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Ontario Premier Doug Ford makes triple Manitoulin stops



Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Mayor Al MacNevin addresses the crowd during Premier Doug Ford's recent visit to Manitoulin. Premier Ford announced \$9 million for the new swing bridge design.



Premier Doug Ford and Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Tim Ominika are all smiles during the official sod-turning for the new 96-bed Wiikwemkoong Elders' Home.



Premier Doug Ford is greeted by Doug and Jeff Smith at the announcement of provincial funding for the construction of the new St. Joseph's Lodge in Gore Bay.

Province commits \$9 million, announces Stantec Engineering will design new bridge

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—There was great excitement at the entrance to Manitoulin this past week as the Island received some very good news.

Premier Doug Ford was joined by a number of cabinet ministers, Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige, Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Mayor Al MacNevin, Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg and a number of NEMI councillors and Progressive Conservative party faithful to announce the awarding of the roughly \$9 million bid for the detailed design of a new two-lane swing bridge to Stantec Engineering.

"I've been telling people that if you didn't get that bridge fixed, they could throw me off, and I'm not that great a swimmer," joked Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg at the announcement ceremonies. "So that's why we're here today. The swing bridge has a long history, going back to 1912, and it is now considered an Ontario Heritage site. (The swing bridge is officially the oldest piece of infrastructure in the Ministry of Transportation's inventory.) Locals and travellers alike know the lifeline that that bridge brings to the Island over the last several decades."

"This is really an exciting day for our council myself, our community and, I think, for anyone living on Manitoulin Island to hear that the project for the Manitoulin Swing Bridge is moving forward into that detailed design stage," said Mayor MacNevin, "We're very excited

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Ontario Premier part of sod-turning ceremony for new Wiikwemkoong Elders' Home

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—The excitement in the air was palpable as a group of dignitaries gathered on the stage at the ground cleared for a new 96-bed long-term care facility, a new Elders' Home to replace the aging Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home.

Following a prayer and opening remarks by Elder Richard Assinewai, master of ceremonies Kerry Assiniwe introduced the Honourable Greg Rickford, minister of Indigenous affairs and First Nations economic reconciliation, the Honourable Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, minister of long-term care, Grand Council Chief for the Anishinabek Nation Linda Debassige, Bill Rosenberg, MPP for Algoma Manitoulin and Ontario Premier Doug Ford.

The dignitaries had come to announce the start of the new and long-awaited Elders' Home and the audience included a large contingent of residents of the current nursing home seated in the front row.

"They provided me with some speaking notes," said Ogimaa Tim Ominika. "I usually just don't have speaking notes," he noted, preferring to speak from the heart. "I was like a little binoji last night," he said. "I couldn't sleep. It was like I was waiting for Christmas Day! I didn't sleep getting up all hours of the night. So excited to be here and we started off in a good way. I want to say chi-miigwetch to Richard for starting us off in a great way with a sunrise ceremony this morning, we all

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Premier Ford commits \$30 million to new 64-bed St. Joseph's Lodge, Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A new foundation is being laid for the future of long-term care in Gore Bay and surrounding areas on Manitoulin Island. To mark the construction of the new St. Joseph's Lodge, a ceremony was held October 9 with Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Ontario's minister of long-term care, Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg, St. Joseph's representatives, members of the Douglas A. Smith family and Gore Bay town officials. At the event, Premier Ford and Minister Kusendova-Bashta announced that the province will invest \$30 million in funding for the project that will transform the long-term care home experience for seniors in the area with construction having commenced on the new St. Joseph's Lodge in Gore Bay.

"I am pleased to be here to see this come to fruition, led by Premier Ford," stated Minister Kusendova-Bashta. The construction site, "is an open field right now, but it will be more than a field in two years' time, when this new long-term care building will be complete, providing seniors the best care. It is an honour to be here today."

With construction crews working, and the noise they were creating in the background, Premier Ford stated, "I love hearing that type of noise that is behind me—construction—knowing that the work that is being done is going to change people's lives for the better."

"There is nothing more important than supporting long-term care," stated Premier Ford, noting that along with the announcement in Gore Bay, the province had

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Gordon/Barrie Island won't be annexed Sends stern note to Gore Bay council

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—Council for the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is cautioning Gore Bay council that any boundary infringement of the municipality, through annexation (or amalgamation) will likely jeopardize the relationship of cooperation and goodwill that the two municipalities have enjoyed for many years, and that it is prepared to take all measures necessary to prevent any potential boundary infringement.

A statement from Gordon/Barrie Island council, after a meeting last Tuesday evening, reads "the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island was surprised and dismayed by the recent announcement by our neighbouring municipality, the Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay to proceed with exploring options for restructuring of its municipal boundaries. This, in essence, refers to an intent of annexation of lands historically part of Gordon/Barrie Island."

"During the meeting of council on (Tuesday) October 7, after an in-depth discussion with full participation and input from all council members, a resolution of strong opposition was passed with unanimous support," the statement reads.

"Further to this resolution, Gordon/Barrie Island Council cautions the mayor and council of the Town of Gore Bay that any such proceedings of boundary infringement will likely jeopardize the relationship of cooperation and goodwill that the two municipalities have enjoyed for many years, and that it is prepared to take all measures necessary to prevent any potential boundary infringement."

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Should Ont. close Dodge landfill, impact on area municipalities huge

by Tom Sasvari

ESPANOLA—Ernest Dodge, owner of H. Dodge Haulage Ltd., is sounding the alarm over what we call a 'fundamentally illogical' decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) that threatens waste services for 10 municipalities and six First Nation communities in Northern Ontario, many on Manitoulin Island.

With Ontario projected to have only 12 years of landfill capacity left, the Dodge landfill has the potential to serve the region for the next 60 years. But Mr.

Dodge warns that if MECP does not reconsider, he may be forced to fulfill his current contracts and then shut down the site, leaving municipalities and first nations with fewer and costlier waste options.

Mr. Dodge explained his landfill financial assurance obligation, money set aside for future closure of the landfill, was recently increased by 70 percent by MECP. This hike is based not on site conditions, but on MECP's use of the non-residential construction price index

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*Prices do not include tax, insurance or licencing fees

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Nice road! MCA Contracting completed the paving of Meredith Street in Gore Bay last week. The project which has been carried out for several months has also included improved sidewalks, crosswalks, curbs, new street lighting, landscaping. Overall, it's a welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.

Billings adds voice to those Island communities saying ‘no’ to Georgian Bay Aspiring Geopark

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Billings township council, as well as other municipalities and all First Nations on Manitoulin Island, are in alignment with the Township of Archipelago in its opposition to a proposed Georgian Bay Aspiring Geopark (which includes Manitoulin Island).
“We are all in agreement that we don’t support the geopark proposal,” said Billings Councillor Dave Hillyard at a council meeting last week. “It is interesting that (Archipelago) is coming forward with their opposition as they are so close to the proposed geopark area (and its proponents).” He pointed out opposition has been expressed by the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI), Gore Bay and the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising.”
“This is our Island, and we need to support each of our letters and motions to the proposed geopark, especially when, for instance, we could lose funding sources with a geopark being creat-

ed,” said Councillor Hillyard.
Mayor Bryan Barker noted this issue has come in front of council previously. “I think we should support Archipelago and their letter.”
“It is very important that we do this,” stated Councillor Ian Anderson.
Bert Liverance, reeve of the Township of Archipelago wrote in a letter to Billings council dated September 23, Canadian Geoparks Network co/ chair Frances Heydeman and Aspiring Georgian Bay Geopark executive director Tony Pigott: “On behalf of the council of the Township of The Archipelago, we write to express our formal opposition to the proposed Aspiring Georgian Bay Geopark. The Archipelago does not support its inclusion within the boundaries of the proposed Georgian Bay Geopark and request to be removed from all maps, plans, and promotional materials related to this initiative.”

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Ontario’s climate confession: Promises fade into the smog

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
TORONTO—Ontario tells us—with a calm, official voice—that we will miss the 2030 greenhouse-gas target.
But the auditor general, Shelley Spence, leans forward and says: no — the gap will be wider than even that admission.
In her report she lays the bones bare: the province projected a shortfall of 3.5 megatonnes, but the real miss will swallow far more. “Reducing greenhouse gas emissions is important for the future of our province,” Minister Spence said. “The cost of not reducing emissions far outweighs the cost of reduction. We’re already seeing the effects of climate change and the millions of dollars it is costing.”
At a press event, Environment Minister Todd McCarthy offered this twist: “Targets are not outcomes. We believe in achievable outcomes, not unrealistic objectives.”
He insists: the aim is not to chase a number at all costs — “we can’t put people’s jobs at risk ... families’ household budgets at risk by going off in a direction based on some target that’s not achievable.”
But Minister Spence’s findings are unflinching. To even approach the promised reduction, Ontario would need to take the equivalent of half of all fossil-fueled passenger cars off the road in five years. The ministry, she points out, rejects three of her four key recommendations: set longer-term goals beyond 2030 (as 10 other provinces and territories do), open up public consultation on a refreshed climate plan, publish annual progress updates.
Minister Spence shows that the government already knew — as early as January — it would fail to hit 2030, yet chose silence over accountability.
In its secret accounting, Ontario overestimated gains in every sector. It counted on federal policies that are now dead — the carbon tax, EV subsidies — and assumed progress in organic-waste diversion

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laptops, and e-bikes to baby monitors and power tools, are efficient and convenient but can overheat or ignite if damaged, overcharged, or exposed to extreme temperatures.
Manitoulin residents are encouraged to handle these devices carefully by heeding the following suggestions:
Use manufacturer-approved

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Dean and Shirley Moss retire from Dean’s Valu-Mart in Gore Bay

GORE BAY—Dean and Shirley Moss, owners of Dean’s Valu-Mart in Gore Bay for close to 23 years, have decided to sell their business back to Loblaws, effective October 18.
“We would like to thank the community of Gore Bay and surrounding areas for their support through the years. We are thankful for the opportunity to have served the community and been a part of numerous organizations’ fundraising initiatives,” stated Mr. Moss.
This fall, the store will see renovations and will become a “Your Independent Grocer” next month.
Dean and Shirley became franchisees and officially launched Dean’s Valu-Mart in January 2009.
Throughout their careers, Dean and Shirley have been deeply committed to their community. Their contributions include supporting Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank, the Gore Bay Rotary Club, the Royal Canadian Legion (Gore Bay) and the Hard of Hearing Association.
The couple noted one standout initiative has been their partnering with Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay, beginning in 2007, to raise funds for the Manitoulin Food Bank through the sales of Kindergarten students handmade Christmas ornaments, a project that saw all proceeds donated to Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR).
“We have enjoyed serving the community,” stated Ms. Moss.

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Ontario Chiefs sound alarm on escalating opioid crisis in First Nations communities

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
ONTARIO —The new report from the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) and the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network reads like a ledger of sorrow and resilience. It maps a cruel truth: between 2019 and 2022, the rate of opioid-related deaths among First Nations in Ontario nearly tripled, reaching 12.8 per 10,000 people, compared to 1.4 for non-First Nations. In 2023, First Nations people were ten times more likely to visit hospital because of opioid toxicity. Many more use opioid agonist therapy; many more live under the shadow of systemic trauma.
“These statistics shed a light onto one of the most pressing issues of our time,” said Abram Benedict, Chief of the COO. “Far too many people—both First Nations and non-First Nations—are tragically losing their lives to opioids.”
These stark numbers—cold, clinical—tell only part of the tale. Behind them are families, knowledge held in silent spac-

es between generations, community workers scrambling to hold someone up before the fall.
The authors acknowledge the limitations of data: the grief, the complexity, the lifeways of First Nations people who use opioids cannot be reduced to rates or charts. They call for funding, culturally safe programs, Indigenous leadership in healing, and policies born from trust, not top-down decrees.
By 2022, the death rate among First Nations was nine times higher than for non-First Nations—12.8 deaths for every 10,000 people compared to 1.4 for others.
“These statistics shed a light onto one of the most pressing issues of our time. Far too many people—both First Nations and non-First Nations—are tragically losing their lives to opioids,” said Chief Benedict.
“The opioid and toxic drug supply crisis has devastated many communities across this region. Nearly everyone has

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Fire Prevention Week Islanders encouraged to “Charge into Fire Safety”

by Ed Prudhomme
MANITOULIN—In an official press release, Eleanor Olszewski, Minister of Emergency Management and Community Resilience and Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada, reminded Canadians that “This year, Canada will mark Fire Prevention Week from October 5 to 11. We continue to witness the devastating effects of wildfires across the country. Families have been displaced, homes destroyed and communities have suffered widespread damage. These are powerful reminders of how quickly fires can escalate and why being prepared is so important. The growing impacts of climate change mean that these events will continue to be more frequent and severe in the years ahead.”
That message ought to resonate strongly on Manitoulin Island, where forest, farmland and small communities make fire safety both a personal and collective responsibility. Local volunteer fire departments across the Island have long emphasized prevention, whether it’s maintaining clear space around homes, observing municipal fire bans, or reporting unattended burns before they get out of control.
This year’s National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) theme, “Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” brings attention to an often-overlooked modern risk. Lithium-ion batteries, which are often found in everything from cellphones,

laptops, and e-bikes to baby monitors and power tools, are efficient and convenient but can overheat or ignite if damaged, overcharged, or exposed to extreme temperatures.
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NEMI council begins its 2026 budget process

by Alicia McCutcheon
NORTHEAST TOWN—Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands got a first look at the 2026 draft budget during its administration and finance committee meeting of October 9. In it was a modest raise to the municipal levy of a proposed 4.33 percent.
CAO Dave Williamson told council that the 4.33 percent is a good figure when you look at what other municipalities in the area are proposing. He noted that the provincial move to circular economy for recycling—meaning the reclamation of recyclables such as packaging products are now the responsibility of those that make them instead of the municipality—has meant a \$50,000 savings for the Northeast Town. The CAO also shared that the 2026 costs for Ontario

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Welcome news this week in the Middle East—can it last?

