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FUN WITH GOURDS— Kaylan Corbiere and Lindsay Owl with their finished pumpkin designs during the Aundeck Omni Kaning Fall Fair held Saturday. For more Fall Fair fun, please see Page 17.

photo by Margery Frisch

US report shows that establishing Sandhill crane hunt will not harm population numbers

ONTARIO—A research paper by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has established that sustainable harvest levels for Northern America's eastern population of Sandhill cranes is attainable, something that Ontario and Quebec farmers, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and farming groups-including those on Manitoulin Island—have long

"They did not include the hypothetical harvest from Ontario/Quebec in the paper, but when we take the projected harvest from Ontario/Quebec and add it to the current population levels of Sandhill cranes, it is still below the level which would result in a decreasing population (with a proposed Sandhill crane season)," said Christopher Sharp, biologist with Environment and Canada Climate Change (ECCC), which published a notice of consideration in 2024 for public consul-

tation on their perspective regarding a Sandhill crane hunting season in Ontario (in the Hudson and James Bay lowlands and parts of the Algoma, Nipissing and Temiskaming districts as well as Manitoulin Island and the French River area). This season could take place as early as the fall of 2026 if final approvals are provided.

Ontario Out of Doors (OOD) magazine reported in its Fall 2025 edition on the research paper: "Using a conservative population estimate of 98,230 cranes (around 60 percent higher than the existing population objective of 60,000), researchers modeled the possible outcomes of multiple harvest strategies, from low intensity to high. The authors conclude that the eastern population of Sandhill cranes, which passes through and even breeds in some parts of Ontario, could tolerate a harvest of up to 6,245 cranes per year with no

Ontario cabinet minister put to work on Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and Islands woodchipper

Jill Dunlop latest minister to visit Manitoulin this fall

of communities from across Manitoulin and Espanola gathered outside the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) Recreation Centre to meet up with Ontario Minister of Emergency Preparedness Jill Dunlop. The minister was on a tour of municipalities in the region to see the results of a \$50,000 funding boost from her ministry.

In Little Current, Minister Dunlop was shown a new portable woodchipper that will enable municipal public works workers to quickly clear roadways in the event of another event like the microburst that downed trees across Manitou-

"I'm pleased to have Minister Jill Dunlop here today as minister for emergency preparedness," said NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin. "As many of you know, most of our communities take part in exercises to pre-

LITTLE CURRENT—Members pare for different emergencies with fallen trees. I know for that may happen in our communities and across Manitoulin in particular, and we take it very seriously and often the exercises incorporate things like microbursts, tornadoes, brushfires. In almost all of them, we may end up with situations where the roads are blocked

our community's purposes, this woodchipper is going to be a big help to clear the roads when something like that happens. The funding that we received through the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant is

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Island municipalities brace for increase to police costs

Solicitor General promises 11% fee cap, but communities remain concerned

by Tom Sasvari KAGAWONG—Billings Township council members are concerned with what appears to be an increase in municipal requisitions with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) cost recovery

"It looks as if a cap has been set for an increase of no more than 11 percent for next year, but what will it be the year after that and for the next five years?" questioned Billings Mayor Bryan Barker at a council meeting October 7. "It certainly seems that there will be a big increase again in policing costs to municipalities.

Councillor Ian Anderson said, "What I read in the letter (from the solicitor general to council) is that there is a small level of hope that the policing costs would remain at the same level

next year." (Last year, the province provided over \$77 million to offset OPP cost increases.)

One of the criteria for lower police cost levels, "is based on calls for service; if an officer is in Meldrum Bay and it takes 45 minutes to get from there to Billings, it could be an expensive fee," stated Councillor David Hillyard.

Mayor Barker explained there will be a breakdown of what it costs (municipalities) per call responded to by the OPP. "It's the volume of calls that leads to the increases," he said, in terms of the number of calls for the OPP it has on a yearly basis.

The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Ontario Solicitor General, in a letter dated September 26 to heads of council and chief

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Petition seeks permanent residence status for Ukrainian refugees; local Ukrainians hope Islanders will sign

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The war in Ukraine continues to drag on with little end in sight since Russia launched its full-scale invasion in 2022. Since then, a number of refugees have come to Canada seeking peace and stability. But now, a number of those refugees are sitting on pins and needles as their temporary workers' permits are reaching their end date—including those who have chosen to settle in Manitoulin communities.

A national petition has been launched by Liberal Party MP Yvan Baker (Etobicoke Centre) calling for a one-time pathway to Permanent Residence (PR) for Ukrainians under the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program. CUAET is a Canadian program that offered temporary measures to help Ukrainians and their family members affected by the Russian invasion. The program provided a pathway to come to Canada, stay for up to three years and apply for free

open work and study permits.

The petitioners note that thousands of CUAET holders have been living and working legally in Canada for over three years, paying taxes, filling labour shortages and strengthening local communities. They have opened businesses, created jobs and actively contributed to local econo-

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Last customer walks out the door at Little Current **Beer Store outlet**

hy Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—After decades of service on Manitoulin Island, The Beer Store in Little Current, Manitoulin's only beer store and alcohol container recycling depot, closed its doors at 4 pm on Sunday, October 19. The last customer collected their favourite tipple (Pabst Blue Ribbon, as it happens) just shortly before 4 pm. A couple of vehicles drove up to the store but, upon seeing the signs saying the store was no longer accepting empties, drove away without coming

"I guess they were coming at the last minute to bring in their empties," said manager Taryn Bond who was manning the fort for the last few hours. Ms. Bond often works at the Little Current outlet, but she was filling in for the regular workers. "I don't usually work weekends," she said, noting that she manages the Espanola Beer Store, "the

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Manitoulin gives warm welcome home to Dayne Tipper Decorated Special Olympian injured in serious e-bike accident

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Dayne Tipper received a heartfelt welcome home when he arrived back in Mindemoya on the Thanksgiving weekend. A large group of people were on hand to welcome him home, thanks to organizer Karlene Scott and Dayne's many friends and family

"It was so nice to be able to bring Dayne Dayne home for Thanksgiving," home from members of police



Tipper is welcomed back stated his mother, Katherine. "He Thanksgiving weekend."

has received amazing support from Manitoulin Island people. Karlene Scott did so much to organize a welcome for him when we got home on Friday evening (October 10). The house was decorated, there were balloons, 'welcome home' signs and Karlene had organized a crew of people to be there with noise makers and cheering when we arrived home.'

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The Manitoulin West Recorder



The Gore Bay Fish and Game Club (GBFGC) has received a substantial donation from members of the Creighton-Lively Conservation Club. In photo from left is Chris Robinson, president of the GBFGC, Dennis Pidgen, president of CLCC, Shannon Dowvall and Rick Rantala, and Ian Anderson, GBFGC member.

Gore Bay Fish and Game Club receives \$30,000 from fellow conservation group

GORE BAY-Gore Bay Fish and Game Club (GB-FGC) has received a substantial donation from the Creighton-Lively Conservation Club (CLCC).

Members of the Creighton-Lively club presented a cheque in the amount of \$30,000 to the GBFGC last Friday. "We are winding up operations of our club, with the main reason being due to declining membership," stated Dennis Pidgen, president of CLCC. He was accompanied by fellow club members Rick Rantala and Shannon Dowvall in making the donation to the Gore Bay club.

Mr. Pidgen explained, "Our club received its constitution in 1957 (having formed in 1949). In getting ready to wind up our operations we had 160 acres of property that we sold, and our older members said that (as per the clubs constitution) when we were winding up operations to make sure we put it back into conservation.'

"In our constitution it reads (in part) that any time if the club winds up operations, the assets need to be distributed among other like-minded clubs in the area," said Rick Rantala, secretary-treasurer of CLCC.

"The GBFGC does a good job in raising and stocking fish, they are involved in kids' activities through the elementary school micro-hatchery program with schools on the Island, and they do many other things in the community including

holding clean-up days," said Mr. Rantala. Mr. Pidgen said CLCC is also making donations of \$30,000 to the Sudbury Fish and Game Club and the Trailsmen Rod and Gun Club.

GBFGC president Chris Robinson and Ian Anderson accepted the donation, on behalf of the club. They both acknowledged the generosity of the CLCC in making this donation to the Gore Bay club, and how much it will benefit the club.

"The donation will obviously be used for all our annual projects-activities that we take part in and allows us the latitude to maybe do things that we haven't been able to do in the past," added

Gore Bay elects new councillor to council

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—It took several votes by members of Gore Bay Council, but they have voted in a new member of council from among four candidates.

After several secret ballot votes among council members, Stephanie Steele, a local businessperson and lifelong Gore Bay resident, was chosen by council among the four candidates, which also included Maureen Armstrong, Deanna Hardy and Jennifer Robinson.

by Expositor staff



Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane with Gore Bay's newest member of council Stephanie Steele.

councillor," quipped Gore Bay "We find ourselves in the Mayor Ron Lane at a council unique position of being short a $\,$ meeting last week. "The good

with the town.' Mayor Lane explained the term of council is four years,

however, this current council's term will expire when an election is held next October. 'We have had a lot of interest for the vacant council position with four candidates coming forward," he stated.

news is that although she had

been a successful councillor,

Kelly Chaytor, had resigned

from council to take the position

of community services manager

Mayor explained that since more than one candidate put their name forward for the vacant council seat a secret vote by ballot would be taken by council members, and the chosen candidate will need to receive four

Each of the four candidates were asked to provide a verbal presentation on their background and why they were running for council.

After several votes were taken by council to determine the candidate for the council seat, Ms. Steele was the candidate voted

"My name is Stephanie Steele, and I'm honoured to stand before you today as a candidate for our town council. I was raised right here in Gore Bay; lived here my whole life. I'm a third-generation resident of Gore Bay with deep roots that helped forge western Manitoulin; my grand**Manitoulin Fine Arts Association receives Arts Council funding**

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—A small group of Island artists, members of the Manitoulin Fine Arts Association (MFAA), gathered in front of the NEMI Welcome Centre on Thursday, October 16 to await the arrival of Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg for a very special announcement.

Board member Pam Jackson first read out a land acknowledgment to start of the proceed-

"We acknowledge the inhabitants of this great land and express our appreciation for their hospitality and for the manner in which they care for the land, and for the opportunity we have to create a unified humanity," said Ms. Jackson. "Turtle Island has been blessed by the artworks, words, prayers and songs of many tribes and nations.

"The Ontario Arts Council,

for those who are not aware, has for 55 years played a vital role in promoting and assisting the development of the arts for the enjoyment and benefit of Ontario," said MFAA member Diane Carriere. "Ninety percent of Ontarians agree that arts experiences help bring people from various backgrounds together as a community. The arts contribute to a strong economy. Arts and culture in Ontario directly contribute \$27.5 billion annually to the provincial economy, representing 3.3 percent of Ontario's GDP. There are 9.5 million overnight tourists who participate in arts and culture activities while visiting Ontario, generating \$3.7 billion in GDP province wide. So, we would like to thank the Ontario Arts Council for providing MFAA with a \$14,000 grant for us to celebrate our Manitoulin

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Leanne Lewis set to embark in **Cambodia Challenge for Shelter**

MINDEMOYA—Leanne Lewis of Mindemoya is ready to embark on another life changing event by taking part in the Cambodia Challenge for Shelter this week. This challenge will be the second she has taken part in, participating in a similar challenge to Ecuador in 2023. As she takes part in the challenge, she is also supporting Manitoulin Haven House.

"I will be leaving at 1:45 am on Saturday, with the flight being about 16-18 hours. There is also a 12-hour time difference,' Ms. Lewis told The Expositor on Wednesday of last week. "I will arrive in Cambodia later in the day on (Sunday) October 19."

Ms. Lewis will gather for dinner with the rest of the group taking part in the challenge on October 22, and will then have a couple of days to acclimatize to the surroundings. "We begin our trek on October 23, one of our five hiking days (October 23-27)," she explained.

"I don't know what to expect but I'm tired of waiting and want to get started," said Ms.



Mindemoya's Leanne Lewis is in Cambodia this week, about to embark on the Challenge for Shelter.

Lewis. She said one of the biggest challenges that this trek will provide is the heat that participants will have to put up

"It is expected we will be seeing a range of between 30-32° Celsius every day," said Ms. Lewis. "Last week the temperature was 57° Celsius one day (in Cambodia), but even if the temperatures are in the

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Legion Branch 177 volunteer Norris Valiquette recognized for his service

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—When Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Little Current held its annual awards and honours night, there was one important individual missing from the mix. Comrade Norris Valiquette was in the hospital, having fallen and broken his hip resulting in a trip to Sudbury for an operation. Undaunted, Legion Secretary Christy Deschamps and President Leslie Burnett visited the Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current to present Mr. Valiquette with

his Lifetime Membership Award. The Expositor caught up with Mr. Valiquette to chat about the award and how it came about. Valiquette joked about concerns that he might not be around following his accident. "I do plan to get to 100," he quipped.

Mr. Valiquette has long been a

valued volunteer at the Legion, organizing pool tournaments and other events, but it was his recent efforts to raise funds for service dogs for the Fallen Warrior Foundation that attracted the most recent attention—a faux 100th birthday party that raised over a thousand dollars for the

The volunteer noted that he has not been able to do much in the way of the kind of volunteer work he usually performs since being assailed by arthritis in his

He recalled first learning about the service dogs after seeing one with a full body brace, but it was a presentation to the Legion by a man from Sault Ste. Marie on the need for service dogs for veterans suffering from post-traumat-

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

This year's edition is headlined "Scott Woods' Christmas Hoe-

Tickets still available for Nov. 2

LITTLE CURRENT—The Scott Woods Band is coming back to

The popular fiddler, Scott Woods, (who has been named Canadi-

an Open Fiddle Champion and Grand Masters Fiddle Champion

multiple times in each category) will bring his band's tribute to

Christmases past, present and future to the Northeast Town Rec-

reation Centre in Little Current on Sunday, November 2. The two

hours of family entertainment is scheduled for the afternoon, be-

ginning at 2 pm, so everyone can be home before dark. The event is

Scott Woods Christmas show

Manitoulin, this time with a Christmas-themed show.

sponsored by Little Current United Church.

