committees and advisory groups, always working to strengthen the community he calls home.”

“Jack has never hesitated to step forward when help was needed. He has been a volunteer firefighter for eight years, and his passion for sports and recreation has left an enduring legacy,” continued Mayor Lane. “He gave 10 years as ice-maker for the Gore Bay Curling Club, served four years on its executive, including two years as president, and generously shared his knowledge by coaching minor hockey for two years and refereeing for 17 years.”

“Beyond hockey and curling, Jack’s efforts extended to the tennis courts, where he set up and took down nets, ran clinics and even shoveled snow in winter. He organized the old-timers softball team, men’s golf night and a fundraising golf tournament that raised an outstanding \$25,000 for the Minde-moya Hospital.”

Mayor Lane said, “Jack’s service extends even further as a proud Legion member and a performer in three Gore Bay theatre productions.”

“Much of what Jack has done are the kinds of things people might take for granted, but without them, Gore Bay would be a much lesser place. His leadership, volunteerism and quiet but tireless services have helped make our town such a wonderful place to live, work and grow,” said Mayor Lane. “For his decades of selfless commitment and extraordinary contributions, we are honoured to present Jack Clark with the lifetime achievement award.”

“I would like to thank Ron for the kind words and for council considering me for this award, and for everyone coming out here today for this ceremony,” said Mr. Clark. “When I first heard that the town was considering me for the award I thought, ‘what have I done to deserve this recognition? I’m not Doug Smith, John Lane, Dr. Bob (Hamilton) or Dr. Shelagh (McRae)’.”

“But then I got thinking that a town is like the economy, it isn’t the Googles or Costco that run the town, it’s each individual doing their part to make a town as great as it is,” said Mr. Clark. “I am grateful for this recognition and thank you and congratulate the other two individuals being recognized here today. I am honoured to be in your presence.”

Ms. Fogal then presented the lifetime achievement award to Mr. Hietkamp. “I have known Jeff my whole life and we have worked on several projects together.”

“I am honoured, and it is truly a privilege, to present this lifetime achievement award to Jeff Hietkamp, someone who is not only well known, but deeply re-



From left to right, Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane presents a Gore Bay Lifetime Achievement Award to Jeff and Annie Porter, representing their father, the late Godfrey Porter.



MPP Bill Rosenberg, right, presents a scroll on behalf of the province to Jeff Hietkamp, one of three people honoured with a Gore Bay Lifetime Achievement Award.

spected throughout Manitoulin Island,” said Ms. Fogal. “Jeff has dedicated much of his life to serving both the farming community and our local community. He has contributed through many farm and dairy milk board committees, and he has been a strong voice and leader on numerous community boards, including Manitoulin Community Living, the Planning Board, the Manitoulin Municipal Association, Island Wide Waste Management and the Gore Bay Museum.”

“Closer to home, Jeff has been an executive member and president of the Gore Bay Curling Club,” said Ms. Fogal. “I personally had the privilege of working alongside him as one of the founding members of the Gore Bay Day Care in 2005, a project that continues to benefit families in our town today.”

“Jeff has always given his time generously to important causes,” continued Ms. Fogal. “He has spent countless hours canvassing for the cancer society and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Even now, he remains active as a volunteer with Lyons Memorial United Church and as a dedicated member of the Gore Bay Rotary Club. And of course, during the summer months, you will often see him on Friday mornings at the Gore Bay Street Market, working as one of the co-coordinators.”

“Jeff, your years of dedication, leadership and service have strengthened our community in ways both visible and unseen. In recognition of your significant and continued contributions to the town of Gore Bay, it is my great honour to pres-

ent you with this lifetime achievement award.”

“Wow,” said Mr. Hietkamp. “I was kind of surprised and a little bit embarrassed when I heard that I would be receiving this award.”

“Gore Bay is a great community, and to be part of it is fun. It’s a good spot to live, and contributing helps to keep it a great place, and helping out is easily done,” said Mr. Hietkamp.

Mayor Lane then presented the lifetime award to the family of the late Godfrey Porter. “We are honoured to present a lifetime achievement award, posthumously, to the late Godfrey Porter, a man whose life was deeply woven into the fabric of Gore Bay.”

In nominating Mr. Porter for the award, Mayor Lane said, “I always try to think of someone who is deserving based on the criteria of the award. One person that I definitely thought of was Godfrey, for all the things he and his family have contributed to the town.”

“I was seven when my family moved to Gore Bay (from Barrie Island), and I remember playing ball hockey with Jeff (Mr. Porter’s son) in the driveway of the Ocean House Hotel,” said Mayor Lane. “My dad and Godfrey were great friends, and they did a lot together.”

“I remember Godfrey and his family as the third generation of the family to operate the Ocean House, covering close to 100 years,” said Mayor Lane. “I also remember him as being a collector and historian who gave many items to the museum, and also an avid outdoors person.”

“Godfrey was born in 1929, right here in room 10 of the Ocean House Ho-

tel, a place that would remain central to his life’s story. Except for a brief time spent at school in Toronto, Godfrey lived his entire life in Gore Bay. On June 21, 1954, he married his beloved wife Eldene, and together they raised two children, Jeffrey and Annie,” said Mayor Lane.

Mr. Porter, “had an enduring passion for the outdoors,” said Mayor Lane. “Preserving forests, waters, and wildlife was at the heart of who he was. With his camera in hand, he documented the natural beauty of Manitoulin, from wild animals to morels in the bush. The Ocean House was often filled with his rescues, bears, one affectionately named Yogi by the kids, foxes, raccoons, and even bats.”

“He went on to start the Gore Bay Game Farm, introducing Sika deer, peacocks and Chinese geese to the area, and later lent his expertise when reindeer were brought to LaCloche Island,” continued Mayor Lane. “Beyond his love of nature, Godfrey had a passion for hockey. He enjoyed playing but found even greater joy in coaching young players. He founded what was then known as the squirts program, taking pride in getting kids out on the ice. He even wrote a hockey column for The Recorder, signing off his memorable byline: ‘Don’t just take your kids to the rink, stay and watch them play.’”

“As the years went on, Godfrey’s role as a historian came to the forefront. He was pivotal in the founding of the Gore Bay Museum and dedicated countless hours recording the stories of Manitoulin’s older residents on a reel-to-reel recorder.”

Mayor Lane said, “Godfrey’s service to the community was wide-reaching. He provided movie entertainment for residents, served on the telephone board, the Catholic church board, as a town councillor and on the recreation committee. Through it all, he also managed the Ocean House Hotel until it was tragically destroyed by fire in 1977.”

“Godfrey passed away in 1979, but his legacy lives on, in the museum, in the memories of the children he coached, in the photographs he captured, and in the countless ways he enriched the life of Gore Bay,” said Mayor Lane. “Today, we proudly recognize Godfrey Porter with this lifetime achievement award, honouring his unwaver-

ing dedication, his passion for nature, his commitment to community, and his lasting contributions to the town he loved so deeply.”

Annie Porter quipped that her father, “wouldn’t have been very excited to be nominated for this award. He wouldn’t have

liked it at all.”

“He would have scowled,” quipped Jeffrey Porter.

“But the award goes a long way towards recognizing him for all his contributions to the town and community,” said

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...Billings faced with big payouts as landfill reaches its end of life


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amounts.

“Either way, both of these amounts will have to be paid in the very near future, and the other far enough that we can be better prepared to pay the bill with minimal burden on the taxpayers. Billings’ budget is pretty lean with most of your tax dollars going toward operating costs and essential services,” said Mayor Barker.

Council has directed staff to proactively amend its current landfill bylaw to hopefully reduce the volume of waste going into our landfill by reducing, repurposing and recycling materials and waste, explained Mayor Barker. “In the past, council has received two delegations, WEST (Waste Energy Solutions and Tech-

Happy 50th Anniversary,
Mom and Dad!



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nologies Inc.) and Manitoulin Eco-Growth as well as alternative options to waste reduction and diversion. Some of these delegations and alternatives may be eligible for funding opportunities, however, these options bear additional costs and require further research by staff.”

“Right now, the priority is to get a bylaw in place that will offer an immediate solution to help with waste reduction and diversion with minimal cost or inconvenience to our ratepayers. Hopefully we can work together to come up with effective solutions for our landfill,” continued Mayor Baker. “There have been two public consultations regarding this bylaw which have given council and staff some insight when preparing this by-law. There will be additional opportunities for residents to have input between the three readings and discussion periods of this bylaw.”

Council and the large number of members of the public at the meeting and online (Zoom) heard a presentation from Tim McBride and Alana Valle, of Pinchin Ltd (township consultants) in which they outlined a state of the union in regards to the landfill. Through drone surveys of the landfill carried out in 2019 and 2024, the landfill is already over capacity, said Mr. McBride. If expansion of the site is approved by the province it would provide 18 years more life of the landfill (based on current waste amounts being brought to the site on an annual basis).

As for the application to the province, “we were

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Annie Porter.

MPP Bill Rosenberg presented lifetime achievement award scrolls to each of the three individuals recognized. “It is a pleasure to be here and great to see these individuals recognized for all the work and contributions they have made over the years.”