The world is collectively holding its breath while a peace deal between Israel and Hamas appears to be playing out—with hostages being released and a promised secession of the armed conflict that has taken tens of thousands of lives since the October 7 terrorist attacks on a music festival by the terror group that saw 1,200 Israelis brutally murdered and another 251 taken hostage.

Since then, the retaliation of Israel has been swift and immense. Reportedly, more than 67,000 Palestinians were killed—some 18,000 of those being children—as the artillery, bombs and bullets flew in a seemingly unrelenting deluge that has left Gaza in ruins.

To many across the globe, and even a substantial number of people in Israel itself, the level of response by the Israelis to the October 7 attacks seemed more like an attempt at genocide than a measured response. It didn't help matters in that regard that the current president of the United States mused openly about taking over the emptied territory to create a resort.

So, when the Israeli cabinet agreed on October 9 to a ceasefire with Hamas as part of the first phase of Donald Trump's 20-point peace plan the world gave a sigh of relief and then began holding its breath. In the Middle East, there have been many peace efforts that disintegrated in the final moments thanks to the madness of extremists on every side.

There have been two previous attempts at a ceasefire, one in November of 2023—just a few weeks after the initial attacks—and again this past March. Both collapsed.

This time, the brokered deal has broad international support and is being greeted with greater optimism—but as to whether the deal will hold over the long term and lead to a lasting peace is another matter.

According to this newest effort, “all military operations, including aerial and artillery bombardment, will be suspended and battle lines will remain frozen.” The Israeli military has committed to honouring that stipulation, leading to thousands of refugees beginning the long pilgrimage back to their shattered homes.

With the release of the last of the hostages taking place on Monday, the Israeli military are withdrawing to a line that still leaves them in possession of 53 percent of Gaza. This is the first of three withdrawals. The White House plan indicates future withdrawals to be around 40 percent and then 15 percent of the Gaza territory. That final stage keeps a “security perimeter” until Gaza is “secure” from any “resurgent terror threat.”

Some 600 trucks of aid will next be allowed to enter Gaza unhindered, helping to stave off what had been quickly becoming a humanitarian crisis of widespread famine. The aid will include “rehabilitation of infrastructure (water, electricity, sewage), rehabilitation of hospitals and bakeries, and entry of necessary equipment to remove rubble and open roads.”

The World Health Organization has said that the hospitals in Gaza are at a “breaking point” with 94 percent being damaged or completely destroyed and supplies falling far short of what is needed.

Israel, for its part, has consistently denied that famine is prevalent in Gaza.

The United States is also sending two hundred troops to Israel to monitor the ceasefire and help with aid delivery—but none of those will be directly in Gaza itself.

President Trump's 20-point plan also stipulates that no Palestinians will be militarily forced to leave Gaza and that Israel will agree not to occupy or annex the Gaza Strip.

The enclave will “be redeveloped for the benefit of the people of

Gaza, who have suffered more than enough,” as the plan states, but also stipulates that Gaza must be “a de-radicalized terror-free zone” that “does not pose a threat to its neighbors.”

The plan sets out a need for stabilization, with a multi-national force deploying in Gaza to help enforce it; governance, with a “temporary transitional governance of a technocratic, apolitical Palestinian committee” which will operate under an international board headed by Trump; demilitarization, with an independent monitor group who will oversee the “demilitarization” of Gaza, that includes placing weapons permanently beyond use and an internationally funded buy-back program. All military, terror, and offensive infrastructure will be destroyed (this is a condition that Hamas has previously refused and is expected to resist posing a significant threat to the plan); and economic reform, with a panel of experts forming an economic development plan to rebuild and energize Gaza. They also convene and come hope to establish a special economic zone with preferred tariff and access rates (to be negotiated with participating countries).

Over the longer term, according to the plan, the Palestinian Authority will eventually take over governing the Gaza Strip after it has been reformed.

The final point, and perhaps most daunting in the peace plan, is for the United States to “establish a dialogue” between Israel and the Palestinian territories to agree on a political horizon “for peaceful and prosperous coexistence.”

The conflict in Gaza has led to a significant deterioration of Israel's standing in the world, long seen as an embattled and feisty underdog, surrounded by hostile neighbours and constantly being rocketed and bombed by terrorists in Gaza, Lebanon and the West Bank, the Israeli state it is now being saddled with the mantle of villain in many people's eyes.

Across the globe there has been a steady rise in antisemitism that is clearly linked to those visions of dead children and devastated civilian lives appearing in the international news feeds daily.

At the same time, there has been a concerted push to label any support for the embattled Palestinians as support for terrorism, with any suggestion of alleviating their suffering being characterized as a “win” for Hamas.

In war, especially a symmetrical/unsymmetrical conflict such as that taking place in Gaza, there are rarely any clear and defined “winners.” What there are, in droves, are innocent victims, displaced refugees, babies in body bags along with destroyed hospitals and schools and other vital infrastructure that will take many billions of dollars to rebuild.

While this paper is not a particular fan of the current POTUS, and The Donald's antics continue to tick off most of the globe daily and threaten the fall of the world's greatest democracy, should his peace plan stick, and should he manage to finally rein in The Putin on Ukraine, we submit that Donald Trump will deserve his coveted Nobel Peace Prize next year (the actual deliberations take place in January, so this year's was already out of the question and not “politics” as the MAGA faithful are wont to believe).

But either of those factors remain a decided long shot, given the long and brutal history that lies between the two factions in both cases. It is difficult to bury the hatchet while you are still burying your dead.

As the negotiators work on the final details of the 20-point plan, several of which are anathema to Hamas, the world continues to hold its breath and pray fervently, in all denominations and faiths, for a lasting and fruitful peace.

Premier Doug Ford helps recognize National Newspaper Week with The Expositor

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Every year, during the first full week of October, news media publishers across Canada celebrate National Newspaper Week and this year, The Expositor was privileged to have Ontario Premier Doug Ford join the Island's community newspaper in recognizing the critically important newspaper journalism plays in the reality in which we live today.

The Expositor gifted a copy of the October 8 edition of the paper to the premier while he was in a media scrum with provincial news outlets at the Manitoulin swing bridge.

“Do I get to read this one?” the premier asked while opening the pages.

“That's what I love about these community newspapers,” he said. “They have everything in it. You can look through it, you get to know what's going on, everything from real estate costs to everything.”

“It's still affordable real estate,” he exclaimed in delight.

According to News Media Canada, fact-checking encourages Canadians, especially students and young people, to question sources, think critically and engage more thoughtfully with current events.

National Newspaper Week, October 5 to 11, is an annual opportunity to recognize the role that newspapers and their sites play in providing Canadians with credible, factual news and spotlight why news media



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Inspired by the essential service that newspapers provide, the Champions Font highlights the power of words and the people behind the newspapers who use them to communicate essential information to Canadians each and every day. These real-life champions keep our democracy thriving through a vibrant and independent news media.

Champions is a geo-humanist font that incorporates both humanistic traits—which mimic hand motions reflecting the craft and artistry that goes into producing credible news each day—and highly geometric figures—which represent the structure and rigour of fact-checking, editing and producing high-quality credible content newspapers are known for.

The font can be downloaded at: nmc-mic.ca.

Gore Bay Legion celebrates the 75th anniversary of its charter

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Branch 514 in Gore Bay held gala celebrations in honour of two momentous milestones.

“Good afternoon. It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the Western Manitoulin Branch 514 celebration of two anniversaries, the 75th anniversary of the branch charter from Ontario and Canada and the 30th anniversary of the opening of this new branch location,” said Jim Woods, past president of branch 514 and master of ceremonies for the celebrations held outside at the cenotaph in Gore Bay.

“For the executive, veterans, Legion members and staff this marks a very big milestone,” said Mr. Woods. His comments at the ceremony were made after a parade lead by the Ontario Provincial Police, parade leader Jack Bould, veterans, Legion members and members of the Gore Bay Fire Department.

The singing of our national anthem was led by Janice Hubbard.

“Creator God, we have gathered today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe people: the Ojibwe, Odawa and the Pottawatomi, to remember all veterans who have served throughout the world in world wars, different conflicts and peacekeeping,” said Erwin Thompson, who was the RCL Branch 514 chaplain for over 26 years. “We give thanks for all peoples and their service to Canada. We also give thanks for their foresight in forming the Royal Canadian Legion.”

“Today, we especially remember those veterans who 75 years ago founded this branch,” said Mr. Thompson. “They



As this cake indicates the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #514 is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its charter, and 30 years in its new building location on Phipps Street in Gore Bay.

came from the communities of Western Manitoulin. Branch 514 started in Silver Water on April 24, 1950, at a meeting in the Silver Water Memorial Hall. As the membership expanded and more members were from Gore Bay the branch moved to the Town of Gore Bay on January 8, 1958. We give thanks for the founding veterans and members.”

Mr. Thompson noted, “Today, we celebrate the 30th anniversary of our present building on Meredith Street. We give thanks.”

“As we gather today, we remember all veterans and members who have worked to keep this Branch 514 open and serving the communities of Manitoulin. We give thanks for their dedication,” continued Mr. Thompson.

A wreath laying ceremony took place with Comrade Jim Kiviaho Sergeant at Arms for the legion, Gary MacPherson Legion Zone H-3 commander, Branch 514 President Marilyn Clarke on behalf of Western Manitoulin Branch 514, Canada, and Gore Bay Town Manager Jason Quinlan on behalf of the town.

The Last Post was performed by Comrade Roy Eaton of the Little Current RCL Branch 177, a moment of silence, rouse and the act of remembrance by Jim Woods.

The ceremonies continued inside the RCL Branch 514 building, with Legion president Marilyn Clarke serving as master of ceremonies. “I would like to thank everyone for attending this 75th anniversary of the Branch charter and 30th anniversary of this building. I would also like to pay a special thank you to the building committee; Chair Mike Riching, Sherron Clarke secretary and co-chair, Ron Armstrong, Dougal Campbell, Pete Chausse, Marilyn Clarke, Dan Dearing, Donna Foster, Ernie Leppington, Leigh Major, Don McQuarrie, Bill Read, Bob Foster, Branch 514 president and Phil Dangerfield construction foreman.

Mr. MacPherson addressed the large gathering, “it is a pleasure to be here today. Thank you to all the people who pulled this together and everyone here



Jack Bould leads the Legion parade, which included veterans, legion members, and the Gore Bay Fire Department at the celebrations for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #514 in Gore Bay this past Saturday.

for attending these anniversary celebrations.”

Comrade Eaton told the gathering, our district H commander, Flora Wilson-Chartrand district h commander forwarded an email message. “I would like to thank the RCL Branch 514 for an invitation to attend today’s anniversary celebrations. Happy 75th anniversary! It is such a tremendous accomplishment, and I thank all the members for your dedication and commitment to our veterans and keeping them well.”

“I would also like to speak on behalf of Branch 177,” said Comrade Eaton. “I personally want to thank all those branch 514 executive members who came down to celebrate our branch 95th anniversary held recently.”

Mr. Eaton noted that the two local RCL branches get together every year on the first Sunday in June to host Decoration Day ceremonies at the Manitoulin District Cenotaph. “This is a great demonstration of partnership, comradeship and working together.”

Also on hand for the ceremonies was Stuart O’Neil, first deputy Zone H3 commander and Jason Quinlan, Town of Gore Bay manager/clerk.

Ms. Clarke introduced three Charles C. McLean Public School students, who won prizes in the school Remembrance Day in Literary contest, who provided message and poems focusing on remembering the sacrifices made by veterans. The three students included Riley Hub-



Charles C. McLean Public School student Emily Ollington was one of three students who read poems of remembrance at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 75th anniversary.

bard, Sadie Hardy and Emily Ollington.