Tickets are once again \$45 and are available on Manitoulin at the Manitoulin Expositor Offices in Little Current and Gore Bay. The Expositor Office asks that you bring cash to purchase your tickets.

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<u>editorial</u>

Don't let the best 'babies' get tossed with the bathwater

A petition is currently available online seeking extensions to the temporary work visas of Ukrainians who fled to Canada in the aftermath of the Russian invasion of Ukraine nearly three years ago.

Thanks to an incredible backlog at the agencies that are supposed to be looking at the extension requests of those refugees and the general backlog in refugee claims and an atmosphere that is spilling over from our cousins to the south which unfairly vilifies immigrants for every ill in Canadian society, including housing shortages, unemployment and strains on our healthcare system oh the litany goes on and on—these courageous people who only wish for a peaceful life, one free from a sky filled with Russian bombs, rockets and drones, are living in limbo, unsure whether they will be able to live, work and, yes, play here in Canada.

The history of Canada is inextricably linked to the Ukraine. Our prairie provinces were largely settled by Ukrainians, first fleeing the pogroms of the Russian czars, then the aftermath of the First World War, and yet again from the oppression of the Soviet Union, to the aftermath of the Second World War and then yet another round of Soviet oppression.

Each bringing waves of fleeing refugees who, in turn, provided indisputably huge benefits to our nation.

Then came blessed independence with the end of the Cold War and the breakup of the Soviet Union. The Ukrainians even gave up their nuclear arsenal, with assurances from the world that they would be secure.

Beware the promises of princes.

The Russian leaders, bent on recreating the Russian Empire/Soviet Union, first invaded Crimea and then, most recently, launched a horrific invasion of Ukraine that has led to thousands of deaths, the destruction of much of Ukraine's infrastructure and untold suffering.

The Ukrainian refugees that have sought shelter under our nation's wings have proven, each and every time through history, to have been a boon to our country's culture, economy and security. This newest wave is no exception.

It was made quite plain by the "two Yulias" who came to Manitoulin a year before their husbands could join them (finishing their national service duties at the time) and whose story was documented within this paper's pages that they wished to settle in this country permanently. Canada's reputation is second to none in the world—no matter what some political actors might try to tell us.

This paper heartily supports a petition being proffered for signing by a Canadian Member of Parliament that seeks to find a permanent solution to the quandary being faced by our Ukrainian friends and neighbours. This is something that crosses nearly all political and partisan lines on Manitoulin.

The petition can be found at: at www.ourcommons.ca/petition and searching for e-6866 (Citizenship and immigration).

National Chief addresses FN policing and justice reform

KANANASKI—Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak released a statement last week after delivering remarks to the federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for justice and public safety and national Indigenous leaders (IFPT) meeting.

"We are in a crisis across the justice system, and too many first nations people are dying during police encounters," said National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak. "Today (October 15) I spoke to leaders from across the country about the crucial need for systemic reforms that will



Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak.

keep first nations people safe and secure at every touchpoint of the system, from police interactions to custody to incarceration. These are not just policy issues. They are issues that deeply affect our lives, rights, and the wellbeing of our communities.'

"Chronic underfunding has left too many first nations communities without the necessary tools to respond to emergencies such as violent crime, drug trafficking, and human trafficking," continued National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak. "First Nations need the resources to address these issues and prevent them from occurring: first nations are best positioned to design our own safety systems that reflect our cultures and traditions. By exercising our inherent rights and jurisdictions, we can restore balance and wellness. The government of Canada must recognize first nations policing as an essential service and ensure they have equitable funding to meet the needs of their communities. This is about safety, security and justice for First Nations."

The national chief will be appearing before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs this week to

discuss First Nations policing. The national chief will be raising the need for federal, provincial and territorial governments to work together with first nations to address systemic racism in policing and ensure First Nations police services have the recognition and funding they need to provide effective policing and community safety for their people. The national chief noted that the upcoming federal budget will be an indicator of the government's commitment to First Nations and must include secure and sustained funding for justice.

Chiefs of Ontario call for unity among First Nations and urgent action to support the Ontario Final Agreement

TORONTO—Ontario Regional Chief Abram Benedict and the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) leadership council are calling for unity among First Nations leaders and organizations to support the Ontario Final Agreement (OFA) and move forward with long-overdue child welfare re-

"The Chiefs in our region have been clear: our children cannot wait," said Ontario Regional Chief Benedict. "We have a strong mandate from the Ontario Chiefs-in-Assembly to pursue this agreement, and any attempts to delay its implementation will be considered unacceptable interference on our communities' inherent jurisdiction. We call upon all parties, including the Caring Society and First Nations Child and Family Services agencies, to respect the will of the chiefs and support the unity and leadership of our communities. The time for delay is over. Our children deserve better."

First Nations leadership in Ontario recognize the urgency of this moment and could not wait another decade for national processes to resolve. While the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society chose not to participate in national negotiation, and ultimately



Ontario Regional Chief Abram Benedict and the Chiefs Ontario are calling for unity.

rejected the Assembly of First Nations' agreement, Ontario chiefs moved forward to secure the Ontario Final Agreement, ensuring immediate benefits for children and families.

The urgency is underscored by the over-representation of Indigenous children in the welfare system, now referred to as the "Millennial Scoop." Today, there are more Indigenous children in care that there were at the height of the residential

school system. Immediate action is essential to address this crisis and protect the well-being of our children," said COO.

Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler of Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) emphasized the urgent need in northern communities. "In NAN territory, the challenges of geography and remoteness make delivering services especially urgent and costly. The OFA recognizes this reality and ensures our children and families in the North have access to the prevention support they deserve. We cannot allow delays or divisions to deny our kids the care they need."

Grand Chief Joel Abram of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIA) and the portfolio holder of the COO Chiefs Committee on Social Services underscored that "the OFA is about our inherent right to care for our children in our own way. For too long, governments and agencies have imposed systems that have failed our kids. This agreement ensures that prevention services are directed by our Nations and for our Nations.'

The \$8.5 billion Ontario Final Agreement (OFA) was negotiated to ensure prevention services are delivered directly within First Nations, with particular benefits for remote and northern Nations where service delivery costs are much higher. This agreement emerged af-

ter the collapse of the national \$48 billion child welfare package at the AFN special chief's assembly on October 17, 2024. Despite that setback, First Nations in Ontario have remained committed to reforming the FNCFS program. In November 2024, the On-

tario Chiefs-in-Assembly mandated COO to pursue an Ontario-specific agreement. At the same time, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed a non-interference resolution, affirming that decisions made by Ontario chiefs on child welfare reform must be respected and not obstructed by outside parties.

In March 2025, following ratification at the COO special chief's assembly, COO and Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) submitted the Ontario final agreement approval motion.

In September 2025, COO and NAN learned that the motion would be opposed by the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society (Caring Society). The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) also set a timeline for hearing the motion.

Little Current Legion Branch 177 honours comrades at annual awards

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—Numerous comrades of Branch #177 Little Current were feted during the Royal Canadian Legion's annual honours and awards celebration held earlier this month.

Duane Deschamps acted as master of ceremonies for the event and began by asking those present to stand for a moment of silence for two branch members who had passed away earlier this year, Grenville Green and Harley Warner.

Fenyme Green and Harley warner. Following a prayer by Branch Chap-



Blake St Jacques receives his 30-year pin from Comrade Ruth Eadie and Comrade Christy Deschamps.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon

lain Rev. Whitney Bruno, Comrade Deschamps bestowed a Life Membership to Branch #177 to Norris Valiquette, who couldn't be at the event as he was recovering in hospital from a fall. (Comrade Valiquette was presented with his



A jovial Linda Kelly, the Legion's longest serving member receives her 50-year pin from Comrade Linda Bowerman as Carolynn Harper looks on

life membership in his hospital room immediately following the honours and awards celebration.)

"On January 7, 2004 Comrade Norris joined the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 as an associate member," Comrade Deschamps began. "As of 2025, he has maintained continuous and active membership for 22 years."

Comrade Deschamps ran through a lengthy list of Comrade Valiquette's involvement, including acting as sports chair, bar chair and director. He has also been a key player in running the Legion's popular billiards tournaments and keeping the tables in tip top shape.

"Comrade Norris has also consistently assisted in setting up and cleaning up for events, repairing equipment and supporting Legion fundraising efforts such as community breakfasts and door duty during functions," Comrade Deschamps added. "His dedication has helped sustain and elevate the operational success of Branch #177."

"The one thing that is prominent is that he truly has the heart and soul of the Legion in mind and wants to make the Legion the best it can be and have fun at the same time," the emcee continued. "At a recent birthday party that he planned himself (and eventually did let



The Branch 177 Legionnaire of the Year Award was presented to Christy Deschamps by President Leslie Burnett and Ruth Eadie.

the executive help in making food) he asked that in lieu of gifts that the people attending donate what they could to the Royal Canadian Legion Service Dog program. He was successful and a large donation was collected."

"Norris Valiquette is truly deserving of the Life Membership award," Comrade Deschamps said. "Your tireless efforts, dedication to service and unwavering support of both the Legion and the community, have had a lasting and positive impact. You have set an admirable example for future sports officer and Legion members alike, fostering cama-



The Little Current Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Poppy Appreciation Award was presented to Julie Deschamps.

raderie, growth and community spirit through your initiatives."

Another prestigious award was handed out at the event, Legionnaire of the Year, presented to Christy Deschamps by President Leslie Burnett.

Comrade Christy Deschamps has been a member of the Legion for four years but has proved herself a dedicated member in that time. She currently serves as secretary/treasurer, honours and awards co-chair and membership co-chair alongside Comrade Kari Borque.

"Comrade Christy, alongside Comrade Kari, looks after the weekly deposits and can be found at most branch events helping in any way she can. Some of these include prepping wings on wing nights, bussing tables and setting up and decorating the hall for special events. Comrade Christy is most deserving of this award, and we could not find a more ded-



Comrade Paul Abbott recieves his 20-year pin.

icated volunteer."

Next, Comrade Linda Kelly, the branch's longest-swerving female member, was awarded with her 50-year pin. Comrade Kelly joined the Air Force on May 19, 1962 at the age of 19 and spent five years in the service. She joined Branch #177 in 1974.

A number of Merit Awards were handed out to branch members and supporters. This year's Merit Award winners are Kari Bourque, Leslie Burnett Joe Hannah, Arianna Bowerman Linda Bowerman, Julie Deschamps, Nathan Shawanda and the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

Certificates of Appreciation were gifted to Paul Abbott, Blake St. Jacques, Ted Bemister, Charles Adams, Doug Clarke, Dave Patreau, Darrel Eadie, Patricia Norton, Julie Casson, Liam Campbell, Sarah Williams, Josh Dunn, Quinton Swartz, Nick Muller, Roy Eaton, Lavish Dhir, Little Current Lions Club, Three Cows and a Cone, Tammy Bryan-Walsh and Alyssa and Brianna Burnett.

Ms. Bryan-Walsh was also gifted with a certificate of appreciation for her work on the Poppy Campaign and for her work on the branch's membership program.

The awarding of membership pens concluded the event. They are as follows: Five-year, Kevin Eshkawkigan and Ash-



Comrade Rick McCutcheon and Comrade Linda Bowerman each received their 25-year pins during the event.

ley Migwans; 10-year, Judy Miller and Ben Thurston; 15-year, Paul Abbott; 20-year Joe and Sue Morin; 25-year, Michael Aelick, Linda Bowerman and Rick McCutcheon; 30-year, Blake St. Jacques; 40-year, Rick Gjos; and as noted earlier, 50-year, Linda Kelly.

Gore Bay Legion Branch 514 honours its members during Legion Week

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The annual Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 Honours and Awards evening was held as part of Legion Week celebrations (the third week of September), to commemorate all those long-time members of the organization.

The event held Friday, September 19 saw the handing out of long-service pins, with a 50 year service pin to associate member Joe williams; 35 years pins to Samuel D. Arthurs and Murray E. Kenwell; with 30 year member pins to Lou and Terry Additosn, Ginger Armstrong, Theresa Carlisle, Bill Chatwell Jr., Allison Coulam-Idle, Joan Hoekstra, Cynda Lou Noble, Vic Noble, Bonnie Lenore Patterson, Drew Purvis and Erwin Thompson. Twenty-five year pins will be presented to Mervyn Lewis, Susan Merrylees, Robert Keith Rogerson, Bob Stachon, Robert J. Yaeger; 20-year service pins to Darren J. Becks, with 15-year pins to Ann Graham, Deanna Lewis, Ted Lovelace; 10 year Joshua Maitland Jones, Dayna Deanne, Linley Jones, Eva Elizabeth and Bailey Maddock. A five-year member pin went to Jarrid No-

Glen Wright received a 10year affiliate member pin, with Alfred Glyn Ellis receiving a five-year pin.

ordinary member 35-year



The Royal Canadian Legion branch 514 held its annual Honours and Awards event on Friday, September 19 as part of Legion week

pins went to Jack Clark, Kevin Derriger, John Fletcher, Leland Trick, with lifetime members 40-years Carrie Lewis and 50 years for Jim Woods.

Executive member awards were presented to those who have served two or more terms, including Marilyn Clarke and Jim Woods, Sports Officer

Bar Will Lauzon, honours and awards bar to Cheryl Lauzon.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Jeff Dorosch, Dean's Valu-Mart, Bob Stachon and Diane Robbins, Ann Graham, Jill Patterson, Bousquet Insurance, Brian Bainborough, Don Skrumeda, Margaret Tuomi, Carmen Runnalls, Dawn McCann, MCA Construction and Allison Coulam-Idle, Manitoulin Transport.

All the sponsors and individuals who have volunteered their time and resources to make the local RCL branch and events a success were acknowledged.

