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**HARVEST GLORY TRACTORS**—This Harvest Glory Days display festoons the front yard of Rick and Linda Bond's Highway 540 home in the Honora area. Mr. Bond says that they've done the same basic concept every fall for the past three years, "but every year, there's been a different tractor and a different wagon!" Ms. Bond explains that Rick's brother has a large supply of tractors for them to borrow so changing the make and model isn't a problem.

Expositor staff photo

## Wiikwemkoong seeks proposals for new healing art installation

*To be located at Holy Cross Mission ruins*

by **Jacqueline M. St.Pierre**, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
**WIKWEMKOONG**—Overlooking Smith Bay, the Holy Cross Mission Ruins stand as a symbol of resilience and remembrance. Once a site of residence for resident priests, the ruins are now central to a

new community effort—a monument to honour the survivors and victims of Indian Residential Schools. At a recent gathering held in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, community members, leaders, and residential school survivors launched a design competition for the

monument.

The event began with an opening song led by Danielle Roy, followed by a healing jingle dress dance and a ceremony. The gathering reflected a mix of grief, healing and hope, with participants uniting to remember the past and promote reconciliation.

Duke Peltier, former chief of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, served as emcee. He shared his personal connection to the legacy of residential schools, recounting his experience attending one of the last

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## Helping build new nursing home at Wiikwemkoong Canada's duty, MP Carol Hughes tells Parliament

by **Jacqueline St.Pierre**, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
**OTTAWA**—Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, spoke in Parliament on Monday, highlighting the urgent need for \$20 million in federal funding to complete the new long-term care facility in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. The current home, built in 1972, is set to lose its license in June 2025, and without swift action, elders will be left without local care.

"The community has worked tirelessly to secure \$49 million for this vital project," MP Hughes said addressing the House. "But they need the federal government to step in and cover the remaining deficit to ensure elders can age with dignity, close to family and friends."

During the session, MP Lori Idlout (Nunavut, NDP) added, "Thanks to the Liberals, Wiikwemkoong elders are on the verge of exile. Long-term care facilities are crucial for passing on intergenerational love and knowledge. Liberals are refusing an act of reconciliation. When will this government deliver the funding needed for the Wiikwemkoong elders' home?"

In response, Parliamentary Secretary Jaime Battiste acknowledged the importance of supporting Indigenous communities but shifted focus to the recent opening of an Indigenous women's Resilience Centre in Nova Scotia.

Time is running out as Wiikwemkoong's elders face the possibility of displacement. The community is calling on Indigenous Services Canada and the finance minister to provide the necessary funding before it's too late.

## Island family living near Hurricane Helene's path helping others who sustained direct impact

*Heather Newlands says this is a lesson she learned from Manitoulin*

by **Tom Sasvari**

**SOUTH CAROLINA**—A Haweater, who is now living in South Carolina, and her family were one of the few lucky enough to escape the worst of the wrath that Hurricane Helene posed on residents in four US states recently.

"We have been through other storms and hurricanes in the past, but this one has been a lot worse," Heather Newlands, who is originally from Kagawong, told The Expositor from the home she shares with spouse Francois Masbou and their children in South Carolina on Wednesday of last week. "We live close to Greenville in the western part of the state."

"We now have our power (hydro) back on," said Ms. Newlands. "You kind of forget how spoiled we are with hydro. But having grown up on Manitoulin where there are a lot of winter storms and the power goes out, I learned to be prepared for any type of storm and power going out and make sure there is a lot of water and food around."

"The storm was very intense," said Ms. Newlands. "This area was one of the areas that received a lot of high winds, and as I said, we have been without power since the start of the hurricane."

However, "we were fortunate that nothing landed on our

house," stated Ms. Newlands. "We were good to go. We have a lot of very large trees around our house and these trees provided a buffer from the high winds and power lines hitting the house."

"We have spent a lot of our

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## Billings council debates over-use of Bridal Veil Falls tourist attraction

by **Tom Sasvari**

**KAGAWONG**—Billings township council agrees that something needs to be done to dissuade people from swimming at the Bridal Veil Falls due to the effects this has on fish spawning areas, other species and the ecosystem, but coming to a final decision on what that alternative should be is proving to be difficult. Council has directed township staff to do more research on the issue including discussing alternatives with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) to look at alternatives.

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## Norisle relics to be returned to South Baymouth, Kagawong's Old Mill Heritage museums

by **Tom Sasvari**

**SOUTH BAYMOUTH**—After serving the Tobermory to Manitoulin marine ferry transportation link from 1946 to 1974, several historical artifacts from the S.S. Norisle have been returned to her Manitoulin home port of South Baymouth, as well as Kagawong.

"I am on top of the world today," stated Loretta Mucha, curator of the Little Schoolhouse Museum in Tehkummah on receiving several historical artifacts from the Norisle late last



This lifeboat from the SS Norisle is one of many historical items that will now be displayed at the Little Schoolhouse Museum in Tehkummah.

week. "We received some very precious artifacts yesterday."

In a co-operative effort of Tehkummah's Little Schoolhouse Museum and the South Baymouth Community Development Association (SBCDA), artifacts for preserving part of the marine history of Manitoulin were ironically delivered to South Baymouth via the M/V. Chi-Cheemaun, the ferry which replaced the Norisle 50 years ago this year to meet higher traffic demands.

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# The Manitoulin West Recorder



Joyce Martens, a resident at the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home was presented with a 'Making a Difference (in the lives of others)' award, last week. In photo from left is Jamie Lynn Kalmikov, Lodge administrator, Joyce Martens, and Gloria Hall, life enrichment coordinator at the Lodge at the presentation of the award, last week.

## Joyce Martens, Audrey Jacquette bestowed a 'Making a Difference' Awards at the Manitoulin Lodge

**by Tom Sasvari**  
GORE BAY—A Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home employee and a resident have been bestowed prestigious 'Making a Difference Awards.'  
"On behalf of the Manitoulin Lodge community, the broader Jarlette Health Service family, and our friends and partners at SilverFox Pharmacy, it is a sincere pleasure to welcome everyone to this year's celebration of the Making a Difference Awards," stated Jamie Lynn Kalmikov, lodge administrator.  
"A highlight of the year, each October is our special celebration of the Making a Difference Awards. The inspiration for these awards comes from our founders, Alex and Roberta Jarlette," said Ms. Kalmikov. "In 1970, they opened their first long-term care home, in Midland, Ontario based on a purpose and values which still guide Jarlette Health Services to this day."  
"Here and now, however, we are celebrating

two deserving individuals from our own community," said Ms. Kalmikov. "A resident (Joyce Martens) will receive the Making a Difference Award (which was published in the July 3, edition of The Expositor) itself and a team member will receive the Roberta Jarlette Award, which honours the purpose and spirit of one of our founders, Roberta, or Bobbie as she was known."  
Ms. Kalmikov said, "each recipient has made their own unique and extraordinary contribution to the lives of others during their lifetime or while here as a community member."  
"It is a great privilege for our team to get to know the residents of our community well, even very well, including the remarkable stories of their life journeys," said Ms. Kalmikov. "That can make choosing just a single recipient for each award difficult. But that is why we cele-

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## NEMI begins 2025 budget deliberations

**by Alicia McCutcheon**  
NORTHEAST TOWN—Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands got its first glimpse at the proposed 2025 budget at its October 1 meeting.  
The total proposed budget amounts to \$6,047,036.59, a 3.6 percent increase to the levy (cost of operations) over last year's levy of \$5,836,880.51.  
The priciest of the budgeted items come under the 'transportation services' header, most specifically the survey, engineering and construction of Cockburn Street for future development to the tune of \$1.5 million. This, CAO Dave Williamson explained to council however, would not come to fruition without outside funding sources. "We are looking at funding to encourage building there," Mr. Williamson said.  
Cockburn Street is currently a dead-end street that runs from Highway 540 near the western reaches of Little Current limits. It is the municipality's hope to have Cockburn Street extended to Manitowaning Road (Highway 6) just south of Highway 6 Service Centre.

"There are blocks of property there," Mr. Williamson told The Expositor. "If divided effectively, we would be looking at in 24 new lots."  
During the discussion, Councillor Laurie Cook raised the concern of the lagoon being close to at-capacity. Mr. Williamson acknowledged this and said the municipality is also trying to secure funding for a lagoon expansion. (The lagoon is a part of a separate water/

wastewater budget set later in the year.)  
Also under the transportation services header is a Townline/Limekiln Roads grade raise and double at \$100,000 (Gas Tax); surface treatment from McLean's Mountain to the base of the hill at \$50,000 (Gas Tax); three kilometres of "micro seal" along the Bidwell Road at \$150,000 (NORDS).

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## Islanders asked to help give little girl a memorable birthday

VITTORIA, ONTARIO—A young girl, who is undergoing chemotherapy, and her family are hoping that members of the public will help make her birthday next week extra special by sending her birthday cards. Morgan Harper has strong family connections to Manitoulin Island.  
"Morgan, who is my great niece, was diagnosed with acute leukemia in February of this year and has been undergoing chemotherapy treatments, something she will have to do for two-and-a-half years," said Gloria Hall, of Gordon/Barrie Island. "She will be turning eight on October 15 and the family is requesting that as many birthday cards as possible, bought or homemade, can be sent to

be sent to her as she will likely be in the hospital that day."  
Ms. Hall noted, "Morgan couldn't even go swimming this summer as she has to undergo chemo treatments 24 hours a day, with a backpack pick line on." Her parents haven't been able to work since she was diagnosed with leukemia.  
"Morgan really loves homemade cards as she is very artistic," stated Ms. Hall. "Her birthday will certainly be different this year and it would be great for her to spend the day opening cards and knowing she is thought of and loved by so many."

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## GoFundMe established for Island social media maven

**by Michael Erskine**  
TEHKUMMAH—Christine McNaughton may be known as the face of the blog 'Life on Manitoulin' or as a social media strategist at H20 Digital Marketing Agency, but she is also the mother of a teenaged daughter and wife of Tehkummah farmer John McNaughton and a chef/caterer of some renown—her face will be familiar to many Expositor readers who have read about her projects in this newspaper over the years. Ms. McNaughton was recently hospitalized after a series of debilitating strokes.  
Friends of Ms. McNaughton's have erected a GoFundMe account with the aim of raising funds to assist her and her family with expenses that will be incurred during a recovery that will likely stretch into months, if not years. So far, the page has gathered \$5,046 towards its \$35,000 goal.

"Around Manitoulin Island, it's difficult to find a person who Christine (Lee) McNaughton's life hasn't touched," writes her GoFundMe account organizer Rene Hidalgo. "Her genuine kindness, natural friendship, or willingness to help out a friend, family member, business, or complete stranger is known widely across the Island. Through her blog, 'Life on Manitoulin,' she has shared information about the Island, her life and much more."  
Ms. Hidalgo goes on to explain that "after having a series of small strokes on September 2, Christine has found herself alone at Health Sciences North. With a long road ahead of her for in-hospital rehab, her family is making many trips to and from their farm to Sudbury. This is made even more difficult by the lack of a reliable vehicle."

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## Ontario's minimum wage went up 3.9 percent Oct. 1

**by Michael Erskine**  
QUEEN'S PARK—Ontario's low-wage workers received a welcome boost on Tuesday, October 1 as the province's legislated minimum wage rose from \$16.55 per hour to \$17.20 per hour, a 3.9 percent increase.  
The 65 cent increase is based on the consumer price index and will result in people working 40 hours a week getting up to \$1,355 more in the coming year—those working 35 hours a week will receive up to \$1,183.  
Statistics Canada reports that last year, there were 935,000 wage-earners across Ontario making \$17.20 an hour or less. About 35 percent of the workers in that category were employed in retail trade, while 24 percent are in accommodation and food services.

in the Greater Toronto Area. The OLWN makes its calculations based on the costs of shelter, food and transportation. Manitoulin can't get too smug as the current minimum wage falls below what is necessary in every region of the country. The lowest cost being in southwestern Ontario (\$18.65) and the highest being in the GTA.  
Small wonder food banks such as that operated by Manitoulin Family Resources are reporting rapid rises in access by the "working poor."  
The minimum wage was last substantially raised under the

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## This Fire Prevention Week: check your smoke alarms

**by Tom Sasvari**  
MANITOULIN—"It doesn't matter how many times people are reminded, there are still a lot of people who are not making sure their smoke alarms are working properly. We see this in the number of fires and the number of fire related deaths that take place in Ontario and Canada every year," said Dwayne Elliott, Assiginack Fire Chief and co-fire coordinator for Manitoulin Island in discussing Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12.  
"The theme of Fire Prevention Week 2024 is 'Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you,'" said Mr. Elliott. "They are the first line of defence but need to be working in order to protect people."  
Fire Prevention Week emphasizes the critical role of smoke alarms in fire safety. In

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Vengeance and retribution only fuel greater conflict and division

As we reflect upon the anniversary of the October 7 attacks by Gaza-based organization Hamas on southern Israel that left more than 1,100 people dead and hundreds more taken hostage in one of the deadliest terrorist attacks in history, and the subsequent retaliation by Israel that has devastated Gaza and southern Lebanon while killing many thousands of Palestinian civilians along with combatants, the futility of retribution is amply demonstrated.

The events of October 7, which began with a massive rocket and drone assault on Israeli communities, have since escalated into increased conflicts in the occupied West Bank, Lebanon and now resulted in a direct conflict between two Middle Eastern superpowers, Iran and Israel. Currently, the world is holding its breath and awaiting an inevitable Israeli response to the hundreds of ballistic missiles launched at their country by Iran. A regional conflict is rapidly spiraling out of control and could well engulf the globe.

Israel has long been known to harbour a nuclear arsenal, estimated by some as being approximately 90 weapons—while others suggest perhaps as many as 300 warheads in their stockpile. Iran has been pursuing a nuclear arms capability for decades, although there is no evidence, as of yet, that country has succeeded in building such weapons. That particular genie has not seen the outside of its bottle in almost 80 years, but if there is a likely place where nuclear war could once again raise its demonic head, it is the Middle East.

The Baby Boom generation has lived most of its life under the shadow of the Cold War and is keenly aware that the daily potential for global nuclear annihilation ebbed and flowed with the rhetoric of the world’s superpowers. For all sides, a scenario was only held in check by its unthinkable and existential consequences for humanity. Too many times brinkmanship edged us closer to that doom and simple human or mechanical error more than once threatened to take us over the edge.