Michael Lalonde, Legion executive member presented the Branch 514 with a restored image of the previous Legion building in Gore Bay. “It’s an honour to present this restored image of the Legion building, one that stood proudly at the heart of our community before being replaced about 30 years ago.”

“This building represented service, friendship, and the strength of community, values that still live on in the Legion today,” said Mr. Lalonde. “Restoring this image was also part of the inspiration behind our downtown restoration, a reminder that renewal begins by honouring where we’ve come from. To all who have served and supported the Legion, thank you for keeping that spirit alive for 75 years.”

Ms. Clarke then presented a framed copy of a newspaper clipping story of the opening of the new Legion location 30

years ago, on behalf of herself and Leigh Major to Branch 514.

Jack Bould, a member of the Legion who is a realtor with Bousquet Realty Brokerage in Gore Bay presented a cheque in the amount of \$500 to the Legion Branch 514, proceeds from the annual barbecue held this summer, that the business holds annually to support the Legion.

“A few days ago, our MPP for this area, Bill Rosenberg, called to apologize for not being able to be here today,” said Mr. Woods. However, “he sent us a letter, which stated, ‘On behalf of the province and residents of Algoma-Manitoulin heartfelt congratulations on the anniversary celebrations. The longevity of the Branch 514 is a testament to the community and its commitment to veterans. As you celebrate with great pride in your achievements, look forward to success in the years ahead.’”

Mr. Woods then called local resident Ken Worsley forward. Mr. Woods explained, “approximately three weeks ago yesterday I was looking at our cenotaph and felt that it was a little sad looking. I mentioned to Carol (Worsley) that we (Legion) needed to repaint the cenotaph. Carol said, ‘Ken and I can paint the cenotaph for you.’ Two days later on a Sunday, I arrived in town again to find Carol and Ken clearing their paint brushes, having repainted the cenotaph. It looks fantastic.”

While Ms. Worsley could not be in at-



Michael Lalonde, of Timeless Images, presents RCL branch 514 president Marilyn Clarke with a restored image of the former Legion in Gore Bay.

tendance, Mr. Woods presented a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the legion to both.

“We also received congratulations from the RCL provincial commander in recognition of 75 years of dedicated service, signed by provincial president Derek Moore,” said Mr. Woods.

The RCL Branch 514, “as well received a Legion Ontario Command 2024 achievement award for 100 percent or more membership,” from Mr. Moore, said Mr. Woods.

Mr. Thompson provided the benediction, saying “God, as we leave this service of celebration may we take time to remember the veterans and members of the past 75 years. As we gather in the hall for refreshments may they nourish our bodies so we too can continue the good works of those who have gone before from Branch 514. Amen.”

Branch 514 was originally named the

Silver Water branch and obtained its charge in 1950; the first president was World War 1 veteran Bert Cook. Eight years later the branch relocated to an old tailor shop in Gore Bay due to a decline in the number of veterans in Silver Water.

On October 21, 1995, the new Legion was officially opened.

“Despite the predominantly grey skies last Saturday, the spirits of Island veterans and legion members were sunny as they paraded from the Gore Bay pavilion to the town’s new Legion Hall a couple of blocks away. The marchers, who included in their numbers a colour party and band, were out in force to mark the official opening of the newly constructed Branch 514 legion hall. On their way, they passed the cenotaph on the town’s main street, where they turned ‘eyes right’ and saluted a number of Legion dignitaries on hand for the auspicious event,” The Expositor reported at the time.

“Once on Phipps Street, the parade made its way to the legion hall, in front of which they came to a halt for the official opening ceremonies. Following a welcome by branch president Bob Foster, Ron Read led the parade members and a respectable crowd of sightseers in the singing of O Canada,” The Expositor continued. Among the guest speakers at the event was MP Brent St. Denis, MPP Mike Brown, Gore Bay Mayor Larry Lane, Ron Scriven of the Provincial Legion Command, Bill Wilkin, Deputy District H Commander, Sherron Clarke on behalf of the building committee. Pastor



Comrade Jim Kiviaho sergeant at arms for the RCL branch 514, along with comrade Jack Bould, take part in the wreath laying ceremonies at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #514 celebrations

Erwin Thompson of the Silver Water United Church pastoral charge dedicated the new building. The ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted by four charter members of the Gore Bay Legion-Larry Lane, Walter Smith, Betty Smith and Orland Wismer.

In a letter written by Charter Member Orland Wismer an original member of the Silver Water branch to then Gore Bay Mayor and Legion member Larry Lane, explained the origins of the Branch 514 Canadian Legion location.

“Tom Hayward was the driving force for forming a Legion Branch on Western Manitoulin. Harry Smyth helped with the inquiries and was the first secretary-treasurer branch 177 Little Current which was in existence from post-World War I.”

“Several veterans from this end of the Island were members of 177 but because of distance and transportation did not get to many meetings but usually made it to Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph at Spring Bay.”

“With those members and the WW II vets from Gore Bay west there were sufficient numbers to make another branch feasible,” wrote Mr. Wismer. “And although not all vets signed for various reasons or were not constant members it was easy enough to get enough Charter members and get the branch established.”

“Bert Cook (WWI) was elected first president, Grant Johnston next, and Orland Wismer third,” wrote Mr. Wismer. “Meetings were held (free of charge) at Silver Water Memorial Hall. There were some members from Gore Bay and a good number from the Gore Bay airport staff, who were faithful attendees. After the airport was downsized and many of the other vets from the west end left for jobs elsewhere the Legion action moved to Gore Bay.”

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your stuffed turkey fly! When everyone actually reads this here column of mine it will actually be a week after I wrote it. Thanksgiving hasn't happened yet as of today. Today like every day, I give thanks for all of the people I have in my life and in my world. Since I decided to call Manitoulin Island home in 2023 (though I had visited since 1991) today officially marks my second year of living here on the Island as a full-time, four-season resident. What have I learned and how has this changed my heart? Well, today I was at Rainbow Ridge cheering on all of the amazing runners and kids who ran their hearts out and I reveled in how our kids up here have such determination, athletic prowess and true grit and it makes me so happy and proud that I can raise my daughter in such a strong and united community surrounded by so many incredible coaches, teachers, mentors, friends, families, neighbours, knowledge keepers, elders, and strong and fierce women! I enjoyed watching the races and reflected on the fact that how you start and how you finish are determined by so many variables and factors, as in life! Regardless of where or how we start, our finish and future is still so full of possibilities and great expectations. Surround yourself with strong souls who inspire, nurture and stoke your soul fire. Keep close the ones who recognize the best part of you and celebrate and cherish you for everything you already are. Don't go changing just to please others, stay true to your innermost voice and vocation, stay in-tune to the rhythm of your own heart and breath. Do this, and the right ones will follow and find comfort there. You've got to find your people, press on with true conviction and courage, the big bouquet curtsy and big finish is a whole lot of love and the most beautiful version and evolution of yourself.

Be good and love large.
Here's what's happening:
Providence Bay Arena: The Prov Bay Fall Vendor Market is on Saturday, October 18 with 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 705-377-5726.
Exercise Classes Fridays at 9 am.
Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Joys and community updates on Sundays at 10:30 am. Service is Sundays at 11 am. Check the Providence Bay Community of Christ Facebook page for announcements and updates!
Providence Bay Curling club: Everyone is welcome at the Providence Bay Curling Club! Come to the 2025 open house on Sunday, October 19 from 2 to 4 pm at 84 Munro Street in Providence Bay and learn about our club, enjoy some snacks and beverages, meet new friends, register for learn-to-curl or join the leagues! Hope to see you there! Junior curling is back Saturdays starting Saturday, November 8 until the end of March. Ages SK to Grade 8. Equipment provided \$25 per curler. For more information go to provcurling.ca/junior.
Food Drive: REVEL Realty and I are sponsoring the annual pick-a-pumpkin for a nonperishable food drive again this year for Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank. We will have pumpkins generously donated by Tom Cooper of Cooper Farm and I will have a table set up inside the Vendors Market on Saturday, October 18 at the Providence Bay Arena. Look for posters and announcements coming soon! Items in demand for the food bank this Season are cleaning supplies, juices, pet food dry and wet, dairy free products and canned meat. This will be updated again for October - please visit the MFR 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 skywatcher or just love watching shooting stars and auroras, October is packed with celestial beauty.
October 19, a stunning moon. Venus's conjunction shines at dusk.
October 21 to October 22, 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 mid-October babies! Farewell to my baby brother Christian who heads back to Vancouver tomorrow, safe travels! Manitoulin and I will miss you! Sincere regards to the families and friends grieving and missing their loved ones during this time. Remember the good and happy times always.
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 visit the Central Manitoulin Township webpage or visit ExploreManitoulin.com for updates on all the events happening near you.
"You got to find your people
The ones that make you feel alright
That tell you the truth then wish you well
You gotta find your people, then you'll find yourself
You gotta find your people, then you'll find yourself"
Songwriters: Kevin Rhoads, Drew Holcomb.

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

We enjoy autumn in Billings so much, wild horses couldn't drag us away from this place right now. Although, in reality, wild horses could probably drag us anywhere pretty easily. They probably wouldn't even have to be wild; domestic horses could likely do it also. Most horses would have a pretty good shot at moving us at least a moderate distance. More than likely, one calm donkey would be able to handle the job. If we are honest, any of the ungulates would have no issue dragging us away, wild or otherwise. If a herd of determined sheep wanted to drag us anywhere, dragged there we would be. The point being, the Island is incredibly pretty this time of year.
The Kagawong Seniors Active Living Program is going strong: 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 and anyone over the age of 55 is welcome to join.
New date! The Seniors Active Living Program is also planning a Gratitude Lunch on Wednesday, October 22 at 11:30 am at the Park Centre. 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! A \$5 donation is appreciated
This week we are wishing a very happy 29th birthday to Islanders Sue W and Ken F and Island-related Jef-with-one-F, and Claire T. At your age, people expect you to be calm, dignified and sober. Be sure to disappoint them all!
The Billings 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. Join on Facebook ([FB.com/groups/libraryauction](https://www.facebook.com/groups/libraryauction)) to be the first to see what is up for bid with sneak peeks starting in November.
Fall may be in full swing right now, but Billings is already planning a sweet spring with the Manitoulin Maple Syrup Festival 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://manitoulinculinary-tourism.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!
We are working on a pumpkin spice flavoured antacid. We plan to call it Autums. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Friday night at cards we were in the marina building because the hall was being set up and decorated for a luncheon on Saturday. At euchre the high lady was Rose VanEvery with 68 points; high man was Anne Giffin Steele with 67 points; Bob Benedict won most lone hands for the men with two; for the ladies Myra Duncanson won with two; most euchres went to Diane Jones with 10; Mildred Kelly brought home the door prize; and Natasha McVey won the 50/50 draw.
Condolences to the family and friends of Ginger Morrison who passed away June 24, 2025. The Celebration of Life was at the gravesite with Rev. Janice Frame officiating and lunch was at the Meldrum Bay Community Hall. A lot of people attended and the hall was full. The decorations were lovely and the collection of photos gave people a chance to wander down memory lane.
Due to the funeral Karen Noble did not have her usual yard sale and gathering. We will catch up this week and enjoy some coffee and muffins and other goodies.
We had missed Rev. Janice Frame while she was away and it was nice to have her back on Sunday. I played the organ as Kay was away. After the service we gathered around coffee, cake and cookies to visit.
The hall renovations are underway. The front staircase is gone. They are working hard.
Tuesday was Kits and Quilts at the hall. Everyone was told to park on the road, not in the parking lot, so as not to get in the way of the construction. The hall is open via the side door.
We are planning a community turkey dinner at the hall on Saturday. I was just talking to someone at the store and another group has also planned a turkey dinner for Sunday at the hall. We do love getting together and eating. What a wonderful way to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Barrie Island Enid Runnalls

Cool fall weather has arrived, and the harvest moon is waning. The farmers are preparing for winter, working on some yards, cleaning, repairing and ploughing fields. The maple bush is gradually turning crimson and the denizens of Gordon/Barrie Island are decorating their farm gates and driveway entrances with bales of hay, pumpkins and scarecrows.
Helen Scott of St. Catharines visited Scott and Enid Runnalls last week. She enjoyed the summery weather and visits with family during her stay which she described as 'halcyon.'
On Tuesday a peloton of 'Biking Gran-nies' were spotted cycling on and then off Barrie Island. Apparently, the Sudbury based group were here to enjoy the quiet, safe and beautiful roads of Barrie Island and to picnic at the lovely Goose Gap Park.
Sandy Miller, Cheryl Rogalsky (Gore Bay) and Enid ventured to the BEAM Paints outlet in M'Chigeng on Tuesday. They were captivated by the selection of paints, paint brushes and art accoutrements.
Jordan Miller is hammering up a new roof at Oliver Runnalls' house.
Arie Miller ran with the C.C. McLean Colts team at the Cross-Country meet

at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course in Manitowaning. He is now preparing for the run in Gore Bay at the Manitoulin Golf Course.
Speaking of running, Katie Runnalls is participating in the Toronto Marathon on Sunday, October 19. She's working from Barrie Island this week so you might see her running the local roads.
Breanna Campbell is selling her home-baked pies (apple or blueberry) at \$30 a pie as a fundraiser for her son's Panthers hockey team. Carolyn ordered four -- one for Oliver and then she will be putting the rest away (in her freezer).
Mark your calendars for the Birding event at the Gordon/Barrie Island Hall. Terry Land will be presenting how to 'Bring Birds to your Backyard' on Thursday, November 6, at 2 pm. Also, Anna and Wayne Aelick will be selling birdfeeders and birdhouses at the event.
Sending get well wishes to Sylvia Fletcher who is recuperating in Sudbury at the Lasalle Rehabilitation Centre.

Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday night October 3 we went to play euchre in Meldrum Bay at the marina building. The hall was being set up for Saturday.
There was a large group of UCW ladies who prepared the lunch for Ginger Morrison's funeral on Saturday morning at the Meldrum Bay Community Hall. A number of us attended the service at the cemetery. There was a big crowd in attendance and most of them came back to the hall to eat.
On Saturday after I got home, Gladys and granddaughter Willow Duncanson came to our house. Willow's school in Espanola is collecting pop can tabs for a contest. I helped them take the tabs off a lot of cans out of the garage. Then we gave her a box full of tabs that people have dropped off here. If anyone would like to help Willow, Shelby, Kinley and Everly, please drop off can tabs to our house or to Murray and Gladys Duncanson or Randy and Lori Walker.
On Monday I went to Gore Bay to work and to do errands.
On Monday evening we went to play euchre at the Burpee and Mills Complex. There were 10 tables.
On Tuesday, Albert Meijer and I went to Meldrum Bay to work on the Kits and Quilts project. We had a number of people out and got a lot accomplished.
On Tuesday afternoon, Heather Wilson and I went for a swim in Silver Lake. The warm days we have had did not help the water temperature much. It was likely the last swim for 2025.
On Tuesday evening, I went to fire practice with Albert to hand out more garbage pickup schedules. I walked home handing out schedules and picking up cans.
On Wednesday I made the pumpkin and apple pies for this weekend.
On Thursday I worked from home in the morning and then worked on some knitting in the afternoon. Albert and I went for a walk handing out more schedules in the afternoon.
There was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall on Thursday night.



Static Monster Worlds!

I finally caught up with **Dawna Chartrand** who competed at the Static Monster Worlds in Dublin, Ireland this August, in the 40+ Masters Division.

Going into competition her goal was for a 145lb log press (minimum as this was a weight PR) and my axle deadlift goal was 450 lbs which would be a new PR for her.

Her season of training leading up to worlds found her injured after a Strongman Comp in May which meant she had to pull out of competing in the Strongman Provincials this summer so that she could solely focus on physiotherapy and training for Worlds because every competition takes a big toll on the body.

She was disappointed in her competition day as it didn't go completely as planned. She opened her first log press at 135lbs successfully. Her second attempt at log was 145 lbs and managed to get the first lift but didn't hold it up until the 'down' command and so it was called a "no lift."

For Log you have 60 seconds to get your lift and can try as many times as possible for the lift during that time. But no matter how hard she tried, she couldn't get it again. She had one more attempt at 145 lbs but just couldn't pull it off. Log is not her strong point but she felt, to fail 145 was frustrating because she has done that lift plenty of times before.

Deadlift is where she shines and it's her strength she would say, in all her lifts. For this competition they did a wagon wheel axle deadlift which is basically large wheels that brings your lift higher off the ground but the axle bar is thick and has no flexibility to the bar.

She opened her deadlift at 410 lbs with an easy pull. Then onto her second lift at 435 lbs, again that was an easy lift. And then her third and final lift was 450 lbs, which she somehow made look easy.

For this competition the lifts are combined and totalled at who is lifting the highest weight total and she managed to place 5th. In retrospect, she would likely have gone for a higher PR for the deadlift. For some reason, sometimes higher weights feel easier for her and the 450 moved so well she knows she could have done more.

Her next competition is in November and it's strictly a deadlift competition at Muscle Factory in Elliot Lake, which is being run by her coach, Yanick Baillargeon.

Then it'll be Static Monsters again this fall (regional comps) and then she'll keep training for Strongman Comps next year (her goal is to podium at Provincials and Nationals). Her longer term goal is qualifying for Arnold Strongman Classic by the time she is 50. And



next year she is looking forward to competing in the International Highland Federation Stones of Strength competition which she wasn't able to do this year because of injury.

Dawna is really excited about finding the sport of Strongman and the related strongman sports as it's something she feels naturally good at. Saying that, there is no mistaking her work ethic. She typically is strength training 4-5 days a week so there's definitely work involved but she enjoys it. She would love to see more women and young girls find this sport and wishes she had found this earlier in her life and not in her late 40's!

Wiky Invitational Cross Country

The Manitoulin Elementary Cross Country season has started with the Wiky Invitational. In the aggregate, team title, Charles C. McLean 'ran away with it', followed by Central Manitoulin Public School, with Little Current Public School close behind. Assignack, then Pontiac and Lakeview rounded out the Island schools.

The following are just the winners of the age-group races. Congratulations to everyone who competed! In the 8-year-old races **Maylee Wheale** of CCM was the first girl and teammate **Adam Honess**, the first boy. In the 9-year-old girls race, **Brinn Taylor** of Central Manitoulin Public School and **Simon Page** of Assignack Public School, won. In the 10's, **Ally-Anna LeFebvre** and **Alex Woods** of CCMPS were winners. In the 11 Y.O. girls', **Addison Page** of A.P.S. and boys' races, **Bray Wassegijig** of Lakeview. In the 12 Y.O. races, **Ayleana McDermid** (Assignack Public School) and **Landon Nicklasson** (Central Manitoulin Public School). Finally, in the 13-plussers **Kailyn Ingalls** (Little Current Public School) and **Boston Abotossaway** (Little Current



Cambrian College Coach Jeff Paul congratulates Wiikwemkoong's Aurel Fox-Recollet on his second place finish Walden Turkey Gobbler Trail Run.

Public School). This week, it is the Island Championships hosted by Charles C. McLean.

Mustangs host NOSSA Tennis

This Friday, October 17th, MSS will be hosting the Northern Ontario Championships for tennis. NOSSA is happening from 9:30 - 2:30 as players from the North Shore Division will square off against the best players from Sudbury and North Day. MSS will have more players who qualified than any other school.

Also, some of the players have organized the event to also be a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research. Wear pink if you can and bring a donation if you're able. There will also be a BBQ where some of the proceeds will also go to this charitable cause. The school will have a buyout after lunch to help raise money as well as to cheer on some of their fellow Mustangs. The tournament is in a round robin format and there will usually be an MSS player on one of the

four courts. The public is welcome to come and watch, just bring your own chair!

Cross Country, State-side

Congratulations to Assignack's **Brodie Penne**, whose running has taken him far. Running for the University of New Brunswick Reds, Brodie just got back from racing in Pennsylvania against ranked d2 schools and unranked d1 schools. In a race of 400 Brodie placed 29th in a time of 25:11 over 8 k!

6-7's!

Kohyn Eshkawkogan and his Ottawa 67s are thankful for a lot this past Thanksgiving weekend. The 67s are off to a great start with 7 wins and 1 loss, good for 3rd overall

in the OHL. Kohyn kept a six-game point streak alive and now has 7 points in his first 7 games. Coaches **Dave Cameron**, **Norm Miley**, and **Paul Stoykewich** have the young speedy team leaving their opponents frustrated with a good forecheck that takes away time and space.

Turkey Gobbler Trail Run

Wiikwemkoongs **Aurel Fox-Recollet** finished in 2nd place with a time of 32 minutes, 24 seconds in the Walden Turkey Gobbler Trail Run.

This event is a fundraiser for the Walden Nordic Racer ski team. 100 percent of the profits will be going to this youth racing program

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...Billings says ‘no’ to Georgian Bay Geopark

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“As steward of approximately 26 per cent of the total shoreline of Georgian Bay, The Archipelago places the highest priority on conservation, planning and sustainable management. The protection and preservation of the area’s natural heritage is central to our mandate and municipal operations. Council has determined that the Geopark initiative is not in the interest of our residents, nor the long-term stewardship of this fragile and irreplaceable region,” wrote Reeve Liverance. “On September 19, council passed a resolution formally opposing the inclusion of the township in the proposed Geopark. The resolution affirms that The Archipelago will not provide a letter of support, endorsement, or participation in this initiative. It further states that council urges all levels of government and the Canadian Geoparks Network to redirect funding and attention to the urgent environmental and shoreline protection priorities of Georgian Bay. We appreciate your attention to our concerns and trust that our position will be fully respected in the consideration of this initiative.”

The Expositor previously reported on motions passed by NEMI, Gore Bay, and other municipalities indicating their opposition to the Geopark proposal.

The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising also expressed its opposition to the Geopark proposal. In a letter dated July 28 to Frances Heydeman, states, “On behalf of the (UCCMM) Tribal Council, we wish to express our strong opposition to Manitoulin Island being included in the proposal of the aspiring UNESCO Georgian Bay Geopark. UCCMM Tribal Council represents the interests of Aundeck Omni Kaning, M’Chigeeng, Shesheganwaning,

Whitefish River, Zhiibaahaasing First Nations on Manitoulin Island,” wrote UCCMM Tribal Chair Patsy Corbiere, who is also chief of the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation.

“A major concern is the lack of consultation,” wrote UCCMM Tribal Chair Corbiere. “Our UCCMM First Nations have not been consulted in any way on this proposed international designation of a geopark that is including Manitoulin Island.”

“According to the UNESCO website, a global geopark is managed by a legally recognized body under national legislation. Under this management body, they are apparently responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive plan that includes governance, development, communication, protection, infrastructure, finances and partnerships,” wrote Chief Corbiere. Although UNESCO states, “Geoparks do not have any legal jurisdiction over their area, we don’t not want another governing management body that believes they have jurisdiction over our traditional territorial lands. With such a large area for the designation there is no way of having unified and cohesive partnerships with too many different interest groups and communities.”

Chief Corbiere added, “Manitoulin Island is richly unique on its own with beautiful landscapes and Anishinaabe culture. We the (UCCMM) do not consent to the Aspiring UNESCO Georgian Bay Geopark and demand that Manitoulin Island be removed from this proposal.”

Billings passed a resolution indicating its support for Archipelago and all other communities in opposition to the geopark designation and have a letter indicating that sent off to local MPs and MPPs.



...Dean and Shirley Moss retire from Dean’s

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“We have been at the store through it being a Manitoulin Co-operative to Loblaw’s and got through the COVID crisis. We have seen a lot of change and new staff, our one constant employee has been Jean Pearson over the years. We have lost employees Bill Graham, and recently Ken Bentley.”

“You have to enjoy life while you can,” said Ms. Moss. “We moved up here in 2003, and we have been here ever since, it is our



Dean and Shirley Moss plan on plenty of fishing in their retirement.

home. We have no plans to leave when we retire.” Dean and Shirley have

greatly valued their time as franchisees and take pride in having contributed to the growth of their store. As they prepare for retirement, they look forward to completing renovations, enjoying fishing trips and spending cherished time with their grandchildren.

The store will remain a Valu-Mart while renovations occur, and effective November 30, 2020 it will become a “Your Independent Grocer,” under a new owner.

...Ontario set to fail 2030 emission promises

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despite “little to no progress” in those fields. It chose not to account for its own car-friendly moves: cutting gas taxes, removing tolls — actions that can only invite more tailpipes, more emissions.

In agriculture, the projections hint at a slight drop in emissions — though, in truth, no mandatory plan exists to bend that arc downward. And the basic legal duties? Lapsed.

No new climate-report since 2021

A 2022 “update” that merely repub-

lished the 2021 data. The 2018 draft climate plan — never advanced to cabinet, never finalized.

Mike Schreiner, Green Party leader, did not mince words: “I used to say that the government has a made-to-fail climate plan. Now they have no damn plan at all.”

Yes, emissions have fallen 22 percent since 2005, but that owes less to bold leadership than to the shuttering of coal and the strange pauses of recession and pandemic.

Hydro One announces October 26 outage

MANITOULIN—Hydro One has announced a planned power outage on October 26 on Manitoulin Island.

“Hydro One crews will perform maintenance on transmission infrastructure that serves Manitoulin Island,” said Tiziana Baccega Rosa, senior media relations officer with Hydro One. “This includes the replacement of poles and insulators which is expected to increase reliability for our customers. To complete

this critical work, an outage is needed as equipment must be de-energized for our crews to work safely.”