Other events held during Legion Week September 16-20 included darts where the team of

Arianna Bowerman, Marilyn Clarke, Kari Bourque, Doug Clarke and Dwayne Deschamps won the prize and donated their winnings back to the legion branch. On September 17 a 'trivia night' event was held with the winning team "Quiz Pro Quo" including Daryl Lewers, John Lauzon, Dan Marois and Marilyn Clarke taking first place and donating their winnings aback to the legion.

Thursday's event was euchre. Euchre winners included Allison Coulam-Idle in first, Bob Foster second and most lone hands won by Mike Riching.

In the annual golf tournament held at Manitoulin Golf on September 20, in the men's division the winning team include Dave Patterson and Stan Esquimaux, with the mixed division being won by Steve Pearson and Connie Prior. The ladies' division was won by the team of Sherri Marois and Amy Wright. The most honest golfers team included Jess Hayden and Justin Mayer.

The prizes for closest to the hole was Kyle Noble on the men's side and Heather Tessier for the ladies. The longest drive prizes went to Shane Morrow and Shelley Croft.

The winner of the elimination draw for a fountain and LCBO \$200 gift card was Austin Hawking

Anishinabek Nation hosts Economic Development Opportunities Forum

CHIPPEWAS OF RAMA FIRST NATION—The Anishinabek Nation Development Department kicked off its third annual Anishinabek Nation Economic Development Opportunities Forum (ANEDO 2025), held in Chippewas of Rama First Nation from October 15-17.

"ANEDO offers an opportunity to get involved with like-minded individuals to learn and grow from one another," stated Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige. "This forum also provides an opportunity for our member First Nations to connect directly with government and industry representatives, which may help foster a better understanding of our unique perspectives rooted in our seven grandfather teachings and inherent rights."

The Anishinabek Nation welcomes leaders in econom-

ic development to take part in meaningful discussions about major projects of First Nations' territories, securing capital and innovation. The theme of ANEDO 2025 is "Empower, Evoke, Evolve," focusing on solutions that create unity, put ideas into action, and inspire changes in all sectors.

"In the spirit of this forum and the Anishinabek Nation, I encourage you to build meaningful connections, empower those around you, and bring forward ideas that will shape our shared future," said Grand Council Chief Debassige.

First Nations are closely monitoring the implementation of major projects legislation that challenges First Nations' sovereignty. ANEDO 2025 features panels on the Anishinabek Nation's strategic response to Bill 5, Pro-

tect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025, and Bill C-5, the One Canadian Economy Act, and Ontario's Special Economic Zones. Delegates will come together to explore First Nations' economic readiness, consultation protocols, and safeguarding sacred sites.

Day 1 of the Forum featured keynote addresses from Grand Council Chief Debassige and Ontario Regional Chief Abram Benedict. Day two will see Matthew Foss of the Canadian Council for Indigenous Business provide a keynote address.

The forum will also feature success stories in tourism, agriculture, franchising and energy, and action-oriented workshops on generative AI and mining.

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your deer and moose fly! As the silly season and big chill comes closing in, the blaze orange hunt gear gets front and centre and everyone begins closing-in on their stands and restocking the freezers and pantries ahead of the winter. The outdoor markets and fairs are tucked away now, and the Santa Claus parades, Christmas parties, toy and food drives are full speed ahead of the full stop and holiday break. This is the time where the collective takes an inventory literally as well as mentally and emotionally. How has this year been for you, for me, for us? Did we learn anything new? Did we accomplish any of our goals? Did we create some lasting, crucial memories and moments with family and friends? Are we ready for the close of 2025 and the beginning of a new year? Are we better going out than we were coming in? These are important touchpoints and takeaways. My Mantra and goal for the new year have levelled up for sure with more focus on health, happiness and time with family, friends, knowledge keepers and dream weavers.

Here's what's happening:

Providence Bay Arena and Fairgrounds: The Providence Bay Fall Vendor Market on Saturday, October 18 was a tremendous success! Looking forward to the start of the skating and hockey season - stay tuned for updates!

Providence Bay Hall: Manitoulin recreational events calendar with class schedules for Providence Bay Hall visit: centralmanitoulin.ca or contact Alison Sloss at asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca or call 705-377-5726.

Exercise classes continue Fridays at 9

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Joys and community updates are Sundays 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! Junior Curling is back Saturdays starting 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.

The Lions Club: The Lions bottle drive continues next to the arena; this program is open to the public and we encourage everyone to drop off their used bottles and cans. Your empties help fund great local initiatives. Are you interested in becoming a Lions Club Member? Contact the Providence Bay / Spring Bay Lions club Facebook page for details on how you too can give back to your community!

The Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions progressive "Catch the Ace" lottery continues to benefit the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary Inc.

Food Drive: Thanks to everyone who came out and dropped off donations in support of MFR, it was another successful Food Drive! Good Luck to all who entered our giveaway basket draw, winner will be announced before Friday - check my social for updates!

The Horses: Horse show announcement! There will be a Horse Show on Sunday, October 26th at the Providence Bay Fairground Horse Paddock, stay tuned to the Manitoulin Horse Enthusiasts Club for details and updates.

The Heavens: Manitoulin Island is a dark sky reserve so find a dark sky spot,

bring your telescope and enjoy the wonders of the cosmos. Whether you're a seasoned skywatcher or just love watching shooting stars and auroras, October is packed with celestial beauty.

October 21 and October 22, the Orionids meteor shower peaks with fragments of Halley'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 late October babies! Happy Birthday weekend to Steven D, Zeke, Tyler, Wade, Gail, Anne and all the other cool people celebrating! Hope all of your wishes come true.

Be good to each other, take it one day at a time, welcome the silly season with grace and calm and remember not to take life so seriously, we're all in this thing together, doing our best, rise to each occasion and enjoy yourself.

"Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face" – Victor Hugo

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

It's spooky season again and Team Fergmeijer always enjoys getting into the spirit of things. We got together last weekend to try and reach the 'other' side. It wasn't until we managed to contact the departed spirit of a window washer that we realized we'd been mistakenly using a squeegee board.

To be filed under "current events", there will be an Island-wide power outage Sunday, October 26 from 7 am to 3 pm. Take note and plan accordingly. Remember, power outages are no laughing matter: they're too dark.

Oh my gourd, Kagawong is creeping it real with a special event on Friday, October 31 at the Kagawong Park Centre, courtesy of the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee. More details coming boo-n!

Many happy returns to Jack O and Rachel B who are celebrating their 29th birthdays this week. The older you get, the better you get. Unless you are a banana. Also, does 'many happy returns' sound like a Costco refund policy to anyone else?

The library is hosting a fall puzzle swap on Saturday, November 1. Freshen up your collection just in time for the snow to fly. Stop in between 10 am and 1 pm to trade your used puzzles for newto-you jigsaws. No puzzles? No problem. They have plenty to go around!

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

Thank you to the museum board for their efforts to honour local veterans through the flags hung throughout the village. Stay tuned for more details on the upcoming annual Remembrance Day service on Tuesday, November 11.

Dear ghosts, if you can move things around and flicker lights, you can use a mop. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Friday night at cards there were four tables. High lady was Brenda Carter with 76 points, she was close to winning the money jar, we wish you better luck next week; high man was Bob Benedict with 68 points; most ladies' lone hands went to Elaine Bradley with three; most men's lone hands went to Doug Carter with three; Rick Bradley won for most euchres with nine; Anne Steele took home the juice and she won the 50/50 draw as well; Murray Duncanson won the door prize. It was a very nice evening. Thanks to everyone who came.

That weekend was Thanksgiving and many of the homes had lots of vehicles as family and friends celebrated their time together. In addition, Alison decided to organize a Thanksgiving dinner at the hall. Rose did the decorations, fall flowers arranged in mini pumpkins. It was a fantastic meal. We were delighted to have Bud come out and share it with us. Next week is his 90th birthday. We sang Happy Birthday and passed around the cake. It was a wonderful get-together. Sunday there was another get-together at the hall as well.

Sunday was the Thanksgiving service at the church. This coming week will be last service until hunting season.

Our cat has a couple of trips this week to the vet in Mindemoya. He was not impressed but we were very pleased with help we were given. He seems to be on the mend.

The fall colours are beautiful. We thought that to enjoy the colours we would drive to Randi's in Sheshegwaning. The burgers were fantastic. It was nice to see Marcus and say hello.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Barrie Island Enid Runnalls

The lovely summery days of autumn have finally given way to cooler temperatures. The other day we saw our first fall frost in low lying areas on Barrie Island. We will need to soon cut down and shelter our geraniums. Nevertheless, the tomatoes are still ripening on the vine and flowers continue to bloom in the midday sunshine.

The farmers have had a few warm dry days this week to begin the ploughing, but the imminent rainy forecast will force a holiday.

Families gathered for the long weekend Thanksgiving holiday. Sandy and Jim Miller had their daughters and families join them at the cottage. Then on Saturday there was a feast for 17 around Carolyn Lane-Rock's table that included Oliver and Barb Runnalls, Richard Runnalls, Scott and Enid Runnalls, Katie, Cameron and Reece Carter and Micah Runnalls, Moya and Jeff Rothwell and daughter, Lucy and Livvy, Ben Nad Fiona Perry and sons, Griffin and Rowan. I think that might be 18 people, but who's counting - there was enough turkey for everyone.

Also in the neighbourhood, the Wayne Jeffkins family - Alison and Robert Godwin and their children Effie, Chesley, and Roslyn, as well as Andrew and Christina from Ottawa gathered for a feast on the North Line. They enjoyed turkey and all the fixings. I think Carolyn Lane-Rock was there too. She seems to get into everything.

The North Line also had a gathering of the Beanges, as Edith and Elwood hosted daughter Linsey and her son Noah Landrey, Garth Baker and his son Todd, and Adam Runnalls and his partner Katie.

The next day, Cameron and Reece and Micah headed to the East Bluff for a Carter Family Thanksgiving, lots of fun in the beautiful fall landscape! Then the Miller clan moved their giant group over to McGregor Bay where they celebrated again with Bruce and Anne, Bridget and Chris, Sue and Dag, Martine and a few friends. It was a big day of boating in and out!

Later on in the week there was a cross-country meet at the Gore Bay Manitoulin Golf course. Various Barrie Islanders were out to cheer their runners on, and the C.C. McLean Colts team pulled out all the stops and did very well. It was a beautiful sunny warm day for that run.

The Gordon and Barrie Island Culture and Rec Committee, led by Councillor Isobel Harry, met this week and planned a whole year of events for the local community to enjoy, young and old. On the list for today is the 'Decorate Your Gate' event and the judges should be rolling up at any minute. Then on November 6 Terry Land will be presenting a talk entitled "Bring Birds to your Backyard." Wayne and Anne Aelick will be selling birdhouses and feeders. In early December the Community Hall at Noble Side Road will be hosting the annual Christmas Market! There's lots to do!

Enjoy the rainy weather and call me if you have news to share.

Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday afternoon I cooked a turkey. Luckily it was a small turkey and was done before I left for euchre in Meldrum Bay.

Saturday morning, Albert Meijer and I went to Gore Bay to attend the Rotary's Fall Produce Auction. They had collected a huge number of items to help raise funds. We left before it was over to get home to finish cooking dinner for our guests. Thank you to everyone who donated to the auction and for everyone who came out to shop. A big thank you to all the Rotary members and any other volunteers who organized the event. A lot of work for such a success.

Saturday Doug and DonnaKay Mc-Donald and family used the hall for their Thanksgiving dinner. Sunday Murray and Gladys Duncan-

son and family were at the hall for their turkey dinner.

Monday afternoon, the recycle bins

were open from 1 to 2 pm. We collected a lot of cans and we pulled off all the tabs for the contest in Espanola.

On Monday evening we went to euchre at the Burpee Mills Complex.

On Thursday, Albert Meijer and I drove to Little Current to take one more load of recycling to the Beer Store. When we arrived there was a big sign on the door that said they were no longer accepting empties (cans). We turned around and ended up in Kagawong to get rid of the carload.

TJ and Nathan showed up at 6:30 pm with our nine bushels of apples from Woodstock. It will be applesauce and pie making time on rainy cold days.

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

Condolences to the family of Jack Nunes.

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mies and community lifeincluding Manitoulin.

Many are ineligible for standard immigration programs because of limited quotas, age limits, or "non-priority" occupations. There is a precedent for the request, in 2021, Canada created a similar pathway for Hong Kong residents.

"Supporting this petition means supporting Canada's humanitarian leadership and helping people who have already proven their commitment to the country," notes MP Baker. "Ukrainians have played a vital role in building Canada for more than 130 years." Between 1891 and 1914, about 150,000 Ukrainians immigrated to Canada, mainly settling across the Prairie provinces, where they helped develop agriculture and rural communities. They contributed to the growth of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta through hard work, farming and community build-

Canadians Ūkrainian have since become integral to Canada's social, cultural and political life by serving as leaders, educators, entrepreneurs, artists and public servants. Today, more than 1.3 million Canadians claim Ukrainian heritage, continuing this



Ruslan Nasirov and Hannah Stepanova have settled into life in Little Current since moving here three years ago from war-torn

legacy of contribution and community spirit and providing a special bond between the newcoming refugees and the established Ukrainian diaspora.

The petitioners note that this is not charity, but rather an investment in Canada's future and in people who already call it home.

The petition proposes eligibility examples, including having lived in Canada for three of the last four years, being one year in a critical occupation or two years in other legal work or self-employment; ongoing employment or business activity; basic language and education; or at least one integration indicator (children in school, relatives in Canada, study, volunteering, etc.).

One such family are Ruslan Nosirov and his partner Hannah Stepanova. Mr. Nosirov is likely familiar to customers of the former sushi restaurant The Bear in Little Current, and most recently as the welcoming face at the order window of Dockside Social (the former Edgewa-

The Expositor asked Mr. Nosirov what made he and his compatriots decide that they wanted to come to Canada. He noted that after researching countries across the globe, our nation stood out. "Safest place in the world for me," he said. "Safest place in the world. We looked for everything, like economy, everything, it's really good for living. We didn't know anything about Canada before that.'