For a brief moment in time it seemed that threat had diminished, at least in terms of deliberate action by either side—only to soon be replaced by an even greater potential for nuclear Armageddon.

During the Cold War, the conflict seemed to be between two irreconcilable ideologies—capitalism and communism. Now, those ideologies have been replaced by the oil and water of fascism and democracy—and we can harken back to the 1930s to see the potential results of that interaction.

Now the globe stands on the brink of a clash between the su-

letters

A call to not support forced rehab for addicts

It is only a matter of time before municipalities pass motions in support

EDITOR’S NOTE: The following is an open letter to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) and has been reprinted here at the author’s request.

Re: Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – FONOM Changes to the Mental Health Act ‘Ontario Homes for Lost Souls’

A recent NEMI council agenda provided a plan from FONOM to allow for temporary detention of individuals found intoxicated by drugs or other substances without charge for their safety and that of the community. These homes would be staffed with psychiatrists and mental health specialists.

The proposed changes would allow for mandatory holds of detained individuals, with a graduated system of longer incarceration for each incident.

Who will determine who is ‘intoxicated’ and what right of appeal will an individual have under such changes?

There is already a shortage of mental health practitioners in Ontario. Where will additional professionals be sourced from, and at what cost?

Mechanisms are already in place to deal with individuals who may need immediate help in the health care system. Such a plan as proposed here by FONOM could easily become a slippery slope for

Concerns voiced over the lack of attention to South Baymouth

Despite huge potential Tehkummah township ignores the possibilities

To the Expositor:

“Residents (and especially businesses) in South Baymouth readily admit the town would hardly (and perhaps not at all) exist were it not for the ferry and its patrons.” (Expositor editorial October 2). Sadly, this is even truer today than in the past. Despite having literally hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants, and offers of expert advice and support, over the last few years Tehkummah Township has succeeded in abandoning the Bowerman Trail, wasting thousands of dollars on the public beach, which still has broken public washrooms and no beach, allowing unmaintained marina facilities to deteriorate, and making no attempt to manage John Budd Park, leaving the closed signs up since COVID. Thank goodness the museum is run by the South Baymouth Community Development Association or that would probably be gone as well.

Unfortunately for the residents, all they would have learned from The Expositor’s reporting on the township over the last couple of years was that the reeve changed his title to mayor in or-

per-egos of two madmen, no wait, we have to consider three now—each bent on the goal of making their respective nations “great again.” That all three are actually currently “great” enough in the eyes of the rest of humanity, thank you kindly, does not enter into the equation.

A tried-and-true path to power has always lay in stocking fear and distrust of the “other,” demonizing and dehumanizing the outsider in order to distract or cast blame for internal failures in domestic policy on anyone but those whose responsibility it is to deal with the issues.

Humanity has expanded to ridiculous levels of population and in its march to world domination has wiped out countless species. Mother Nature (or God if you so choose) has built in mechanisms meant to control such expansion, as herbivore populations explode, predator populations expand to control their numbers, as the herbivore populations desist, so too do the numbers of predators who prey upon them. Humans have tossed that mechanism out of the equation.

Perhaps humanity’s hubris and tribalistic nature is Mother Nature’s way of ensuring a terminal limit to our expanding numbers.

Unless the world’s population learns to step back from the brink, the logical consequences of our baser natures will bring a new mass extinction through our actions. These things rarely happen in an instant, but until (or if?) we learn to end the spiral of hatred, the potential is all too real.

Canada, at least in recent decades, has been a beacon of sanity in a world so often gone mad. No wonder our nation is listed as the most desirable destination for the world’s dispossessed. From attempting to address past transgressions upon Indigenous populations, to settling our regional cleavages in our mutual provincial and federal legislatures and at the ballot box, we are literally the envy of the world.

Currently, there are those in this nation who would change that approach, demonizing immigrants, the poor or the rich, for political gain. It is a path the world provides plenty of examples of why we need to turn away from.

Neither side in any of the world’s current conflicts has legitimately said it would stand down, enter a ceasefire—but until they do, humanity’s very existence hangs by a thread. Let us not feed that fire.

unethical detention of citizens.

I can agree with the following statements by FONOM: “Member municipalities are concerned about what is happening in their communities. They see all the funding being provided for mental health and homelessness, and the situation is getting worse. A fast-growing percentage of the population is losing faith in governments (all three levels), institutions, health care, and law enforcement.”

The government of Ontario has suggested other solutions for the mental health and addiction crises we are facing. So far, they do not appear to be in favour of such a program, but FONOM will likely lobby for this to move forward. It is likely only a matter of time before municipalities will be asked to pass motions of support for this idea, lobbying the provincial government to change the Mental Health Act.

Please do not support FONOM’s idea of Ontario Homes for Lost Souls.

Other solutions must be sought.

Sincerely,

Zak Nicholls  
Little Current

der to get more respect, and our taxes went up six percent. And while The Expositor explained the cause for Assiginack’s six percent increase, we got nothing. But then most people appear to have communication problems with the Township. It doesn’t help that they still keep us taxpayers locked out the office, or that we have a non-existent clerk. Despite what I see as its obvious huge potential, I think it’s going to be a few years before South Baymouth will have the opportunity to evolve into anything other than an entrance and exit point to the Island.

My solution to the problem was to buy a trailer on Lake Kagawong, so I have somewhere to take friends and family when they visit, and for my nature walks which have become increasingly perilous here on the Bowerman Trail.

David Samuels  
South Baymouth



# Manitoulin Addictions Recovery Breakfast serves up a healthy helping of hope

**by Alicia McCutcheon**  
LITTLE CURRENT—The hall of the Northeast Town recreation centre was filled with people who had come to hear the stories of hope and inspiration from the annual Manitoulin Addictions Recovery Breakfast held late last month, hosted by Noojmowin Teg Health Services.

Following an opening prayer by elder Josh Eshkawkogan, Mr. Eshkawkogan invited Fawn Pettifer to the microphone to say a few words. Ms. Pettifer was not on the agenda, but her words struck a chord with everyone present.

She began by noting that everyone has their own unique healing path because everyone is a unique individual—there is no cookie cutter approach. Ms. Pettifer acknowledged being traumatized



Fawn Pettifer shares her story with those attending the recovery breakfast.

**photos by Alicia McCutcheon**

left the program and went home, believing herself to be “cured,” but she was still surrounded by unhealthy people and she relapsed. Gwekwaadziwan’s aftercare program allowed her to remove herself from her current situation and she took advantage of that program for a year. It was while there that Ms. Pettifer got accepted into a master of social work program.

“Here I am, working toward my masters while on a healing journey,” she said. She credits Tina and Josh Eshkawkogan with teaching her about sacred medicines and the gifts of ceremony during this time.

Ms. Pettifer graduated from her program and continues to better herself by taking courses at every opportunity that connect her to spirit, mind, heart and body. It is her hope to open her own practice.

Jerry Hilton, of Espanola, was the first guest speaker of the breakfast and he introduced himself in the manner of those who abide by the 12-step program and declared himself openly to be a “recovered alcoholic.”

He shared that he had his first drink at an early age 8, and tried drugs by 10. “I instantly loved the feeling even though I was sick as a dog.”

Mr. Hilton told the audience that he was abused by a Sunday school teacher as a child. “This caused me to seek out alcohol because it made all those feelings go away,” he said. “And drug use made me feel free. The drug use just went on and on—it became who I was. It infiltrated everything in my life.”

By 14, Mr. Hilton had dropped out of school to go to work. By 16 he had robbed a store with a loaded gun and by 17 he was serving two years less a day in jail.

“All my relationships, all work, just

disappeared,” he said. They say ‘alcohol is the great remover,’ and that’s what happened to me.”

“I lived a life with no hope,” he continued. “The world was out to get me and people sucked. Anyone who called me on my stuff was the enemy, and that was everyone in my life. I was going downhill, fast, with no brakes.”

In 1989 Mr. Hilton had his first child and in 1992 he was married. The couple’s second child was born in 1994. In 1996 he found “the roots of recovery.”

“The 12 steps have saved my life,” he said.

Mr. Hilton said that while sober he still wasn’t acknowledging all that he needed to. He “minimized the stuff that was big and maximized the stuff that was small.” He secured a sponsor—a key aspect of the 12-step program—and shared



Annette of the Mississauga First Nation spoke on her recovery journey.

his life story. “For the first time in my life someone related to me.”

“The further I went into recovery, the more I worked on myself, the more people turned to him,” he said.

At 37 he went back to school and took drug and alcohol counselling at Canadore College.

While at school he decided he didn’t need Alcoholics Anonymous anymore. He was learning this stuff in school every day, after all. “I immediately began to lie.”

Mr. Hilton went on to extol the support gained from 12-step programs, unasked.

“Recovery can’t help me solve all my stuff, but it keeps me rational enough to know I need outside help,” he said. “I went through life trying to be a human having a spiritual experience, but I came to realize I was a spiritual being trying to have a human experience.”

Mr. Hilton has spent his life dedicated

to helping others in recovery.

Near the conclusion of his talk, Mr. Hilton shared the heartbreaking news that his family, like so many others, did not escape the opioid crisis unscathed. Within one year of each other, Mr. Hilton lost a step-daughter and a daughter to overdose.

Annette of Mississauga First Nation was also invited to speak. Like Mr. Hilton, she identified herself as a recovering alcoholic.

She shared that she grew up in an alcoholic home and found sobriety on January 19, 1991. She credited her then-four-year-old son with leading her to this path.

“This little boy told me who I was and told me the honest truth about how I was affecting his life,” she said, recounting the tale of she and her son walking along the roadside to get to the store when a car drove past. As one does in a small town, Annette waved and the driver waved back. Her son looked up at his mother and asked, ‘mommy, is that who you’re going to sleep with tonight?’

After that revelation, Annette checked herself into Camilla House in Elliot Lake.

“For me, the most important thing was reconnecting with Creator, my spiritual being,” she shared. “I trusted a power that was greater than myself and I live by that to this day.”

She said the sponsors, friendships, knowledge learned at conferences, spiritual advisers she came across over the years, all seeped into her soul. “I didn’t know that all of these things that I learned, that I heard, would come back to me at a critical point in my life. That little boy who helped me to get on to the path passed away four years ago.”

Annette broke down and was immediately enveloped in a cloud of smudge as an eagle wing covered her in sacred medicines as she regrouped.

“I almost let go of my sobriety through that time,” she admitted. “Ever since that day my recovery has taken on a whole new meaning—one of spiritual recovery.”

“I believe my son was born to help me get sober,” Annette continued. “When he passed away, again his voice is the only one I’ve been listening to.”

Manitoulin services such as Mnaamadzawin Health Services, Naande Miikwan, Narcotics Anonymous, Gwekwaadziwan Miikan, Manitoulin Legal Clinic, Manitoulin Family Resources and the Manitoulin Drug Strategy were all on hand to provide information and support to anyone wishing to talk.

## Surviving the system: Ontario’s homelessness crisis grows as social assistance falls short

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

MANITOULIN—It wasn’t long ago—just over two years, in fact—that fewer than 14,500 people on Ontario’s social assistance programs were experiencing homelessness. Today, that number has nearly doubled. Over 26,500 individuals are without a stable place to call home, a haunting reality reflected in the latest provincial data.

As cities and towns across Ontario scramble to cope with this surge, seeking help from the provincial government, Premier Doug Ford has remained resolute. His message is blunt and clear: if you’re healthy, you need to work.

On a recent Monday, standing before a crowd, Premier Ford didn’t mince words when discussing people living in encampments. “Bottom line, if you’re unhealthy, I’ll take care of you. But if you’re healthy, get off your A-S-S and start working,” he declared, his voice brimming with frustration.

The premier’s sentiment might ring hollow to those on the frontlines of Ontario’s homelessness crisis, advocates like Diana Chan McNally, a crisis worker in Toronto. The cost of living—soaring housing prices, relentless inflation—has been rising for years, while social assistance rates have barely shifted. It’s not a matter of simply finding a job, Ms. McNally explains; it’s a matter of survival in a system that offers too little and demands too much.

Imagine this: you lose your home, and along with it, you lose your shelter allowance. For someone on Ontario Works (OW), that’s \$390 gone—nearly half of their monthly benefits. For those on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), it’s \$582, a crushing blow. And with the average rent for a studio apartment in Ontario at \$1,837 a month, those numbers feel like a bad joke.

“You’re lucky to be living in a rooming house,” says Trevor Manson, co-chair of the ODSP Action Coalition. “It’s not a bunch of healthy people sitting at home, playing Nintendo, drinking beer all day.” His voice cracks,



Homeless encampments have sprung up in communities across the country and Manitoulin Island is no exception.

not with frustration but with exhaustion—exhaustion from watching too many people slip through the cracks of a safety net that is too frayed to catch them.

In July of this year, the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services reported 26,553 cases of homelessness among OW and ODSP recipients. But behind each of those numbers lies a family, a person with a name, a history, and a desperate hope for something better. These are not just “cases” or “beneficiaries,” as the government labels them in its reports—they are people, often whole families, trying to navigate a world that feels indifferent to their plight.

Municipalities, overwhelmed by the weight of this crisis, have counted over 1,400 encampments in their communities, as tents and makeshift shelters spring up in parks and underpasses. The strain is palpable, yet the province and federal government continue to push

the responsibility onto local governments, who are already struggling to manage addiction, mental health, and poverty within their borders.

Two years ago, during Ontario’s 2022 election campaign, social assistance rates were a hot topic. The Green and NDP parties promised to double ODSP rates if elected, and the Liberals offered a 20 percent increase. The Progressive Conservatives, under pressure, vowed a modest five percent raise to ODSP rates—about \$58 more per month—eventually tying it to inflation.

Premier Ford stood by his government’s actions, stating, “By tying ODSP increases to inflation, our government is helping vulnerable Ontarians keep pace with the rising costs of life’s essentials.” Yet, despite these words, Ontario Works rates remain untouched, and for many, the small increase feels like a drop in a vast ocean of unmet needs.

For those on Ontario Works, the barriers to moving onto ODSP are immense. It’s not just about having a disability; it’s about proving it—an arduous process made even more difficult by a healthcare system where finding a doctor to sign off on forms feels like a Herculean task. “You can’t walk into a clinic with stacks of forms,” Mr. Manson explains. “They just don’t have time for that.”