“I am honoured to be here to hear about the incredible achievements these individuals have attained,” said Mr. Rosenberg. “They embody excellence, dedication, commitment and perseverance.”

The scrolls MPP Rosenberg presented read, “On behalf of the province of Ontario and the residents of Algoma-Manitoulin, it is my great pleasure to extend heartfelt congratulations and warm recognition of your years of service for residents, visitors and organizations within the community of Gore Bay.”

“This certificate is proudly awarded in recognition of your volunteerism, sense of community and unwavering commitment,” read MPP Rosenberg. “Your dedication to volunteering and tireless contributions have left a profound mark on the community, encouraging others to follow your example. We are forever grateful.”

close to the finish line, but the application process was changed by the province. However, because we have been through the process and the ministry is allowing us to continue and move forward.”

“We are confident where we are in the extension application process; we’ve checked all the boxes required,” said Mr. McBride.

“We have to be very aware of what is going on in the community and what is going into the landfill,” said Mr. McBride. He noted if approval is not provided by the province, the township would be looking at a cost of almost \$1 million to close the landfill.

“And this doesn’t fix our garbage problem,” stated Councillor Vince Grogan.

“Yes, this is just to close the landfill, it doesn’t include the monitoring of wells after it closes,” said Mr. McBride. “You have to consider the costs of running the landfill and what goes into it.”

It was pointed out by Councillor Dave Hillyard that when Central Manitoulin had to close its landfill in Providence Bay it cost about \$500,000. “I’m concerned and hopeful that we don’t have to go to trucking and shipping our waste in the future. It would be a pretty big pill financially to swallow.”

Councillor Grogan said better education from the township to members of the public, providing information on how they can reduce the amount of waste they are taking to the landfill, through home composting, recycling and other alternatives is very important.

If the township can divert 10 percent of its waste every year it could provide two more years life for the landfill, said Mr. McBride.

“Is our best solution to charge people for using the dump (through tipping fees), or better education on how to divert waste from the landfill?” asked Councillor Grogan

Mr. McBride said a combination of both would be the best solution.

Mayor Barker noted the powers to be in the province indicate Ontario may not have a place to put waste in the next few years, which is alarming.

Councillor Grogan said Ontario is the only province that exports its garbage and Michigan is close to cancelling that.

Mr. McBride told council that the situation it is facing is not unique in the province, there are many municipalities in Ontario in the same predicament.

Arthur Moran, Billings protective services coordinator, presented a draft waste management bylaw and policy. He said the policy references a bylaw revision from June 11, 2025.

Several concerns were raised by councillors, one being a proposed tipping fee for all users of the landfill to pay, and the use of bag tags by local residents and businesses (although council has not set any bag tag

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...Island police forces jointly announce vigorous anti-drug strategy

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Chief Ron Gignac, Manitoulin OPP Detachment Commander Inspector Robert Walsh and UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, along with a number of local First Nations community leaders.

The sign, it was noted during the ceremony, is more than a warning—it's a response to an urgent reality. Across the Sudbury-Manitoulin region, opioid-related deaths are more than three times higher than the provincial average. The No Drugs campaign represents one of the first large-scale collaborations between the Island's Indigenous Nations and police services—a unified effort to protect youth, families and communities from the impacts of illegal drugs.

"This is a promise to our youth and families," said Ogimaa Rodney Nahwegahbow, chief of Whitefish River First Nation. "We are standing together, across every Nation on the Island, to prevent harm, support education and ensure our communities remain safe and healthy."

"This campaign is a promise to our youth and families," said Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere. "By standing together as nations, we are showing that drugs have no place on Manitoulin. Our focus is prevention and education, with pro-



Whitefish River First Nation Ogimaa Rodney Nahwegahbow addresses the crowd during the drug strategy announcement on his territory last week.

tection and enforcement when needed."

"One of my first priorities as Ogimaa was to build and strengthen relationships," said Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Ogimaa Tim Ominika. "Early on, Chief of Police Gignac and I realized we shared the same vision for community safety. This campaign reflects that vision. Our partnerships with UCCMM leadership and police services shows our collective commitment to protecting our members and our neighbours. Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is how we create real change."

"In a small community like ours, the impacts of drugs are deeply felt," said Zhiibaahaasing First Nation Chief Irene Kells. "Standing with our neigh-

bouring Nations ensures we protect our families together."

"Even in our remoteness, we are connected," said Sheshegwaning First Nation Chief Alana Endanawas. "This billboard shows Sheshegwaning is part of a united effort to keep our youth safe and our Island strong." "Collaboration is the most powerful resource we have," said OPP Inspector Walsh. "This campaign shows what can be achieved when First Nations leadership and police combine education, prevention, and technology."

"Our message is clear," said WTPS Police Chief Ron Gignac. "Drugs are not welcome here. Billboards and CCTV are important tools, but our greatest strength is the partnership between leadership and police."

"The UCCM Police, with the full support of all six UCCMM Chiefs and the strong backing of Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige, are united in one clear message: drugs have no place on Manitoulin" said UCCM Anishnaabe Police Chief Killeen. "Our officers are working closely with Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Chief Ron Gignac and OPP Inspector Robert Walsh to strengthen our collective response. This campaign shows the power of partnership, UCCM Police alongside

our neighbouring police services, First Nations leadership and the entire Island community. Together, we are protecting our youth, safeguarding our families and building a safer, healthier future for everyone on Manitoulin."

Since 2024, the UCCM Anishnaabe Police's Drug Enforcement Unit alone has charged 85 individuals with more than 363 offences, and in the process, seizing over \$854,000 worth of illegal drugs from the region.

Police Chief Killeen noted that his police service's success has come

despite being severely underfunded compared with non-Indigenous police services. Contract negotiations have dragged on for 30 months without resolution.

The new billboard, installed at Whitefish River First Nation, the gateway to Manitoulin, is the first of several that will appear across the Island. It and its companions will stand as a visible reminder of a broader rural safety strategy that blends prevention, community-based education, and when necessary, enforcement.

A key part of that strategy is a close circuit tele-

vision (CCTV) network that helps deter crime and support investigations, giving small and remote communities new tools to strengthen safety.

"This billboard is a signal that Indigenous organizations across Manitoulin are working together in new ways, across distances, across nations and with one voice," said Chief Nawehgahbow. "By placing this message at the gateway to the Island, partners are sending a clear message: drug prevention is everyone's responsibility, and together, we are stronger."

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our trauma will not control us or hurt us any longer. I am sorry that I cannot be there with you all today, but no matter what, where I am, or where I go, I always have the unwavering love for our community, our people, and a special love for all of our survivors and their families. Today, and every day, every child matters.” “I’m glad to be here today because I got to meet the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and that’s a big deal,” said Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere. “And that’s a big deal for me to be coming here today. I also am the Tribal chair of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnisging.” Chief Corbiere asserted that “You can fix any problem on your First Nation with Truth and Reconciliation. If you have a heart and you want to do that. And



Ontario Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Edith Dumont, pins Lakeview School student Devon Corbiere with a special pin during her visit to M’Chigeeng on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

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started knowing your people. People don’t even know there are people in their communities anymore, so we can fix that problem. It’s not just a chief and council problem—it’s a community problem and we need to work towards fixing what we’ve broken and can’t be all just blamed on other things that happened in the past. We’re the ones that have to fix this generation and we need to start today, not tomorrow today. So, I’m glad you’re here, and I know I just had a great moment to talk to you about what our dialogue might be today, and I’m looking forward to that

so much.”
“Chiefs, veterans, dancers, singers, the welcoming party on the cave—thank you for the warm welcoming since we arrived earlier this morning,” said Lt. Gov. Dumont. “I’m a franco-phone from east of Ontario. So, I’ll be using a little bit of French here and there, so I feel grounded. This is something I learned while visiting First Nation communities, how important it is to preserve our mother tongue. I met recently a teacher, a member of Anishinaabe community, a PhD doctor in Indigenous languages working for Ontario to make sure that indigenous languages are preserved. It’s a

member of your community, a doctor at York University.”
The Lt. Governor acknowledged her husband, Tony, who accompanied her on the trip.
“We’ve been traveling along North Channel and Georgian Bay since yesterday morning through waters and along lands stewarded by the Anishinaabe and it is very meaningful for us to be among you. Now, on Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This is a day of reflection about the significant harms caused by residential schools, day schools and industrial schools. And that day, for non-indigenous peoples to show

solidarity with indigenous peoples through what we wear, what we say, what we learn, and most importantly, what we do. As the representative of the Crown in Ontario and speaking for myself personally on these treaty lands, I affirm my commitment to pursue of truth, and the journey of reconciliation. This is a commitment that must be made and renewed, not just one day a year, but each and every day. It is also a commitment that cannot remain abstract. Reconciliation is not reconciliation if it’s not embodied through actions through dialogue and by building and sustaining relationships. It is in the everyday practice of respect, listening, learning and partnership that reconciliation becomes real.”

“An important element of reconciliation is remembering the contributions of Indigenous peoples to Canada,” she

said. “Today, I am especially grateful to have this chance to recognize all those from M’Chigeeng...continued on page 27



Private Pierre Debassige salutes as Ontario Lt. Governor Edith Dumont lays a wreath at the M’Chigeeng cenotaph during the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.