The outage will take place on Sunday, October 26 from 7 am to 3 pm. All of Manitoulin Island will be without power, affecting nearly 12,000 Hydro One customers. As well the outage will include Whitefish River First Nation, Killarney, Cockburn Island, Bay of Islands and Wil- lisville.

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...Ontario Chiefs sound alarm on escalating opioid crisis

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been affected by this in some way.”

Who is most affected

Adults between the ages of 25 and 44 are the hardest hit. More than one in 10 First Nations people in that age group were in treatment for opioid use disorder in 2023, and that same group had the highest death rates in 2022.

Among First Nations, men are about twice as likely as women to die from opioids. Yet women are more likely to be prescribed opioids for pain—14 percent of First Nations women living off-reserve compared to 11 percent of men.

Where people live matters, too. Hospital visits for opioid poisoning were more than twice as common among First Nations living off-reserve compared to those living within their communities. Deaths followed the same pattern.

“We need more resources, not fewer, to protect our people, safeguard our future, and provide the support essential for healing,” Chief Benedict said.

The report shows that between 2019 and 2022, the opioid death rate for First Nations nearly tripled. In that period, 389 First Nations people in Ontario died from opioid overdoses.

Losing ground up North

In Sudbury, The Spot (Minoogawbi/La

...encouraged to “Charge into Fire Safety”

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chargers and avoid leaving items plugged in overnight.

Keep charging stations away from flammable materials and direct sunlight.

Recycle damaged or expired batteries properly at Island waste transfer stations, which accept them through battery recycling programs.

Beyond household safety, Minister Olszewski’s statement also emphasizes the importance of outdoor fire pre-

vention. The Island’s dry summer conditions, coupled with strong winds off the North Channel and Lake Huron, can easily turn a small spark into a fast-moving brush or forest fire. Campers, cottagers, and local residents are all urged to ensure all campfires are fully extinguished with water, refrain from burning brush during high-risk periods, and never discard cigarette butts into vegetation.

Wildfires are not just a northern or western Ca-

nadian concern, as they affect air quality, water safety, and wildlife habitats across Ontario and beyond. In recent years, smoke from fires as far away as northern Quebec, Alberta, and the Prairies has drifted across Manitoulin skies, turning sunsets orange and serving as a visible reminder of the changing climate’s reach.

This Fire Safety Week, let us take a moment to express our gratitude

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Place)—the city’s only supervised consumption site—was forced to close on March 31, 2024, after years of uncertainty and pleas for provincial support. Outreach workers say the loss has been devastating, forcing people back into alleys, bathrooms and bush trails to use alone.

Earlier this year, Health Minister Sylvia Jones said she expected new addiction care “hubs” to be open across Ontario by April 1 — including one promised for Greater Sudbury. That promise has yet to materialize.

In the meantime, the death toll continues to climb. Between 2022 and 2024, 138 people in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts lost their lives to suspected drug poisonings.

Public Health Sudbury and Districts reports a staggering death rate of 55 per 100,000 people — higher than the Northern Ontario average of 52.5, and more than three times the provincial projection of 15.7.

For Northern Ontario, the loss is even more acute. When the only safe-injection site in Sudbury shut down, the next nearest supervised consumption service was more than 200 kilometres away in Timmins—until that one closed, too.

First Nations leaders and harm reduction workers call this not just a policy failure, but an extension of colonial neglect.

A land-based answer

But amid the grief, Manitoulin is quietly building something else—a new kind of response rooted in land, dignity and care.

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan’s newest offering: a land-based withdrawal management centre years in the making, long awaited and hard fought for. Since opening in 2018, Gwekwaadziwin Miikan has offered land-based treatment and aftercare, rooted in Anishinaabe ways of knowing and being. The detox facility expands this circle of care to include acute withdrawal management—something that’s been sorely missing on Manitoulin.

But for now, acute withdrawal is the focus—catching people at the cliff edge and offering a soft place to land.

“The land will regenerate,” Sam Gilchrist, executive director of Gwekwaadziwin Miikan told The Expositor during a tour of the new facility. “As will the people who come here. That’s the hope.”

The Ongoing Crisis

Nearly 51,000 people have died of opioid overdoses across Canada since 2016, according to Health Canada. Chiefs from across the country, meeting in Winnipeg last month, warned that the crisis is outpacing the supports available.

Chief Mark Arcand of the Saskatoon Tribal Council said his Nation has opened treatment centres, safe homes, and cultural healing programs, but the need continues to grow. Chief Patsy Corbiere of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation said her community faces gaps in funding and policing, even as it tries to develop its own approaches.

If you need emotional support, please contact: The First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310 or connect to the online chat at hopeforwellness.ca. Service languages: Ojibway, Cree, Inuktitut, English, French.

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...Town of NEMI council begins its 2026 budget process

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Provincial Police (OPP) services are precarious as they have yet to be released, but that staff have increased the budgeted 2025 amount for police services by three percent, somewhere between the best- and worst-case scenarios. The OPP billing for 2026 will be released in December.

Capital projects
The proposed capital projects for 2026 for the municipal office are as follows: municipal software upgrade, \$150,000 (working capital reserve); Official Plan update, \$60,000 (net cost to town); cemetery building upgrade, \$30,000 (contingent on grant); new office awnings, \$60,000 (contingent on grant); a new half-ton truck for the chief build-

ing official (the old truck will be sent to the public works department), \$75,000 (building official reserve).

Under transportation services, the capital projects are: a Limekiln Road grade raise, \$100,000 (gas tax funds); Bay Estates grade raise, \$80,000 (gas tax funds); the Cockburn Street extension, \$1,900,000 (\$950,000 from grants and \$950,000 from loan); and Limekiln Road resurfacing, \$160,000 (Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund [OCIF]). There were two options noted in the draft budget for the resurfacing of Bay Estates Road, tar and chip or pavement.

There was much discussion from council on the poor quality of tar and chip of late. In fact, Mr. Williamson noted, the

company who did the last round of road resurfacing was back this fall to perform warranty work. He shared that within the last decade the oil emulsion mixture has changed to meet environmental standards, but it's also meant a decrease in the longevity of the work. The difference between tar and chip and pavement for Bay Estates Road is \$400,000. Council agreed that staff should try and find funding for the paving project.

Still under transportation services, the public works wishlist is: a new trackless (sidewalk clearing machine), \$250,000 (contingent on grant); a roadside brusher, \$195,000 (contingent on grant); and a patching hotbox, \$65,000 (contingent on grant).

Under recreational and cultural services, the pro-

posed projects are: a 30' by 40' community services garage, \$140,000 (contingent on grants); rec centre hall light upgrade, \$35,000 (contingent on grant); rec centre urinal upgrades \$85,000 (contingent on grant); rec centre kitchen upgrades, \$35,000 (contingent on grant); Lions Den upgrades; paving of the west parking lot at the rec centre, \$200,000 (contingent on grants); Low Island walk-

ing track, \$30,000 (contingent on grants); disc golf course, \$8,000 (contingent on grants); foundation and gazebo at Batman's Mill, \$48,700 (contingent on grants); Newby's Bay dock and ramp at Rockville, \$120,000 (\$15,000 from dock reserve and \$105,000 from working capital reserve); replacement of the former Little Wally's building, \$110,000 (\$60,000 contingent on grants and \$50,000 from

the waterfront reserve).
Lastly, under protection to persons and property, the municipality is looking to purchase \$54,000 of fire turnout gear at a net cost to town.

This effectively drains the working capital reserve, but Mr. Williamson explained to council that the municipality is expecting a small surplus for 2025, which would make up for this shortfall.

Rotating strikes for postal workers begins

CANADA—The Canada Post Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) announced last week that it would be moving from nationwide strike action to rotating strikes as of this past Saturday.

Jan Simpson, national president of CUPW announced last Thursday, “today, we are announcing that starting Saturday, October 11 CUPW will move from a nation-wide strike action to rotating strikes. Locals that will be rotating out will be informed closer to the time when they will take action.”

“This will start mail and parcels moving, while we continue our struggle for good collective agreements and a strong public postal service. We did not take the decision to move to a nationwide strike lightly. Postal workers would much rather have new collective agreements and be delivering mail instead of taking strike action,” said Ms. Simpson.


“Yet, we could not stand by as the government announced its plans to allow Canada Post to gut our postal service and slash thousands of our jobs,” said Simpson in the release. “Contract after contract, this employer has sought to chip away at postal services, worker rights and good jobs, and its latest offers

are an outright attack on public service. The government’s announcement on September 25 also emboldened Canada Post to continue making a mockery of the bargaining process.”

“We want to thank our members for standing strong, the public for their support, as well as the New Democratic Party and Bloc Quebecois for holding this government accountable. We have a follow-up meeting with Government Transformation Minister Joel Lightbound’s office next week,” continued Ms. Simpson. “We will continue our fight for strong public services, good jobs and a sustainable public post office for all Canadians.”

The union has been in the midst of its second nationwide strike in less than a year, which has brought nearly all mail and parcel delivery to a complete halt.

Due to the precarious nature of the rotating strikes, on-Island subscribers of The Expositor will continue to receive newspapers at the totes located in most communities. The weekly e-edition can be accessed each Wednesday at Manitoulin.com. The Expositor appreciates your patience during this time.



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The Witches Walk

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...Should Ont. close Dodge landfill, impact on area municipalities huge

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(NR-CPI) which reflects costs of urban building projects like condominiums, plumbing, electrical trades, steel and concrete, none of which are part of landfill closure.

“Our site shouldn’t be included in this, all we have on our site is earth works,” said Mr. Dodge. He pointed out everything is in place at the Espanola site for expansion.

“MECP reviewers looked in a once-in-a-century COVID era spike as though it were the new normal,” Mr. Dodge said. “They applied Toronto and Ottawa high-rise construction costs to a small-town landfill in Espanola. That’s not environmental protection, that’s bureaucratic box-ticking. A landfill isn’t a condo tower, and MECP should know the difference.”

“We already have a landfill financial assurance obligation of \$1.2 million, but this is being increased by 70 percent with this change,” Mr. Dodge told The Expositor, pointing out another landfill owner in Ottawa has gone from \$8 to \$20 million.

Mr. Dodge explained, “because (MECP) use the landfill financial assurance obligation, they check locations like ours every three years for closure and post-closure activities. They do this by going back 10 years on residential construction NR-CPI, and now that it’s my year and go back three years it is part of the COVID years, so I am paying a significant increase.”

“I am not trying to not pay our financial assurance, but just since the COVID increase, which includes our site being included with other high-rise construction costs in southern Ontario, something we shouldn’t be

included in,” said Mr. Dodge. “And they (MECP) gave me three weeks to pay this.”

Mr. Dodge, in a letter to the Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, minister of MECP dated October 8, wrote, “I am writing out of deep frustration with the MECP and its recent decision to increase my landfill’s financial assurance requirement by 70 percent. This landfill’s service area is Manitoulin, Algoma, Sudbury, and Greater Sudbury and presently serves 10 municipalities and six First Nation communities and has the potential to provide secure waste management for the next 60 years. At a time when the rest of Ontario has only 12 years of landfill capacity left, MECP’s decision is reckless and short-sighted.”

“The increase has nothing to do with my site or its closure requirements,” continued Mr. Dodge. “It comes entirely from MECP’s blind reliance on the non-residential construction price index (NR-CPI) and their failure to use common sense when applying it. The NR-CPI reflects the costs of urban building project-trades people, plumbers, electricians, steel, windows, concrete, none of which are part of landfill closure activities.”

“Yet not one MECP reviewer, in all the financial assurance packages they handle, seems willing to acknowledge this obvious mismatch. Instead, they have locked in a COVID-era anomaly, a once-in-a-century economic shock-as though it were a permanent cost trend. The result is an absurd 70 percent jump in my assurance requirement that will stay in place until 2045,” continues the letter.

Mr. Dodge wrote, “This policy is not only financially destructive, it is fundamentally illogical. It punishes responsible operators who already maintain closure reserves beyond what is required; it ignores regional reality, applying inflated Toronto/Ottawa numbers to small northern communities like Espanola; it jeopardizes essential landfill capacity that municipalities and first nations rely on, all because reviewers refuse to question a flawed formula.”

“If MECP insists on enforcing this misguided approach, I will be forced to fulfill my current obligations and then consider shutting down the landfill,” wrote Mr. Dodge. “That would remove a vital regional service at a time when Ontario can least afford it. I am asking for your support in holding MECP’s reviewers accountable. Their approach lacks fairness, lacks regional understanding, and most of all lacks common sense. It is not environmental protection; it is bureaucratic box-ticking that puts communities at risk. A landfill isn’t a condo tower, and MECP should know the difference.”

Currently, H. Dodge Haulage Ltd. has contracts with Central Manitoulin, Gore Bay and Gordon-Barrie Island, Burpee and Mills, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, and works with Aundeck Omni Kaning and Whitefish River First Nation.