At the heart of this story is a fundamental question: how do we, as a society, care for our most vulnerable? Ford’s words, echoing from podiums, might resonate with some, but for those living through the realities of homelessness, the message feels cold. It’s not laziness keeping people from work, as Krista Carr of Inclusion Canada points out. It’s hunger, insecurity, the crushing weight of not knowing where you’ll sleep tonight.

So as Ford urges people to “get off their A-S-S,” the reality for thousands of Ontarians is that they’re not sitting idle. They’re surviving—often just barely—on a system that wasn’t built for their success, but instead seems designed to keep them exactly where they are: struggling, invisible, and unheard.



# Health unit announces COVID-19, seasonal influenza vaccines now available

SUDBURY DISTRICT—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) is pleased to announce that COVID-19 and seasonal influenza vaccines are now available in their service area. This vaccination campaign aims to reduce the risk of serious illness from COVID-19, influenza (flu) and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) this season.

Beginning in early October, the updated COVID-19 and influenza vaccines will be prioritized for high-risk groups. On October 28, they will be available to everyone. People are encouraged to book their COVID-19 and flu vaccine appointments through pharmacies and health care providers as soon as they are eligible. It is safe to get both vaccines at the same time.

“Lung infections are one of the top five causes of death in our community,” said Dr. Mustafa Hirji, acting medical officer of health with PHSD. “As we spend more time indoors due to colder weather, and gather with family and friends over several holidays, the viruses that cause cold, flu, and COVID-19 spread easily through the air causing illness. Getting our fall vaccines every year is the most important step we can take to protect family, friends and loved ones who are at greatest risk.”

Beginning early October, an updated mRNA COVID-19 vaccine will be available for high-risk groups. This includes residents and staff of long-term care homes and congregate living settings, adults 65 years and older, pregnant individuals, members of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit communities, those with underlying medical conditions, and health care workers. The COVID-19 vaccine will be available for everyone six months and older beginning on October 28. Please visit the Ontario Ministry of Health website to see if you are eligible for a COVID-19 dose this fall.

High-risk populations (Health Canada) will be prioritized for seasonal influenza (flu) vaccine beginning in early October. This includes children six months to four years old, residents and staff of long-term care and retirement homes, adults 65 years of age and older, pregnant individuals, members of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit communities, adults and children with chronic health conditions and health care workers.

Beginning October 28, the vaccine will be available for everyone six months and older.

The Ministry of Health has announced that the RSV program for high-risk older adults will continue this year. Certain adults aged 60 years and over who are at high-risk may be eligible for the vaccine. If you don’t qualify for the publicly funded program, you can purchase the vaccine at a pharmacy. If you received this vaccine last year, you don’t need to get it again.

Starting the 2024-2025 season, Ontario has expanded the infant RSV prevention program. Immunization for infants is available, and a vaccine for pregnant individuals is also being offered, based on recommendations from a health care provider.

For more information and to check eligibility for both the high-risk older adult and the infant and high-risk children RSV prevention programs, visit the Ontario Ministry of Health website or speak to your primary care provider.

COVID-19 and influenza vaccines are available at many locations throughout the community. You can visit your health care provider, walk-in clinics and local pharmacies. Please visit the Ontario Ministry of Health website to find participating pharmacies in your area.

This year, public health will focus COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics only to the following groups who have less access through other providers: children aged six months to 11 years old, and their caregivers; those aged six months and over without a health card.

Please contact your health care provider for more information about RSV immunizations for older adults, infants and pregnant individuals.

## Friends and Neighbours

*Providence Bay*  
*Alexia Hannigan*

Alexia here with your friendly freezing and sneezing fly!

Here we are on the precipice of Thanksgiving, Halloween and hunting season. Prepping our homes and hunt camps. The winterizing throwdown is getting real as temperatures drop and frost warnings rise, the time is here to take stock and count the flock. We’re making lists and checking them twice, restocking inventory, pantries jars, batteries, supply sheds, barns, etc. and switching over to all-seasons. While we revel in the beauty and calm of fall, we begin begrudgingly preparing for the onslaught of October gobble birthday sween. This brings with it a frenzied panic of prepping, decorating, OCD cleaning, sports schedules and social calendars going full silly-season tilt before the full-frozen stop of sleigh bells in the snow. There, I said the S-word, it’s out there, nobody panic.

For now, let’s reel it in, fallback and make a point of enjoying all the gifts and guild of fall. Friends, festivities, fright nights, warm fires, harvest, pumpkin patches, Halloween fun and happy memories of summer. Blaze orange sunsets, cotton candy skies all set against the myriad and maritage of autumn leaves. We are so darn lucky to live where we do. Life is beautiful in Rainbow Country.

Here’s What’s happening: Providence Bay arena and fairgrounds, Fall Market. Central Manitoulin Markets invites you to the Fall Market at the Providence Bay Arena on Saturday, October 19 from 10 am to 3 pm. Over 60 vendors all under one roof! It will be tons of fun and a great opportunity for getting some gifts for the holidays.

Providence Bay Curling Club: Interested in learning about ice maintenance? Visit [curlinginontario.ca](http://curlinginontario.ca) and sign up for the ice tech assistant course on Saturday, October 26 from 8 am to 4 pm at the Espanola Curling Club.

Providence Bay Hall: Exercise class Fridays for adults age 55+ from 10:30 to 11:30 am. It’s a 12-week program.

For information contact Alison, 705-377-5726 or [asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca](mailto:asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca).

Tai Chi Class is from 10 am to 12:30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. For information contact Jean Pearce, 705-885-8444 at the Canadian Tai Chi Academy.

The 7th annual Mindemoya Haunted Trail! Phantoms of the Forest is Saturday, October 26 from 6 to 10 pm.

The Central Manitoulin Lions Club presents its 7th annual Haunted Trail in Mindemoya. The Pioneer Museum Trails are transformed into a dark wooded phantom nightmare. Daylight hours from 6 to 7 pm are less scary and better for young kids. Full scare mode is in effect from 7 to 10 pm. Proceeds to benefit the Central Manitoulin Historical Society. Donations are also accepted! Reserve your ticket online at [mindemoyahauntedtrail.as.me](http://mindemoyahauntedtrail.as.me) and pay \$5 per person at the gate. Thirty tickets sold per half hour block.

Pioneer Museum Grounds, 2207 Hwy 551, Mindemoya.

Spring Bay/Providence Bay Lions Bottle Drive: Drop off your empties next to the arena for a good cause. This helps keep our township clean and helps us give back to the community.

Halloween fun fundraiser coming soon, stay tuned!

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Sunday Service is at 10:30 am; Youth Group Meet-ups are Wednesdays at 6 pm.

The Heavens: October 8 and 9 is the Draconid Meteor Shower; October 17 is the Hunter’s Moon which will reach peak illumination at 7:26 am EST on Thursday, October 17. It will be below the horizon so wait until sunset to watch it rise and take place in the sky. The

Hunter’s Moon rises around the same time for several nights, bringing early light to aid harvesting and hunting.

Reminders: Looking for cool costumes for Halloween and Harvest Glory Days scarecrows? Check out Treasures in Mindy, local yard sales, Facebook Marketplace or the Providence Bay transfer station at 4077 Government Road. Hours: Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 5 pm (until May long weekend).

“Autumn is a second Spring when every leaf is a flower, and every pumpkin a lantern.”  
- Albert Camus

*Kagawong*  
*Team Fergmeijer*

Bet your autumn dollar, fall is one of our favourite seasons! It’s definitely in our top four. Fall is a great time to spruce things up around the house. We started by putting some mums out on our steps, then branched out to corn stalks. Next thing we know our houses are fully decked out with 8-foot-tall inflatable pumpkins. Some might think they are silly seasonal decorations, but we say, gourd big or go home.

Old Mill Road residents can finally take the direct route to the post office again. That’s right, the bridge work is complete and the bridge is open to traffic again! Although, for those walking, the slight detour through the river trail and across the pedestrian bridge is still a good option.

Stock up for winter, the library is holding a fall puzzle swap on Saturday, October 19. Come by the Billings Library from 10 am to 1 pm and trade in your used jigsaws for new-to-you puzzles.

Happy birthday to Claire T who is celebrating her big day later this week. Always remember that the key to staying young is make-up. Make-up an age and stick with it!

Voting sure is a poll lot of fun! Don’t miss your chance to vote on the name of the covered rink in Kagawong. Visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/HSDCSV9](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HSDCSV9) to have your say. Voting will close Tuesday, October 22 at 12 noon.

You’ve heard of elf on the shelf, but have you heard of the spender in the Park Centre? Christmas in Kagawong is coming up on November 15 and 16! Mark the date in your calendar and get ready to explore all the Kagawong Christmas Market has to offer on those two days.

Body Stories Dance is back at the Kagawong Park Centre this fall, with programming for dance enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. Check out their website at [www.bodystoriesdance.com/schedule](http://www.bodystoriesdance.com/schedule) for class times and fees.

Mark your calendars and get your bidding hand ready: the Billings Library will be holding their annual online silent auction from Thursday, November 21 to Sunday, November 24. Last year’s auction had over 70 items up for bid and this year is shaping up to be just as impressive (can anyone say Ripley’s Aquarium tickets?!). All bidding is done via [facebook.com/groups/libraryauction](https://facebook.com/groups/libraryauction) and with nearly 400 participants, it is always a lively event. If you would like to donate an item or service to the auction, or would just like more information, drop a line to [billingsreads@gmail.com](mailto:billingsreads@gmail.com).

Do you have a friend or family member you would like to honour (or embarrass) with a mention in the column? Birthday coming up? Anniversary? Birth announcement? Matched every single sock to its correct partner on laundry day? Reach out to [fergmeijer@gmail.com](mailto:fergmeijer@gmail.com) and we will make sure they feel extra special.

Did you know? You can catch up on all past Team Fergmeijer columns at [teamfergmeijer.blogspot.com](http://teamfergmeijer.blogspot.com). That’s right - all the punfoolery in one spot.

Not to get sappy on you or anything (Team Fergmeijer isn’t normally acorny bunch), but we appreci-

ate how poplar our readers make us feel. Have a great week!

*Silver Water*  
*Karen Noble*

We had the meeting of the Local Services Board on Sunday and the board has been elected for the upcoming year. Thanks to everyone who works so hard for the community.

Kits and Quilts had their meeting this week and nine people were there. They are now done putting together their kits for the year with almost 1,600 kits done. Good work! There are still a few quilts left to finish which should take another couple of weeks to wrap up. We should have a little label on them “With love from the Manitoulin.” I hope that whoever gets those feels the love as well as the warmth that they provide.

Jan had a visitor named Iris come up a couple of times this year and we all enjoyed visiting with her, she has gone home again this week. Iris had helped me in the garden. She gifted me with a basket of goodies. I have planted the special oregano that she left me to enjoy over the winter.

I have planted about 40 feet of garlic but how much is enough? I try to get out there each day, do the weeding and plant a few more.

My sympathies go to a Spring Bay family who are friends of mine. Ken Bulmer died on the day that I am writing this and the funeral will be this Tuesday. He will be greatly missed. He was a very nice man and very talented. My sympathies go to his wife Sharon Bulmer.

I do not have the euchre scores for last Friday, but they meet every Friday night in the hall at 7:30 pm. Come out, join us and have fun.

*Meldrum Bay*  
*Elaine Bradley*

On Friday, September 27 we went to Gore Bay for errands. We went to Codmother’s for breakfast.

Friday evening, we went to euchre at the Meldrum Bay Hall. Congratulations to Natasha who reached 82 points and won the money jar.

On Saturday morning there was a vendor market in our yard. In the afternoon the recycle bins were open.

On Sunday there was a lunch at the Silver Water Hall and a euchre tournament in the afternoon. Congratulations to all the people who came out to help raise some funds and to all the winners.

On Monday evening there was euchre at the Burpee Mills Complex. It will be cancelled on Thanksgiving Monday, October 14.

On Tuesday there was chair yoga at 1 pm in the Silver Water Hall.

Fire practice was held on Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday evening, there was a Silver Water Recreation Centre Board meeting with a new board being installed. Thank you to the previous board members and congratulations to the new ones.

On Thursday afternoon the UCW held a meeting at St Andrew’s United Church. A number of upcoming events were discussed.

Thursday evening there was euchre at the Silver Water Hall with four tables of players.

On October 26 starting at 9 am there will be a Christmas Market in my yard and at the community hall. There is still room for more vendors, so please contact me if you are interested.

There is no tournament in Tehkummah in October. The next one is November 3.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!



...GoFundMe established for social media maven

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Other members of Ms. McNaughton's GoFundMe team include Janet McCarville, Sharon Montealegre and Robyn Horowitz.

The organizer goes on to explain that once Ms. McNaughton is able to return home she and her family will be faced with many added challenges. "For someone who is self-employed, Christine is only paid for work she completes," notes Ms. Hidalgo. "This means the family income has been cut in half. In addition, there are many new challenges the family will face in the coming days, week, months, etc."

Ms. McNaughton was able to return home for a visit this past weekend, but a hospital room is likely to be her home away from home for some time to come as she relearns how to do many things most of us take for granted.

The GoFundMe page can be reached online at [www.gofundme.com/f/help-christine-heal-and-recover](http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-christine-heal-and-recover).



Christine McNaughton, left, at Health Sciences North last week with her occupational therapist after just successfully completing a scavenger hunt. **Expositor staff photo**

...Ontario's minimum wage went up 3.9 percent

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Ontario Liberal government of Kathleen Wynne, which jumped the amount in 2018 to \$14 (from \$11.60) with a promise to raise it to \$15 in 2019 and then followed by rises dictated by the CPI. The incoming Ford government quashed that rise for another three years until 2022, when it was increased to \$15 and tied to the CPI.

"The fact that it's going up is good," said Ontario NDP Leader Marit Stiles. "But we need to adjust the base to reflect reality and then tie it to inflation. Right now, the base is far too low for where people are at right now."

"In Doug Ford's Ontario, people are struggling, wages are down, costs are higher, and Ford is focused on helping his friends," said Ontario Liberal Leader Bonnie Crombie in a release responding to the news. She asserts that the government should be doing more to keep the cost of living down.

For its part, the province claims it is doing all it can. A government spokesperson said, "We understand that costs vary across different regions and we remain committed to supporting workers across the province."