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...As Ontario expands front-line powers, critics warn of “care by patchwork”

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exposure paramedics and firefighters face.

But for many, the larger question is: What happens when a lifeline becomes the system itself?

The Ontario Medical Association (OMA) warns that the proposed expansions—though well-intentioned—could risk patient safety and further fragmentation care. “Physicians train for years to provide assessment, diagnosis, management, and oversight,” said OMA president

Dr. Zainab Abdurrahman. “You can’t really delegate these responsibilities without the same rigorous training.”

She added that what’s classified as a “minor ailment” may in fact be an early sign of a serious disease. A sore throat could be cancer. A urinary infection could signal renal issues or sexually transmitted infection. “We see patients who get treatment for a minor ailment but it’s actually something else,” she said.

Supporters counter that the status quo is untenable. Pharmacists, psychologists, and paramedics already serve as the most accessible health professionals in many small towns. Justin Bates, CEO of the Ontario Pharmacists Association, said more than one million Ontarians have accessed timely care since pharmacists gained limited prescribing powers in 2023. “Building on that success,” he said, “the addition of services like strep testing will make care even more convenient.”

Yet convenience cuts both ways. Dr. Abdurrahman said the 2023 expansion increased administrative burden on physicians, who must now cross-check prescriptions and manage medication conflicts—further eroding time for patient care and increasing burnout.

And then there’s the question of cost. Will patients have to pay out-of-pocket for these expanded services, especially those outside OHIP coverage such as psychology or optometry? The Ministry of Health has yet to clarify.

“We want access,” said Dr. Abdurrahman, “but under the publicly funded umbrella. Otherwise, we risk creating a two-tier system by stealth.”

In the absence of coordinated reform, Ontario’s health care system appears to be evolving by patchwork—one stopgap after another. Paramedics fill ER voids. Pharmacists cover for family doctors. Psychologists step into psychiatry’s breach.

On Manitoulin, where even getting a referral can mean months of waiting or a long drive off-island, the expansion of these roles may feel like pragmatic progress. But as each professional group shoulders new duties once reserved for physicians, the broader question looms: Are we expanding access, or simply passing the buck? If these new measures are meant to be stop-gaps, where are the conversations as to the root of the problem happening and who’s voices are being included?

In the North, where distances stretch and doctors are few, the landscape of care now resembles the geography itself—fragmented, improvised, stitched together with good intentions and thin resources. What was once a system of coordinated medicine is becoming a constellation of stopgaps, held together by the dedication of those still standing on the front line. Whether this marks a new model of resilience or the slow acceptance of abandonment remains to be seen.

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number limits or fees attached to it at this time).

“There could be backlash when members of the public and businesses need to purchase additional bag tags,” said Councillor Hillyard. “Has there been any thought how this would affect resorts and trailer parks in the township.”

“These are decisions that will have to be made by council, when debate and discussion of the bylaw is debated,” said Mr. Moran. He agreed with councillors that it is crucial, that before decisions are made by council, that local businesses be surveyed as to what they are creating in terms of garbage.

A motion was passed by council for first reading of the bylaw (of three required for the draft plan) and that costing from Manitoulin Eco-Growth be verified prior to an upcoming council meeting. Mayor Barker and Veronique Dion will be meeting with WEST officials to discuss what the company wants from the township in terms of the company plans proposed for the township before council can discuss the potential of possibly working with the township.

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...Construction started on seniors' housing units

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property is within our community improvement area in town from the marina that we are looking to for growth," said Mayor Lane. "We need more housing," he said, noting, "the developers are not new to the community and the town needs rental housing."



Council passed an official plan amendment and a municipal zoning bylaw amendment to permit a semi-detached dwelling for senior housing for 33A Meredith Street, also passed an Official Plan amendment and for a semi-detached dwelling to be used at 33B Meredith Street.

Construction has begun on two semi-detached rental units for senior housing in the downtown core area of Gore Bay.

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...When Amanda Gibbons life turned upside down she was motivated by experience to help others

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Amanda Gibbons to pursue a career in policing. The previously happy, stay-at-home Mindemoya mom of two young boys had never given the profession a thought until she answered the door one night in 2014 to police officers, there to give her the devastating news that her husband Shawn had died in a car crash. That life-changing event had profound impacts on Amanda that extended beyond meeting the immediate emotional and psychological needs of her children. Now finding herself the sole breadwinner for her sons and

inspired by the extraordinary assistance and support she received from police officers at the time of Shawn's death, she was determined to work in a field that enables her to help other vulnerable people in times of distress. That led her to investigate becoming a crisis support worker.

"I wanted to do this work because I understand what a difference it makes to have a helping hand to do the things you just can't do yourself in that initial crisis period. Even though my family, friends and community were there for me and incredibly supportive, I

know from first-hand experience how much the extra assistance from police can help," says Amanda who today is employed as a crisis worker by the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS). "I am so grateful to the police officers for the support I received. It may not be the same for everyone, but it really mattered to me."

The transition from homemaker to crisis support worker didn't happen overnight, of course. Amanda's first step, two months after her husband's accident, was to enroll in the Mental Health and Addiction Worker course at Kenjegin Teg in M'Chigeeng. A work placement with the program saw her spend time at the long-term care centre in Gore Bay. She also worked at Haven House in Mindemoya while studying.

Following graduation, Amanda moved on to the Centennial Manor in Little Current where she took on the positions of both activity assistant as well as physiotherapy assistant.

Amanda's next stop was Manitoulin Lodge where she began as an activity assistant and went on to become the Family and Resident Service Coordinator. In that role, she oversaw admissions, helped new clients settle in at the home and provided support to their families.

"I loved working with



Amanda Gibbons was so moved by the assistance she received from police following the tragic death of her husband she was compelled to make helping others her life's work.

seniors and their families, it was so rewarding. But I still wanted to try my hand at crisis work as it had such a tremendous impact on my life," she says.

To advance that goal Amanda worked full-time and studied simultaneously, attending Laurentian University and completing an online degree in psychology. Her dream job fell into place shortly after she graduated in 2024, when a posting for a crisis worker position with WTPS caught her eye. She applied and soon after landed the job.

As she doesn't have a policing background, Amanda is employed as a

civilian – not a police officer. The roles are different but complementary. Her job is to offer support to people in crisis, whatever the circumstance may be.

"The position covers a broad range of situations, from attending deaths and supporting family members, to responding to concerns about suicide ideation, to sexual assaults and determining if urgent medical care is needed in cases of intimate partner violence," she explains. "I work with survivors to get the resources and support they need in- and outside the community."

"I am meeting people who are vulnerable, often on the worst day of their lives," Amanda shares. "I accompany officers and sometimes try to deescalate difficult situations. I assess the person's problem and, together, we determine what their basic needs are – whether it's getting food to eat, a place to stay or other services they require."

"I am called in anytime someone is a victim of crime, following a referral by police," she adds. "I sometimes also work with social agencies if approved by police and with the consent of the individual involved, particularly regarding mental health concerns. But it always must be the individual's choice. It's not my role to offer long-term counselling. Instead, I need to meet them where they are

at that moment to help them move on from the situation. It's disheartening when someone refuses assistance but I always say 'I'm here if you need me, just contact me when you're ready'."

Amanda has moved forward in her own life, which now includes a committed partnership with Bryan Ainslie. Both her sons are grown up and engaged in postsecondary studies at Sault College and Laurentian University, succeeding in their lives too.

Just over a year into her job as a crisis worker, she is content. "My whole reason for going back to school was to get into this field. I've been able to put everything I've learned and the skills I've acquired to help people. The best part is when someone says they feel better or thank me for support."

I've also learned a lot from, and am grateful to, the great team that works with me. I'm very impressed with how knowledgeable officers are in understanding and addressing mental health issues, which are frequent in policing. Unlike TV dramas with aggressive officers, for the most part they are really empathetic and compassionate people.

I always wanted to do this kind of work as I thought it would be so interesting, and it certainly is!"

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...Annual Rotary Club Fall Produce Auction this Saturday

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gift certificates and products donated by local businesses across Manitoulin Island and surrounding area. The success and growth of this initiative would not have occurred without the hard work and time invested by Robbie White. Robbie continues to partner with the Rotary Club and with our support, we look forward to another successful auction on October 11, commencing at 10 am.”

Mr. White (who is the auctioneer for the event) told The Expositor, “Almost every business on Manitoulin Island has given something for the auction this year. We have about 200 items up for auction.” He noted that many items are provided by many off-Island businesses and individuals as well.

“One of the new donators we have this year is Science North, which has provided passes to visit Science North,” said Mr. White. “Some of the other big items that are up for auction is a fishing charter, tickets on the Chi-Cheemaun, tickets to visit the glass bottom boat in Tobermory, a charter provided by North Channel Cruise Lines to Killarney where people will be able to enjoy fish and chips at Hubert’s.”

“Again, this year, we have a golf package put together, with Manitoulin Golf in Gore Bay, Rainbow Ridge Golf Course in Manitowaning and Brookwood Brae Golf Course in Mindemoya. The package will include a round of golf for four people, including carts,” said Mr. White.

The Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre is also participating this year, for the first time, providing a prime rib dinner for four people and four concert tickets to an upcoming show to bid on.