He also noted the large Ukrainian community that has made Canada their home. That community helps to ease the transition into an unfamiliar land. "They give us tips what we need to do," he said. "They help with suggestions on how to find work, on how to find accommodation, on how on the differences between here in Ukraine."

"Now me and my girlfriend, we already applied to continue our work permits," he said. "But I still wait, and it's a long time."

The backlog in immigration services is severeand delays are causing a great deal of anxiety.

"I applied at the end of January, and they told me two or three months you will have it, but I didn't," he said. "Our work permits end in March because it will be three years.'

The situation in Ukraine has not gotten any better, perhaps even worse since the Nosirov family arrived on Manitoulin's shores.

Mr. Nosirov notes that Ukrainian government is considering limiting electricity to rotating blackouts. "Probably for everyday four hours without light, two hours with light after that, four hours without two hours,' he said. Mr. Nosirov recalls working for a year in blackout conditions. "My vision was low because we were using only candles in the restaurant.

His partner's family in Ukraine have had to take shelter in a train station where there is some hydro available. "It's super hard to return there. Russians tried to destroy this sector (due to a factory located there)." The houses constantly shake from the explosion of bombs, rockets and drones.

For Mr. Nosirov, his family and the families of other Ukrainians, Canada has become their true home. He and his family have been volunteering, Mr. Nosirov with the Manitoulin Health Centre Aux-

When he first arrived. Mr. Nosirov was suffering from PTSD, a situation that is finally beginning to recede. "It was really hard when I came here," he said.

"I have some issues with PTSD, including nightmares and loud noises, he explained. "The sound of snowmachines and helicopters would set it off. It was hard for me. I had couple sessions with a psychologist and after that it's a little bit better. I'm feeling better."

Now it is just the waiting that is hard.

The petition requesting a one-time pathway to

Permanent Residence for Ukrainians can be accessed at www.ourcommons.ca/ petition by searching for e-6866 (Citizenship and immigration). Signing the petition is open to any Canadian citizen or resident.

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Dates announced for inquest into the death of Wiikwemkoong's Justin Alexander Trudeau

ONTARIO-Dr. Harry Voogjarv, regional supervising coroner, North region, Sudbury office announced October 10 that a date has been scheduled for the inquest into the death of Justin Alexander Trudeau.

The inquest was scheduled to begin at 9:30 am this past Monday, October 20. Dr. Ronald Goldstein will be the presiding officer. Robert Kozak and Jenna Simpson will be the inquest counsel.

Mr. Trudeau, 44 years old, a Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory member, died on February 13, 2021, while in custody at the Sudbury jail.

The inquest will examine the circumstances surrounding Mr. Trudeau's death. The jury may make recommendations aimed at preventing further deaths.

The inquest is expected to last eight days and hear from approximately 14 wit-

The inquest will be conducted by video conference. Members of the public who wish to view the proceedings can do so live at the link provided: https://firstclassfacilitation.ca/office-of-the-chief-coroner/inquest-into-the-death-of-justin-alexander-trudeau/

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administrative officers of OPP-policed municipalities wrote, "The Ministry of the Solicitor General has undertaken a review of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) cost recovery model. I would like to extend my gratitude for your participation and input into this process.'

"I am writing to inform you that because of the review, regulatory amendments have been made to Ontario Regulation 413/23: Amount Payable by municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019. These amendments are in effect and will inform the 2026 annual billing statement to be issued shortly."

"Firstly, an 11 percent cap is established on the increase in policing costs owed by municipalities for the 2026 calendar year when compared to 2025, excluding the costs related to any service enhancements," wrote the solicitor general. "Secondly, a new discounts table will be established in regulation and will apply to the 2026 billing year and going forward. This new discount table introduces a lower eligibility threshold to receive a discount. Municipalities will now receive calls for service and overtime discounts when they are three or more standard deviations from the average calls for service weighted time to property count ratio, rather than the current regulatory threshold of five standard deviations."

"The amendments have been approved by cabinet and have been filed with the registrar of regulations. They will be accessed publicly online through the e-Laws page and will be available here

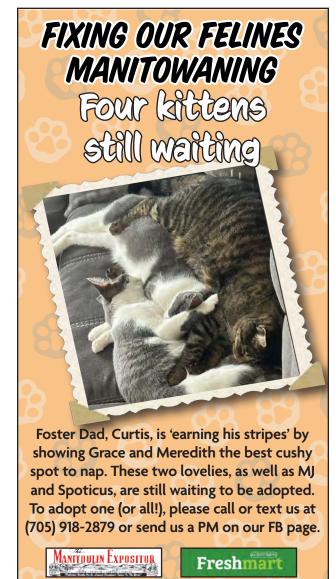
within the next few business days," the solicitor general continued.

"The preparation of 2026 annual billing statements is underway, and statements are targeted for release in November 2025," the minister noted. "As we undertook this review, we heard loud and clear that greater clarity, predictability and stability in the OPP cost recovery model, and associated billing statements, is critical to municipalities as annual budget processes are undertaken. These amendments were contemplated, and ultimately decided upon, based on those concerns and the direct feedback that we heard from OPP policed municipalities."

"If council is interested, we could request an OPP delegation to come to a future council meeting to provide an explanation of the costing model," suggested Mayor Barker. Council was in favour of making this request.

Mayor Barker told The Expositor after the meeting, "last year when the police contracts were settled, there was at least a proposed 20 percent increase in billing to the municipalities. This was offset when the province gave Ontario municipalities partnership funding, so we (Billings) didn't take the cost hit that had been projected."

"Now it appears that municipalities will need to compensate for last years billing, along with an increase this year of no more than 11 percent," said Mayor Barker. Billings township did put some money away in its budget to provide for an increase in police billing costs, but he said the township may be looking at a big increase in its policing costs in the next







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...report shows that establishing Sandhill crane hunt will not harm population

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population impact, or 6,870 cranes per year with a slight population decline."

"Currently, the eastern population of Sandhill cranes is hunted in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. Combined with depredation harvesting resulting from agricultural conflict, the present annual harvest rate of this population is 3,065 cranes per year, less than half of what it could tolerate sustainably, according to the study," reported OOD.

"The authors conclude that eastern Sandhill cranes could sustainably tolerate modest harvest at much lower populations than present, such as 60,000 and even 30,000 birds," the OOD reports from the study. For more than a decade, the OFAH has advocated for consideration of a Sandhill crane hunting season in Ontario, and these findings reaffirm our long-held convictions. The Canadian Wildlife Service's official proposal for the establishment of a Sandhill crane hunting season in Ontario is currently under review and could open as early as fall of 2026."

Mr. Sharp said "in the research study they didn't include the hypothetical harvest from Ontario/Quebec, but when we take the projected harvest from (the two provinces) and add it to the current level of take, we are still below the level which would result in a decreasing population. A harvest here in Ontario and Quebec

would be sustainable."

The Journal of Wildlife Management article reads in part, "The eastern population of Sandhill cranes has expanded rapidly from near extirpation in the early twentieth century. Rapid population recovery and range expansion have resulted in the increased take of the eastern population through crop depredation permits and hunting. To provide a better biological foundation for managing the eastern population, the management community desired a scientifically informed evaluation of take to maximize the protection and use of this species for three major purposes: wildlife viewing, control of crop depredation and sport hunting. We used a prescribed take approach, which uses data from population, demographic, and management parameter estimates to determine the allowable take."

"Furthermore, we used two different methods of estimating growth rates to control for demographuncertainties. estimated a maximum growth rate of 0.092 to 0.123 for demographically informed and demographically invariant methods, respectively," the report states. "Depending on management objectives, media take ranged from 3,123 birds at a low take management goal to 6,245 at the maximum sustained yield management goal. We found that this species can sustain current reported take and likely can sustain additional take if needed. Ow-



A new study from the United States shows that the North American population of Sandhill cranes would remain constant should an annual hunt occur, something the Manitoulin agricultural sector has long hoped for.

ing to inherent differences in productivity, driven by small clutch size and lower fledgling success, Sandhill cranes need to be more closely monitored for take compared to more fecund species."

Mr. Sharp explained, "We are continuing to see agriculture conflicts involving Sandhill cranes and farmers. Some farmers are finding things that work for them, including for example the damage/dangerous to crop permits. This continues to be a good alternative."

Matthew Robbins, a wildlife biologist with OFAH, told The Expositor, "a proposed Sandhill crane hunt is in the works. The first consultation period took place

last year. This is something we've (OFAH) been advocating on for decades and it looks as if, finally, something is going to take place. The earliest a season could take place is the fall of 2026."

However, "there is no absolute guarantee a season will be approved," said Mr. Robbins.

"What we did as ECCC is publish a notice of consideration in 2024 to consult people in Canada on their perspectives regarding a Sandhill crane hunting season in Ontario, which for your area also includes Manitoulin Island and the stretch of highway 17 to North Bay," said Mr. Sharp. "The feedback received after the publication of the notice

of consideration was overwhelmingly in support of moving forward with a season. As a result, ECCC conducted further work to assess the potential impact of the harvest season and is in the process of completing further consultations with stake-holders to finalize advice regarding the establishment of a Sandhill crane hunting season in Ontario in portions of the northern and central districts, as well as the Hudson and James Bay district for the 2026-2027 season.

"ECCC anticipates proposed amendments for the 2026-2027 hunting season to be published in December 2025. If a Sandhill crane hunting season is established, details

will be available at that time," said Mr. Sharp. However, "Elements of a proposed harvest framework under consideration include: Sandhill crane hunting would be limited to the Hudson-James Bay district and the following wildlife management units (WMU) in the northern and central districts only: WMUs 23, 24, 27-30, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 47 and 48; the proposed hunting season would begin September 1 in the Hudson-James Bay district and the first Saturday after September 11 in the aforementioned WMUs in northern and central districts; the (proposed) season would be 14 days long in all districts; the daily bag limit would be one crane, and the possession limit would also be one crane; harvest would be permitted for residents of Canada only and hunting would be restricted to farmland only in northern and central district WMUs.'

"The proposed hunting districts, WMUs and season dates are being considered because of the high abundance of cranes in agricultural areas during fall migration, offering an attractive harvesting opportunity while ensuring that harvest does not disproportionately impact local breeding cranes," said Mr. Sharp.

Mr. Sharp noted, "A Sandhill crane season alone will not solve all the problems in agriculture-farming, but it would provide for an additional tool for farmers and those in agriculture to use."



...Legion Branch 177 volunteer Norris Valiquette recognized for his service

ic stress that got him really thinking—and the idea of the faux 100th birthday fundraiser was born.

"It was our communications guy, Roy Eaton, that brought the story of the service dogs forward to us," he said, explaining how a presentation in Sault Ste. Marie was turned down. The gentleman making the presentation in the Sault was invited to do the same in Little Current. Mr. Valiquette was so moved he decided to do something to

couldn't believe how community stepped up to help with (the birthday)," said Mr. Valiquette.



Canadian Royal Legion Branch 177 volunteer Norris Valiquette awarded a Life Membership Award by the Legion for his tireless efforts on its behalf. Mr. Valiquette is currently recovering from a serious fall but remains undaunted in his efforts on behalf of the Legion and the community.

photo by Michael Erskine

He noted that everyone he approached was more than willing to help. "The Legion gave me the hall, the Lions (of which he is also a member) helped with a donation. The Expositor provided me with an advertising deal I couldn't turn down. Everything came together thanks to the community.'

"There's a lot of decent people," he said. "This kind of event brings people together."

Mr. Valiquette decided to make admission to the event a free will offering. "I didn't want to put \$20 or whatever to get in, it was whatever you can afford. Because everybody has a different balance in their pocket, you know."

"There are so many servicemen who have come back with PTSD and other sicknesses that people don't know about," he said.

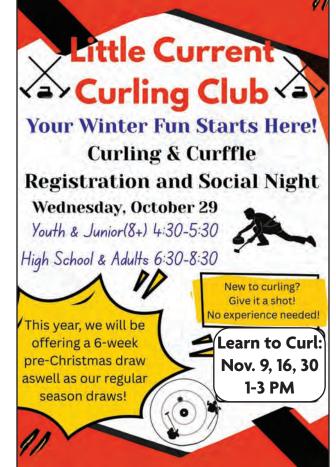
While perhaps best known for his efforts on behalf of the Legion, Mr. Valiquette is also a founding member of the Manitoulin Fitness Club, which has grown by leaps and bounds since its inception 22 years ago. Mr. Valiquette plans to utilize the equipment there as part of his recovery from hip surgery.

As for his reaction to receiving his life membership award, Mr. Valiquette was clearly touched, taking a moment to gather his composure. "You don't

do these things for the recognition," he said, but expressed his gratitude to his Legion family for their kind attention.

In the meantime, with

not a lot else to do while lying in a hospital bed, Mr. Valiquette said he is already planning next year's



...Leanne Lewis set to embark on Cambodia Challenge

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30s—it is very humid." "There should be 30 in my group, there are four groups of 30 participants in each," continued Ms. Lewis.

To be eligible to take part, Ms. Lewis had to pay for her own trek and travel expenses and had to raise at least \$10,000 for the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation. Of the funds she raises, 80 percent will be directed to Manitoulin Haven House and 20 percent will fund national domestic violence prevention programs," said Ms. Lewis. She held a St. Patrick's Day fundraising event on March 15 at the Mindemoya Curling Club.

"At this point I am within the top 20 fundraisers, about 16-17th in Canada of all Challenge partici-

pants, which is amazing for a small community. I have received an amazing amount of support," said Ms. Lewis. She has raised over \$17,000 toward her goal of \$20,000.

Ms. Lewis tried to recruit five business sponsors to each sponsor a day of the trek, to be featured in a special thank-you video from Cambodia and shared across her social medial platform. "Wahl Water will be featured on day one, Poulson Law on day two and Dr. Signs in Espanola on day three. I am still looking for two more businesses to take part."

Ms. Lewis was one of 120 Royal LePage agents across Canada selected to take part in the challenge last January.

She explained previously, "For five days I'll

be trekking alongside like-minded colleagues from coast-to-coast, all in support of the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation. While my trek towards the picturesque temples of Angkor Wat will be immensely rewarding it will not be easy!"