...'Making a Difference Award' at Manitoulin Lodge

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brate these awards each year, to ensure other worthy candidates may be recognized."

Ms. Kalmikov explained, "the Roberta Jarlette Award is a prestigious honour. It is given each year to a frontline team member who exemplifies our organizations values, and who is also a leader among their peers through their actions and example. They take to heart that our residents do not live in our workplace, we work in their home. They exemplify the values of commitment and passion in everything they do. They always treat others with respect."

"They are proactively innovative, accountable and responsible," said Ms. Kalmikov. "And they always strive to do the right thing. Values which are celebrated by Jarlette Health Services."

"Like our Making a Difference award recipient, Joyce (Martens), our Roberta Jarlette Award recipient, makes an outstanding difference in the lives of others," said Ms. Kalmikov.

Gloria Hall, life enrichment coordinator of the Lodge then presented the Roberta Jarlette Award. "What can I say about Audrey Jacquette? A staff member remarks that she has angel wings."

"Audrey was born in Jamaica," said Ms. Hall. "She is the youngest of nine children, four brothers and four sisters. One of her brothers is here today. Welcome Lincon and family."

"She went to a private Catholic school in Jamaica, then on to business college," said Ms. Hall. "In 1990, having a brother and sister already in Canada, Audrey made the decision to move here."

Ms. Hall explained, "Audrey has been a personal support worker for almost 20 years. She has an educational back-



Audrey Jacquette, a personal support worker at Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay was presented with the prestigious Roberta Jarlette Award last week. In photo from left is Jamie Lynn Kalmikov, lodge administrator, Audrey Jacquette, and Heather Weatherbee, behaviour support and staff schedule worker at the Lodge.

ground in business, social work and in health care. She left Toronto and moved to Manitoulin Island back in 2015."

Ms. Jacquette has three children, a daughter and two sons and one grandson. "Welcome, Olivia, who is here today," continued Ms. Hall.

"Outside of work she owns multiple businesses and has hobbies in cooking, baking, crocheting and fashion. She is a seamstress, can make blankets, clothes and winter gear by crocheting. Audrey has had a catering business for over 30 years."

"Overall, she is an amazing mother, hard worker and has a kind soul," said Ms. Hall. "Audrey is someone you can call on when we are going to work short, she will stay an extra shift and even come in on her days off. Even if she is tired she finds the energy. She is a resident advocate, making sure all her residents are well taken care of. She puts the residents first."

"A few years ago, she left us and returned to Toronto but found she missed us and as soon as there was an opening she returned with her son. We were her other family," continued Ms. Hall.

Audrey "is a pleasure to work with. One staff member remarks it is

just like working with a family member," said Ms. Hall. "We always look forward to working with her, we know we will have a good shift. The residents love her. She is one of a kind. She's a workhorse who is known as 'mamma bear.' Audrey is very job focused, getting things done right."

"A resident remarked she is 'such a hard worker and a good friend. She is dependable. Audrey has been my personal support worker for a long time. I think since day 1.'"

Heather Weatherbee, behaviour support and staff scheduler at the Lodge welcomed, "everyone who has taken the time to come out and celebrate a very special person who her colleagues say is always doing her best job and taking great care of all the residents." "Audrey really cares for everyone and is always helping her teammates, going beyond for her residents and I'm sure the list of things about Audrey can go on for a lifetime," said Ms. Weatherbee.

Mr. Weatherbee explained, "I have had the privilege of working alongside Audrey and there is no doubt that this award has been given to the right employee in 2024. Audrey's passion for her residents in zone two is exceptional and

not only can be seen in her zone but throughout the other five zones (of the Lodge) bringing exceptional care. Audrey is the biggest advocate for her residents and always ensures that they have everything they need to be successful."

"I asked some of her residents to share their thoughts about Audrey; here are some of the answers I got," said Ms. Weatherbee. "'I couldn't get along without her, I had to move zones and I was so happy she ended up coming to my zone as I regard her in my life as a good friend. She helps in my life and does a good job. She works hard. She is always smiling. She is doing fine and a perfect job.'"

Ms. Weatherbee said, "I have to agree with what the residents have said. She certainly is one passionate PSW. When I reflect on the years that Audrey and I have worked together I can honestly say that it has been a wonderful experience, and I am so very grateful that I have had the opportunity to do so. When I looked up what it means making a difference this is what I came up with: to do something that is important, to do something that helps people or makes the world a better place. I think many of us would say that Audrey's name should be in that definition. Congratulations Audrey, on this well-deserved award," said Ms. Weatherbee.

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# ...Billings council debates over-use of Bridal Veil Falls tourist attraction

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At a meeting last week Billings council had considered a report from CAO/clerk Veronique Dion. Mayor Bryan Barker read the background information, “Bridal Veil Falls has become an area of negative attention following the discovery of a deceased turtle on its banks. The activities at the falls have become concerning with individuals bathing in the small pool

at the base of the falls, disrupting habitat by creating dams and using soap and shampoo, using the river to relieve themselves, throwing litter in the river and along the banks and fishing in the river during restricted times.” People also walk under the falls, stand or sit on the brink of the falls, garbage and other items are thrown in the river and even ATVs are used on the river trail path.

“This has sparked concerns from the community with letters and emails being received from as far as British Columbia, as well as online concerns where posts regarding the turtles have received hundreds of interactions including many concerns and some opinions on how to mitigate the risks posed to the ecosystem,” said Mayor Barker. “Some of the options include: the hiring of lifeguards and/or security guards to pa-

trol the area; working with government agencies to introduce a park ranger co-op program to make Bridal Veil Falls and the Kagawong River a protected area; to install surveillance cameras; to remove the stairs leading down to the base of the falls; to fence off the area and close it to public completely; and, the most prevalent comment, to ban swimming in the Kagawong River.”

“The incident has shed some light on overtourism in sensitive areas such as the Kagawong River and the need to ensure certain areas are protected from the negative effects of human traffic,” said Mayor Barker. “And the community is now faced with trying to find an acceptable solution which will protect the ecosystem but also take into consideration the positive and negative impacts of tourism. Based on staff suggestions he said, “simple options for council to consider is to remove stairs to reduce the amount of visitors, rezone the area as a conservation area, pass a bylaw for ‘no swimming’ in the Kagawong River and install signage, work with agencies to introduce a learning experience for visitors (including habitat identification, importance of protecting species, species identification, etc.), introduce visual barriers in more sensitive areas to deter going into the river.

Mayor Barker pointed out late in the summer Manitoulin Streams, in partnership with the township, had posted signs educating people about the river being sensitive for aquatic wildlife. The Kagawong River is a fish sanctuary from mid-September to the end of October for pink salmon and Chinook salmon (and walleye and rainbow trout can be found in the river in the spring), and when people swim or walk along the river they are potentially damaging spawning habitat, stepping on spawning beds (with fertilized eggs)

and destroying potential spawning areas.

“First of all, we are all upset with what is going on at the falls,” said Councillor Vince Grogan. “I have a couple of concerns, one being that someone knows who did this to the turtle. Is there an investigation being done by the OPP or the MNR?”

“I doubt it, the turtle issue would have long since passed the investigation stage,” said Mayor Barker.

“We can’t totally restrict people access from the falls,” said Councillor Grogan. “I would be in favour of having cameras and security, but this comes with a lot of expense. But what has been happening at the falls and river is for one, threatening the future generation of fish, wildlife and the ecosystem. We have to do something.”

Councillor Michael Hunt said, “I’m in favour of leaving everything the way it is and let people swim under the falls but only during June-August when the fish are not spawning. Obviously, making sure the fish and habitat are important to protect, and I am not in favour of anyone moving the rock structures or interfering with the fish habitat. I’ve never seen people using soap or shampoo under the falls and I would not be in favour of this taking place.”

He pointed out every summer Kagawong is visited by a large sailboat from southern Ontario filled with people who are in training to sail a boat. “I have talked to them over the years, and they say this is a favourite spot and one they remember

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## ...Islanders asked to help

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Morgan has many Island family connections. Her parents are Andrew Harper and Stephanie Quinn, while her grandparents are Ruth Harper and Glenn and Linda Harper, and her great grandmothers are Stella Harper and Mona Lewis. Morgan also has a younger brother, Quinn.


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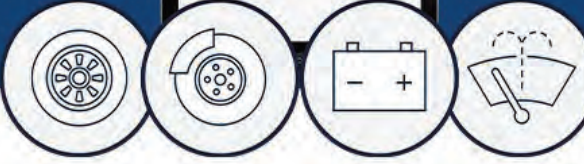
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# Kenjgewin Teg Fall Harvest has become a true cultural phenomenon

by Michael Erskine  
M'CHIGEENG—The powwow grounds in M'Chigeeng were buzzing with excitement as hundreds of students, community members and visitors took part in Kenjgewin Teg's annual Fall Harvest Days.  
Booths and displays across the grounds offered up experiences, many of which were hands-on, that highlight aspects of Indigenous knowledge, culture and traditions—and food, lots and lots of delicious food. One of the most popular of the food booths was the UCCM Tribal Police fish fry offering up fresh fish and chips, but from corn soup to scone, from berries to apple cake, there was something for everyone's taste buds on offer.  
Anishinabek Nation Lake Huron Regional Chief Scott McLeod dropped by for a visit and found himself duly impressed.



UCCM Tribal Police demonstrate the fine art of teepee raising and provided teachings.

photos by Michael Erskine



Chef Pam Roy was kept busy making scone and apple cake that were very well received by one and all.

“This is an amazing event,” he said. “You can just see from the amount of youth who are here and engaged with the booths. There is a lot of educational aspects of this, but I think the biggest one is the community spirit and just the sense of community you have when you come here. There is nothing but smiles on everyone's



Indigenous Tourism Ontario's Steven Debassige was busy handing out delicious treats to the students who came to take part in the event.



The fine art of birchbark basket making captivated these two young kwe.

faces sharing knowledge and the things they are experts in, whether it is fish fry or canning tomatoes or harvesting animals, it is all educational and part of our culture and an opportunity to share.”

Regional Chief McLeod admitted to being “voluntold” to take part in the moose calling contest where he combined humour with a very credible imitation of a female moose calling for a mate.

Members of Indigenous Tourism Ontario were on hand, along with many departments of Kenjgewin Teg, including the skilled trades who brought along a wide range of tools and equipment utilized in the trades.



One of the most popular booths over the course of the day is always the UCCM Tribal Police fish fry.



Anishinaabek Nation Lake Huron Regional Chief Scott McLeod tries his hand at the moose calling competition.

Although the weather had been slated to be somewhat damp, it instead proved to be just about as perfect a fall day as could be asked for, combining good food, education and plenty of smiles and laughter, along with a definite sense of pride in Anshinaabe culture, traditions and language.



These two young students were enjoying their corn soup.



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Council is hoping to secure \$1.5 million in funding to study and expand Cockburn Street East in Little Current.

## ...NEMI begins 2025 budget deliberations

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Public works is also seeking a wheel loader and mower/brusher at \$475,000 (Working Capital Reserve); and work on the Cup and Saucer parking lot, \$10,000 (net cost to town).

Under recreational and cultural services there are two projects, both of which are pending funding: a 30' x 40' community services garage, \$150,000; and rec centre main hall light upgrades, \$25,000.

Recreation centre capital projects include: urinal upgrades (pending funding), \$75,000; kitchen upgrades, \$25,000 (net cost to town); switching oil to propane furnaces (pending funding), \$265,000; paving the west side of the parking lot (pending funding), \$150,000.

Parks capital projects are: Low Island walking track (pending funding), \$30,000; disc golf course (pending funding), \$8,000; McLean's Mountain washroom (the washroom was included in last year's budget but tender bids were too high), \$82,056.

At the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah, pending funding, a stage within

the park has been proposed at a cost of \$13,000.

Under marine, a fuel pump upgrade is required at the Port of Little Current fuel dock (formerly Wally's Dock Service) for \$75,000 (waterfront reserve).

Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Williamson shared with council that in the 2024 season, the municipality had sold \$430,000 worth of fuel at the downtown docks which would in turn help restore the waterfront reserve funds, which is how the Northeast Town purchased Wally's Dock Service.

A one ton truck with a dump box to replace the 2011 GMC is also being budgeted for to the tune of \$95,000, \$28,500 of which would come from the waterfront reserve and the remainder at a net cost to town.

There are capital projects for the fire department, too. New helmets are required at \$10,000 at a net cost to town; an HVAC unit for the rooftop (pending an \$8,800 grant) at \$20,000; fire department asphalt (pending funding) at \$40,000; and a fire truck (which will be needed in three years, the time it takes to order new trucks) at \$750,000.

## ...It's Fire Prevention Week

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particular, it highlights three essential actions in fire safety. Install, test and replace.

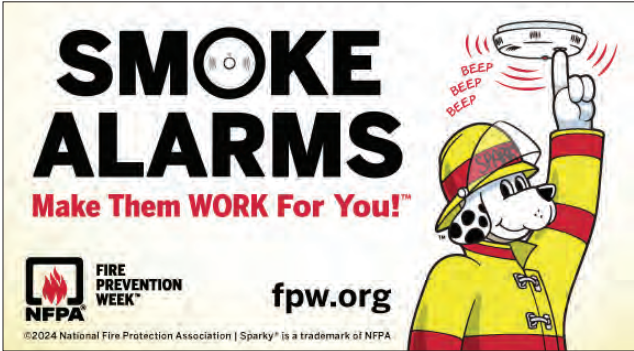
"They (National Fire Protection Association) recommend testing smoke alarms once a month by pressing the test button on the alarm," said Mr. Elliott. "And to replace all smoke alarms that are 10 years of age and older."

It is recommended to test and inspect alarms monthly. This ensures that they are functioning correctly and can alert you in case of a fire. You should clean smoke alarms at least once a year using a vacuum to remove dust and debris that could interfere with their operation.

In choosing the right smoke alarm and sensors, it is recommended to select from various types, including battery operated, hardwired, and combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Consider features like a 10-year sealed battery for hassle-free maintenance.

Mr. Elliott pointed out the building code has changed and homeowners need to know that under current legislation smoke alarms have to be installed in every bedroom, outside every sleeping area (hallway) and on every level of a home, including the basement.

"It is also important



to make sure the alarms meet the needs of all members of the family including those that have sensory and physical disabilities," said Mr. Elliott.