Among the many other items to be auctioned off include tickets for the Providence Bay Fair Country Concert, at least two loads of gravel, will preparation for an individual or a couple. A \$250 gift certificate from Tanners Independent Grocers in Espanola, along with a gift certificate at Freshco as well as two other businesses inside the Espanola Mall can be bid on.

“Things have been really good, we are always looking for new businesses to approach for items every year for the auction,” said Mr. White.

“Funds raised through the auction go towards many local community projects, for example Manitoulin Secondary School Student Aid Fund, the MSS Robotics program, local t-ball and hockey leagues for elementary students, Lyon’s Memorial Food Cupboard, veteran memorial banners for the Gore Bay Legion, a leadership conference held for aspiring student leaders and support of our local Angel Bus, to name a few,” said Mr. Carter. “This program involves one of our very own Manitoulin students spending the entire school year in Spain,

fully immersed in daily life with a local Spanish family. In return, our club has agreed to host an inbound student from Italy,” said Mr. Carter. “Ludo will spend the first five months attending Manitoulin Secondary School and then the last half of the school year in Sudbury, where she will complete the school year with a Sudbury family.”

“This program is a wonderful opportunity for the exchange students directly involved, but also provides

Manitoulin students the experience of learning directly from Ludo about how Spanish life compares to growing up on Manitoulin Island,” continued Mr. Carter. “The Gore Bay Rotary Club is very proud of this initiative and looks forward to continuing the student exchange program for many years to come. Please refer to our website to learn about the many other community projects supported by Rotary.”

The MS Chi-Cheemaun has extended its sailing season by one week, until Sunday, October 26, 2025!



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 - 16 Bineh Lane
 - 20 Bineh Lane
 - 10 Apple Tree Lane
 - 81 Deer Trail
 - 57 Maple Crescent
 - 48.2 Hill Street
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LITTLE CURRENT
 - All throughout the community
 - Downtown Corridor
 - Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary, 70 Robinson Street
 - 1 Water Street Anchor Inn, outside and insdie the lobby
 - 19A Water Street
 - 260 Hwy 540
 - 266 Hwy 540
 - 474 Hwy 540
 - 2515 Hwy 540
 - 1 Manitowaning Road
 - 10 Dupont Street
 - 61 Campbell Street West
 - Town limit sign on Hwy 6 South
 - Town limit sign Hwy 540 East
 - Little Current Public School
 - Lavish, Your Independent Grocer
- 3

SHEGUIANDAH
 - All throughout the community
 - 14 Mill Street
 - 22 Mill Street
 - 56 Mill Street
 - 5 Dunlop Street
 - 3 Dunlop Street
 - 63 Dunlp Street
 - 12 David Street
 - 11 Townline Road
 - 108 Townline Road
 - 115 Townline Road
 - 117 Townline Road
 - 179 Townline Road
 - 187 Townline Road
 - 225 Townline Road
 - 1028 Townline Road
 - 792 Burnett's Side Road
 - 10659 Hwy 6
 - 10741 AC Hwy 6
 - 10862 Hwy 6
 - 10944 Hwy 6
 - Little Current Fish and Game Viewing Stand
 - Batman's Mill area
 - 7 Tekumah
 - 49 Makwa Miikaan (Sheguiandah First Nation)
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MANITOWANING / ASSIGINACK
 - All throughout the community
 - 526 Cardwell Street
 - 744 Bidwell Road
 - 834 Slash Road
 - 15 Lecourt Street
 - 85 Howe Street
 - 73 Nelson Street
 - 167 Michael's Bay Road
 - 48 Wellingotn Street
 - 104 Arthur Street
 - 116 Clover Valley Road West
- 5

TEHKUMMAH
 - All throughout the community
- 6

WIKWEMKOONG
 - Wikwemikong Way
- 7

MINDEMOYA
 - All throughout the Community
 - Muncpal buildings and along the main steets
 - 1867 Hwy 551
 - 6565 Highway 542
 - 6143 King Steet (Cindy's Fashions)
 - 135 Thorne Street
 - 718 Lakeshore Road
 - 6025 Hwy 542 (E's Flowers)
- 8

PROVIDENCE BAY
 - All throughout the community
 - 5159 Hwy 551
 - 126 Cranston Road
 - 3360 Government Rd
 - 5148 Highway 551
 - 3465 Government Road
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SPRING BAY
 - All throughout the community
 - 11258 Hwy 542
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Manitoulin bedecked in fall finery for Harvest Glory Days

by Expositor staff
MANITOULIN—Drive around Manitoulin: the results speak for themselves. People have decorated in the Harvest Glory Days theme, and there are lots of new participants.

It's always good to have a champion for any cause and the success of this Expositor initiative, over the past dozen-plus years, has been usually rooted in one or two individuals deciding to get involved to "pretty up" their particular community.

And so it is this year with Little Current that will be the latest recipient of a roadside sign that declares this town has joined the ranks of Harvest Glory Day-winning communities.

In Little Current, the hard work of Lisa Hallaert was helped along by volunteers Bernie Belanger and Linda Bowerman among many others. Congratulations to the Port of Little Current where bullrushes, besides being readily available and free to gather, have made a dif-

ference along with the kid-friendly displays downtown where kids can measure up beside a cornstalk or poke their faces through sunflowers for family photos.

Every other community that has previously qualified for Harvest Glory Days bragging rights with a sign attesting to their demonstrable sense of community spirit will once again receive a 2025 leaf to add to their signs. These include: Mindemoya, Aundek Omni Kaning, Gore Bay, Manitowaning, Providence Bay and Spring Bay.

Some things to watch for: nicely decorated farm gates on Highway 540 just before Ice Lake (Kagawong side,) the Beange farm gate (kitty-corner from Burt's Country Meats), all through Providence Bay, but particularly the main drive into town.

Sheguiandah has very nice displays at Batman's Mill and down at the Government Dock gazebo, two manikin couples are stepping the light fantastic (and the signs says dances are only \$5 each.)

Manitowaning's and Mindemoya's displays are consis-

tent along the main travelled roads of the communities, but there are surprises throughout the residential neighbourhoods.

Spring Bay has once again decorated five antique tractors in Harvest Glory Day colours from one end of town to the other and Gore Bay is nicely decorated in its neighbourhoods but, because of construction, the usually whimsical displays downtown couldn't be mounted this year. Next year though, we can expect downtown Gore Bay to be "lit up" for Harvest Glory Days.

Downtown Kagawong has great displays around the corner anchored by the Chocolate Works. In Honora, the Bond Family has once again filled their yard with whimsy (also involving tractors.)

Please refer to the list of addresses and accompanying map on page 16 where you can see precisely who has decorated and registered. The space below shows representative photos of this year's displays.

Happy Thanksgiving.



Kenjgewin Teg’s annual Fall Harvest does not disappoint

by Margery Frisch
M’CHIGEENG—If it had been ordered specifically, the day could not have been more perfect for Kenjgewin Teg’s annual Fall Harvest – sunny and warm, but not too warm. School buses arrived from all over the Island, and Sudbury too. The event began with an opening ceremony and smudge with Elder-in-Residence and Traditional Knowledge Holder, Josh Esh-kawkogan.

One could say there was something for everyone, and as worn a cliché as that is, it was true. Teens, mostly male,

were immediately drawn to the deer harvesting booth. Cole Corbiere and his Property Development team demonstrated deer harvesting, giving interested individuals a hands-on cultural experience.

There were many crafts for the younger children as well. Bracelet making was popular as was creating nature bookmarks at the UCCMM Youth Reintegration Team’s booth, using local plants and natural materials. Botanical printing was another booth that attracted much attention. Sarah Earley, with the help of



Thongs of people attended Kenjgewin Teg’s annual Fall Harvest. photos by Margery Frisch



Elementary school students listening and learning the art of drumming.



Scott Miller instructed bus loads of kids on how to create beautiful works of art through nature. Cheyanne Pitawanakwat was instructing students on how to transform natural materials, like those of her tanned fish skins, into beautiful usable art, all while exploring cultural teachings.

For the hungry, there were numerous ways to quell the appetite. Noojmowin Teg was inviting everyone to taste their pulled moose tacos. Gwekwaadziwin Miikan was offering silver dollar pancakes, and Chef Pamela Roy (aka President of Kenjgewin Teg) was offering traditional fried scone while sharing their cultural roots at the same time.

The UCCM Police fish fry had to be cancelled last minute, but the UCCM Police were still on hand, interacting with the students just the same. The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Administration and Lands Department were demonstrating moose calls and teaching the techniques of the Anishinaabe hunters, connecting with the land and wildlife.

Science North was drawing crowds with their ‘Animal Extravaganza,’ teaching all kinds of interesting facts about habitats and the animals that play an important role in our environment. There were so many

booths, all with interesting information to share and things to do, and all with connections to nature; to our earth, our environment and the food that we eat.

Though there were no potato sack races, the ‘Boots & Ribbons’ jiggling with the Kenjgewin Teg Anishinaabe-aadiziwin Team drew big crowds and lots of laughter. Celebrating Anishinaabe style and flair, all were encouraged to wear their best ribbon skirts or ribbon shirts, cowboy boots and hats and to strut their stuff. The accompanying music set the pace and, though the contest was slow to start, once it began, more and more people wanted to take part. Prizes were won for best dressed, best strut and most creative moves. Young and old took part and participants and spectators alike thoroughly enjoyed the show.