She is going without the comforts of home, sleeping in a small tent, using rustic bathroom facilities and unplugging completely from cell service and technology.

The Royal LePage Shel-

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...receives Arts Council funding

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Art Tour next year, third week of July every year, and we hope to be able to promote it by having billboards signs, more membership and workshops.'

MPP Rosenberg noted that his wife is also an artist. "So, I know they are a different bunch," he laughed. "I know artists are different, but a good bunch. On behalf of the government, I'm very proud to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the MFAA on receiving this important grant," continued Mr. Rosenberg. "I know your commitment to fostering artistic excellence and community engagement is truly inspiring. By investing in professional development for your members, enhancing the experience for visitors, you are strengthening the culture fabric of Manitoulin Island," creating lasting opportunities for artists and audiences like.

MFAA president Judy Boyd credited both Ms. Jackson and Ms. Carriere for their work in researching and applying for the OAC grant, as well as artist and poet Sophie Edwards of Kagawong for her invaluable assistance in putting the grant together.



...Ontario cabinet minister put to work on Town of NEMI woodchipper

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much appreciated and will help us in our efforts to make our roads safer in the event of a storm like that."

"Great to be here with Bill (Rosenberg, Algoma-Manitoulin MPP) today and in this area," said Minister Dunlop. something you "So, don't know about me is I have spent many August long weekends here for the Haweater Festival. Thanks for having me back here today in Little Current, and my colleague, MPP Bill Rosenberg, to talk about the significant investment our government is making to strengthen emergency preparedness in your region, and I know you've had a lot of activity in the area this past week with the previous

announcements; congratulations on the announcement of the new bridge."

"I'd like to acknowledge a few of the other amazing community leaders to join us today," said the minister. "We have Mayor (Bryan) Barker from the township of Billings, the team from North Shore Search and Rescue where we were just there to visit. Mayor Deforge and Fire Chief Wilson from the Township of Tehkummah and Mayor Gervais and CAO Joseph Burke from the Town of Espanola."

"Thank you all for your steadfast commitment to protecting your communities and being an emergency preparedness champion," continued Minister Dunlop. "It is a pure joy visiting your communities today.



Island and Espanola politicians, public works employees, fire department members, members of the North Shore Search and Rescue team join Minister of Emergency Preparedness Jill Dunlop, centre, and MPP Bill Rosenberg, beside Minister Dunlop, for a tour of the Island and a demonstration of the Northeast Town's new emergency preparedness wood chipper.

Ontario shines brightly when our communities and organizations are equipped with the resources they need to respond confidently and effectively to emergency situations. As a frequency of emergencies continues to rise across the province, our commitment to



Minister Jill Dunlop visited the Billings Township firefighters last week. With funding provided by the ministry, Billings purchased a new generator system, commercial grade chainsaws and radio equipment.

preparedness will help us meet these moments head on. Over the last two years, through the Emergency Community Emergency Preparedness Grant, we've invested \$10 million into 227 municipalities, First Nations and organizations, so they can better be prepared. This investment is part of our government's three-year, \$110 million investment to protect Ontario and strengthen

emergency preparedness in our local communities. All the communities I visited today are receiving a total of almost \$250,000 from this program."

"This investment means that even more recipients can purchase critical equipment and deliver essential emergency management training," said Minister Dunlop. "For example, the town of Nairn and Hymen purchased a backup generator, a mobile gen-

cations equipment. The Town of Espanola purchased six generators to provide emergency power within the community in the event of extreme cold weather and power outages. The North Shore Search and Rescue purchased a remotely piloted aircraft system, drone package and training for its members. Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands purchased a woodchipper, which I think we're going to get a demo from public works to clear, downed trees quickly, so essential transportation routes can remain open. The Township of Billings purchased a new generator system, commercial grade chainsaws and radio equipment; the Township of Tehkummah purchased generators and a communications tower; the Township of Assiginack purchased generators and a 1,000 gallon potable water tank to prepare for water system failures or public health advisories."

"Touring across the province, I've had the opportunity to see these investments make all the difference in communities and it's incredible to see that \$50,000 can go a long, long way in the equipment that you're purchasing," she said, "and in case you missed it, we just announced another \$5 million for a third round of the grant.

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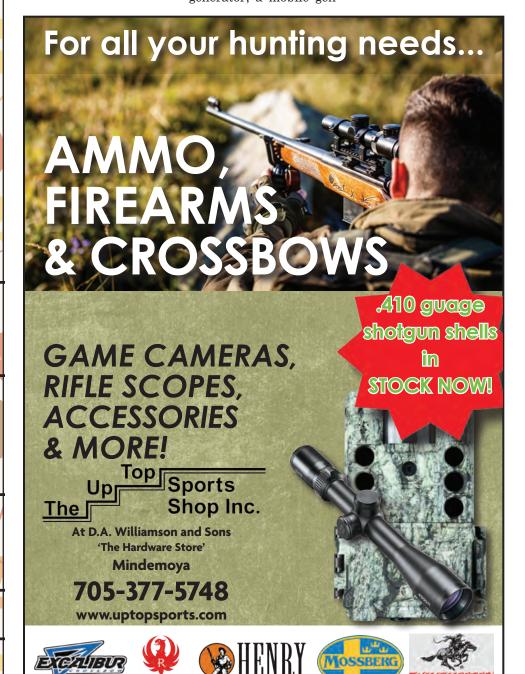
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...Manitoulin gives warm welcome home to Special Olympian Dayne Tipper

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"Park along the roadside and we will gather on the lawn and driveway," Ms. Scott encouraged Dayne's friends in a social media post prior to the event. "Bring your noise makers and signs to 'Welcome Dayne Home!' Thanks for helping to lift his spirits! It's been a long road of healing for him."

"It was pretty spectacular," stated Ms. Tipper.

"Dayne was shocked to see all of this. As we got near the house there were fire truck lights and cars pulling over as we came in. At first, he thought there might be something bad happening to our house, but once he realized everything was okay and he was being welcomed he got very excited."

"It was the first time Dayne has been home since he went in rehab," said Ms. Tipper.

On August 31, Dayne was involved in a serious biking accident which left him with a brain injury. He suffered deficits to the right side of his body and at first was unable to even sit up on his own.

Alexa Tipper explained that Dayne was coming back home after cutting wood with their father Sean at a neighbour's property down the road.

Dayne went over on the side of a ditch on his electric tricycle bike when the back wheel went over. He was riding at a speed of about 20-25 kilometres per

"Dayne was dinged up pretty bad," said Alexa. She explained at the time, "he does have a small brain bleed but is in stable condition. He can move around by himself but can only move his right arm with a lift. The doctors

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Dayne Tipper, waving, centre, received a heartfelt welcome home from friends and neighbours when he arrived back in Mindemoya on the Thanksgiving weekend. A large group of people were on hand to welcome him home, as he has been rehabilitating in a Sudbury hospital since sustaining a serious biking accident in August.

...Ontario cabinet minister put to work

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So, even more communities can have the chance to enhance their emergency preparedness and response capabilities. Ontario is stepping up in a big way to ensure that you have the tools and support that you need to strengthen local emergency efforts. I'm proud of what we've all accomplished together, and while we've made great progress, our work is far from over. We will continue to build a province that is ready to meet the challenges of today and the next generation of Ontarians for years to come. I'll now turn it over to my colleague Bill Rosenberg to say a few words."

"Thank you, minister, thank you everyone who have travelled here today," said MPP Rosenberg. "I'll keep it short because I know 99 percent of you guys come out here to see Minister Dunlop, except Robin (the MPP's executive assistant), and he's paid to be here."

"All right, for this important Community Emergency Preparedness Grant, as we tour around, we see how important that \$50,000 is for small communities and how much it does for our small communities," the MPP continued. "It's great to see all the different mayors, but I'd like to thank all the volunteers too. I know how important that is to our small communities. So, congratulations to all the recipients I'm honored to be here. As this initiative highlights just how

vital it is to support our communities in times of emergency. The equipment, such as generators, communication systems, woodchippers and the advanced tools that we've seen today, such as for the North Shore Rescue with the drones, can make a significant difference during critical moments. The absence of these resources can have serious consequences when emergency strikes. Well, we hope these tools will never have to be needed. We are reassured knowing that they're available and ready if the situation arises."

The Ontario cabinet minister and MPP Rosenberg then took a hand at feeding several long pieces of wood into the woodchipper, after donning appropriate safety equipment, of course.

Minister Dunlop, ably assisted by her MPP colleague, handled the job with aplomb, although she admitted it was a new job for her.

"It's one of my goals to try to get some ministers come to the Island," said Mr. Rosenberg. "This grant was specifically for municipalities under 100,000 people, and the grant is \$50,000, so it's great to see the different equipment that communities are buying."

Following the woodchipper demonstration, the minister and MPP Rosenberg toured a number of Island municipalities to see what each of them had purchased with their grant funds.

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Gore Bay Rotary Club boasts best Fall Harvest auction yet

GORE BAY—This year's Rotary Club of Gore Bay Fall Harvest auction was definitely the best yet in terms of the number of items up for bid and how much was raised by the club. The Rotary club puts all the funds it raises through the event back into the community.

"Oh, by far, this was the best auction we have had vet." stated Peter Carter. president of the Rotary Club of the auction held at the Gore Bay community hall on October 11. He pointed out this year's auction was the club's 59th annual fall harvest auc-

"This was the sixth year Robbie (White) has been our auctioneer and he went out to businesses, groups and individuals in the community, area, Island and even off-Island in requesting items to be put for bid in the auction,



Best auction yet! The annual Gore Bay Rotary Club fall harvest auction was the best yet in terms of items up for bid and how much was raised by the club.

said Mr. Carter. "Robbie does a tremendous job and I know he is already working on next year's auction. He started taking bids for the auction at 10 am (October 11) and didn't stop for a break for four hours. If not for Robbie I'm not

sure we would have an auction."

"We had over 110 bidders for the auction items," explained Mr. Carter. "All the Rotarians were busy passing out items that had bids to the successful bidders.'

"A big thank you to the community donors; I couldn't begin to name all of them there are so many," said Mr. Carter. "So many people graciously support this community effort, year after year.'

"Every nickel we raise from the auction goes back into the community, which is pretty cool," said Mr. Carter. "And this year we are pretty proud to be sponsoring an international student, Ludovica Costa, from Italy. She has really fit in well with the student community at Manitoulin Secondary School (where she will be attending high school for the first term). She really enjoys the community and activities that she has been involved in.

Ms. Costa took the reins of auctioneer in taking



Ludovica Costa, centre, is an Italian student taking part in the Gore Bay Rotary Club exchange program this fall. Ludovica is flanked by Peter Carter, left, and Robbie White, right.



While auctioneer Robbie White, in background takes bids, Rotarian Jeff Hietkamp holds up a photograph that was up for bids at the annual Gore Bay Rotary Club fall auction.

bids on the first item up a fishing package and a for bid in the auction, a flower basket.

Mr. White told The Expositor that about \$25,000 was raised through this year's auction, an increase over last year's total of about \$22,000. All the items did well, in particular the golf packages, plane ride around Manitoulin, a trip to Tobermory, cruise to Killarney which included a fish and chip dinner.

"We would like to encourage anyone who would like to join our club to come forward," said Mr. Carter. "We could use more members of the community to become members, help the club and support the community."



Little Current Lions support Victim Services

The Little Current Lions club has made a generous Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services (MNVS) that will go toward keeping vulnerable community members safe through innovative tracking and support programs. From left are Lions Club members Lori Draper, Bruce Burnett, Cynthia Stewart executive director of MNVS and Lion Jake McColman.

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CARE COUNTS



...Gore Bay elects new councillor to council, Stephanie Steele

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parents called the place home, my parents raised me here, and now I'm here, carrying on the legacy and running our family business here. Gore Bay isn't just where I live, it's who I am."

"As a local business owner, I've had the privilege of working closely with many of you," said Ms. Steele in her presentation to council. "I've seen firsthand the strength and resiliency of our community. I've celebrated with you during the good times, and I've stood beside you through the challenges. Running a business in a small town teaches you a lot, it teaches you to listen, to adapt, and to find practical solutions that work for everyone."

"Those are the same principles I want to bring to our town council," continued Ms. Steele. "I'm running because I care deeply about the future of our town, not just as a resident, but as someone who's invested in its longterm success. I want to ensure we continue to support our local businesses, maintain the safety and character of our neighbourhoods, and keep our infrastructure strong and reliable for the next generation."

"But most importantly, I want every voice in this town to be heard," said Ms. Steele. "Whether you've lived here your whole life or just moved in, I intend

to listen, to show up, and to serve with integrity."

"I'm here because I respect the process of governance, but my priority is assisting in making decisions that reflect the real needs of the people who live here," continued Ms. Steele. "I believe in rolling up my sleeves, having honest conversations and doing the hard work to make things better. That's how my family has always approached life in this

town, and that's the spirit I'll bring to the council if elected," said Ms. Steele.

"As someone whose roots run deep here, I'm committed to preserving what makes this town special and working with you to build a future that honours where we've come from and where we're going," said Ms. Steele. "Thank you for your time, your support, and the trust you've already shown me over the years. I hope to

continue serving you, this time, as your town council member."

Deputy Clerk Pam Fogal conducted the vote, passing out ballots to all councillors and the mayor and then gathering them up and counting the ballots. Several votes had to be held to declare Ms. Steele as the new council member.

"I just want to say how very impressed I am with the four people who put their names forward for council, knowing that in only a year your term on council would be up," said Mayor Lane. "It really shows the commitment you all have to the commu-

nity, which is what we all want to see."

Ms. Steele will be sworn in as the new Gore Bay councillor at a regular council meeting on October 27

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are not sure at this point what his future needs are going to be. He will be going to the RI unit, but at this time we don't know what his future needs are going to be, like needing a wheelchair for the rest of his life. We are just hoping for the best and preparing for the worst."