Smoke alarms need to be installed at every level and room of your home and workplace, ideally at least 10 feet away from any cooking equipment to reduce the chance of false alarms. For optimal performance, mount alarms on ceilings or high on walls (within 12 inches of the ceiling) since smoke rises.

Use a drill and mounting hardware to secure the smoke alarm. Mark drilling points at least eight inches from walls and follow manufacturer instructions for proper installation.

"Each family in a house, or those in a business need to create an escape plan from the building with a meeting place having been decided upon previously," said Mr. Elliott.

"The number of fire related deaths that occurred in 2022 in Ontario

was the highest ever seen," said Mr. Elliott. "And in Canada the rates of fire related deaths remain high." He pointed out the rate of fire related deaths in Ontario was a little lower in 2023. "Fire related deaths remain constant, and we all have to do what we can to educate people and do what we can to prevent fires."

"Every fire department in Canada stresses the importance of smoke alarms and that they save lives," continued Mr. Elliott.

It is recommended that batteries in the smoke alarms be changed twice a year, even if alarms are not beeping. This proactive approach ensures that alarms remain operational. Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years or sooner if they fail to operate during testing. Upgrading to newer models with enhanced features can significantly improve safety.

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# ...Island family living near Hurricane Helene’s path helping others

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time helping others who were not so lucky,” said Ms. Newlands. “I stopped taking pictures of the damage, because there is only so much you can look at of this type of thing.” Ms. Newlands noted the day before she had bought a “whole lot of bottles of water and travelled to Fletcher, South Carolina, where we used to live. I went to our old neighbourhood to hand out the water and took food out of the freezer to cook and give to other people and to see where we could help. There was so much flooding, and I saw people whose furniture was out on the front lawn and they were scraping the mud off of it. It is so sad.”

“There was a lot of flooding in the mountains around Asheville (one of the areas hardest by flooding). It’s terrible to see,” said Ms. Newlands.

“I have been volunteering at a help centre in the community,” she said. “We are trying to help where we can.”

On Saturday morning, Ms. Newlands provided an update. “As of this morning, there are still tens of thousands in our area without power and it will be months of cleanup with downed trees. We have 12 large ones behind us, but they pose no threat. I have been hauling tree debris to the dump for others and



Hurricane Helene’s wrath as evidence by the Newlands family, who resides in South Caroline.

taking up loads of water and canned goods around Asheville to neighbourhoods we know, where there was devastating damage.”

“Crews have been working hard to clear roads here still and we can hear the planes and helicopters taking supplies up to Asheville area,” said Ms. Newlands. “We are very mindful of how lucky we are compared to many with this monster storm.”

Hurricane Helene not only hit North and South Carolina but the storm swept through Flori-

da travelling north and caused damage as far north as Tennessee and Virginia.

The hurricane had killed at over 200 as of press time, leaving hundreds missing, causing record flooding and storm surges and cutting power to millions of homes and businesses.

Helene arrived as an unusually large storm, according to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with violent winds extending up to 560 kilometres from its cen-

tre. It was also travelling twice as fast as a typical Gulf of Mexico storm striking the coast.

The storm made landfall in Perry, Florida on Thursday night (September 26) as a category four hurricane with winds reaching 225 kilometres per hour, according to NOAA, which said it was one of the most powerful storms to hit the US. On the Florida coast, it caused storm surges of up to 4.6 metres.

NOAA meteorologists Ryan Maue and Ed Clark independently calculated that 153 trillion litres of water poured down on

the southeastern US over four days. That’s enough to fill and overflow Lake Athabasca, Canada’s tenth largest lake, or cover the entire surfaces of both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick together more than a metre deep.

“Torrential rainfall from the remnants of Hurricane Helene capped off three days of extreme, unrelenting precipitation,” said the North Carolina State Climate Office. That meant stream flows were already at daily record highs and soils on local mountain slopes were already saturated by the time the remnants of He-

lene brought more heavy rain. As Helene passed through, it could have mopped up some of the evaporating water as additional energy.

“We’re having awesome weather today,” said Ms. Newlands. “And it is so much better to have power back on,” she said pointing out her children, a son and daughter, were both at Clemson University when the storm hit.

“People are picking up the pieces and getting on with their lives,” said Ms. Newlands. “We are helping where we can. Helping others is what I grew up knowing on Manitoulin.”

## ...debates over-use of Bridal Veil Falls

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because they can get ice cream at the dock, walk to the falls and swim at the falls.”

“While I appreciate everything Councillor Hunt has said, and I haven’t lived here quite as long as he has, I did spend a lot of my work life (with the MNRF) working at the river. People swimming under the falls and at the river has me concerned on several levels,” said Councillor Ian Anderson. “The alteration of fish habitat is real and has huge effects. Manitoulin Streams has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to help protect the fish, habitat and spawning areas and not just for salmon but other species of fish. From my perspective, we need to protect the fish habitat.”

Councillor Anderson said while no one may know exactly how many people visit the falls and river every year, he has heard estimates of 45,000 per year.” This past weekend when I went to the area

there were probably 200 people walking on the river banks, and only a few were causing any problems.”

“As is the case with everything, there are only a few that ruin things for everyone else, and laws have to be made to keep them from causing problems,” said Councillor Anderson. He suggested the township should encourage the MNR to enhance the patrols they already conduct of the falls area, especially during the fish spawning season.

“Another concern I have is the liability that comes when people walk behind the falls,” said Councillor Anderson. “All of the rock that is at the falls area had to have fallen off the top of the falls at some point. It would be a catastrophe if someone was under the falls and got hit by one of the slabs of rock. And there is nothing to guarantee when it will happen, just that it will happen in the future. We have to restrict access to this area.

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# National Indigenous Health and Wellness brings ‘Healing Hearts Together’

**by Margery Frisch**  
LITTLE CURRENT—On September 30, a group of people gathered at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 177 in Little Current to honour Orange Shirt Day with a Healing Circle. “We call this ‘Healing Hearts Together’ because we didn’t want to give it the Truth and Reconciliation title, that’s a government name given to this day,” Lizanne Leclair explained. Ms. Leclair, along with Juanita ‘Sky Woman’ McNichol,

board members of the National Indigenous Health and Wellness Association (NIHWA) of Sudbury organized the event. A smudging began the circle and Bobby Osawabine, of Wiikwemkoong, was the guest speaker and facilitator. He is a Warrior Sundance Chief, Blanket Man, Ceremonial Judge and he is a survivor. “I’m also an ex-federal inmate,” he said. He spoke at great length about his life, the abuses he suffered at

the hands of the Church, and he held nothing back. The anger he felt, the night terrors he suffered, the reliving, in graphic detail the horrors he endured, the heavy drinking that followed each time the night terrors would come. “When I began to do these talks, about my life, it was hard on me. I couldn’t do it. But now when I give these talks I’m very specific. The abuse and how it was done... It’s been a long time now. I can talk with-

out crying. When I was 19 or 20 years old, that’s when it hit harder. I was already dealing with my own abuse, with the Jesuits and what they did to me—hanging me in a closet for hours at a time, invading where they shouldn’t be invading, abusing me—so I’m deal-

er tells me their story, it’s identical to the last and the last and the last,” he said, sadly. When Mr. Osawabine took his eagle feather and passed it on, asking everyone in the circle to share whatever they needed to share, a great deal of pain,

anger, their hurt and shed their tears, without judgement. The mood lightened a bit when Wesley Cleland was introduced. He joined the group to talk about dance. “I’m not originally from these parts,” he said, “I grew up in Pontiac,



Wesley Cleland shares styles of powwow dancing while the women drum and sing.  
photos by Margery Frisch



Bobby Osawabine passes the Eagle feather on.

Michigan, and I’ve travelled around a lot.” He’s often asked by schools if he’d come teach dance to the kids. “Powwow dancing is about storytelling. Technically, I can’t teach you how to dance, because you’ve got to tell your own story,” he explained. The way he was taught, Mr. Cleland says, there are no rules, no real structure, not like ballroom dancing or line dancing. He talked about the drums and their rhythm being the heartbeat of Mother Earth, our own heartbeat. He then demonstrated the heartbeat step of pow wow dancing. “It’s very important to follow that rhythm of the drum,” he said. “You want to have that balance with the drum. The drum will tell you what to do.”

Mr. Cleland spoke about the travelling he’s done and the friends he has made through powwow dancing—“extended family,” he called them, “who’d open their homes to me. That’s been the greatest gift I’ve gotten, the friends I have made.” He compared styles of the southern states and out west to the styles in this area, describing different types of dress and traditions and the difference between men’s powwow dancing and women’s. Mr. Cleland was prepared to demonstrate further and have everyone get up and dance, but lunch had already been postponed over an hour.

Following lunch, Mr. Cleland did dance while several of the women, with hand drums, sang. One of the songs was introduced by Sky Woman, a healing song first introduced to the Indigenous women in the Kingston Penitentiary when many of them, unable to go home or see their children, were committing suicide. A grandmother spirit came down and taught the song to one woman, who taught it one by one to all of them, and their healing followed. Demonstrating what Bobby Osawabine said during his talk: “Our language is medicine,” he said.

The day was long, filled with openness, pain and healing.



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# ...Wiikwemkoong seeks proposals for new healing art installation

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schools, Qu'appelle Residential School in Canada in 1994. “Although it wasn’t run by clergy anymore, the buildings still held the pain of those who came before me. The loneliness, the homesickness—it was all still there,” Mr. Peltier said.

The Holy Cross Mission is connected to the Spanish Residential Schools, notorious for their role in the forced assimilation of Indigenous children. Between 1913 and 1958, thousands of children were taken from their families and sent to these institutions, where they were stripped of their languages and culture. Many left with deep psychological scars, and the effects of that trauma are still felt across generations.

“These schools were meant to take away our culture,” Mr. Peltier continued. “But today, we’re taking it back.”

A key part of this reclamation is the monument design competition. Open to all artists, the contest invites designs in any medium—sculpture, installation, or otherwise—that reflect the resilience of survivors and the importance of remembering their experiences. The winning artist will receive a \$3,000 prize, and the monument will be installed at a site yet to be



Wikwemikong Tourism conducts a tour at Holy Cross Mission ruins.  
photo courtesy Wikwemikong Tourism

determined. “This monument isn’t just about the past,” Mr. Peltier explained. “It’s about honoring survivors and ensuring future generations never forget what happened. It’s about resilience and hope.” Tracy Cleland led a jingle dress ceremony, a traditional healing dance in Anishinaabe culture. The rhythmic sound of

the jingle dress filled the air, offering spiritual and physical healing for those present. The event was a reminder that while the trauma of residential schools lingers, Indigenous communities are reclaiming their traditions and finding strength in their cultural practices. Mr. Peltier reflected on early efforts of reconcil-

iation, such as the visit from Pope John Paul II in 1984 to Midland. This event initiated a long and challenging dialogue between Indigenous communities and the Catholic Church regarding its role in the residential school system. More recently, Mr. Peltier himself was part of a delegation that met with Pope Francis in Quebec, advo-

cating for true reconciliation, including the use of Indigenous languages in Catholic ceremonies. As the event closed, he encouraged attendees to participate in the monument design competition, which will be announced on social media. “This is an opportunity for artists to create something lasting, a reminder not just of what we lost, but of what we’ve regained.” The residential school system may have officially ended in 1996, but its effects endure. The Holy Cross Mission Ruins, once a place of sorrow, are now being transformed into a site of healing, unity, and remembrance. Through the monument, the community seeks to honour survivors and ensure their stories are never forgotten. As the sun reached mid sky shining on the ruins, Mr. Peltier’s final words echoed through the gathering: “We must remember, but we must also move forward. For our children, for their future, and for the strength of our people.”



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# ...Norisle relics returned to South Baymouth, Old Mill Heritage museums

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Through the very generous donations of Marine Recycling of Port Colborne (the recycling facility which received the Norisle for scrapping), Manitoulin's own Manitoulin Transport, several pieces of marine history were saved and returned home to South Baymouth,

and Kagawong. Items include a lifeboat, portholes, anchor and anchor chain, the anchor windlass, and two propeller blades along with one of the engine rooms cool vents will be refurbished and located at the Tehkummah/South Baymouth Museum to honour the legacy of the dedicated service of the S.S. Norisle.

As well, the Old Mill Heritage Museum received the name plate of the Norisle (10 feet long and four feet wide, weighing about 500 pounds) and a porthole, said Rick Nelson, curator of the museum. "We didn't save the ship but thanks to the partnership of the Little Schoolhouse Museum, the South Baymouth Community Development

Association, and the donations of Marine Recycling of Port Colborne, Manitoulin Transport and Owen Sound Transportation, which provided complementary passage for Manitoulin Transport and the Norisle artifacts, we preserved some of the history of the Norisle."

With some pieces weighing in excess of two tons, careful loading, securing, transporting and unloading of the artifacts were undertaken.

"Captain John Greenway, and Captain Kerry

Adams did all the hard work in getting these items (making the contacts, writing letters and making phone calls)," said Ms. Mucha. "The co-operation from everyone involved has been wonderful."

Mr. Greenway, secretary/treasurer of SBC-DA explained, "when we heard that the S.S. Norisle was being sold and going to be taken to a scrapyard, we asked if we could have any of the items for the museum before it left Manitowaning. But they

had to make sure the ship was still seaworthy, and for instance all the anchors were still on board and everything was still secure to take it to Port Colborne."

"So, through a partnership with our museum we approached Marine Recycling to see if we could obtain any of the items off the ship, and how much they would cost," said Mr. Greenway. "They asked us to give them a list of things we would like, and

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## Thank You

We are deeply saddened and still in shock over the passing of our beloved mother, Bernice Lewis, just seven and a half months after losing our father. During this difficult time, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who cared for and visited Mom.

The last three and a half years were an ongoing struggle for Mom, but as with everything else in life, she didn't let it stop her. She continued living at home, caring for Dad, and enjoying the things she loved—like horticulture, shopping, attending family gatherings, and visiting with friends. Mom was never one to give up, and if you told her she couldn't, well, she would prove you wrong. A special thanks to Cathy, Carol, and Jennifer—her wonderful neighbours who visited regularly. It wasn't until after her passing that we realized how much time Mom spent outside, and hearing from each of you how much you miss seeing her there has touched us deeply. To Tammy, thank you for your unwavering help, coming every week to assist Mom. Your dedication meant so much to her and to us. To Linda, for all your help with Mom and Dad at their apartment and also for the amazing support and help you have been since moms passing. We also want to extend our gratitude to the VON staff and the other ladies who accompanied Mom on her weekly outings. These visits were one of the few things that still brought a smile to her face. She took great pride in the crafts she brought home, and in her final days, she discovered a real passion for painting. Mom left us suddenly, but we find comfort in knowing that she joined Dad for their 70th wedding anniversary. We know he was waiting for her with open arms, and together, they are both healthy once again.