The crowds were slow to arrive at the beginning of the event, and Debbie Debassige, Dean of Post Secondary Education and Training, wondered if it was because many schools seem to be having their own fall fairs these days, but they did come. Seven hundred and seventy people attended the Fall Harvest, as well, there were 35 booths from area organizations, businesses and individuals. “It was a great turnout,” said Robin Anderson, marketing and communications specialist at Kenjgewin Teg. A beautiful day that was well organized and well received.

LEFT: During the Boots and Ribbons jiggling competition, The Wiky boys showed them how it’s done.

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Mindemoya hairdresser Deb Karn retires after decades' long career

by Margery Frisch
MINDEMOYA—When Deborah Karn first opened her shop – Deb’s Unisex – in Mindemoya, before she married, she was Debbie Carrick and her very first client was her grandmother, Gladys Williamson. That was in April of 1979, recorded for posterity in The Manitoulin Expositor, complete with photograph. Ms. Karn has a copy of the article still.

“I started in 1979, first across the street from Mum’s Restaurant. I was there for 22 years,” Ms. Karn said. She then moved on to another spot for four years, then bought the house across from Island Foodland, at 10 Yonge Street, 20 years ago. “I’ve been a hairdresser for 48 years but have owned my own business for 46-and-a-half years.”

Over the decades Ms. Karn has seen many hairstyles come and go. Many of her clients have been with her

from the beginning. She proudly admitted to wearing heels every day, “I’m short,” she said with a laugh. But in the last year she could no longer wear the heels she loved because of a knee problem. Standing all day, every day for decades will take its toll on the body. “I’m probably the oldest hairdresser on the Island,” she mused. “That’s scary to say,” and she laughed again.

Despite her decades’ long career, Ms. Karn is a youthful soul with lots of energy. “It’s been great. I loved it, and I miss it, but I have five grandchildren and my kids all live on the Island, so I’m busy with them,” she explained. Ms. Karn has three sons, two live in Little Current and one lives in Mindemoya.

Her family came to her shop on her last day, a fitting end and a tribute to her long career which began with her grandmother as the first client in her chair, and

ended with her youngest granddaughter, Jade, sitting in her chair as her last customer.

A retirement party was held for Ms. Karn at the Curling Club in Mindemoya the last weekend of September. Her family arranged it, inviting former clients and community members. “It was a very big surprise for me,” she said. “I did not know about it. Now the shop is closed, the business is closed down,” Ms. Karn said. “I would like to thank all my people who supported me through the years. It was a great career, lots of people and lots of fun,” she said with a hint of nostalgia in her voice. Now she begins a new chapter and, with five grandchildren close by, she will indeed be very busy.

Best wishes, Deborah Karn, there is no doubt Mindemoya will miss Deb’s Unisex.



A 1979 clipping from The Expositor, left, has newly-minted hairdresser Debbie Carrick with her very first customer, grandma Gladys Williamson. After almost 50 years, Ms. Karn (as she is known now) closed up shop with granddaughter Jade, seen below, as her very last customer.



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TIMMINS—On September 11, the Chiefs of Ontario (COO), in partnership with the government of Ontario provided an update on the upcoming launch of the COO First Nations Business Directory-Ontario's first Indigenous-led and certified First Nation business directory. Supported by the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation (IAFNER), the platform is designed to register, validate and showcase


First Nation owned businesses across Ontario, serving as a trusted tool for procurement, economic opportunity, and community connection. Although the full directory is still being developed, First Nation business owners who completed the initial application form will soon be invited to the certification and verification process. Designed in full compliance with ownership, control,

access and possessions (OCAP) principles, this process will conform each business as a legitimate First Nation-owned enterprise. Certification ensures the authenticity of the listings, builds trust with clients and partners, and strengthens the directory's role as a reliable source of procurement. "This certification process is a critical response to ...continued on page 23

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 **Services**

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

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

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

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


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 **Services**

Are you a cancer patient undergoing or recovering from treatment? Are you a cancer survivor, a family caregiver or supporting someone with cancer? The Manitoulin Cancer Support Group (MCSG) may provide you with resources and opportunities to share experiences as well as give/receive support with others who have travelled this similar cancer journey. This group is open to anyone with any type of cancer, is free to join and will be rotated to different parts of the Island. This group will alternate meetings on weekdays and weekends. The schedule is as follows: Sunday, September 21, Manitowaning Family Health Team; Wednesday, October 22, Mindemoya Town Chambers 2 to 4 pm; Sunday, November 16, Gore Bay Legion 2 to 4 pm; Wednesday, December 17, Mindemoya Council Chambers from 2 to 4 pm. For more information please contact: Terry Mackenzi, 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Ann Cranston, 705- 282-7531 or bnannc@gmail.com.

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21-22p

 **Notice**

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

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

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16-25p

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...Indigenous business directory

...continued from page 21 the growing issue of First Nations identity fraud in business," said Ontario Regional Chief Abram Benedict. "By ensuring that only verified businesses are listed, this directory protects First Nation economic space and reconciliation."

By registering to the registry, First Nation businesses gain increased visibility, access to public procurement, contracting opportunities, and formal recognition. As a powerful marketing and validation tool, this directory will help businesses grow, scale, and build relationships with new clients across sectors.

"Our government is proud to invest in this important tool that raises the profile of First Nation businesses and creates opportunities for meaningful partnerships in Ontario's growing supply chain," said Greg Rickford, minister of Indigenous affairs and First Nations economic reconciliation, and the Minister responsible for Ring of Fire economic and community partnerships. "By creating clear pathways for industries to access certified First Nation businesses, we're not only building lasting reconciliation, we are protecting Ontario's economic future."

"Our government is building a modern, inclusive and results-driven procurement system that reflects the strength and diversity of Ontario," said Stephen Crawford, minister of public and business service delivery and procurement. "The supports true economic

The Robinson Township Local Roads Board will be holding its Annual General Meeting on **Monday, October 20th at 6:30 pm at the Silver Water Community Hall.** All Robinson Twp. ratepayers are welcome to attend.

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Chiefs of Ontario First Nations Business Directory is a game-changer that will connect public sector buyers with certified First Nations businesses in a transparent, meaningful way. This is just one way we are strengthening our supply chains, advancing reconciliation through economic opportunity, and making sure public dollars support jobs and prosperity in First Nations communities across the province.”

In today’s shifting economic landscape, the verified network of First Nations businesses offers government and organizations a strategic path to building more resilient, sustainable, and val-


ue-driven economies. By driving economic activity within and among First Nations, the directory helps lay the foundation for lasting self-determination and prosperity.

“The launch of the First Nations Business Directory is an important step in advancing economic reconciliation and supporting growth for First Nations communities here in Northeastern Ontario,” said George Pirie, member of provincial parliament for Timmins. “By certifying and showcasing First Nation-owned businesses, this initiative will create new opportunities for investments and partnerships, helping to strengthen Ontario’s economic future.”

If you have filled in the initial application, you will be contacted to apply for certification, if you have not filled in the initial form, please visit: <https://chiefs-of-ontario.org/priorities/economic/ofnbd-listing/>.

For more information how to access the directory, the certification process, or to explore partnership opportunities, contact Arvind Sharma, director of economic development at arvind.sharma@coo.org.





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
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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 area
 - The 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:
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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. 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
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- 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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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

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- Identify type of equipment to be used.
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ovations carried out on the light.

“There was a light-house at Michael’s Bay Point since 1870. The port in Michael’s Bay was the biggest, largest port in all of Canada at that time,” explained Ms. Cline. However, “the lighthouse fell down in 1947 and it remained like that until 2005 when Ron Anstice and Ron Hierons and several volunteers decided to build a new replica lighthouse at the original location. They created a beautiful lighthouse.” The replica lighthouse constructed had an official dedication on August 23, 2006.

In a letter dated December 12, 2023 to MBHS Ms. Cline wrote, “I respectfully request that the Michael’s Bay lighthouse, which has played an important part in the history of the town and has shone its welcoming beacon for many years, be restored as it was in 2005 until damaged in 2020.”

“I would like this request to be added to the constitution and bylaw that has just been redone December 2023 by said committee,” continued Ms. Cline at the time. “As stated above this lighthouse was built in 1869 and activated in October 1870 until the light was discontinued by Department of Marine in 1898;

but then the light was established again in June 1900 and shone until 1907 when it was finally de-commissioned. In 1947 it collapsed and was no more until the lighthouse was restored in 2005-2006 by the Ron Anstice and Ron Hierons families assisted by Reg Leeson, Chris Hess, Cliff Morrison and Andre Probst and several other volunteers and once again shone its light again towards Michaels Bay. This lighthouse once again brought direction and comfort to the people that live, fish and enjoy nature at Michael’s Bay. Sadly, it was vandalized in 2020, windows broken and the light no longer works. Many of us would like to see the lighthouse stand proud again and shine its welcoming light to all.”