"Dayne is doing well, he is progressing well," said his mother, last week. "The hospital (Health Sciences North) may be discharging him on Friday, and he might be able to be on an outpatient basis. Dayne is still using a walker but through rehabilitation he is building up his stamina to walk."

Dayne has been in the intensive rehab unit of HSN, he is in the seventh week of rehab, said his mother. "We didn't know how he would progress, but he is a fighter and has a very good attitude; the nurses and doctors at HSN love him. But he misses his friends, family and work."

"Dayne is working hard, he wants to be able to get out and get walking again without a walker," said Ms. Tipper. "The coaching he has received through Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) has prob-

"Everyone at the hospital loves him, and his speech therapist said when he is

around, she can hear him down the hall and knows it is him because there is a lot of laughter between him and the nurses," said Ms. Tipper.

"Dayne has also had a lot of visitors in the hospital, which has been helpful," said Ms. Tipper. "It was so nice that he was able to be home for Thanksgiving, all he wanted to do was rest and have some good home cooked meals. When he leaves HSN he is going to miss all the nurses."

Family friend Leslie Taylor had initiated a GoFundMe page to raise funds for the family to help cover the many expenses the family is incurring with food, motel stays, gas and the medical equipment Dayne will need when he gets home.

On September 11 a Zumba dancing class fundraiser took place at the Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya, with Kelly Robinson as the instructor. Fundraisers have or are going to be held by Finn McComb's in Sudbury, and Angie and James Moggy of Mindemoya.

"Dayne has received wonderful support from so many people," said Katherine. "He is obviously loved by a lot of people."

Dayne is now home permanently, although he will continue rehab two to three times a week in Sudbury.

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Last customer walks out the door at Little Current Beer Store outlet

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regular workers didn't want to work the last day." Since she schedules the hours, Ms. Bond was willing to accommodate.

The day has been something of a melancholy experience.

"Most of the people who come in here, they're not our customers, they are like our family," she said. "We have been seeing them for years. Yes, they are our customers, but they are more like our family because we know about their personal lives, and they know about ours. It's a small town."

Ms. Bond has deep generational Island roots,

in fact, she is officially a Haweater. "I was born on the Island," she said. "Although I grew up in Whitefish Falls.

Each of the customers coming in on the last day witnessed by The Expositor expressed sadness that the outlet was closing. Some even expressed surprise, not having heard the news of the closure before coming to the store on the last day.

"One customer even gave me a hug," said Ms. Bond. She said she will miss the drive down Highway 6 to the Island from Espanola, where she now lives. "I just love that drive," she said.

As the last customers

straggled in, the staff let them know whether their favourite brand was still in stock, as the store had cut back on its orders in the past week.

"No point in bringing it in just to haul it away again," said Ms. Bond.

The location had to stop accepting empties for recycling earlier this week and several signs on the front windows of the store let people know.

'We didn't get the wooden pallets and bins for the cans and bottles last Tuesday," noted Ms. Bond. "So, we had to stop accepting them on Wednesday.'

The last customer was Robin Poole, who also expressed his sadness that he would not be seeing the staff any longer—unless,



Espanola Beer Store manager Taryn Bond hands over a case of beer to Robin Poole, the last customer at The Beer Store in Little Current. The store closed on Sunday, October 19.

photo by Michael Erskine

of course, he was willing iar faces are now working to drive to the outlet in Espanola. A number of famil-

The closure of Manito-

come about due in large part to the changes in the province's liquor laws made by the Ford government expanding sales to grocery and convenience stores and the subsequent need for The Beer Store to "modernize" its operations in the new retail environment. In recent closure announcements, the company has described each shutdown as a "difficult decision" driven by "changes in the retail mar-

The Beer Store has committed to keeping 300 stores across the province open until the end of this vear, after which it can do as it sees fit.



...Tickets available for Scott Woods Christmas show

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Tickets are also available directly from Scott Woods. You can call (toll free) 1-885-726-8896 and purchase tickets with your VISA or Master Card. Online ticket orders are also available by visiting www.scottwoods.ca.

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

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

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



The Scott Woods Band is back in Little Current November 2, this time with a toe tappin' Christmas show.





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Cambrian full-time staff reach agreement, part-time staff poised to strike

by Michael Erskine
SUDBURY—The fiveweek province-wide
strike by Ontario college
full-time support staff is
over, at least for now. A
tentative agreement was
reached on October 15
between the Ontario Public Service Employees
Union (OPSEU) and the
College Employer Council, which represents On-

Cambrian College.
Following the tentative agreement picket lines have ended and support staff returned to work on Thursday, October 16, ending picketing at all of Ontario's 24 public colleges, including Cambrian.

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The tentative agreement, which was the result of a private mediation session, is subject to ratification by OPSEU members. That vote is scheduled to take place by November 4.

At Cambrian College, more than 200 full-time support staff were involved in the job action. The strike affected students by causing traffic disruptions due to picket lines and limiting access to vital services such as IT and equipment signouts. Outside the Little Current Cambrian offices, striking workers picketed across the street. According to the strikers, they chose that location as they did not want to interfere with businesses on the main

the North Shore

The strike, which began on September 11, involved approximately 10,000 full-time college support workers across Ontario. Key issues in the dispute centered on job security and concerns over government funding cuts to public colleges.

The Ford government froze college funding soon after taking office in 2018, forcing greater reliance on foreign students to balance the books at Ontario's colleges. The situation became even more fraught when limits were later placed on the number of foreign student visas allowed into Canada.

Until the main vote on the tentative agreement, at least, things have stabilized with the full-time support worker staff, but all is not quiet on the college strike front. Parttime support staff recently held a strike vote in which 64 percent voted to give their union a strike mandate.

"Today, part-time college support staff have sent a strong message to our employer who has dragged out negotiations for almost two years; we need a fair deal now," reads a statement on the OPSEU webpage.

"We know that the employer's latest proposal doesn't go nearly far enough: proposing no wage increases for all of 2024, and possibly 2025 is insulting," con-

tinues the statement. "We're fighting for better for all part-timers—including students and casual staff—and to win a collective agreement that ensures dignity in the workplace for everyone"

According to the union, such a settlement would include: fair wage increases; paid sick days; 24-hour shift cancellation protections; enshrining equity and inclusion in the collective agreement such as time

off for religious holidays in line with provincial legislation; and basic structures such as job descriptions, pathways for career advancement and feedback on unsuccessful interviews.

Meanwhile, professors

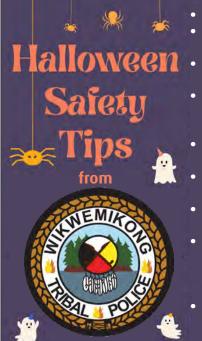
at the colleges are also in ongoing negotiations, and have agreed to enter into mediation-arbitration to resolve the contract issues.





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- Ensure an adult examines the candy before being eaten, and avoid eating candy that was already opened.



The Community Living Manitoulin Harvest Ball was truly an inter-generational event with people of all ages enjoying the music from the live band Double Barrel.

CLM annual Harvest Ball a huge success

by Heather Marshall

TEHKUMMAH—While lots of folks spent the weekend putting away barbecues and lawn furniture, Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) members and supporters welcomed "Winter Wonderland" as they celebrated their annual fall dance—the biggest event of the year and the highlight of the social calendar.

CLM, which promotes and facilitates the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of people who have an intellectual disability, has held the dance for decades. The event historically was known as the Harvest Ball, but that changed this year to a special theme so it can be altered from one

year to the next. Staff and management sought input from group home and independent living members about the best name for this year's dance and Winter Wonderland was the top choice.

Individuals involved in the community participa-tion program did all the shopping and made centerpieces for the tables, while staff made giant paper snowflakes that hung from the ceiling to decorate Tehkummah Triangle Seniors Hall where the dance took place on October 17. The hall had been the regular site of the dance for decades until COVID restrictions temporarily halted the event.

All the tables filled up by 7:30 pm and extra chairs were brought in to accommodate the crowd joining the festivities. "We had a record number of family and friends as well as Special Olympic athletes in attendance," says Adrienne Farquhar-Kuula, executive director of CLM. "It was probably the best turnout we've ever had."

Double Barrel's live performance was an enormous hit, with musicians sharing their cowboy hats and singing along to air guitar artists on the dance floor. "The band is so fantastic; they engage with people and get into the spirit of the celebrations," adds Ms. Farquhar-Kuula. "It was so successful, and everyone had so much fun. It just gets better every year."

Another favourite of the evening was a hot chocolate bar that offered all the fixings for a delicious libation. CLM is grateful to Andrew Orr and staff at Foodland Mindemoya for donating all the other drinks and snacks available for participants' enjoyment during the evening.



chairs had to be added to the Tehkummah Triangle Club venue.



A group of happy Harvest Ball-goers enjoy a cup of hot chocolate from the popular hot chocolate bar courtesy of Island Foodland.



Community Living Manitoulin staff pose for a group photo.

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AOK Fall Fair adapts to the whims of Mother Nature

by Margery Frisch AUNDECK OMNI KAN-ING—Following a spate of sunny days, it was inevitable the weather would turn, unfortunately this happened right around the time of Aundeck Omni Kaning's Fall Fair. Mandy McGraw has been organizing the event for the last few years, and she didn't seem phased by the weather at all. "We're fortunate to have the space at 4Directions, we can adjust for the weather," she said.

There was something for everyone to do, and for

those who just wanted to sit and enjoy the company of others, there was plenty of that, with food to boot.

For the kids, there was pumpkin decorating and a scavenger hunt (in search of pumpkins, of course). "They have to find the pumpkins with names on them. I threw in 40 extra decoy pumpkins, with no names, but they don't count," Ms. McGraw said with a devilish grin. In the afternoon, 'It's Not a Party Without Us,' a company from Sudbury, moved in with their bouncy castles and laser tag paraphernalia to liven up the place. This activity, planned for some outdoor fun, had to be moved indoors due to the rain that came and went all day long.

The craft programs had to readjust their spaces, but all programs seemed to move smoothly and efficiently. There were families throughout the Complex creating signs and making centre pieces, visiting friends, and thoroughly enjoying the day.

Chili was on the menu for dinner, but first the five judges deciding on the winners of the chili cook-off. Jenny McGraw won first place, Matt Esquimaux was second place winner, with Jodie Corbiere coming in third.

chili competition, with The scones and bannock competition saw Beverly Wilson as first place winner, with Matt Esquimaux again coming in second and Jodie Corbiere the third-place winner.

Photographs tell the sto-

ry, and this story is one of family, community, all ages gathering and enjoying their time together. A perfect day, despite the weather.



Pheobe Fox and Dean Fox with their finished pumpkin centerpieces



Safiyah Esquimaux wiith the pumpkins which she and her grandmother decorated





The smoked fish demonstration proved very popular



Fall Fair organizer Mandy McGraw and the pumpkin toss station. photos by Margery Frisch



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"Canada Post is safely resuming its operations across the country following the national strike, but CUPW rotating strike activity will mean ongoing disruptions in services. Customers should expect delays," a CP release states.

"As of Tuesday, October 14, CUPW has been holding rotating strikes in the following locations since Saturday, October 11 in Dawson Creek, BC, Ford St. John, BC and St. Anthony, Newfoundland Labrador. The rotating strike activity has ended in Timmins.'

Mail and parcels will not be delivered or picked up in locations where there are currently rotating strikes. Once the strike is over and operations resume in a given location, the delivery of mail and parcels will restart as quickly as possible.

Customers should expect delays. "We are accepting and delivering mail and parcels in all locations except those on strike. Induction for commercial customers (started on October 15). Shutting down and restarting parts of our integrated national network with rotating strikes challenges our ability to provide reliable service to customers. As a result, all service guarantees remain suspended, and customers should expect delays.'

"Canada Post is waiting for a response to the global offers presented to CUPW on October 3. These offers put forward proposals that are affordable and treat employees with fairness and respect given the challenges facing the corporation," the release states.

'Only new collective agreements will provide the certainty Canadians require to confidently use the postal system. They need to align the businesses to the current needs of the country, to reduce the dependency

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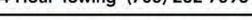
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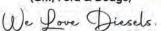


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Gore Bay hopes to secure funds for water pressure booster by Tom Sasvari

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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 Piticco, 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 Expostior (1 Manitowaning Road, Little Current) or by calling Gail at 705-368-2589.

16-25p

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22-26p

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Power Outage Breakfast at the Howland Seniors' Hall, Sheguiandah on Sunday, October 26 from 8 am to 1 pm. Serving scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, waffles, juice, fruit, toast, tea and coffee. Adults, \$15; children 12 years and under, \$10. Come be with us, be warm and well fed!

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"Staff is looking for direction from council on a recommendation for a booster pump single source allocation and tendering protocols for Tulloch Engineering to allow for single sourcing for engineering, project management, and ten-

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dering protocols to Tulloch Engineering for the recommended addition of a booster pump to be placed at the top of Boron and Phipps intersection," said Jason Quinlan, town manager-clerk at a council meeting last

Mr. Quinlan explained

to facilitate a booster pump to increase the water pressure for fire suppression for the new long term care facility and water delivery for any potential development at the top of Smith and Armstrong Road. Tulloch Engineering has preliminary project knowledge and due to the timeliness of the project's completion it would be in our best interest to have them proceed with their involvement. He also noted the project is conditional on obtaining full funding for the project through an alternate

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Sunday, October 26 (no power The Little Shoppe Around the day) from 9:30 am to 2 pm, rain Corner at Knox United Church or shine at 86 Scotch Line off in Manitowaning is open Fridays Bidwell Road. There will be items and Saturdays from 10 am to 3

19-24p

Congratulations Karen M. of 23c Burlington on winning the FO-MOS 50/50 raffle. Karen took home a cool \$3.197.50. Friends of the Mindemoya Old School would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets in support of our mission to save the historic building. Watch for our next raffle in the spring.

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23-26p

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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 18^{TH} , 2025 AT 7:00 PM

File No.: Con 2025-11

Applicant: Bridgeway Rentals Limited
Civic Address: 44 Meredith Street East
Official Plan: Employment Lands
Zoning: General Commercial

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, house and motel on one lot and the horizontal rental units separate.