“We have yearly contracts so in two-three months for those communities we have a contract with this could end, so all the municipalities and first nations are in jeopardy if the province doesn’t reconsider,” said Mr. Dodge.

...Gordon/Barrie Island won’t be annexed

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ardize the relationship of collaboration and goodwill that has for decades been beneficial to both municipalities. The municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is prepared to take all measures necessary to prevent any potential boundary infringement.”


“We are very concerned as council on any infringement on our boundaries,” stated Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island. “Personally, I am very disappointed with the actions of our neighbours to look at annexation. Any infringement will not be accepted without opposition.”

The Gordon/Barrie Island resolution states in part, “Whereas the council of the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island has read in the minutes of the Town of Gore Bay’s council meeting of September 22, 2025; the resolution number 16224 whereby the Town of Gore Bay plans to seek the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing support to annex property from the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island; and whereas there are statistics showing that restructuring is not a prov-

en cost saving process; and whereas it is the responsibility of the council of the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island to ensure current assessment stays in play in our municipality to ensure we can pay for services; annexation of lands from the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island risks putting an undue burden on the taxpayers of this municipality and threatens municipal relationships; Gordon/Barrie Island council has already received a petition from the ratepayers in the municipality in opposition to any amalgamation with the Town of Gore Bay; Council submits a municipality should look to their own services, procedures and spending before looking at acquiring assessment from a neighboring municipality.”


The resolution also states that there is space for building available within the Town of Gore Bay and that construction is going on currently, with several homes in the town currently up for sale. “Whereas a double majority at municipal councils and electors is required

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to see this next step take place, and as everybody on the Island knows, it's become the topic of the day. It's no longer saying, 'it's a sunny, bright day.' It's 'how's that bridge going?' So, I'm really happy to have this happen."

Mayor MacNevin thanked the ministers and premier for coming to the Island and noted that the municipality had prepared sweatshirts "that say swing bridge on them, just to make sure that nobody forgets about the event."

Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth George Pirie was next up on deck.

"It's great to be here with Premier Ford and my colleagues for this important announcement," said Minister Pirie. "We all know that Northern Ontario is a vast region. Perhaps that is why it should come as no

surprise that our highway system consists of nearly 11,000 kilometres, roughly 60 percent of the provincial highway network. Ontario's Northern highways are essential to help people and goods move safely and reliably throughout our products."

"Infrastructure projects help Northern communities unlock their economic potential and help more people access goods and services like healthcare, education, emergency services and good paying jobs, thanks to the leadership of Premier Ford," he said. "Our government is making historic investments to build roads and highways in the North and as minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, I've been proud to invest nearly \$677 million in the Northern Highway Program last year alone to support this network including the current Little Current swing bridge, and other important projects across the province.



Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg, left, is joined at the Manitoulin swing bridge by Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige, the Honourable Greg Rickford, minister of Indigenous affairs and First Nations economic reconciliation, Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Mayor Al MacNevin, the Honourable Natalia Kusendova-Bashta minister of long-term care and Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth George Pirie.

Today's announcement is one more way our government is delivering our commitment to protect local economies and create real opportunities

for the people who live, work, and do business in Northern Ontario."

"You know folks, this is an exciting day," said Premier Ford. "I've heard so much about this bridge and finally get to come here and see it."

Premier Ford illustrated the importance of the bridge to Islanders with a story about a woman he met in the Little Current Tim Horton's outlet just before arriving at the bridge.

"She goes, 'I have a big tattoo on my back of the bridge' and I'm thinking, 'let's see,' that's how much this is just a game changer for the community," he said. Although the premier didn't get the woman's name, it was later revealed to have been Julie Omnet.

"As Premier you get to announce big projects, 60-storey buildings in downtown Toronto, and this and that, but nothing makes me more happy than coming to communities like this where you're changing people's lives,"

photo by Michael Erskine

said Premier Ford. "We're always going to be there to support you."

The premier called for a shout out to MPP Rosenberg. "When he first got elected I sat down with Bill and I asked him and I said, 'Bill, what's the ask?' He sent me like a binder, this thick binder of everything from new schools and roads and bridges and long-term care, and we're just getting down to this, checking out one at a time. So, this couldn't happen without everyone's support and community."

He noted that Grand Council Chief Debassige was also a strong advocate for the project and the premier invited her to say a few words as well.

"The Little Current swing bridge is essentially a lifeline for all of us on Manitoulin Island," said Grand Council Chief Debassige. "The very first time I was ever on a bridge was to leave this

Island, that's because I was born here like many of the residents here today. Our First Nations also depend on this bridge for their healthcare, for their education, to also be mobile, and they too have been great advocates for the replacement of this bridge. So, I do want to acknowledge our leadership from Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, M'Chigeeng, Zhiibaahaasing, Wiikwemkoong, Aundeck Omni Kaning as well our brothers and sisters just across the water in Whitefish River First Nation."

"This has been a long time coming," she said. "When I was told that they were going to make a swing bridge announcement, I said, 'well, it better be better than the one that was before, two years ago, when Minister Rickford was here.' He came here—and then it was crickets. So, I want to also thank the leadership of Bill, and of course, Mayor MacNevin, we've worked together many years, and in my previous roles, and got to know each other."

"There's not a gap of love for the Island with all of our leadership from our chiefs to our mayors," she said. "We want to preserve it, but also how we need to have access safely across for those emergencies and for those times that come. So, this is a welcome announcement. To Manitoulin as a whole, to our First Nations, I would like to thank our provincial government and our premier for being here with us. It's not too often we have a premier that has this much heart and dedication for the people of the North. And I know, as an Islander, many of us have shared

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gathered here at 6 am. We always start off in a good way—we started off with the Morning Star and we were gifted with some wonderful teachings this morning about that.”

Ogimaa Ominika went on to thank the band staff, community members “and all of the partners who have helped us reach this day today.”

“We fought so hard to get where we are today to ensure that youth are going to have a better life living here at home in our community,” he said. “For generations our elders have carried our language, our stories and teachings. They are the heart of our community. The ones who remind us who we are as Anishinaabe. This new home

will ensure they continue to live surrounded by the land, our language and the people who give them strength. It is about bringing our elders home where they belong and caring for them in a way that reflects who we are as Anishinaabe.”

Ogimaa Ominika pointed out that the existing nursing home was built in 1972, more

than 50 years ago. “That served our people well,” he said, “but we have long outgrown it. This new 96-bed facility, which we have fought hard for over the years, means that our elders will no longer have to leave our community to receive the care they need. It means the families can stay together. Our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren can visit and learn from their elders right here in Wiikwemkoong. It also means new opportunities for more than 50 jobs for local people, support for small businesses and training for our youth who want to

work in health care and community service.”

“We are grateful to the Ministry of Long-term Care, for its contribution in getting and making this

dream a reality for our community,” said Ogimaa Ominika. “We also have some other investing

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Premier Ford greets a contingent of elders from the Wikwemikong Nursing Home on hand for the sod-turning.

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...Province commits \$9 million to swing bridge design

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that they don’t care about us in Toronto, but I can say with the help of MPP Rosenberg, and with the vision with our premier, it is becoming a reality. I believe it will bring a lot more opportunities to Manitoulin for us, collectively, to our Nations to our municipalities, so that we can continue on to a beautiful

and sustainable future, for all of our citizens.”

Following the speeches, media were able to ask the premier some questions, where it was confirmed that the bridge will be two lanes, that it too will be a swing bridge and that the cost will be approximately \$9 million for the detailed design work.

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partners who helped this project come to fruition. CMHC, Indigenous Service Canada and the many committee members and organizations who contributed to our capital campaign. We are also continuing to work with our federal partners to secure support for additional community infrastructure projects that will help us move forward together. This announcement today is not just about bricks and mortar. It's about what kind of future we want to build, a future where our elders are respected and cared for. Where our

youth see how we are, we honor those who came before them and where our community continues to grow strong, self-reliant and proud. This has been a long journey. Years of planning, advocacy and hard work and I want to thank everybody who helped make this possible: our staff, our partners and, most importantly, our elders. For their patience, their strength and your teachings. Today, we can finally say our elders are coming home.” Grand Council Chief Debassige then spoke of the \$10,000 contribution her home community of M'Chigeeng made to the

capital fund three years ago when she was Ogimaa there. She thanked Elder Assinewai for the sunrise ceremony and the opening prayer and the elders who offered welcoming song with their hand drums. She recalled the three former Wiikwemkoong leaders that she worked with on this project, including Duke Peltier, Rachel Manitowabi and now, Ogimaa Ominika. “I can say, without a doubt, every single one of those leaders were always advocating for this nursing home,” she said. “They are always advocating for the care of our elders. I think at this point in time the stars really have aligned in the relationship that we’ve developed with this government, the relationship we’ve developed collectively with our premier and Minister Rickford that led to this moment.” Grand Council Chief Debassige shared a story of visiting her great grandfather and grandparents in the current nursing home and being able to establish a relationship with them. She also called for greater kindness and understanding of the work that leadership engages in, and for greater kindness to be expressed on social media. “Over my short time we have become friends and, as we move forward, it’s going to get stronger,” said MPP Rosenberg. “Thank you to Premier

Ford and all the ministers joining us today. It’s a glorious day, the sun’s shining. It’s a nice fall cool day. It’s great to see all you guys out here today and you’re the guys who made it happen. I want to congratulate all the people that have contributed to make this day happen. Not only is this a great day for Wiikwemkoong, it’s for all the communities on the Island.” “On this glorious day here on the Island it’s a great honour to be joined by the elders here with the drum, the Premier of Ontario, his incredible leadership and, more importantly, his commitment to First Nations communities, more squarely, the journey that we call reconciliation,” said Minister Rickford. “Today, I’m proudly wearing the Robertson Huron Treaty shirt, which Duke Peltier literally took off his back and gave to me because I said I liked it. He could have just got one made for me, and I would have paid for it, but he gave it to me, and I appreciate it. It just speaks to the kind of leadership that comes from this community. Isn’t that something?” Minister Kusendova-Bashta shared the story of her recent visit to her 94-year-old maternal grandmother in Poland and introduce her to the minister’s nine-month-old son. “I know members of this community are very deeply connected to your

elders and that is why this home rightfully will be called an Elders’ Home,” said the minister. “To all the incredible elders with us here today that live in the current elders’ home, I want you to know that my team and I wake up every single morning with purpose and you are top of mind. You are top of mind when we make our decisions. You are top of mind when we put forward policies because, as has been mentioned, you have worked your entire lives, taking care of us, and it is now our turn to take care of you. This government has a very ambitious plan, the largest capital program for long-term care in the history of not only this province, but also this country. This means we are building 58,000 new and redeveloped beds across the Province of Ontario. But even here in this beautiful community, I want you to know that there are many other Indigenous projects that are coming through this ministry, and we will continue that partnership and that hard work of reconciliation, repatriation and bringing elders home.” “I’m speaking from the heart,” began Premier Ford in his address, also eschewing his notes. “When I pulled up I felt so welcome,” he said. “When you’re a premier, you’re at these events non-stop. It’s a thousand here, a thousand downtown, traffic congestion and

then when you come here, it’s like God’s country and it’s just so beautiful. I just I can’t wait to get the Elders’ Home built—and it was the community that made it happen.” The premier recalled meeting with the community leaders and having photos taken at his desk (which he said he never sits at). “I love that we’re going to have a brand-new place, 96 beds that changes people’s lives. I shouldn’t even use (the word) beds, he continued recalling the time “a beautiful older lady came up and said ‘that’s not a bed, that’s my home.’ I’ll never forget that, so I’m always going to use the word home, and we’re going to try to move this along as quickly as possible. I hear it’s going to be done 2028, but if we have to put more resources in to make it happen sooner. Well, we’ll make sure that happens.” The premier pointed out that, unlike any other politician, his phone number is public. “If you ever need help, feel free to call me on my cell phone,” he said. “Just go on the internet, I have a special 1 800 number.” In a real emergency, he advised calling Grand Council Chief Debassige. “She will be on to me in about three seconds,” he laughed. Following the speeches, the premier and assembled dignitaries gathered behind the stage with shovels for a ground-breaking photo op.

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announced its funding support of \$45 million for the redevelopment of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home.

“This is certainly a good day,” stated Premier Ford. “Our government is investing over \$200 billion in our plan to build roads, schools and other critical infrastructure so we can create good-paying jobs and protect workers and families. Today’s announcement means Manitoulin residents will have access to world-class long-term homes for decades to come.”

“This year, we are celebrating 75 years of providing health care to people across northeastern Ontario,



Ontario premier Doug Ford, left in photo, is shown chatting with Kari Gervais president and chief executive officer of St. Joseph’s Health Centre.

from hospital care to long-term care, and a great way to celebrate our past is by building for the future,” said Kari Gervais, president and chief executive officer of St. Joseph’s Health Centre. “We welcome everyone to this special announcement here today. “

“We look forward to serving residents in Gore Bay and throughout Manitoulin Island. We are grateful for the support of the province and Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation in this much needed new long-term care home.”