Back in 1937, Ron Anstice’s father purchased five lots adjacent to the lighthouse property. As a young man, Ron explored the overgrown site of the former village and the lots his father owned. He remembered seeing the ruined lighthouse leaning badly, about to topple. The notion to rebuild the lighthouse came in a meeting over the kitchen table with neighbour Ron Hierons, himself a farmer and a retired building contractor. In talking about the history of the former village at Michael’s Bay, Mr. Anstice recalled his



The Michael’s Bay Point lighthouse today.

RIGHT: This plaque on the site of the Michael’s Bay Point Lighthouse details its service dates, lighthouse keepers, when the original structure collapsed and the names of the people who restored it in 2005-2006.

memories of the light-house there. The two men decided that an accurate replica of the lighthouse would provide a tangible link to the area’s past, Lighthouse Digest Maga-



zine reported in its October 2009 edition.

Although memory helped guide the reconstruction, the lack of photographs or original plans was a hindrance.


Forensic evidence was needed and found using metal detectors at the site of the original light, the very spot where the new light was to be placed. Old bolt patterns in the rock, suggesting the original light was octagonal in shape. Most importantly, a portion of the lantern room’s cast-iron frame-work was found which itself appeared to have been octagonal in shape. Mr. Hierons transported the original frames to a trusted foundry in southern Ontario, where they served as a template from which an accurate replica of the lantern room frame was constructed. The old iron-work was incorporated into the replica. The concave tin roof of the lantern room was cut, shaped, and soldered by

the two farmers and the glass for the storm panes was donated. In a bit of reverse engineering, the farmers used the dimensions of the new lantern

room to calculate the height and shape of the rest of the lighthouse.

Slowly, the new light-house began to take shape in the yard of the Anstice farm, where it looked quite out of place. Most of the work was accomplished during the winter months as summer is the busiest time of the year on a working farm. The body of the lighthouse was built in eight vertical sections held together with bolts. The sections were dismantled and transported one at a time in an open aluminum boat to the build site in the Fall of 2005. There they were literally manhandled up on to the rocks and into position for reassembly. The reassembled body was then covered in clap-board siding made from cedar cut and milled on the Anstice farm but left unpainted over the ensuing winter so as to be able to dry out. The final coat of white paint was applied during the summer of 2006. Ron Anstice and Ron Hierons were assisted greatly by neighbours Reg Leeson, Chris Hess, Cliff Morrison and Andre Probst. Of course, as the project gained momentum, many more people got involved and contributed to its completion, which took three years altogether. The lighthouse was built entirely with

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THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING
CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

86 Vankoughnet Street East
TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on November 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current. The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act for the property located on 86 Vankoughnet Street East, Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. The attached key map shows the affected property.

The effect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment special exception M-7 to permit two additional apartments on the second floor of the building located at 86 Vankoughnet Street for a total of 5 apartments on the second floor and a commercial business on the first floor.


ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed By-law Amendment.


If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

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An explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed By-law Amendment, describing the affected property, a Key Map showing the location of the affected property to which the proposed By-law Amendment applies, and a copy of the complete proposed By-law Amendment is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current.

DATED at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands on 2025-10-08
Ms. Pam Myers, Clerk
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
14 Water Street East, P.O. Box 608
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THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

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1873 Green Bush Road
TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

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The effect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment special exception RU-22 to permit an onsite distillery.


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...Michael’s Bay Point lighthouse shines again

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private funds and donated materials. The rebuild is documented in a detailed scrapbook Mr. Anstice compiled as the work progressed.

The new Michael’s Bay Point Light is octagonal in



Andre Probst and Kevin Cranston are shown after installing the new light, solar panel battery and controller on September 29, 2025.

shape nine and one-half feet in diameter at the base and stands just over 19 feet tall overall. The lantern room houses a small solar panel that powers six pairs of small LEDS (light emitting diodes).

Not forgotten in the reconstruction effort are the five keepers who once served at Michael’s Point. A small bronze plaque (donated at a cost of \$708 CDN) bolted on the rock at the base of the lighthouse pays tribute to John Willson Chisholm (1878-1883, Enos Lundy (1884-1899), H. R. Bowerman (1901-1902), Edward Martin (1902-1906) and Alexander Murray Chisholm (1906-1909). The new Michael’s Point light was officially dedicated on August 23, 2006.

“I think there is only one person alive out of the men that built it in 2005-2006 that being Andre Probst,” said Ms. Cline. “In fact, he is purchasing the new LED lights, a new rotator and a bunch of stuff to repair the damage done to the lighthouse. The MBHS is of course paying for all the new lighting mechanisms, but Andre is going to go over by boat and install the new fixtures at no charge. Ben Lentir, our president of the society (MBHS)

is also going over to fix the door that was broke, replace the shingles on the roof and there will also be a couple of volunteers going out and repainting the lighthouse.”

Mr. Probst confirmed with The Expositor last week that he is the last person who worked on the rebuilt light in 2006. “I’m going to be repairing the light and replace the battery and the charge control electronic flashing unit.”

“We are asking you to help us repair the damages by donating toward the cost of a new lighting mechanism, fixing the door, new shingles on the roof and a paint job,” said Ms. Cline in a letter she has sent out to potential donors. “The work itself is being done by volunteers.” She said funds will also go toward maintaining the lighthouse in the future.

Those people interested in donating to the project can do by sending a cheque to Michael’s Bay Historical Society, P.O. Box 7, South Baymouth, Ontario POP IZO; Or by e-transfer to michaelsbayhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

The following is a financial report of the Green Bay Community Centre/former school October 31, 2021 to July 29, 2025

		Revenue	Expenses	Balance
October 31, 2021	Espanola District Credit Union			\$262.32
November 3, 2021	Hydro One (Sept 11 - Oct 9, 2021)		\$21.62	
November 12, 2021	Sale of Green Bay Community Hall	\$150,000		
November 12, 2021	Purchasers share of property taxes	\$95.55		
November 12, 2021	J. James Bousquet Realty Inc.		\$8,475	
November 12, 2021	Proulx Law Office		\$1,483.63	
November 12, 2021	Credit Union (electric transfer fee)		\$15	
November 30, 2021	Credit Union (service fee)		\$3	\$140,359.62
December 4, 2021	Hydro One (Oct. 9 to Nov. 11, 2021)		\$33.12	
December 17, 2021	Algoma Mutual Insurance Co. (hall insurance fund)	\$60.83		
December 31, 2021	Credit Union (service fee)		\$3	\$140,384.33
January 22, 2022	Jack Ferguson (reimbursement to Trustee for hall insurance)		\$272.84	
January 31, 2022	Credit Union (service fee)		\$3	\$140,108.49
February 12, 2022	Home Hardware (replacement of stolen hall water pump)		\$338.97	
February 28, 2022	Credit Union (service fee)		\$3	\$139,766.52
March 31, 2022	Credit Union (service fee)			
June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022 to June 30, 2022		\$12	\$139,754.52
July 6, 2022	Jack Ferguson (reimbursement to trustee for hall clean up and removal of debris by Dave Draper)		\$1,100	
July 31, 2022	Credit Union (service fee)		\$3	\$138,651.52
August 31, 2022	Credit Union (service fee)			
October 31, 2023	August 31, 2022 to October 31, 2023		\$45	\$138,606.52
November 9, 2023	Sam Nardi (tax consultant)		\$510	
November 15, 2023	Jack Ferguson (reimbursement to trustee for capital gains tax and arrears interest on 1/3 of hall sale)		\$8,061.59	
November 30, 2023	Credit Union (service fee)		\$3	\$130,031.93
December 1, 2023	Craig Ferguson (reimbursement to trustee for capital gains tax and arrears interest on 1/3 of hall sale)		\$9,253.97	
December 31, 2023	Credit Union (service fee)		\$3	\$120,774.96
January 31, 2024	Credit Union (service fee)			
September 30, 2024	Jan 31, 2024 to September 30, 2024		\$27	\$120,747.96
September 10, 2024	Doris Bayer Trustee (chose not to be reimbursed for the capital gains tax and arears interest on 1/3 of hall sale.)		\$0	
October 31, 2024	Beacon Images (billboard sign "Welcome to the Community of Green Bay.")		\$300.11	
October 31, 2024	Credit Union (service fee)		\$3	\$120,444.85
November 23, 2024	The Manitoulin Student Aid Fund Bursary		\$20,000	
November 30, 2023	Credit Union (service fee)		\$3	\$100,441.85
December 31, 2024	Credit Union (service fee)		\$3	\$100,438.85
January 29, 2025	Credit Union (share redemption)	\$20		
January 31, 2025	Credit Union (service fee)		\$3	\$100,455.85
February 1, 2025	The Manitoulin Health Centre		\$35,000	
February 7, 2025	The Howland Seniors Hall, Sheguiandah		\$15,000	
February 7, 2025	The Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank		\$6,000	
February 13, 2025	The Manitoulin Centennial Manor		\$35,000	
February 28, 2025	Credit Union (service fee)		\$3	\$9,452.85
March 31, 2025	Credit Union (service fee)			
June 30, 2025	March 31, 2025 to June 30, 2025		\$12	\$9,440.85
July 29, 2025	Credit Union (share redemption)	\$5		
July 29, 2025	Cold Springs Presbyterian Church		\$4,719.18	
July 29, 2025	Friends of the Former Green Bay United Church		\$4,719.18	
July 29, 2025	Credit Union (service fees for two draft cheques and closeout of account.)		\$7.49	\$0

Questions regarding this report can be made to Trustee Jack Ferguson, 705-368-2885 or secretary/treasurer Cheryl Harper, 705-368-1014.