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.

Dated: October 22, 2025

Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands 14 Water St. E., P.O. Box 608 Little Current, ON P0P 1K0







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

1873 Green Bush Road TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on **November 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm** at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current. The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act for the property located on 1873 Green Bush Road, Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. The attached key map shows the affected property.

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

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

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

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed By-law Amendment, describing the affected property, a Key Map showing the location of the affected property to which the proposed By-law Amendment applies, and a copy of the complete proposed By-law Amendment

is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little

DATED at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands on 2025-10-08
Ms. Pam Myers, Clerk
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
14 Water Street East, P.O. Box 608
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

Ph.: (705)368-3500



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 17™. 2025 AT 7:00 PM



File No.: Con 2025-12 **Applicant:** 2715041 Ontario Inc

Legal Sheguiandah Town Plot 28, Mill Site 3, Pt Road Allowance Pt NS

Description: Metcalfe Street Pt lot 18 to 22

Civic Address: 10 Limit Street
Official Plan: Settlement Area
Zoning: Residential

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

Purpose of this application is for the creation of two new building lots.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

The consent is required for the creation of two new building lots.

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.

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Dated: October 22, 2025

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

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

2056 Hwy 540 TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current. The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act for the property located on 2056 Hwy 540, Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. The attached key map shows the affected property.

The effect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is changing the zoning from Rural to Institutional on 2056 Hwy 540, Howland Township, Lot 21, Concession 7, RP 31R-4339 Part 1 to allow for a UCCM-APS Police Station and Accessory Buildings to be built and operated.

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

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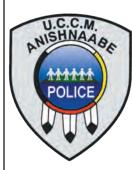
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DATED at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands on 2025-10-22 Ms. Pam Myers, Clerk Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands

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NOTICES



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:

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service 5926 Highway 540, P.O. Box 332 M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

Attn: Joey Stoneypoint, Custodian/Maintenance

Or by Email to: joey.stoneypoint@uccmpolice.com



INVITATION FOR TENDERS SNOW REMOVAL

2025 - 2026 UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service

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

- 1. 5905 Hwy 540, M'Chigeeng
 - Parking area

The parking area must be plowed and salted/sanded by 7:00 am and 2:00 pm.

- 2. 5926 Hwy 540, M'Chigeeng
 - Roadway.
 - Front of building (visitors' parking).
 - Staff parking area.

The roadway, front of building (driveway) and staff parking areas must be plowed and salted/sanded by 6:30am, 2:30pm, and 10:30pm all calendar days.

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

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- 3. 4 Margaret Street, Mindemoya
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...Expositor will still use tote system, for now

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on taxpayer dollars, grows more urgent each day that this strike continues."

In a second release on October 16 Canada Post reported, "Minister Joel Lightbound has given us 45 days to outline our plan to implement the series of measures the government presented on September 25. We are currently working on the plan and will be using guiding principles to represent our commitments to Canadians, customers and employees."

"We will provide reliable and affordable delivery for all Canadians while

protecting access to vital postal services in rural, remote and indigenous communities. While there's a need to move with urgency, we will proceed thoughtfully to get it right and minimize how the changes affect Canadians. We will continue to be fair and respectful to our employees and prioritize their safety as we implement changes...We will adjust our approach based on the revolving needs of Canadians," outlined Canada Post.

The Expositor is continuing to use its tote system for on-Island subscribers but will inform the public when mail delivery resumes.



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Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Members of **Debajehmujig Storytellers** will be held on

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 5:30pm in the

Wikwemikong Pontiac School gymnasium, 2343 Wikwemikong Way Wikwemikong, ON P0P1J0

for the purposes of:

- · Receiving financial reports.
- · Nominating and electing Directors.

Membership in the Corporation shall be available to persons interested in furthering the Corporation's purposes, and who apply for and are accepted into membership in the Corporation by resolution of the Board. Each member shall be entitled to one vote at the meeting.

Richard Lathwell, President

Lynda Trudeau, General Manager



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: #72 Shebawenaning Road, Whitefish River First Nation. Services required include plowing, sanding, salting and pushback of snowbanks for the following property area:

#72 Shebawenaning Road, Whitefish River First Nation

- Parking area
- Front of building (visitors' parking)
 Staff parking area
- Staff parking area
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Matt's Plumbing to make the old Little Current Fire Hall new headquarters

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—
There have been quite a
few changes to the old Little Current Fire Hall over
the past couple of years
following its decommissioning by the Northeast
Town. From automotive
detailing under the auspices of Acme Motors, to
a popular barbecue stop

ing company.

Matt Stillwaugh, owner of Matt's Plumbing, is no stranger to Manitoulin having basically lived here since he was a few months old. He and his wife Laurie (nee Strain) own the Whitehaven Cottages fishing resort and he makes no bones about his love for the Island.

(Herschel's), and now,

headquarters for a plumb-

Now, the 30-year veteran of the plumbing business is planning on moving the headquarters of his business, currently

based in Sudbury, to Manitoulin.

The Expositor caught up with Mr. Stillwaugh while he was busy renovating the hall to better suit his company's needs.

"We provide a wide range of services," he said, "from new construction plumbing, residential and commercial, fixtures repairs, drain clearing, drain camera work—just about anything to do with plumbing we do it."

The company is even lining up to do furnace work, having just hired a G2 gasfitter. "The plan is to move the whole operation here," said Mr. Stillwaugh. "It's just sort of going be a satellite for a while, but it is basically going to be our main headquarters. We'll use the shop area here to store equipment, excavators, lifts and in the front we plan on putting a small



Matt Stillwaugh stands outside his new shop in Little Current. An avowed Island boy, the plumbing professional intends to eventually move his headquarters to the Island permanently in the future.

photo by Michael Erskine

plumbing store for parts a few fixtures, just stuff people can do cash and carry, or they can buy it with the install. We'll bring everything over, install it for you, or you can take it and install it yourself. Whatever you like."

self. Whatever you like." come over on Wednes-"I usually come over day night, spend Thurshead back to Sudbury, but eventually, probably in around March-ish, we'll have a full-time guy here on the Island. In the meantime, we'll just commute when we have to." "I'm just trying to get

"I'm just trying to get back home again," he laughs. "All of our guys have a huge passion for the outdoors, and they love working over here." Not only that, but Island customers have a very positive reputation.

"The people over here on Manitoulin are so much more appreciative when we show up," said Mr. Stillwaugh. "When we say we're coming, we show up. And if we can't, for some reason, we let them know."

Matt's Plumbing is currently based in Lively and can be reached at (705) 692-9234.

Sunshine and Hope quilt raises funds for the Angel Bus in Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—As the Angel Bus does for its users, the beautiful quilt 'Sunshine and Hope' will no doubt boost the day for the winner, which was won by a Kagawong resident earlier this month. And thanks to the generosity of local and seasonal residents in purchasing tickets on the Angel Bus fundraiser quilt raffle, it will benefit the Angel Bus in keeping it maintained and ready to go.

The fundraising quilt draw was held by members of the Angel Bus operating committee at Split Rail Brewing in Gore Bay on October 11, as part of the business's Octoberfest celebrations.

Shirley De Roche, general manager of Split Rail, along with representatives of the Split Rail operating committee, were on hand for the official draw of the winning ticket for the quilt. "Hello, I am Shirley, and I would like to thank everyone for being here today. We are going to hold a draw for the Angel Bus Fundraising quilt raffle.

Ted Kilpatrick, a member of the Angel Bus operating committee explained,

"this beautiful quilt was made by the Happy Quilters Group and quilted by Melissa McIntosh of Lakeside Longarmer. Shirley Farquhar and Linda Ferguson sold a lot of the tickets over the summer."

"We would like to thank Split Rail very much for selling tickets on the draw over the past couple of months and for hosting this official draw," said Mr. Kilpatrick.

Sandy Cook, chair of the Angel Bus operating committee told The Expositor, "We had been selling tickets on the quilt draw



a couple of days a week work on the Island right

now," he said. "So I'll

A draw for this beautiful quilt 'Sunshine and Hope' took place on October 11 at Split Rail Brewing in Gore Bay. Members of the Angel Bus committee Sandy Cook and Ted Kilpatrick, along with Split Rail general manager Shirley D. Roche took part in the draw.

Death Notice

MARJORIE "PAT" EUNICE ROCHON

(nee Moore)



In loving memory of Marjorie "Pat" Eunice Rochon (nee Moore), 89 years, who passed away at the St. Joseph's Lodge, Gore Bay on Thursday, October 9, 2025. Beloved wife of Thomas "Tom" Rochon (predeceased). Loving mother of Cindy of Kagawong and Cory of Sudbury. Her pride and joy were her

grandkids Calvin and Casey (Connor) and the time she spent at the family camp. Dear sister of Colleen Moore of Parry Sound. She will be sadly missed by her longtime friend Wendy Gravelle (her second daughter) and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Cecil and Doris Moore; sisters Jean and Dorothy; and brothers Howard, Merill and Jerry. Special thank you to Dr. Chantelle Wilson for her care with mom and to all the nurses, PSWs and staff at St. Joseph's Lodge. They were amazing. As per her wishes there will be no services. Cremation has taken place. In Marjorie's memory, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society or Angel Bus of Gore Bay. Arrangements entrusted to Island Funeral Home, Little Current.

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Remember the love that we once shared

Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take

And each must go alone. It's all part of the master's plan A step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart

Go to the friends we know, And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds Miss me, but let me go.

Miss ne, but let me go.

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this summer mainly Linda (Ferguson) and Shirley (Farquhar) on Wednesday at the Kagawong summer market. Once the market shut down for the season, Split Rail, as well as Linda and Shirley, have been selling tickets and have done a fabulous job."

A total of 732 tickets were sold, generating \$2,590 in ticket sales. Sue Renshaw, the winner of the quilt, has a summer home in Kagawong and lives in Fort Erie, Ontario the rest of the year.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets on the quilt will go toward fuel and repairs on the Angel Bus. The Angel Bus is a vital volunteer service that provides accessible transportation for adults throughout Western Manitoulin, helping community members get to essential appointments and services.



...Gore Bay hopes to secure funds for booster

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"We have talked about this before, over the past couple of years to increase the water pressure on the west bluff," said Mayor Ron Lane.

"And it is needed for fire But in the best interest protection."

Mayor Lane pointed out the new St. Joseph's Lodge is slated to open in August 2027. "The alternative is to have a cistern installed up there.

Tulloch Engineering has indicated an environmental assessment needs to be carried out as well as the engineering at Boron and Phipps streets. It was pointed out by April this could go to tender and would take three to four months to install. "Tulloch has already done work on this aspect and has already found suppliers for the

work to be carried out,"

council was informed.

of everyone, and resi-

dents of the West Bluff, it

would be better for them

to have direct water

pressure.'

Hearing dates set for former M'Chigeeng chief

M'CHIGEENG-Hearing dates have been set in the case involving former M'Chi-geeng Gimaa Morgen Hare and M'Chigeeng First Nation to deal with a court issue he brought forward after being dismissed as chief of the community by the members of council.

"I am still fighting for my position of gimaa and being reinstated after being let go by M'Chigeeng council," said Mr. Hare.

In an update to the M'Chigeeng First Nation membership on July 31, 2025, Mr. Hare called his dismissal "unreasonable.'

"In order to continue to serve you and the First Nation, as I am obligated to do as chief, I have brought an application in federal court to have this decision declared unlawful. I will also be seeking a court order to ensure that council takes no steps to interfere with me fulfilling my duties as chief or to replace me through a by-election," wrote Mr. Hare.

"I take my obligations as M'Chigeeng First Nation's Chief seriously. These are sacred duties that I have given an oath to fulfill once you elected me," Mr. Hare said in his letter to the community

Mr. Hare explained, "There will be a cross examination on affidavits, scheduled for October 29, 2025, in Sudbury and also a date has been confirmed for a federal court hearing for my motion for an interlocutor injunction in Toronto for a full day hearing on November 26.

As was reported in the October 8 edition of The Expositor, M'Chigeeng council has called for a general election in 2026. "While the current council's term ends on September 2, 2026, we think it is best for the MFN membership to decide on a new chief and council to serve you in an early election. Thus, as is the responsibility of the remaining council, a full general election has been called to take place by April 4, 2026, to elect one chief and 10 councillors."





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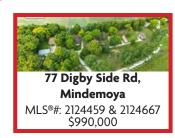
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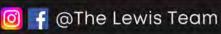




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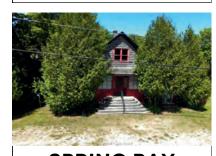
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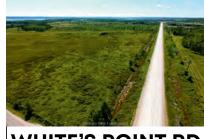
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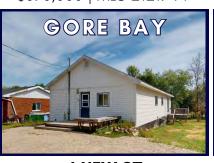
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"It was a pretty cool way

for Noah to end his high

school golf career with

a silver medal," said his

mother, Sarah Seabrook.

Amy Smith took part in

the OFSAA girls' cham-

pionship October 14-16

at Lionhead Golf Club in

Mississauga. "I did pret-

ty good although I didn't

play as well as I had

hoped," she said. She said

the course itself, although

Competing in the open

division, Ms. Smith said

she placed in "about the

very hard, is beautiful.

ditions as well.

Mustangs golfers score at provincials

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG-Two Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs concluded their highschool golf careers in grand style by taking part in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championships.

Noah Thorpe and Amy Smith had both qualified for OFSAA with their results at the Northern Ontario high school championships, held in September. At the North Bay Golf and Country Club, Mr. Thorpe finished first overall in the boys' high school division, and second overall (which included an open division). Amy Smith finished first in the girls' division in the North Shore competition and tied for third place at the Northern Ontario championship to qualify for the provincials.

the boys' OFSAA





Manitoulin Secondary School golfer Noah Thorpe is presented with a silver medal for finishing second in the boys' Ontario boys' high school championships last week.

championship, held at Kawartha Lakes in Lindsay October 14-16, Mr. Thorpe brought home the silver medal after enduring a two-hole playoff with another golfer to finish in second place overall in the high school division.