Your kindness and support have helped us through this incredibly difficult time, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

*The Lewis Family*



Thanks to the efforts of members of the Little Schoolhouse Museum and the South Baymouth Community Development Association and the generous donations of Marine Recycling of Port Colborne, Manitoulin Transport and the Owen Sound Transportation Co. Ltd. several pieces from the S.S. Norisle have been saved and delivered to the Little Schoolhouse Museum and Old Mill Heritage Centre Museum in Kagawong. Porter's Trucking unloaded the pieces at Tehkummah last week.

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# Expositor thanks all Harvest Glory Days participants and winners

by HGD Judges  
MANITOULIN—Harvest Glory Days, the effort by The Expositor Office to encourage communities to decorate in a fall harvest theme, is in its second decade now.  
Here are some of the judges' observations after 10-plus years of visiting all Island communities at this time of year, year after year.  
First of all, there is much more of an abundance of home flower gardens in municipalities and First Nations, in addition to the ones seen in public places, (these are often if not usually the work of volunteers,) that is evident throughout

Manitoulin.  
The other observation is that, in addition to large displays involving corn stalks, pumpkins, scarecrows, hay/straw bales that are, in fact, installations, there is a plethora of homes, and this is evident everywhere, where myriad homeowners have taken the time to put one or two pumpkins, (or similar) at that front doors or somewhere on their properties, visible from the street or highway.

These are indeed Harvest Glory Day displays and so The Expositor Office acknowledges and thanks everyone who has taken the time to celebrate this special season in any way possible.

Through the course of this Harvest Glory Days "friendly competition" among all Island First Nations and municipalities, those communities boasting the largest abundance of displays, on public and private properties, large and small, are rewarded with a large and colourful roadside sign that attests to high levels of community spirit, as evidenced by the amount of seasoned decor on display. In subsequent years, these winners are awarded an additional "leaf" to

add to their signs to indicate that, once again, they've maintained the standards that won them recognition in the first place.  
This year, there is no change from 2023 and the same communities continue to decorate at the same high standard.  
In the small community category, Spring Bay will once again get a leaf for its sign.  
In the mid-sized community category, leaves will go again to Sheguiandah, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation and Providence Bay.  
In the large community

category, once again Manitowaning (that has been a winner right from the start), Mindemoya and Gore Bay will get leaves attesting to the community spirit in evidence.  
Congratulations and thanks to all who took the time to decorate at any level, both on public and private property.  
There is a sampling of photos of displays from the various communities in this paper in addition to a list of those who took the time to register their addresses.  
Happy Thanksgiving to all.



## ...debates over-use of Bridal Veil Falls

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To just ignore this and hope everything will work out is not being responsible. I agree with leaving the staircase in place because it is part of our trail system. But things cannot remain status quo—we have to protect our environment, ecosystem, wildlife and the safety of the public.”  
“This is not an easy issue to deal with,” said Councillor Dave Hillyard. “People travel to the falls from all over Ontario, and beyond. Whatever decision we make will affect our local municipalities and others. I agree with the concerns about our fish habitat and ecosystem. Personally, I am not ready to make a decision tonight. I think we should direct staff to do more research on this.”  
Councillor Hillyard said “you can fix stupid” in relation to someone killing a snapping turtle at the falls this summer. He pointed out that Hamilton has hundreds of falls areas within its limits and doesn’t seem to have any problem with people swimming under any of them. He wonders if swimming has been banned in the city.  
“Protecting our fish habitat, ecosystem and wildlife is part of our strategic plan as a priority,” said Councillor Hillyard. “I am not ready to make any final decisions. I would like to see staff reach out to other areas that might be in the same situation as we are.”  
“My biggest concern is that we are dealing with the fish spawning season right now. Why can’t we get security people in now to monitor the falls area?” asked Councillor Grogan.  
Mayor Barker noted that the walleye and rainbow trout runs occur on the river in the spring, and that the disruption of fish habitat can take place at any time of the year. And the river has many other species in it, such as crayfish. “Before we partnered with Manitoulin Streams and they carried out the rehabilitation work on the river, there were never any walleye spawning in the river.”  
“We welcome tourists to our community, and visitors to Bridal Veil Falls,”

stated Mayor Barker. “But they need to be respectful of what there is here. I think the most practical thing we can do is post no swimming signs at the falls because of the impact this has on the fish, ecosystem, habitat and spawning areas.”  
“And there is the liability issue that Ian raised if someone is hurt by a falling slab of rock at the falls,” continued Mayor Barker. “I appreciate Councillor Hunt’s comments, but things have changed compared to years gone by. At the very least we need to post no swimming signs at the falls and enter a sign program with Manitoulin Streams to educate people on the ecosystem, what fish spawn here, where they spawn etc. Another solution would be for staff to start the process of amending our zoning bylaw and make the upper river a conservation area. But the most practical solution at this point, in my opinion, is to post no swimming signs.”  
Councillor Grogan said, “unless there is enforcement in place for these laws it isn’t going to have any effect.”  
“How are we going to have this enforced by putting up no swimming signs?” asked Councillor Hillyard. “We can’t get tickets handed out on the highway when people park illegally. We could even put up signs don’t jump off the falls, but if someone wants to badly enough, they are going to do this. Signs don’t work.”  
Mayor Barker reiterated, “We can reach out to our community partners like the MNR and Manitoulin Streams and see what we can come up with in terms of solutions to the problems.”  
Councillor Hillyard said if you google Bridal Veil Falls online there are sites that advertise people can swim under the falls, and videos show people doing this. “Social media has become a real problem in this area and maybe staff can reach out to these groups that are promoting swimming under the falls and let them know swimming is not advised.”  
Council agreed to have staff do more research on options and put forward to council for further discussion.

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## Open house!

An open house celebration was held at the new Century 21 Integrity office location in Mindemoya, this past Saturday. "This is awesome," stated realtor Jennifer Hooper. "It is great to be part of the Mindemoya community in this beautiful building. Everyone is excited about the move, and there has been a lot of interest from members of the community as to what was happening." In photo from left is realtor Jennifer Hooper, Julie Robert broker of record and realtor Melissa Nicholson as they took part in the official ribbon cutting ceremony. The office building is located on King Street in the old Red Cross Hospital building.

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# ...Norisle relics returned to South Baymouth, Old Mill Heritage museums

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they said they would donate the items,” he added, noting, “the Old Mill Museum in Kagawong is getting a couple of items from the ship as well. So,

the truck over from Tobermory and they said that the S.S. Norisle was part of their history, so they provided complementary passage. The generosity and cooperation we have received from all of them

items of the history of the Norisle.”  
“We are honoured to have these significant marine artifacts from Manitoulin’s ferry history. We also have the wheelhouse set aside for us,” said Ms.

received will be mounted on the grounds at the museum,” said Ms. Mucha. “The township is going to be laying down cement pads for these items to be placed on. And we are hoping the porthole windows will go on the side of the museum facing Highway

6. Not everything will be in place until early spring and at that time we will be holding a dedication and hope that some of those who helped get everything donated will be on hand. Our museum is small and the funding we receive is very minimal. Small muse-

ums like ours can’t pay for artifacts such as these. It would have been a shame to have lost all of these artifacts from the Norisle. If Marine Recycling had not generously cooperated the way they did none of this would have happened.”



Rick Nelson, curator of the Old Mill Heritage Museum in Kagawong is all smiles as the museum has received the name plate of the S.S Norisle for display in the museum.



This anchor from the S.S. Norisle will now be displayed at the Little Schoolhouse Museum in Tehkummah.

then we called Manitoulin Transport about transporting the items and they said they would donate a truck and driver. And we called the Owen Sound Transportation Company as to how much it would cost to bring the items on

has been fantastic.”  
Mr. Greenway further explained the Assiginack Museum had received a few items from the ship prior to its leaving Manitowaning, “so we have three Island museums that have some treasured

Mucha. “But unfortunately, it is too large for truck transportation, and other means such as tug/barge delivery are out of our financial reach. So, we will have to see what happens. But wouldn’t it be awesome if museum visitors could enter the wheelhouse of the Norisle and gaze into Lake Huron like her captains and crews did from the century past and for nearly 30 years of plying the waters of Georgian Bay and Lake Huron to Manitoulin!”  
Mr. Nelson said at this time, the artifacts the Old Mill Museum has received are in storage. “The next step will be to properly present them. But for now, we’re just grateful to everyone involved for obtaining these items.”  
Ms. Mucha said over time, the artifacts will be refurbished and displayed on the Little Schoolhouse Museum grounds and provided with descriptions of the item and its marine significance.  
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‘Conversations with the Kagawong River’ is poetic with a difference

by Shelly Pearen  
KAGAWONG—‘Conversations with the Kagawong River’ by Sophie Anne Edwards is poetry, truly “visual poetry,” and it is also art, language, history, geography, biology, flora, fauna, climate and more.

‘Conversations with the Kagawong River’ is Sophie’s observations, history and interaction with the Kagawong River, the Gaagigewang Ziibi, over several years. Talonbooks, the publisher, describes it as “a site-specific engagement with an ecosystem of Mnídoo Mnising (Manitoulin Island).” This description captures its essence but does not do justice to its broad-based appeal. I believe it should and will be enjoyed by anyone who loves this Island, this Mnising, and its land and waters, its flora and fauna, its seasons, and its history.

‘Conversations with the Kagawong River’ has been listed by both CBC Books and Quill & Quire magazine’s as one of the most anticipated poetry titles of fall 2024.

It has also been widely anticipated by friends and colleagues of Sophie on Mnídoo Mnising. We have eagerly awaited descriptions of her encounters with the river, knowing she was physically diving, trudging, wandering, climbing, and paddling in



Artist/poet Sophie Edwards on the banks of her Kagawong River inspiration.

the ziibi. If anyone could converse with a river it would be Sophie Anne Edwards. We welcome her embracing Anishinaabemowin in her conversations with the Gaagigewang Ziibi.

Introductory statements are provided by Dr. Alan Ojiig Corbiere, Art Jacko and Ojibwe Elder Josh Eshkawkogan. In Dr. Corbiere’s words: “Sometimes creativity and art reach places where words – particularly English ones – can’t.”

I worked with Sophie on the Billings Connections Trail, the Gaagigewang Historical Plaques, resulting in historical plaques and art being placed throughout Billings Township. Sophie was determined the plaques would recognize the long relationship of the Anishinaabeg with the area and insisted on accurate translations of the information into Anishinaabemowin. Translations were made by a language team from M’Chigeeng First Nation, led by Dr. Alan Ojiig Corbiere and included Josh Eshkawkogan, Clarice Pangowish and Clarence Pangowish. Sophie, almost magically assembled facts, photographs, art into an informative series of plaques with the goal of reconciliation, and recognition of the earliest residents. These translations

are reproduced in ‘Conversations with the Kagawong River’ as poetry.

Clearly Sophie sees beyond written words, beyond facts, beyond language into a truly creative space. I see facts as black and white clues, while Sophie sees facts in vibrant colours waiting to be placed on a page. Thus, the reader sees facts in a new way. A 19th century statement is not just history but a powerful event. A river is not just a river, not just a ziibi, but a living, breathing, still or flowing, life giving force.

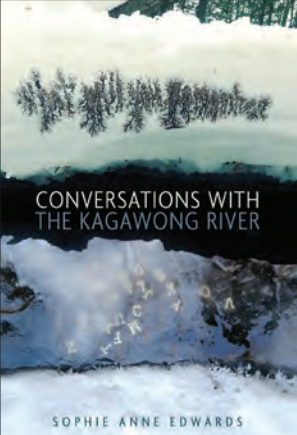
Throughout her book Sophie has ingeniously blended Anishinaabemowin words. Without realizing it the reader learns or expands upon their Anishinaabemowin. Through poetry we become aware of the Anishinaabemowin word for raccoon/esban, beaver/mik, and much more.

Sophie describes including Anishinaabemowin as “an effort to loosen the grip of my colonizing language, settler claims.” I envision this book inspiring students of all ages and backgrounds. For Anishinaabemowin students and speakers the longer translations of ziibi encounters will be appreciated.

Sophie’s visual poetry takes facts, arranges them creatively, and makes the most powerful, thought-provoking images possible. Images and their words that remain in your thoughts long after you have closed the book. Sophie incorporates facts about the 1862 treaty that I and others found in archives and creates powerful visual statements.

If you only read the first 50 pages you will have a deeper understanding of

Mnídoo Mnising. But I encourage you to read on, whether you think you like poetry or not. Continuing, you will share Sophie’s journey with the river as she dangles graphite from herself and branches and lets the wind and river draw. You will watch as she deconstructs texts and sees cardboard



Sophie Edwards’ new book of poetry-art has been named must read by Quill and Quire.

letters fade, photographs ink words on melting ice, and even allows the ziibi to capture her own image.

Conversations with Ed Burt remind us that settlers too have had long relationships with the river and region. Ed reminds us of times when stacks of hydro poles blocked access to the falls or when boulders were moved. He recalls fish spawning, beavers thriving and hog peanuts growing. Where else would you find hog peanuts in a book of poetry?

Some of the images I could happily hang over my desk: The tree bark mimicked with typeface letters and squiggles, or Day Fourteen Day Twenty’s typed alphabet letters on cotton hung from a branch frozen in ice.

Sophie continued engaging in conversation with cattails, lily pads, and wildlife on the river through the pandemic. Returning two years after beginning her conversation with the ziibi, her alphabet letters, and poems had vanished, as they should. In Sophie’s words:

**“All the letters are gone now,  
decomposed, removed, or  
circulation. I  
can find no other traces of  
the poems,  
the letters, my tracks.  
This is as it should be.  
All that is left are the spaces  
where  
language finds itself.”**

The Gaagigewang Ziibi ecosystem speaks through poetry, through Sophie. Readers will be inspired to slow down, examine their environment, engage with nature, and maybe even learn a language. Perhaps inspired by this work we will all have conversations with a river, or a lake, or forest. True deep observant conversations where we observe and appreciate.