Notice of the Passing of a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Municipality of Central Manitoulin

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



...Ontario Lt. Governor Edith Dumont comes ashore at M’Chigeeng

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geeng First Nation, who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces, including those who made the ultimate sacrifice to safeguard our freedom and the freedom of our descendants. To the veterans gathered here. I offer my deep gratitude for your service. And I am grateful to the members of the Royal Canadian Navy, who have brought us here today. Thank you.”

Following the wreath laying and songs from the drum group, the Lt. Governor mingled among the crowd chatting with people about their experiences and lives on Manitoulin Island, before heading into the M’Chigeeng community centre for a feast in her honour.

Following the feast, Lt. Governor Dumont toured the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation (OCF) and met with its executive director Glen Hare and collections manager Naomi

Recollect who explained the relevance of the Fort LaCloche artifacts that are temporarily stored at the OCF.

“I’ve been visiting many places in Ontario and in my previous professional life, I was a director of education of a French school board in Ottawa, and for our provincial meetings we would go around Ontario, so not always in Ottawa or Toronto, but you know, going everywhere, Sudbury, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie,” said Lt. Gov. Dumont in discussion with The Expositor. Asked if she felt it was an historic occasion, the Lt. Governor confirmed that view.

“I think it was a partnership, so we were looking to come and visit Manitoulin at one point,” she said. “The Royal Canadian Navy is part of their contribution to offer Lieutenant Governors across Canada to visit smaller communities that sometimes



The welcoming reception lines up for a chance to meet the Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, at the M’Chigeeng docks.

are hard to reach. So, on their way, they offered me to join them in Sault Ste. Marie, so we left yesterday morning from Sault Ste. Marie and we arrived very, very early this morning. I don’t know if it was five o’clock this morning. Around

doing a special program, the Grey Wolf program.” The Grey Wolf program is an opportunity for Indigenous youth to sample military life and has proven quite popular.

As for the day’s events in M’Chigeeng, “It’s like a special moment that will nurture a sense of community and will also give me the opportunity to learn,” she said. “I will go back to Queen’s Park with things that I learned, with things that I can, maybe, share once in a while with other groups of people. So, I’m just happy. I feel like I’m part of a larger family, even though I’m not Indigenous person, I feel welcome. I feel like it is an amazing opportunity to learn and listen and just be happy.”

“I think the message



Jingle dress dancers dance their healing dance during a special visit by the Lieutenant Governor to M’Chigeeng on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation last week.

Death Notice

DONALD A. BUTTS

December 28, 1931 - September 19, 2025



Life of family, God and music. Donald A. Butts, a 35-year resident of Bullhead City/Lake Havasu, Arizona, passed away September 19, 2025 at 93 years young. Don was born December 28, 1931 in Saginaw, Michigan, to Walter and Norma Butts. Don attended Saginaw schools, in 1950 he graduated from Arthur Hill High School, where he excelled

in sciences and the passion that would identify him the rest of his life, his violin. His talent won him lead chairs in the Saginaw and in Lake Havasu Symphonies. His “fiddle” delighted other audiences with toe-tapping songs like “Turkey in The Straw” and it is said that when Don played his violin in church, the sweet sounds brought tears to many eyes. In later years he played a Bluegrass Banjo, and he, along with other gifted musicians, entertained at Bullhead City’s finest bars and restaurants for beer. After high school graduation, Don enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Roswell, New Mexico, during the Korean War. After completion of his service, he returned to Saginaw to work in the Saginaw Steering Gear Engineering Department. His time at Steering Gear won him two life achievements: several patents and a bride, Patricia Ahrens. In 1969, Don and Pat, in partnership with his sister Sally and husband Bob Zahnow, purchased a fishing resort, Northernaire, on Manitoulin Island. They so enjoyed this tremendous lifestyle change in the tourist business that they continued hosting a multitude of guests for 20 years. Since the resort was seasonal, it left time for the other pursuits Don loved: hunting, fishing, curling, woodworking and volunteering with the local ambulance service. Selling the Resort in 1988, Pat and Don retired to the warmer climate of Arizona. After Pat’s passing in 2013, Don met Karen Barnes and he continued to live and love for his final 12 years. Don had another talent, that for making friendships and for fitting into his new communities. He was a man with a keen sense of humour, a big heart and a kind soul. A man who could be counted on in any situation. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Don is survived by Karen Barnes and his first wife, Lou-Anne Weiszbrod; children David (Shelly) Butts, Dan (Janet) Butts, Sue (Mark) Basinger and Mike (Jeff) Weiszbrod; grandchildren Kyra, Kody (Julia), Jeremy (Caryn), Andy and Jeff (Michelle) Butts; Tiffany (Chris) Brand, Jennifer (Ray) Bruning, Rebecca (Eric) Lutey and Michael (Michelle) Weiszbrod. Sister: Sally (Don) Zahnow; and many great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Community Lutheran Church, 2755 Ricca Rd., Bullhead City on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 10:30 am. A Celebration of Life will follow at 2350 Adobe Rd. in the Clubhouse at 1 pm. All who loved Don are welcome to attend.

In Memoriam

BAILEY—In memory of a loving husband and dad, Glendon Grant Bailey, March 15, 1939 to October 8, 2005: We do not need a special day To bring you to our minds, A day we do not think of you Is really hard to find. They say ‘time heals all sorrow And helps us to forget,’ But time, so far, has only shown How much we miss you yet. If love could build a stairway And heartaches make a lane, We would walk up to heaven And bring you home again. Forever loved and missed, your wife Betty Jean and daughter Valerie

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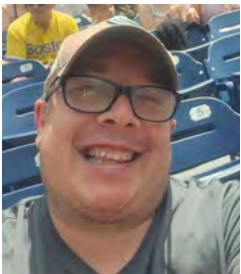
Celebration of Life

EDWARD, BETTY AND DAVID SIMPSON



You’re invited to Celebrate the Lives of Edward, Betty and David Simpson. This loving family touched many hearts and everyone is welcome to join us. We’ll gather at the Providence Bay Curling Club on Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 1 to 5 pm. Feel free to drop in anytime! Donations can be made to provbaygarden@gmail.com.

COREY CRESS



Please join family and friends this Saturday, October 11, 2025 for a Celebration of Life for Corey Cress. Event will take place at 12 noon at the Providence Bay Hall. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

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by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—While M'Chigeeng First Nation council has called for a general election in 2026, the former chief says the band council still needs to deal with a court hearing he brought forward after being dismissed by council.

“With the new developments of council calling for a general election in M'Chigeeng, basically my term as chief is done,” said former Gimaa Morgen Hare last week. “They (council) had been looking at trying to hold a by-election in October but have announced they want to hold a general election. No, I wasn't expecting this to take place.”

In a notice to M'Chigeeng First Nation mem-

In a notice to M'Chigeeng First Nation members on September 18, council in a statement wrote, "the council of M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN) is committed to transparency and accountability, and we continue to follow our custom election code."

"While the current council's term ends on September 2, 2026, we think it is best for the MFN membership to decide on a new chief and council to serve you in an early general election. Thus, as is the responsibility of the remaining council, a full general election has been called to take place by April 4, 2026 to elect one chief, 10 councillors."

The statement adds, "Further details about the election process and dates will be shared with members as we move forward."

Former Gimaa Hare said, "the issue of the dismissal of myself as chief has not been resolved." He noted the court is looking at a date for a hearing in late October or early November.

The appeal application brought forward by former Gimaa Hare is going to federal court to have the decision reviewed as to whether it was unlawful.