Mr. Thorpe was tied for second place overall after the first round, where he shot 75. "I played a really bad front nine (45) in my last round, and thought I had no chance," said Mr. Thorpe. "Then I decided to actually play some golf," he said, posting a score of 35 on the back

"I was told in the clubhouse after my round that I would be in a playoff for second place," said Mr. Thorpe. That play-

and took part in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association girls' open division championship, held last week in Mississauga.

middle of the pack," in the field of about 120 golfers. "It was an awesome experience to represent MSS and Northern Ontario at OFSAA," added Ms. Smith, who has now also completed her high school Smith qualified for, golf playing career.

MSS cross country team brings home several first-place finishes

MSS Mustangs cross-country team took part in the North Shore Secondary School championships hosted by Central Algoma Secondary School at St. Joseph's Island.

In the senior boys' division Wyatt Williamson-Wright took first place with Issac Quackenbush ninth and Xavier Coleman 18th

MSS runner Brooke Simon finished second in the novice girls' division. In the novice boys' divi-

From left are Nathan Quackenbush, Issac Quackenbush, Wyatt-Williamson-Wright, Xavier Coleman, David Joyce and

off lasted two holes, with Noah getting a par on the second hole, with his opponent's tee shot on the second hole finding the trees. He pointed out the pin placements on the course for the second day of the tournament were the most difficult he has ever played, and golfers endured very windy con-

Joyce and Nathan Quackenbush placed first and third, respectively.

The MSS team, which will take part in the Northern Ontario championships this week, again on St. Joseph's Island is coached by Cathy Joyce.

Manitoulin Sporting Life



Island Elementary Cross Country

The annual Manitoulin Cross Country Championships took place in Gore Bay last week with host C.C. McLean holding the huge event at Manitoulin Golf. This year they had eight schools and 230 runners which was an increase of 20 more athletes than last year!

The aggregate of all the races determined the 2025 top three schools were Little Current Public School (LCPS) in first with 16 points, edging C.C. McLean (CCM) with 15 and Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) with 12.5.

Individual race, medal winners were as follows. In the eight and under girls' race Maylee Wheale of CCM - 1st, Rowan McGale (LCPS) - 2nd, Addie Fenton (Assiginack) – 3rd. In the boys', Adam Honess (CCM) - 1st, Declan Abitong (CMPS) - 2nd, Maverick Varey (LCPS

In the 9 – 10 girls' race: Brinn Taylor (CMPS) - 1st, Rosie Wiwchar (CCM) 2nd, Isabel Abbotossaway (LCPS) Boys: Alex Woods (CCM) - 1st, Dawson Honess (CCM) Arlo Menzies (CCM).

In the 11 - 12-Year-old races: girls': Addison Page (Assiginack) - 1st, Ayleana McDermid (Assiginack) - 2nd, Isabel Abbotossaway (LCPS) - 3rd; boys': Memphis (Pontiac) – 1st, Bray Wassegijig (Lakeview), Landon Nicklasson (CMPS) – 3rd.

13-plus races: girls': Kailyn Inglis (LCPS) – 1st, Sydney Cunningham (CCM) - 2nd, Emma Chaytor (CCM) 3rd. Boys': Boston Abbotossaway (LCPS) – 1st, Graeme Becks (CMPS) – 2nd, Xavier Panamick-Eshkawkogan

Congratulations to everyone that competed and has been training all season. Thanks as well to organizational prowess of teacher Bruce Lindsay as well as the invaluable volunteers: Kurtis Noble, Wendy Van Every, Deanna Hardy, Greg Bond and Ory Menzies. The next race is the Shawanosowe Bobcats invitational in Birch Island this week.

Panther Points

This weekend, the U11 Manitoulin Panthers played their second and third games of the season in a double header against the Nickel City Sons in Chelmsford. Our youngest Panthers played hard and clinched 2 exciting wins, 1-0 and 6-5.

The U13 Panthers fell to a tough Sons team in Chelmsford with goals from Aiden Corbiere and Oliver Wilding.

The U15 Panther team ventured farther to North Bay to play a double header against the Trappers. They came up short in their first game but pulled off a win in the second.

Coming up, all teams are heading north to play in their first tournaments of the season. The U11, U13 and U15 Panthers will be at the Porcupine Icebreaker Tournament, and the Lady Panthers head to their Kapuskasing, Super-week-

Carter George leads the Attack!

Congratulations to the OHL's Carter George, who has led his Owen Sound Attack out of the doldrums they have been in for the last number of years. Thanks in part to his 0.911 save percentage and a recent shut-out the Attack have a solid, 9-3 record and are in second place in the Western Conference and third overall in the OHL.

Junior Curling Call

Providence Bay has recently been the center of youth curling on Manitoulin. Once again, the vibrant club is starting a new season and could use a few volunteers to help guide the youngsters. So, if you love curling and want to pass that love on to the next generation, can spare a couple of hours on Saturday mornings, they have an assignment for you! If you would like more information contact Angela by email at almjohnston@gmail.

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Marilyn Clarke, centre, president of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay presents a certificate of appreciation to Dean and Shirley Moss of the Gore Bay Valu-Mart in recognition of all the help and support the Legion has received since they have operated Dean's Valu-Mart. The couple officially retired from the Valu-Mart last Saturday.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Plenty of champions to be found at the Island cross-country competitions

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Little Current Public School (LCPS) is the Manitoulin Island elementary school running cross-country

champions!

LCPS garnered a total of 16 points to take first place, followed by Charles C. McLean Public School (Gore Bay) in second with

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These two Little Current Public School (LCPS) runners, Kailyn Inglis, left in photo and Boston Abbotossaway were the gold medal winners in the girls and boys' age 13+ division.

15 points. Central Manitoulin Public School (Mindemoya) placed third with

a team total of 12.5 points.
A total of eight schools and 230 runners (20 more athletes than took part last year) in the cross-country championships, held at Manitoulin Golf in Gordon/Barrie Island township on Thursday of last week.

C.C. McLean teacher Elizabeth Van Every, one of the event organizers, told all athletes and coaches at the awards ceremony, "We want to congratulate everyone here today. It has been a great day. We are really proud of everyone for taking part and giving it your best.'

In the team division category, eight and under girls, LCPS was first followed by Assiginack Public School (Manitervarius) towaning), C.C. McLean, Pontiac (Wiikwemkoong), and CMPS from second to fifth respectively. In the boy's division, C.C. Mc-Lean finished first, CMPS second, Assiginack third and Pontiac and LCPS in fourth and fifth, respectively.

C.C. McLean took first place in both the boys' and girls' 9–10-year-old division. In the girls' division LCPS, Assiginack, CMPS and Pontiac finished second to fifth, respectively. In the boy's division, CMPS was second, LCPS third, Pontiac fourth and Assiginack fifth.

CMPS lead the way in the girls' 11- and 12-yearold division. LCPS was second, followed by Assiginack, Pontiac, C.C. Mc-Lean. In the boys' division LCPS took top spot, followed by CMPS and C.C. McLean in second and third. Pontiac was fourth, with Assiginack fifth.

The 13 plus girls' division saw C.C. McLean take first place. LCPS finished second, with CMPS third. In the boys' division LCPS finished in first, followed by CMPS and C.C. McLean in second and third, respectively.

The individual medalists in the 8 and under girls' division saw Maylee Wheale of C.C. McLean

in first place, followed by Rowan McGale of LCPS second and Addie Fenton of Assiginack third. Adam Honess of C.C. McLean finished first in the boys' division, with Declan Abitong of CMPS and Maverick Varey of LCPS second



In the boys' age 13+ division Boston Abotossaway of Little Current Public School (LCPS) won a gold medal, Graeme Becks of Central Manitoulin Public School the silver and Xavier Panamick-Eshkawkogan of LCPS the bronze medal.



Charles C. McLean runners Alex Woods, Dawson Honess and Arlo Menzies, won the gold, sliver and bronze medals in the boys' age 9-10 division at the Island elementary school crosscountry championships.

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Position Obiective:

The Indigenous Early Years Instructor will participate as a team member with Kenjgewin Teg's Mnidoo 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.

- Early Childhood Educator Diploma
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Job Knowledge and Skills:

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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:

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and third. Brinn Taylor of CMPS won the gold medal in the girls' 9- and 10-year-old division. Rosie Wiwchar of C.C. McLean garnered a silver medal with Isabel Abbotossaway of LCPS third. On the boys' side, Alex Woods, Dawson Honess and Arlo Menzies, all of C.C. McLean finished first to third.

Addison Page and Alyeana McDermid, both of Assiginack won the gold and silver medal, respectively, in the girls' age 11-12 division. Rowyn Pfeifer of C.C. McLean was third. Pontiac school runner Memphis took the gold medal in the boys' division, with Bray of Lakeview Elementary School (M'Chigeeng) and Landon Niclasson of CMPS finishing second and third.

In the girls' age 13 plus division, Kailyn Inglis of LCPS won the gold medal. with Sydney Cunningham and Emma Chaytor of C.C. McLean winning the silver and bronze medals. In the boy's division, Boston Abbotossaway of LCPS earned gold with a first-place finish. Graeme Becks of CMPS was second while Xavier Panamick-Eshkawkogan LCPS placed third.

Island schools take part in annual Terry Fox Run

Anishinabek seph's School (SJAS) Sheshegwaning easily surpassed its fundraising goals to support the annual Terry Fox Run, last week.

A school official told The Expositor that SJAC had set a goal of \$500 to raise toward the Terry Fox Foundation and thanks to an amazing community they surpassed their goal, raising \$2,625 through cash and online donations, with all the students in the school taking part in the run held last Thursday.

Other schools on Manitoulin Island are taking part in separate Terry Fox runs, reports the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB). Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay held a schoolwide Terry Fox Run on September 25 in the community. As of deadline, the amount raised by the students was not tallied.

Assiginack Public School students in Grade 6/7 were proud to organize and host this year's Terry Fox Run Thursday, October 2. This year's goal is to raise \$1,500



Students at St. Joseph's Anishinabek School surpassed their fundraising goal, bringing in a whopping \$2,625 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

in support of cancer research. If students reach their goal, staff will take part in a hot dog eating contest. Families are encouraged to support through monetary donations and encouragement as students run for a great cause. Assiginack thanks the community for helping to keep Terry's vision alive.

Little Current Public School hosted a Terry Fox event on Thursday, September 25 at 2 pm. To kickstart the event, students learned about Terry Fox's legacy and the Marathon of Hope, followed by a walk in the schoolyard and the surrounding community.

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Position Title: Operational & Administrative Clerk - OAC

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Job Description

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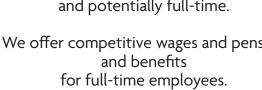
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- Assist with associating any WTPS related discovery sent directly to Crown Attorney through Digital Evidence Management process with an arrest and, if necessary, notify Court Management of the new discovery's existence; Identify cases with missing 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.

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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
- 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
- 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.

Witches Walk takes over the streets of Little Current for a good cause

by Michael Erskine LITTLE CURRENT—Witches have had a bad rap over the

centuries, being persecuted and burned at the stake in religious zeal that has since been rejected by modern

pardons for those convicted and executed in the past have been thin on the ground.

Across the globe, Witches Walk celebrations have been growing in popu-

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Turnout for the Witches Walk exceeded all expectations. This group lined up for a group photo, but there were a lot shy witches who eschewed the publicity.

photos by Michael Erskine



Witchy line dancing was a big hit with all ages.

larity in recent years and Manitoulin is no exception, with dozens of cackling broom bearers dressed in their finest witchery garb filling the streets of downtown Little Current on Saturday. The more than 50 Witch Walkers of all ages paraded from in front of the Bank of Montreal building to the Little Current United Church Hall, where dancing and refreshments were on hand for participants and Lavish Your Independent Grocer gift baskets were drawn.

Unlike what the Puri-

tan hype would have us believe, these witches were not bent on the devil's handiwork but rather aimed at good works while having fun. Donations for the Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank were collected at the church, and entries for the gift baskets were also provided at the grocery store for cash donations. In all, more than \$1,700 was raised by the event.
Witches Walk cele-

brations are community events, often held in October, where individuals, primarily women, dress



Dianne McGaughey is presented with her gift bag winnings by a spooky Lori Mastelko.

up as witches and gather to walk through a downtown area for an evening of entertainment and shopping.

The original plan for the walk was to eventually gather at the Soldier's Park Cenotaph for dancing and prizes, but the inclement weather led to most of the celebration taking place indoors at the Little Current United Church Hall.

There, Lavish employee Bernie Belanger oversaw the drawing of names for the gift baskets. "I wanted

one to be for the participants," said Ms. Belanger. "They are what helped make this a great success."

"I was totally blown away at the number of witches who came out," said Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands event coordinator Lisa Halleart. "This is awesome!"

As part of the festivities, Lori Mastelko led a spirited witches' line dance that had everyone in attendance in stitches.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION **NEGAAN'ABIK DAY CARE**

Part-Time Cook (25 hours a week) and Supply Cook position

Looking for a Part-Time Cook to work at the Negaan'abik Early Learning Centre. Ability to work in a positive and productive manner within a team. The ability to relate well to children, staff and parents is essential.

To be considered for the position candidates must:

- Have a Vulnerable Sector Check
- Be available to work irregular hours as required.
- Love working with children.
- Be flexible to come in to work on short notice.

Must Possess the Following Skills:

- 1. Food Handlers.
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- Ability to work cooperatively with others and manage personal time.

If you don't possess these, we can provide training if hired for position.

Wage: To Be Determined Other: Vulnerable Sector Check is required by successful applicant

* CLOSING DATE: October 30, 2025 at 12:00 pm * Please submit your application, resume, three references, copies of any relevant certificates, diplomas or degrees to:

> **Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation** 13 Hill Street, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 Re: Part-Time Cook Position **Attention: Amanda Laforge** or by email at alaforge@aokfn.com

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- Be available to work irregular hours as required.
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- Be flexible to come in to work on short notice.

Must Possess the Following Skills:

- First Aid / CPR.
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