Conversations is published by Talonbooks and will be available at The Expositor office in Little Current.

Shelley Pearen is the author of ‘Four Voices The Great Manitoulin Island Treaty of 1862,’ and transcriber, translator and editor of The Wikwemikong Diarium (in 3 volumes 1844-1873).



**Noojmowin Teg**  
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Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking one (1) board member that is interested in making a difference for Indigenous health; specifically, applicants must live off-reserve within the Manitoulin Island District and Espanola area. The off-reserve applicant will have familiarity with board governance, strategic organizational planning, funding and reporting requirements and experience in reviewing budgets is an asset.

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SNOW REMOVAL  
2024-2025**  
**Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service**



Tenders for the year 2024-2025 are now being accepted for snow removal at the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service. Required services are to include plowing (sanding, salting and pushback of snowbanks when requested) for the following property areas:

- Roadway
- Front of building (visitor's parking)
- Bay garage doorways
- Staff parking area
- Driveway at Apt B – 26 Edward Street

The roadway, front of building (driveway), garage doorways, staff and visitor parking areas must be plowed by 6:00 a.m. during the tender period.

**Please submit your proposal for:**  
Seasonal rate for the period of  
November 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025  
This rate must include all plowing (salt/sand, and snowbank pushback as required). Include the type of equipment to be used.

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

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

**Closing date is Friday, October 25th, 2024 at 2 pm:**

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# Restoration of site on Grimesthorpe Creek completed by Manitoulin Streams

GRIMESTHORPE CREEK—Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) is proud to announce the successful restoration of site S19 on Grimesthorpe Creek, along with an Island-wide garbage cleanup event. This critical habitat restoration project involved a series of environmental improvements made possible in part through funding from the Ontario Community Environment Fund (OCEF).

As part of the restoration efforts, the shore-

line of site S19 was carefully restored by planting a variety of native trees and vegetation to help prevent erosion and improve the local ecosystem. Community volunteers and Manitoulin Streams staff worked together to contribute to a cleaner, healthier waterway, a release notes.

Additionally, the project saw the installation of 455 metres of fencing along the creek to prevent livestock from entering the stream and causing further degradation of the shoreline protecting a total of 6,175 square metres of riparian habitat.

“Restoring Grimesthorpe Creek’s ecosystem is essential for the long-term health of our watersheds and wildlife,” said Seija Deschenes, MSIA project coordinator. “The collaboration between community members and environmental groups like ours demonstrates the power of grassroots efforts in



The Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association has announced the successful restoration of Site S19 on Grimesthorpe Creek. Several Manitoulin volunteers assisted to complete the project. The shoreline of Site S19 was carefully restored by planting a variety of native trees and vegetation to help prevent erosion and improve the local ecosystem.

Grimesthorpe Creek, ensuring a healthier watercourse for wildlife, plants, and the local community,” said Ms. Deschenes. “We have now successfully restored and protected over four kilometres of unbroken stream on the Grimesthorpe Creek.”

MSIA would like to thank the volunteers and local landowners who participated in the restoration, as well as the MECP for their crucial financial support. The successful completion of this project marks a significant step toward enhancing local water quality, improving fish habitats, and supporting the biodiversity of Manitoulin Island.

For more information on future projects or how to get involved with MSIA, please visit [www.manitoulinstreams.com](http://www.manitoulinstreams.com) or contact [getinvolved.manitoulinstreams@gmail.com](mailto:getinvolved.manitoulinstreams@gmail.com).

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conserving our natural spaces.”

The restoration project was made possible in part through the support of OCEF, an initiative of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and

Parks (MECP). This program redirects funds from environmental penalties into community-based projects that improve the environment in the region(s) where the violation(s) occurred such as shoreline cleanups, habitat restoration, and tree planting efforts, all aimed at improving local ecosystems.

“The funding from OCEF has allowed us to restore a key section of

## Death Notices

### IRWIN KEITH LEWIS

September 2, 1949 - September 24, 2024



Irwin Keith Lewis was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He left this world peacefully with his family by his side on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at the age of 75 years. He was born to Leonard and Elsie (Middleton) Lewis (both predeceased)

of Spring Bay, Manitoulin Island, on September 2, 1949. Irwin was married to Mary (Becks) for 51 years and raised three beautiful daughters, Cheryl (Brian Rajala), Connie (Yvon Larocque) and Anita (Tim Rancourt). Irwin was a loving brother to Mildred (Len Jewell) (both predeceased), Audrey (predeceased) (Delbert Merrylees), Leah (Jim Rayner) (both predeceased), Patricia (Joe Baker), both predeceased, Shirley de Chevigny, Douglas (predeceased) (Mary-Alice), Kenneth (Marlene), Gordon (Darlene (predeceased)), Garry (predeceased) (Shirley) and Merlin (Christine). He is lovingly remembered by many brothers and sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews. He was the proud grandfather of Lauren and Brendan Rajala, Elsa and Genevieve Rancourt and step-grandchildren Logan and Kiara Larocque. He had big dreams for all his grandchildren and loved spending time with them. In all their endeavours, he was their biggest fan. Irwin spent 30 years working for Falconbridge Mine in Sudbury, where his dedication and hard work left a lasting impression on all who knew him. After retiring, Irwin returned to his beloved Manitoulin Island, where he embraced the outdoor life, spending his days hunting, fishing and making maple syrup with his family. His home on Lake Kagawong was his pride and joy and he especially cherished the times when friends and family would visit, filling the house with laughter and love. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. A graveside service was held at Grimesthorpe Cemetery on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 11 am, which followed by a luncheon at the Providence Bay Hall. Donations can be made to Arthritis Society Canada and the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

### NOREEN ALICE PARKINSON

January 23, 1949 - September 17, 2024



In loving memory of Noreen Alice Parkinson, who passed away peacefully at Health Sciences North in Sudbury on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at the age of 75. Beloved wife of the late Wesley Parkinson (predeceased). Loving mother of Darren and Kelly (predeceased). Sister of

Anne Houston. Noreen was a career nurse, she worked at the Manitoulin Health Centre for many years. She loved animals. She loved playing cards with her friends and was always looking out for them as best she could. She enjoyed travelling and didn't mind a little bit of gambling. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Noreen's Life took place at Island Funeral Home, Little Current on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 11 am. Burial of ashes followed in the Cold Springs Cemetery.

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### LONNIE LLOYD SMELTZER

May 8, 1945 - September 24, 2024



In loving memory of Lonnie Lloyd Smeltzer, who passed away peacefully at the Blue Water Health Centre in Sarnia on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at the age of 79. Predeceased by his parents Melvin and Girda Smeltzer (nee Martin) and siblings Robert Smeltzer,

Rhea Smeltzer and Valerie Smeltzer. He is survived by his brother Chester Smeltzer. Lonnie spent much of his adult life in Sarnia working for Polysar and Bear Corporation as a stationary engineer. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [www.islandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.islandfuneralhome.ca).

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### KENNETH ALFRED BULMER

September 12, 1939 - October 3, 2024



At Ramsey Lake Health Centre, Ken went home to be with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He took his first breath in Sudbury and his last breath in Sudbury, where he was proud to have lived for 10 decades. He leaves his loving wife of 63 years Sharon (Moore)

Bulmer; beloved daughter Heather (Gord) Glendenning of Newmarket and wonderful son Kent (Michelle) of Whitefish. Ken loved the time with his grandchildren Chad (Amanda) Glendenning, Kristi Cameron, Kurt Glendenning, Brittany (Matt)(Glendenning) Oldfield, Kaden Bulmer and Maddox Bulmer. He also loved sharing the antics of his eight great-grandchildren Maddie, Eloise, Sophie, Lincoln, Hailey, Leo, Brodie and Shepherd. Survived by his sister Doreen Ginzinger, sister-in-law Ardith Brebner and brother-in-law Billy (Monique) Moore. Ken accepted the Lord as his Saviour as a child and lived his whole life in this relationship. He was a loving, generous man, a strong prayer warrior and willing servant with many God-given talents. Ken was an auto mechanic at Crossing Alignment in Sudbury for nine years and then an auto teacher at Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket for 28 years. He built our cottage/home on Manitoulin Island. As a master carpenter he made much of the furniture and objects there too. Ken retired to the cottage in 1993, where he spent his favourite times hunting, fishing, enjoying the outdoors while entertaining friends and family. He enjoyed his 1941 Plymouth, doing stained glass and taxidermy. A life well spent! Burial was at Mindemoya Cemetery at 2 pm on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 followed by a Celebration of Life at Spring Bay Church at 3 pm. A reception followed. Livestream <https://www.sbpchurch.ca/online>. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Spring Bay Church to supply water filtration systems at two missions Ken supported in Honduras and Zambia. “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [www.islandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.islandfuneralhome.ca).

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# Manitoulin Secondary School marks Orange Shirt Day

by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil  
M'CHIGEENG—On Monday, September 30 Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) marked Orange Shirt Day with a series of events designed to recognize the impacts of residential schools and honour the resilience of Canada's Indigenous people. The day began with a Sunrise Ceremony and continued with activities that engaged students in cultural traditions and historical education.

The day's events began at 6:45 am with a Sunrise Ceremony led by Gerard Sagassige, Anishinaabe Traditional Advisor and member of the Curve Lake First Nation. The ceremony was held on the school's lawn, and school staff, school board representatives, and community members were in attendance. The group was seated around a sacred fire while Mr. Sagassige led the ceremony.

As students arrived at school, they were given the opportunity to participate in a semaa (tobacco) offering to the sacred fire. A tutorial on how to offer the tobacco to the fire was posted on the previous day's morning announcements. Students would hold the tobacco in their left hand and walk clockwise around the fire, dropping the tobacco in as they went.

The school day began with a morning announcement educating students on what Orange Shirt Day is. The announcement read, "Each year on September 30, we wear orange to reaffirm our commitment to learning more about the intergenerational impacts of residential schools, to celebrate the strength and resilience of Indigenous peoples, and to hon-



Taylor Goodfellow (left) and Cameron Meawasige (right) posing with their drums.

our the Survivors and the children who never came home.

Funded by The Crown and, later, the Government of Canada, residential schools operated from 1831 to 1996. The schools were largely run by the Catholic Church. According to then Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald, the goal was 'to take the Indian out of the child'. Children were removed from their families, homes and communities, isolated in residential schools.

This is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Today, we honour the Survivors and remember the children who never came home. When we acknowledge the truth, we take another step on the journey towards reconciliation."

Students then attended a morning workshop, an assembly with speakers Principal David Wiwchar, Gerard Sagassige and Elaine Nahwegahbow. Mr. Wiwchar gave a land acknowledgment and led students in a moment of silence for residential school victims. He then went on to present pictures of



Students lined up to be served food at the feast.

residential schools that were near Manitoulin Island and explained that this is where Indigenous people from Manitoulin were taken to. Next, he shared his experience from his eye-opening trip to the former Kamloops Residential School in British Columbia.

The presentation included quotes from MSS students taking the Indigenous Literature English class. One quote said: "Learning about Indigenous literature and perspectives is important because we should learn about the people who lived on this land before us. Along with literature, Indigenous culture and stories are also found through art, so the Indigenous arts class I was in last year was very informative and eye opening to that part of my culture."

The next speaker, Gerard Sagassige, took to the mic to share stories from his life and experiences as an Indigenous person. His engaging storytell-

ing was both educational and meaningful for the students in attendance.

Elaine Nahwegahbow then spoke about her experiences at a residential school. Hearing her personal story put things into perspective for the audience, and emphasized the importance of Orange Shirt Day. Ms. Nahwegahbow was honoured with a blanket after her speech, it was presented by her granddaughter and MSS student, Taylor Goodfellow.

Students then moved outside for the second workshop led by school staff member, Sunset Sagutch. Sunset guided students in assembling a teepee in front of the school with the help of some local police officers and volunteer students.

During lunch, students lined up to be served food in one of MSS's potluck feasts. There are a few feasts organized throughout the year at MSS and they are always highly anticipated. Staff members bring in dif-



The assembly of a teepee outside the school.

ferent dishes from turkey to chili to salad to brownies for everyone to enjoy. The feasts are a way to bring all students together and ensure that everyone can share a nice meal.

During lunch, students Cameron Meawasige and Taylor Goodfellow sang and drummed for the crowd. Shortly after, Ms. Meawasige, MSS's Indigenous Student Senator, gave a speech about the importance of Orange Shirt Day and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's ninety-four calls to action. Ms. Meawasige concluded her speech with, "Today, we wear orange shirts because we recognize we are all responsible for educating ourselves about the traumatic effects of residential schools. It's important to listen to the experiences of survivors and remember one day does not single-handedly make change. Truth and Reconciliation is actively working towards a future where we can promise safety, respect, and cultural freedom for all Indigenous families."

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**by Tom Sasvari**  
GORE BAY—A long-time permanent seasonal boater in Gore Bay is donating his sailboat to the Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club to auction off to support the community.

"I really like the aspect that whether the Lions make \$500, \$1,000 or more in auctioning off the boat it is going to be use for the tremendous work they do in the community," stated Norm Wilson from his home in Sarnia. "I'm not interested in making any money off the boat, and I hope it will be auctioned off to someone who appreciate the boat and what I've done with it. I really like the idea that the funds from the auction will remain on the Island to benefit the people of Manitoulin."

Mr. Wilson, who turned 71 in June, has terminal cancer. "My children and grandchildren are not in the situation currently that they could spend the time or money to properly maintain and enjoy the boat."

"My dream was to spend my last summer on the boat in Gore Bay," said Mr. Wilson. "But when I found out this was not a possibility or reality, I started to look at making arrangements as to what to do with it."

“The funny thing is when I contacted the guy I originally bought the



Norm Wilson sails his 28-foot sailboat into Gore Bay along the East Bluff around 2005.

boat from, he suggested donating it to a community service organization," said Mr. Wilson. "I knew exactly after he said it that this was the right answer and the one I had been looking for."

The manufacturer of Mr. Wilson's 28-foot sailboat, which he calls 'Windhover Two,' was Hinterhoeller Yachts located at Niagara on the Lake. When George Hinterhoeller sold the business it became C & C Yachts.

“George Hinterhoeller always wanted to build boats, but through his business he was usually stuck in his office. That

was when he approached a Mr. Cuthbertson of C and C Yachts to take over the company. "He did build many different boats, the most famous being the 'Nonsuch' boats, but I don't know how many he made."