Contact Laurel Price
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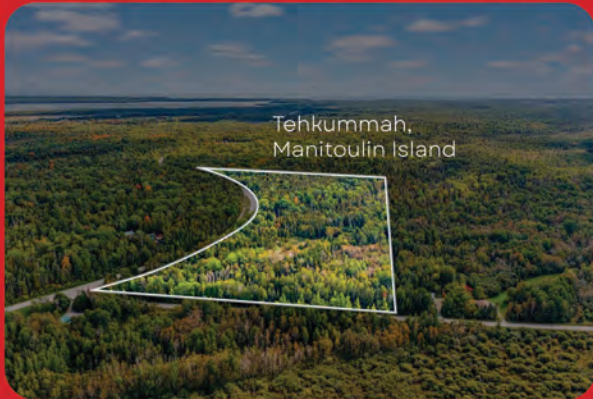
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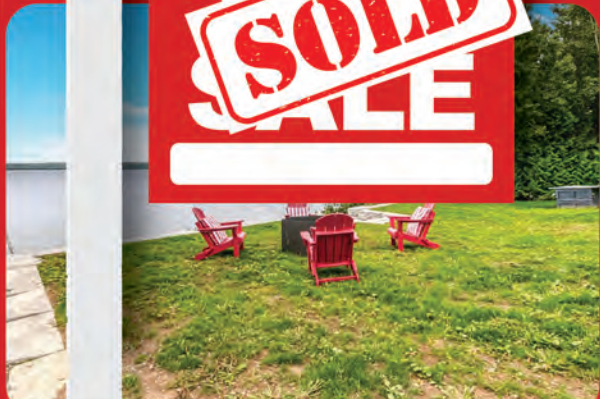
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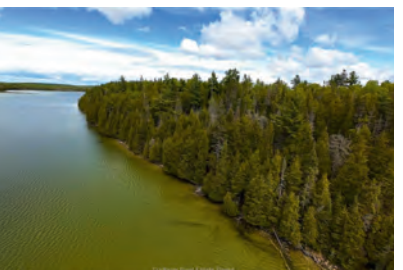
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Island police officer takes part in annual National Peace Officers Memorial Run

Honouring service through unity and endurance

WIKWEMKOONG—Constable Katelyn Morgan, of the Wiikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) took part in the 21st annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Run (NPOMR), known as the "Run to Remember," September 25-27. This powerful three-day relay run spans over 460 kilometres from the Ontario Police Memorial at Queen's Park in Toronto to the National Police and Peace Officers' Memorial on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

"I was running in memory of fallen officers in the line of duty," Constable Morgan told The Expositor. "I also know many people who have worked closely with officers who have died in the line of duty."

"It is a very emotional and humbling experience when everyone is running for the same cause," said Constable Morgan. She pointed out, "Roughly 300 runners in total took part, consisting of many



Constable Katelyn Morgan, of the Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service was the lone Indigenous police service constable in this year's National Peace Officers' Memorial Run.

24 runners from the Peel Regional Police Pacers Running Team has grown into a national event, now involving over 300 law enforcement professionals from more than thirty agencies across Canada. The NPOMR is a tribute to officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities and country.

"This year, the WTPS proudly announces the participation of Constable Katelyn Morgan, who will be representing the police service in this year's run. Constable Morgan holds the distinction of being a proud Indigenous police service constable participating in the 2025 NPOMR, bringing a meaningful layer of representation and honour to the event."

"The National Peace Officers' Memorial Run is far more than a physical challenge, it is a solemn journey of remembrance, unity, and respect. It reminds us of the sacrifices made by those who served with courage and honour," WTPS Police Chief Ron Gignac stated. "We are incredibly proud of Constable Morgan, who not only represents the (WTPS) with distinction, but also stands as the sole Indigenous police service constable in this year's run. Her participation is a powerful symbol of resilience, representation and dedication to community and country."

The run not only commemorates fallen officers but also provides a space for reflection and solidarity among participants and families. Members of Survivors of Law Enforcement (SOLE) will join the runners, honouring their loved ones and sharing in the journey of remembrance.

As the NPOMR passed through cities and towns along its route, communities were encouraged to cheer on the runners and SOLE members. Their support is a vital part of the experience, reinforcing the unity and appreciation that this event represents.

Indigenous police service constable participant in this year's event. In total, Constable Morgan ran 72 kilometres and she ran with purpose carrying the memory of fallen officers and the families who continue on without them.

What began in 2005 with



Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service Constable Katelyn Morgan was one of 300 runners who took part in the National Peace Officers' Memorial Run.

different services."

Despite pouring rain on the first day of the run, Constable Morgan completed day one with an impressive 27.64 kilometres logged. She was not only running for remembrance but was also making history as the only

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Wiky Road Race!

The 53rd annual Wiky Road Race took place on Sunday. The weather might have been perfect if not for the unseasonably hot temperatures for October. Home-town favourite **Aurel Fox-Recollet** finished fifth overall (37:50) with winner, **Alexandre Fishbein-Ouimette** in at 35:32. **Eric Leishman** was second at 35:54.

The Male 14-18yrs division produced the 3rd and 4th fastest time with **Julian Luoma** in with a 36:01 and local speedster **Wyatt Williamson-Wright** just



Jerome and Kyle display their prizes from the Wiky 10k.

edging Aurel in 37:16.9. **Jesse Dokum** was 3rd in the division.

The fastest female division was the 19-54 year old category with **Sara McIlraith** in 45:11, **Hannah Brown** second and **Sierra Pangowish**, third.

The following are the remaining age division medalists: Male 10 and Under - **Reginald Fox** First. Boys 11-13yrs **Memphis Sagassige**. Girls 11-13yrs- **Emilia Breckon, Daisy Sagassige** and **Olivia Luoma**.

Females 14-18yrs: **Ewa Breckon, Violet Sutherland, Mila Odjig**. Male 55-64yrs: **Niel Phipps, Pierre Dumont, Chris Mara**. Female 55-64yrs: **Lorrilee McGregor, Yvonne Harbinson**. Male 65+ the one and only **Greg Bond**! A further shout-out to Road Race veteran, **Julian Wemigwans** who keeps on trucking! Congratulations to everyone who got up off their couch and participated!

Mountain biking Mustangs!

The Manitoulin Mountain bike team hosted the third race of the high school mountain bike series at McLeans Park in Assiginack on October 2nd. It was a perfect fall day for racing, and the park was buzzing with 66 riders along with their families, friends, and coaches.

In the Novice division, **Nathan Quackenbush** continued his dominance with a third consecutive first-place finish. **David Joyce** and **Jonah Moffat** also had strong rides, finishing 10th and 16th respectively.

In the Senior division, **Bradley Slaughter** turned in his best performance of the season with a 2nd-place finish. He was followed by **Isaac Quackenbush** in 7th, **Jacob Swartz** in 13th, and **Jeffrey Harper** in 17th. Both Manitoulin teams placed second in the team standings on the day.

The fourth and final race of the season will take place October 10th at Kivi Park, where the overall season standings will be decided. Congratulations to Coaches, **Caroline Black** and **Ben Quacken-**

bush!

Rowing Islanders

Manitoulin kids are never far from water, even in university! Congratulations to four Island rowers who were all at the Head of the Trent regatta in Peterborough over the weekend. Hats off to **Zoe Redmond, Brooke Gibeault, Zavi Mara** and **Morgan Green**!

Paper King catch-up

The NOJHL's Espanola Paper Kings have rolled out of the gate with an impressive 6 and 4 record that places them in second place in the 12 team league! Wiikwemkoong's **Ashton Pitawanakwat** is one player that is providing the Kings with their offensive punch. Ashton currently sits with 10 points in just eight games played and is fifth in team-scoring. This is no small feat as his teammates **Joseph Coates** and **Cameron Menard** are first and third in all, NOJHL scoring. Have a great season, Ashton!

67's Kohyn!

Kohyn Eshkawogon and his Ottawa 67's have only played four games but have a perfect record thus far. Kohyn himself is in rare company with his point-per-game record putting him in the top-ten of blue-liner scoring!

Scholarship opportunity!

To commemorate the Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Manitoulin Dojo of Family MMA, will offer a membership/scholarship to one Anishinaabe youth between the ages of 11 and 18.

The scholarship will include one year of classes (twice weekly) and a uniform. All new belt costs will also be included.

The candidate must possess a positive attitude towards learning, a strong work ethic and be willing to show respect at all times. All classes must be attended. Should the winner of the scholarship miss four consecutive weeks of classes, a new candidate will be chosen. There are no other requirements.


To apply send a short, written explanation as to why the applicant should be considered for the scholarship. This can be written by the youth or their parent or guardian. Please include the applicant's name, age and basic contact information to dennisalvey@yahoo.ca.

Then and Now

Remember, you can't spell gregarious without the Greg! In the case of Whitefish River's **Greg "Deer-legs" Sutherland**, the definition is textbook. Greg is the always smiling, Birch Island gas-bar ambassador and shameless, Maple Leaf promoter who regularly posts jokes, pictures and videos that find their way to many of our newsfeeds.

This week, Greg posted a Then and Now post of a Sudbury Star picture of him winning the Ramsey Tour half-marathon way back in the day next to a newer pic of him running. Perhaps, thanks to the wonders of modern photography, he even looks younger! Greg would undoubtedly say he gets better looking every year as well! Keep on running, Greg.

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Blizzard Open proceeds donated to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary

MINDEMOYA—Proceeds from the 32nd annual Blizzard Open Golf Tournament have been donated to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary towards needed hospital equipment at the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC).

“We raised \$5,500 for the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary (MHA) to be put towards new ventilators (at the hospitals) which cost around \$40,000 each,” said Karen Cranston, one of the organizers of the golf tournament along with Steve Shaffer. They presented the donation to members of the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary on Wednesday of last week. She pointed out MHC is looking toward raising the funds, with two ventilators required at both hospital sites.


“First off, we would like to thank everyone for coming out to participate in the Blizzard Open,” said Mr. Shaffer at the tournament awards ceremony, held September 13 at Brookwood Brae Golf Course in Mindemoya. “We had 22 teams and 88 players, so a full number of players took part. The funds we raise go to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.”

“It has been a great day, and we thank all of you for your support,” said Ms. Cranston. “Thanks to all who participated, we could not do it without you! Hopefully see you again next year.”

In the tournament, the winners in the men’s division included the team of Logan Middleton, John Seabrook, Ben Dewar and Rylan Carrick which posted

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