In opening the ceremony with land acknowledgment, Ms. Gervais said, “as we build for the future, we will deepen our knowledge of Anishinaabe people, traditions, cultures and needs. Reconciliation is part of our journey, and we are pleased to also be working with First Nations leadership.”

MPP Rosenberg said, “It is great to be back on the Island. It seems I am here every couple of days,” he

quipped. “This is definitely a special day for Manitoulin Island, with provincial funding being announced for the St. Joseph’s Lodge, the Wikwemikong Nursing Home and moving forward on the Swing Bridge in Little Current. It is all great news.”

“St. Joseph’s Lodge does great work and this new facility here in Gore Bay will be fantastic,” stated MPP Rosenberg, in welcoming Premier Ford and Minister Kusendova-Bashta.

Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane said, “we want to thank St. Joseph’s for everything they have done to make this project a reality that will benefit all of Western Manitoulin. And we thank the premier and the minister for their support and for being here today, and MPP Rosenberg who has now been here for the third time in the past two weeks.”

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“Long term care is not new to Gore Bay,” said Mayor Lane. “The Manitoulin Lodge has been here in town for almost 50 years, when my father (John) was mayor of the town, and the province supported the project through Premier William Davis. The building has served several generations of families in Gore Bay and Western Manitoulin.”

“As mayor of the town I have learned over the years the only way to get good things happen is through partnerships. That’s the secret,” stated Mayor Lane. “I would like to express thank you from the town to Jarlette Health Services (previous owners of the Manitoulin Lodge), St. Joseph’s Health Centre, the premier and the minister of health and long-term care attendance here today, which shows how important this project is to the province.”

“I would also like to thank our town council and staff,” said Mayor Lane. “We have excellent people on council who have supported every step of this project, including for example approval of the building permits, and our town staff who have carried out all this work.”

“I don’t know where we would be without the municipality,” said Ms. Gervais. “And the welcome we have received from the town has been overwhelming.”

Gore Bay doctor Shelagh McRae provided



The province of Ontario is providing \$30 million dollars toward the construction of the new St. Josephs Lodge, in Gore Bay. The announcement was made by Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Long-Term Care Natalia Kusendova-Bushta last Thursday in Gore Bay. In photo from left is Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane, Kari Gervais president and chief executive officer of St. Josephs Health Centre, Minister George Pirie, Minister Kusendova-Bushta, Dr. Shelagh McRae, Doug Smith, Doug Ford, Jeff Smith, Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg, Catherine Huneault, chair of the St. Josephs Health Centre board of directors, in front of the sign displaying the proposed design of the new long-term care building.

a perspective of having a family member reside in the current St. Joseph’s Lodge. “This is certainly an exciting time,” she said, noting, “I have been associated with the Manitoulin Lodge and now St. Joseph’s Lodge since my husband Bob and I started our practice here in 1982. The Lodge has always been a very important part of our medical practice, especially for Bob (as medical director and now with Dr. Chantelle Wilson as medical director) getting to know generations of families. It has always been a family place where everyone knows each other and where the care given to residents has been excellent,” she said noting her mother has been in the Lodge for a number of years.

“I am glad that St.

Joseph’s is taking over and will expand on the services we have provided (in patient rehabilitation after medical procedures),” said Dr. McRae.

Catherine Huneault, chair of St. Joseph’s Health Centre’s board of directors said, “this year marks our 75th anniversary, starting with the Sudbury General Hospital. Over the years we have adapted to the changing landscape. Today is a special day for long term care and rehabilitative care for adults.”

“When the Town of Gore Bay first approached us on this project (with assuming the operation of the former Manitoulin Lodge this past July), we saw it as a calling for and extension of our mission and vision for what we have been delivering in

term of services provided,” said Ms. Huneault. “Last July we brought long-term care into our family of services.” St. Joseph’s operates two long-term care homes in Greater Sudbury as well as a two-site rehabilitative care hospital specializing in older adult health, the only facility of its kind in Northeastern Ontario. St. Joseph’s was approached by Gore Bay to operate the Lodge and lead the construction of the new home because of its experience in long-term care and capital projects, as well as its reputation for providing compassionate, quality care centred on the whole person.

“On behalf of St. Joseph’s Health Centre, we are very excited to be part of the future of long-term care in Gore Bay and neighbouring commu-

nities and offer a new home with all the modern amenities to ensure our residents can enjoy full, rich lives in comfort,” said Ms. Huneault.

Ms. Gervais said private sector support that was provided by the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation on this project was very important. “We thank the Smith family for their extraordinary gift to this project. More than that your tremendous support for so many families.”

Jeff Smith, on behalf of the Smith family said, “my mother was very keen on long-term care services. She worked for the previous Manitoulin Lodge. I was at the opening of the old Lodge as a teenager. I am glad my father is here to see this event, and thank all those that have provided great support for this project, including the province, premier, ministry of long-term care, St. Joseph’s and the town.”

Minister Kusendova-Bashta said Manitoulin is a beautiful, special place. “I am very pleased to be here today,” noting “over the past 15 months I have visited over 100 LTC homes in Ontario and can say those facilities have some of the best staff around, serving over 80,000 residents.” The province has committed to building another 150 LTC homes, with 58,000 new beds being created, with funding of up to 85 percent of project costs being provided by the province. She thanked the Smith family

for their tremendous support of this project, St. Joseph’s, MPP Rosenberg and Premier Ford and his government.

“I would like to thank the doctors, Jeff, Doug and the Smith family for giving back and supporting your community so generously, Natalia (Kusendova-Bashta), Mayor Lane and the town for your leadership, St. Joseph’s, and MPP Rosenberg,” said Premier Ford.

The new St. Joseph’s Lodge will be larger, with a total of 64 new, modern beds and feature services such as optometry, a hair salon and spiritual care, at the new location on Armstrong Road in Gore Bay. Purpose-built to meet the evolving needs of older adults, the home will also feature welcoming spaces for families, staff and volunteers with individual rooms for each of the residents. It will include two resident home areas, designed to create a more intimate and familiar living space for residents. The design will incorporate covered decks and extensive glazing that maximizes sunlight year-round. A central bistro will overlook a new outdoor patio while a garden will offer direct access to a secure courtyard with scenic views of Gore Bay and the East Bluff.

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

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

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Wanted

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

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Coming Events

Scott Woods, Canadian fiddle champion, presents a Christmas Hoedown on Sunday, November 2 at 2 pm at the Little Current Howland Recreation Centre, 9001 Hwy 6. Featuring a multi-talented band, champion fiddler Kendra Norris, guitar virtuoso Steve Pitocco, champion stepdancer Leo Stock and special guests Gary and Nadine Boles. A toe-tapping, heartwarming holiday experience with Canadian Fiddle Champion Scott Woods and his incredible band. High energy, two-hour live show bursting with festive cheer, amazing trick fiddling, hilarious comedy and sensational step dancing, plus all your favourite Christmas Classics. Proceeds support the Little Current United Church. To order tickets with a credit card call The Scott Woods Band at 1-855-726-8896 toll free, online at www.scottwoods.ca or by cash only at The Manitoulin Expositor (1 Manitowaning Road, Little Current) or by calling Gail at 705-368-2589.

16-25p

Harvest luncheon, take-out only at St. Francis Anglican Church, 6201 Hwy 542, Mindemoya on Wednesday, October 29 from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Soup, sandwiches and dessert for \$15. Free delivery in Mindemoya. Walk-in or pre-order by phone or text: 249-777-3032.

22-24p

The Island Quilt Guild monthly meeting is Thursday, October 16 at the Mindemoya Community Centre at 7 pm. Come join us as we present our special guest, Sharon Fisher, who will share a trunk show and a lecture about her wool applique techniques. Sharon has been to our guild before and her work and techniques with wool are amazing. Cost is only \$5 for non-members. Call Vicki at 705-368-1826 for more information. Hope to see you there!

22c

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

22-26p

Have you had enough of constant pain? Do you think that there is no way to manage it or relieve it. What if you could alleviate and completely remove pain all in a natural way! Will you try it? Register now by calling Anna at 705-918-8009, emailing goawaypain111@gmail.com or by following the link <http://bit.ly/45s2D4f> for the upcoming free or donation classes at the Gore Bay Legion on Thursday, October 16 from 5 to 7 pm. This is not an exercise class. All are welcome.

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Church Services

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

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

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Tehkummah woman raises funds for epilepsy research

TEHKUMMAH—The “Hollands Heroes” team, led by Angie Moggy of Tehkummah, raised a substantial amount while

taking part in the 12th annual Epilepsy Seize the Day fundraising walk held in September.

“Everything was really good, we had nice weather and everything went really well,” Ms. Moggy

told The Expositor last week. “We had between 20-25 of our family members take part in the 2.5 kilometre walk. As a team we raised \$9,600.”

As was reported previously, 18-month-old Holland Moggy has epilepsy, and in an effort to raise funds and awareness toward research and to help other families who children have epilepsy, Angie Moggy and her family took part in the Epilepsy Seize the Day fundraising walk held September 28 in London, Ontario.

“My little granddaughter Holland Moggy, whose parents are Corey

and Marissa, has epilepsy. She has one older sister, Willa,” said Angie Moggy.

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22-23p

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Legion Events

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21-22p

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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October 4 marked Sisters in Spirit Day

OTTAWA—On Sisters in Spirit Day, October 4, National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak shared her support and concern for all First Nations women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals who have been affected by violence.

“The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) offers our support and prayers to all families and communities that have lost a loved one due to the ongoing crisis of violence against First Nations women, girls and gender-diverse people,” said National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak. “All women and girls are entitled to safety and to security of their person under Canadian law and international human rights law. All governments need to do more to protect First Nations women and girls. Last year, we released a five-year independent review assessing progress made on the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice. This is a time to stand with the families and communities that have faced the unspeakable. We found that only two calls for justice had been fully implemented, an unacceptable level of progress. Sadly, one year later, we are not much further ahead. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs recently released its 2025 Roundtable Report on MMIWG, which indicates that six years after the final report, rates of violence against Indigenous women have actually increased. Everyone impacted by these tragedies deserves justice, and we can honour them by urging all levels of government to achieve the 231 Calls for Justice.”

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 27th day of September, 2022.

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

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

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

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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1. 5905 Hwy 540, M'Chigeeng
 - Parking areaThe parking area must be plowed and salted/sanded by 7:00 am and 2:00 pm.
2. 5926 Hwy 540, M'Chigeeng
 - Roadway.
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3. 4 Margaret Street, Mindemoya
 - Driveway.
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- Front of building (visitors' parking)
- Staff parking area
- Shovel walkway, sand and salt when necessary

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For our Consent to Sever Notices, and for our Amendment Notices for the Unincorporated Townships or Robinson and Dawson, please visit our website or contact the Secretary-Treasurer, Theresa Carlisle, email: mpbcarlisle@manitoulinplanning.ca

Thank you.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
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All claims against the Estate of Eugene Irvan Henderson, late of Mindemoya, Ontario, who died on or about July 25, 2024, must be filed with the undersigned not later than November 19, 2025.

Thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the Estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated: October 15, 2025
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...Islanders encouraged to “Charge into Fire Safety”

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to the brave individuals serving on the front lines—our dedicated firefighters, fire safety leaders, emergency response teams, and selfless volunteers. These courageous men and women often risk their own safety to protect our communities, and we must also honour and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

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**APPLICATION FOR CONSENT
THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS
UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE PLANNING ACT
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**



File No.: Con 2025-10
Applicant: Craig and Theresa Boyer
Legal Description: Lot 2, Concession 12, Sheguiandah Twp
Civic Address: 12200 Hwy 6
Official Plan: Rural
Zoning: Rural

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION
Purpose of this application is for the creation of a new lot.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
The consent is required for the creation of separating the property into two portions – one with the house and one with the family cottage.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND this Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.


IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the Decision of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed Consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority at the address shown below.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY THAT FILES AN APPEAL against a decision of the Approval Authority in respect of the proposed consent has not made a written submission to the Approval Authority before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Myers, Clerk at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.

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Position Objective:
The Indigenous Early Years Instructor will participate as a team member with Kenjgewin Teg's Mniidoo Mnising Sharing and Learning Centre for All (MMSLCA), working towards the project's key objectives. The key objectives include: increased accessibility to culturally relevant services and programs for Indigenous families, enhanced and accurate Indigenous content for professional development and programming, fostering Indigenous identity within childcare centres and supporting Indigenous and non-Indigenous service providers to develop their capacity.

The Indigenous Early Years Instructor will work in collaboration with the MMSLCA team and external resources to plan, design and implement early years program material and professional development opportunities. This position will facilitate training for licensed childcare providers to build capacity and an understanding of the development of Indigenous children and families, as well as plan and facilitate programming for children and families.

Flexibility and adaptability to change are essential in this position as the organization explores effectiveness and efficiencies in the realm of changes occurring in the Early Learning sector.

Qualifications:

- Early Childhood Educator Diploma
- A minimum of 5 years of work experience in the Early Learning Sector
- Must have facilitation experience
- Experience in curriculum development would be an asset

Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Excellent organizational and administrative skills, report writing skills
- Knowledge and experience with Indigenous children and families in a healing and reconciliation capacity
- Knowledge and awareness of Indigenous culture and traditions.
- Capable of coordinating activities within

- the Early Years and family programs, independently and in a team environment.
- Ability to multitask and meet multiple and/or unexpected deadlines in a demanding work environment
- Strong and positive interpersonal skills required, including personal initiative, industrious work ethic, positive outlook and attitude to contribute to the program and organization working environment
- Excellent computer skills, preferably in a Microsoft Office environment: word processing, spreadsheet, graphics/charts, and presentation software
- Must be willing to travel
- Must have a valid Ontario Driver's Licence.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the Human Resources Department at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca for a FULL job description to provide the scope and an understanding of this position's responsibilities.

Application Deadline: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025
Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of: Cover letter, a detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) references listed, two of which must be professional, and written permission to contact references. The successful candidate will be required to provide a Vulnerable Sector Check.
Applications can be received marked confidential through email at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca, or by mail, to:
Kenjgewin Teg
"HR – Indigenous Early Years Instructor"
c/o Director of Human Resources
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Late applications and incomplete application packages will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
Please note: Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure the organization is inclusive within the school community. This includes the shared practice of the First Nation tradition of smudging. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection Of Privacy Act, 1987.

Death Notices

JOSHUA ALEXANDER COSBY
May 6, 1991 - October 1, 2025



It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Joshua Alexander Cosby. Joshua left this earth on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, surrounded by his family. Joshua was one of the brightest souls, the kindest hearts and could light up any room he wheeled himself into! He loved telling stories, smiling, making people laugh, trying new things, playing dice with his family and spending his free time fishing. If he was out fishing, nothing else mattered to him. Josh touched the lives of anyone who had the pleasure of meeting him and if you met him, just know he remembered you! He never let any of his challenges slow him down, defeated all odds more times than we could physically count and we couldn't be prouder of him. Joshua will be loved and missed by everyone who knew him. Joshua is survived by his parents Russel Cosby (Cindy Yaxley) and Christine Cosby (Dean); siblings Quinton Cosby (Jazz Fournier), Zabrina Cosby (Brandon McKinley), Bobbie Yaxley (Jeff Jones) and Robert Innes (Angie Cowie); as well as many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his grandparents Alex Cosby, Pearl Chambers (King Chambers), Denis Rippengal and Shirley Rippengal. Family and friends gathered for visitation at Island Funeral Home on Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 2 to 5 pm and 7 to 9 pm.

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Death Notice

ROBERT (BOB) LAFRANIERE
1934 - 2025



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Robert (Bob) Lafraniere, who passed away peacefully at the age of 91 in Kingston, Ontario. Bob is lovingly remembered by his wife Viviane; sons David and Todd; stepchildren Wanda, Carol and Jeff (predeceased); brother Gary, (Georgette predeceased); sister Barbara (predeceased) and brother James (Skip) (Sue predeceased); and all of their families. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle whose warmth and generosity touched many lives. Viviane and Bob spent many wonderful years on their Bidwell Road farm from 1982 to 2019. In 1988, he was elected to Assiginack Council, where he served with integrity and commitment. Bob was a proud member of the Manitowaning Lions Club. He was also instrumental in fundraising efforts for the curling club addition as part of the Jean McLennan team. His passion for community development led him to provide seed funding for a feasibility study that ultimately resulted in the creation of Rainbow Ridge Golf Course. As a founding member (No. 2) of Rainbow Ridge, Bob remained actively involved for many years, co-managing the senior men's league alongside Ted Pearson. Bob's leadership extended to the Snowdusters snowmachine club, where he served as President. Under his guidance, the club significantly expanded the trail network across the Island, earning provincial recognition for their efforts. A skilled businessman, Bob owned Annett's Automotive for over two decades and was a proud member of the Little Current BIA, always advocating for local business and community growth. Bob's legacy is one of service, kindness and unwavering dedication to the people and places he loved. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. A "send-off" party to Celebrate Bob's Life will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 1 to 4 pm at the Manitowaning Curling Club. All are welcome to attend and share in the remembrance of a truly remarkable man.

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Responsible To: Division Commanders & Chief of Police

Summary: The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service seeks a qualified individual to join our service. In this exciting, rewarding and challenging opportunity, you will provide operational and administrative support to the frontline, court unit and executive team. You will also provide reception and administrative support from time to time, when required, in co-ordination and processing of administrative services.

Full Job Description
Division/Unit: Operational Division
Position Title: Operational & Administrative Clerk - OAC

Position Requirements

- Ability to pass a detailed and comprehensive background and security investigation.
- Ability to work 12-hour shifts in a 24-hour rotating shift environment that includes evenings, weekends and holidays.

Job Description
To provide operational and administrative support to the police service. To provide administrative support to WTPS personnel in the co-ordination and processing of administrative functions. The OAC will assist the WTPS to keep up with the pace of change occurring in discovery and related technology. The OAC plays a crucial role in managing the growing volume of digital evidence being implemented within WTPS. The OAC has a principal responsibility for: processing digital evidence, reviewing digital evidence, assisting the court case management team in their response to discovery requests and managing various video camera sources, including vehicle and body worn camera videos. In this position, the OAC will help coordinate and manage the WTPS related discovery and in car and Body-Worn Camera (BWC) video protocols and assist with other functions in the Frontline Support Unit.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

Coordinate the retrieval and saving of WTPS related discovery and Body-Worn Camera video for WTPS cases, including:

- Associate all BWC videos with an arrest and, if necessary, notify Court Management of videos' existence;
- Assist with associating any WTPS related discovery sent directly to Crown Attorney through Digital Evidence Management process with an arrest and, if necessary, notify Court Management of the new discovery's existence;
- Identify cases with missing discovery and BWC videos and coordinate with the WTPS officers to obtain those videos;
- Respond to general office queries and questions regarding WTPS related discovery and BWC policy and protocol;
- Work with IT to problem solve and continue to develop BWC for day-to-day use;
- Monitor significant cases, summarize case details and prepare briefing reports for use by the Division Commanders;
- Collaborate with other WTPS units on analysis and reporting metrics;
- Perform related tasks and duties as assigned.

Retrieve occurrences from Niche RMS and CPIC, verifying court dates, releases, applicable charges, etc. Communicate with and provide documentation to external parties, i.e. Crown Attorneys, court services personnel.

Enter, update or remove all relevant data/information in various databases, including the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) i.e. wanted persons, charges and conditions of release, trial dates, probation and prohibition orders, all properties and relay accurate information to officers. Create Niche occurrences and enter reports, tasks, UCR for all CPIC entries. Maintain up-to-date records management system. Validate and purge all CPIC entries and ensure validity of records.

Transcribe the following: video, audio and written statements from victims, accused persons and witnesses; digital (Dictaphone system) interviews using WAV Player programs; 911 compact discs.

Perform manual and electronic filing of various court/detachment documents and correspondence, e.g. monthly trial list. Maintain a variety of manuals, forms and schedules, e.g. emergency services, WHMIS, Hazardous Materials, etc.

Assist officers with the compilation of court documents and Crown Briefs.

Assist with signing-in charged persons awaiting trial, convicted criminals as part of their sentences, including acquiring the proper paperwork for file, doing CPIC checks and notifying the respective investigating officers and/or Court Officer of failure to report.

Perform a variety of clerical and administrative duties, e.g. tracking and locating information; acting as commissioner of oaths and swears to affidavits and the authenticity of investigative evidence; composing and preparing correspondences, forms, letters, memoranda, reports, e.g. lost/found property reports, police assistance reports, etc.; gathering data/statistics and disseminating as directed, sending faxes; proofreading documents; transmitting emails; photocopying and distributing documents; making meeting arrangements; maintaining office equipment e.g. fax, photocopier, and arranging for servicing, as required.

Perform other duties, as assigned.

In addition to the Minimum Qualification Requirements, candidates must possess the following:

- High school graduate or equivalent

Preferred Requirements/Skills:

- High level of proficiency in the use of digital management tools and video software programs to manage large amounts of data.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and PowerPoint.
- Ability to multitask and work in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment.
- Superior organizational, time-management and interpersonal skills are essential.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Strong attention to detail, self-motivator and able to manage multiple assignments.
- Ability to interact with all levels of law enforcement policing partners, external organizations and community members.
- Ability to follow directions and apply policies, procedures and guidelines.
- Ability to plan and prioritize operational and administrative work on a daily basis.
- Oral communication skills to clarify the nature of requests from callers, relay messages and respond to enquiries by providing detailed information, in person and by telephone to agencies, companies, court and legal personnel, police services and the public.
- Knowledge of records management practices to maintain an organized and up-to-date record system.
- Written communication skills to input accurate information, compose correspondence, proof read a variety of documents, compile reports and summarize information.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision in performing clerical and administrative support duties. Supervision is available for the more difficult decisions and questions.
- Ability to problem solve to provide assistance in fast-paced or emergency environment.
- Ability to select appropriate formats/design for office documents and make editing/proofreading changes to documents, reports, letters and memorandum.
- Ability to handle confidential information and exercise discretion, tact and diplomacy when responding to enquiries.

How To Apply:
Request an electronic application package from Human Resources Manager, Richard Flamand at richard.flamand@wtps.ca
Application packages must come complete with a letter of interest and resume.
Applications will be accepted until October 17, 2025 at 2 pm.

Canadian Residency Requirement: This position is open to Canadian Citizens and permanent residents only. Individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Please note, applications will be screened. Only those applicants who pass the screening component will be invited for an interview.

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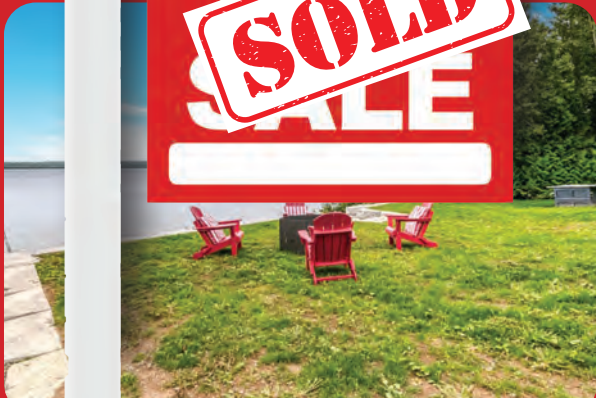
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Miranda MacKay promoted during Cadet Week

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—Miranda MacKay received a pleasant surprise during Cadet Week celebrations held in Sudbury when she was promoted to a higher rank.

“This weekend (first weekend in October), I was honoured to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant (Navy) by Brigadier-General (Dominique) Brais,” Ms. MacKay shared on her Facebook page.



Miranda MacKay of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps Manitoulin (in photo left) was promoted to the higher rank of Lieutenant (N) by Brigadier-General Dominique Brais (in photo, centre) during Cadet week celebrations held in Sudbury the first weekend in October. She will also continue to serve the Canadian Armed Forces as the training officer of RCSCC Manitoulin.

ly from Stratford.

Ms. MacKay said, “I joined the Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers (CJCR) program as a cadet when I was 13. By 15 I knew someday I’d be a Lt(N) like the officers I first met and looked up to, Lt(N) Maggie King (retired) and Lt(N) (Denis) Blake (retired).”

“Fifteen-year-old me didn’t think she would be Lt(N) only 10 years later,” said Lieutenant MacKay. “And she certainly never dreamed of being promoted by the Commander of the CJCR!”

“I am so proud to continue serving the CAF as the Training Officer of RCSCC Manitoulin,” added Lt.(N) MacKay.

Brigadier-General Dominique Brais first became a cadet when she joined the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps Admiral Mountbatten in Sudbury; she is now the commander of cadets and junior Canadian Rangers group.

Cadet Week in Sudbury officially took place October 4-11, beginning with a flag-raising at Tom Davies Square on October 3 before moving to a cadet inspection and parade at the Sudbury Armoury on Riverside Drive.

The cadets performed and were examined by BGen. Brais, while dignitaries and Canadian Forces leaders looked on.

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- Love working with children.
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Must Possess the Following Skills:

- First Aid / CPR.
- Excellent communication skills.
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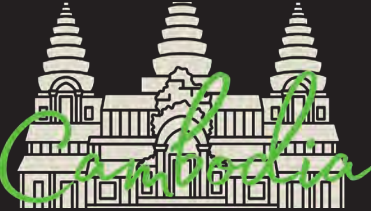


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