"I've owned this boat since the early 1980s (with the boat having been manufactured in 1964)," said Mr. Wilson. "I'm the fourth owner of the boat, and I have owned it longer than anyone else. I paid \$20,000 which was a lot of money for me at the time but was a fair price."

"The reason I bought this boat is I could see

the potential for it and that I could mount modern hardware on it and still have room to operate it," said Mr. Wilson, noting the sailboat has six individual sails. The only sail on it that I haven't replaced is the number one genoa (which is 135 percent overlap). The headsail inventory ranges from 105 percent overlap to 155 percent overlap genoa.

After visiting Gore Bay years ago, “and finding out about the seasonal rates for having it here, on my way back home the whole way I was thinking I am going to bring the boat back to Gore



Norm Wilson is donating this boat to the Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club to be auctioned off next spring.

Bay in the spring and it will remain there," said Mr. Wilson. "That was in about 1993-1994 and I have been back every year since."

“When I first came up to Gore Bay Paul Purvis owned the boat storage business in Gore Bay and Bob Zahnow was the harbour master,” said Mr. Wilson. “When I moved the boat up to Gore Bay there was limited space for seasonal boat owners, and I was the junior guy for seasonal boat owners when I arrived.”

"I have never regretted moving my boat up there. Even during life's difficult times I always

wanted to keep my boat up north,” said Mr. Wilson. “You have to think through a commitment like that and decide if you feel you are getting good value by stay in one place every summer. I’ve loved being in Gore Bay every summer. Gore Bay is ideal for exploring the North Channel, and I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my time there.”

"I'm hoping whoever the Lions Club auctions off the boat and enjoys sailing as much as I do, will enjoy it as much as I have," added Mr. Wilson.

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# Bittersweet Tea Co. adds some additional flavour to Manitoulin

**by Margery Frisch**  
M'CHIGEENG—Have you ever noticed in any film or TV show, if something upsetting happens, one of the characters inevitably says, “I’ll make us some tea.” Why? Because tea is the commonsense solution to just about anything that ails you. Fortunately for M’Chi-geeng, Bittersweet Tea Co. has opened in their midst, ready to make a perfect cup of tea. No matter the mood you’re in or the mood you want, they’ve got a tea for that.

“For a long time, I always wanted to have my own little café,” Shanna Hare, owner of the shop, explained,



A cozy fire, soft background music and a cup of tea provide sheer bliss to visitors at the Bittersweet Tea Co.

“and when I was younger, it was going to be a coffee shop. But, three or four years ago, I mistakenly bought decaf coffee. I was very disappointed, but I felt I should drink it anyway. Surprisingly, I felt amazing that day, and from then on, I switched to decaf and then, eventually, I switched to tea. I had been doing a lot of research on the benefits of tea and I never looked back.”

Bittersweet Tea Co. opened its doors on June 29 with a soft opening because Shanna Hare was working alone at that time and didn’t know what to expect. It was the perfect time to open, and the shop has had a successful, busy summer. Ms. Hare plans to stick to the same hours even now that summer has passed. “I have some loyal local customers, and I want to keep the hours consis-



Shanna Hare, owner of Bittersweet Tea Company, serves one of her customers at the new store.

tent for them.” Those hours are Wednesday to Sunday, 10 am to 8 pm, closed Monday and Tuesday.

During COVID Ms. Hare began to think about future goals. COVID made everyone slow down and it was during that time she began to research tea. “For me, tea is about sipping and savouring and relaxing, and that’s what life should be about.” So many people grab a quick coffee and rush, she wanted to have a place with a calming atmosphere. “I wanted people to be able to relax, visit with friends and enjoy the little things, without being distracted by their cell phones.”

It’s not just about the tea, Ms. Hare has taken pains to create an ambiance where everyone will want to put down their phone, sit, savour and relax. The large, linear fireplace with the multi-coloured flames is instantly soothing as is the soft background music. The arrangement of comfy chairs in front of the fire, and the tables and chairs where friends can gather, creates an inviting space. In addition to the teas, Bittersweet Tea Co. offers tea pots, infusers, mugs, chocolates and more. “I try to have a variety of things, and I try to support Ontario-based businesses,” Ms. Hare explained. And then there are the baked goods. “I do some of the baking, but my daughter-in-law helps with that too.” Her daughter-in-law, Caleigh Quinlan, bakes the butter tarts, which won first prize this summer in the butter tart competition at the Home, Cottage and Culinary Show at the NEMI Rec Centre. It’s difficult keeping those butter tarts in stock, but not to worry, there is plenty of deli-

ciousness to choose from beyond butter tarts.

For over 20 years, Ms. Hare has been employed at Kenjegin Teg, they were very supportive when she expressed her passion to follow through with this dream and she was provided with a short leave of absence. Although Ms. Hare’s dream of becoming an entrepreneur began many years ago, financial stress and fear of failure seemed to push her dream to the side; Shanna expressed extreme gratitude to her family and friends for their encouragement and support over the past couple of years as she and her husband worked hard to overcome challenges in order for her to pursue her entrepreneurial goal.

“My business focuses on quality tea, that’s what I’m promoting and sharing, and all the benefits that go with



It’s not just teas on offer, as there are plenty of honey, mugs, tea pots and infusers as well as Christmas gifts galore.

that,” Ms. Hare said. “Part of it is, there are so many different teas, I’m still learning, it’s interesting, all the health benefits and the fact that, for the most part, many of them are caffeine free. They’re from a leaf and that’s natural—a positive aspect for me.” On top of that, people coming into the shop suggest new teas to try, and the learning goes on.

Not only is Bittersweet Tea Co. a perfect place to sit, relax, sip and savour, it’s the perfect place to shop for the tea lovers in your life. Because, guaranteed, whatever they’re into, Bittersweet will have a tea for them.

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An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood. A large, light-colored house with a prominent chimney is situated on a large lot. A wide driveway leads from a paved road to the house. Several vehicles, including a white van and a dark car, are parked in the driveway. The surrounding area is lush with green trees and lawns. Other houses are visible in the background, some partially obscured by foliage. The overall scene depicts a quiet residential street.

A black silhouette illustration of a row of diverse houses and trees. The houses vary in style, including a small cottage, a two-story house with a chimney, a large house with many windows, a house with a gabled roof, a house with a chimney, a house with a circular window, and a house with a chimney. There are also several trees of different shapes and sizes interspersed among the houses.



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## MSS golfer qualifies for provincial championship!

M'CHIGEENG — A va Corbiere of Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) has qualified for the provincial high school golf championship!

“Ava Corbiere and Amy Smith both represented the Island very well and were able to post rounds of 100 and 103 respectively (at the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association championship),” said Jordan Smith, MSS sports coordinator. “Ava’s score placed her in the top five of the girls’ competition which has qualified her for this year’s Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Association (OFSSA). This will be Ava’s second berth at OFSSA in two years of high school competition.”

Trinity Cheechoo of Wiikwemkoong High School also participated in NOSSA posting a score of 113.

Mr. Smith said, “MSS sent a boys’ team of five to compete against the top golfers from North Bay, Sudbury and the North Shore. The MSS boys finished fourth overall out of 16 teams with only Lo-Ellen, St. Charles and Scollard Hall, three of the largest schools in Northern Ontario posting better scores.”

“Noah Thorpe posted an 83 in the open divi-



In photo back row left is Rylan Carrick, Corbin Best, Lucas Brown, Kyle Nodecker, Noah Thorpe, all members of the boy's team. In front row from left is Ava Corbiere and Amy Smith, members of the girl's team.

sion, although no one was going to keep pace with Ayrton Longe (Elliot Lake Secondary School) on the day as he went on to finish with a seven under par 65 on his home course.”

Lucas Brown (with a score of 90), Kyle Nodecker (91) and Corbin Best (94) rounded out the MSS boys’ team with very respectable scores to help them keep pace with the top three golf schools in NOSSA.

NOSSA was held at Stone Ridge Golf Course

in Elliot Lake on October 2.

MSS coaches Devin Lockyer and Jordan Smith are very proud of the team’s commitment and performance this year and are looking forward to hosting the North Shore championships on the Island next year.

Ms. Corbiere has qualified for the provincial championship, taking place in Windsor at the Ambassador Golf Club October 16-17.

## Kagawong welcomes newest business, a tattoo studio

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG – Since the age of 14, Corben Matsell-Savage wanted to be a tattoo artist—now he has opened the Kagawong Tattoo Company.

He attended Canterbury High (in Ottawa) in the arts program, followed by a four-year program at the Ontario College of Art and Design in Toronto. Mr. Matsell-Savage completed his apprenticeship at Reactive Ink. This training then led him to manager position at Midway Tattoo in the Kensington market, also in Toronto.

Mr. Matsell-Savage brings 10 years experience in fineline and custom tattooing to the Island where he relocated in May 2024. He continues to travel to Toronto where he has built up a clientele of customers.

Currently renting a unit behind JK Automotive in Kagawong (1428B Lakeshore Road), where there is a portable tattoo table along with a pool table and Pacmania machine, customers can work with Mr. Matsell-Savage to custom design what he refers to as “a piece of art”.

Mr. Matsell-Savage does his own bookings, currently by appointment.



Matsell-Savage is the owner of the Kagawong Tattoo Company.

Fineline is done by making lines crisp, solid and pencil thin which can create a more detailed delicate design. This can be anything from a skull to roman numerals.

For those who are hesitant to get a custom tattoo, Mr. Matsell-Savage says, “everybody who’s afraid can handle it” and reassured “people are a lot tougher than they give themselves credit for.”

Getting a tattoo has become a “popular way to express yourself. It’s not as serious as it used to be. It doesn’t have to mean anything. If it looks good, it will live the test of time.”

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## Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

### Referee critical mass!

This is the annual plea for people to consider becoming a referee or time-keeper for this coming minor hockey season. Granted, it is always important however it seems to be more dire every year. At some point, the worry is that games will need to be cancelled because there just isn’t a large enough pool to draw from on the Island.

Could everyone ask that person you know, if they can be a ref, this year? You know the person, (never us) that never misses making the proper calls from the comfort of the stands or their couch? There is an officiating clinic in Little Current coming up on October 26th for recertification or for new officials, for that person, you know. The details can be found on the NOHA-HOCKEY.CA website.

### Wiky Road Race?

Congratulations to all the runners who completed the 52nd running of the 10k Wiky Road Race. Wiikwemkoong’s own, **Aurel Fox-Recollet** finished in third place with a new personal best, a sub-36 (35:51). **Christian Kaiser-Fox** was fifth overall, then **Andre Rivers** and **Ian Dokum** were 8th and 9th across the line overall. The division race medalists are: 10 and under female: **Felicity Bondy** – 1st. Male Youth 11 - 13 **Memphis Dokum**, **Nathan Quackenbush**

their second season, the U18 Manitoulin Lady Panthers will be coached by **Ryan Prior**.

League play will start in November, with home games on Sunday afternoons at the Nemi Rec Centre. Both the U13 and U15 teams are preparing to attend the Porcupine Icebreaker Tournament on October 26th, while the Lady Panthers will be attending their first, “Super-Weekend” in Kapuskasing that weekend.

The U-18’s are working on preparing for their big fundraiser, the second annual, Fall Chill Open Scramble hosted at the Rainbow Ridge Golf course on this Saturday, October 12th. The day will be a 4-person format with side games and even a chance to win \$10K! Contact the golf course at 705-859-2990.

### Wiky Invitational

The elementary cross-country season has started with the annual Wiky Invitational, the first race of the season. The Little Current Coyotes finished in first over Charles C. McLean and Assiginack. Unfortunately, I only have the names for the first-place finishers of each division but of course, congratulations to all finishers.

In the 8 and under boys’ **Simon Page** (Assiginack Public School) was first and **Isabel Abbotossaway** (Little Current Public School) was gold, for the girls’.



And they are off! Runners in the adult divisions set out from the starting line on Kaboni Road. photo by Michael Erskine

and **David Joyce**. Female Youth: 1st **Ewa Breckon**, 2nd **Violet Sutherland** and 3rd **Brooke Simon**. High School Male: **Julian Luoma**, **Xavier Mara** and **Sebastian Mara**. 14 – 18-year-old female: **Ava Corbiere** and **Mila Odjig**. The top female adults include: **Laurel Leconte** 2nd, **Sierra Pangowaish** 4th, **Liza Wemigwans-Manitowabi**, **Janine Pitawanakwat**, **Lyric Pitawanakwat-Peltier** and **Serena Recollet** round out the local, top-10, adults. Congrats to the three local, 55+ males **Jeffery Eshkawkogan**, **Simon Shawana** and **Chris Mara** who rounded out the division in 5th, 6th and 7th! Finally, it is great to see **Gerry Holliday** back on the podium still putting in impressive times. Now a Septuagenarian, he ran sub-50 with a 49:16 clocking! Hats to all who got out there to stay active.

### MTB Race at McLean’s

Manitoulin’s McLean’s Park was the host location last Thursday for an official secondary school mountain bike race. Coach **Ben Quackenbush** reports that there were 61 riders from 9 schools. It was a perfect day to host the race, and trails were in excellent condition. He wants to thank the Municipality of Assiginack for allowing them to use McLean’s Park and supporting youth mountain biking on Manitoulin.

Congratulations to all the Manitoulin riders. **Alina Brown** was second in the Novice Females and **Joey Roy** - 12th for the males. Junior Male: **Isaac Quackenbush** - 3rd, **Sebastian Mara** - 7th. Senior Male: **Dane Gibeault** - 2nd, **Bradley Slaght** - 3rd, **Tim Arabadzhyi** - 11th, **Jacob Swartz** - 12th, **Cole Laidley** 13th, **Hunter Sprack** 14th. In the Senior Female division, **Georgia Roy** was 2nd.

### Panther Points

For the 2024/25 hockey season the Manitoulin Panthers will have three teams. The U13 team, coached by **Donald Wassegijig**, the U15 team, coached by **Scott Stephens** and returning for

For the Nines, **Arlo Menzies** (Charles C. McLean) and **May Moggy** (A.P.S.) were both first. The 10-year-old sets were won by **Tate Abbotossaway** (L.C.P.S.) and **Sulla Shepard** (Central Manitoulin Public School). Birch Island’s **Leo McGregor** won the 11 Boys’ and **Rowyn Pfeifer** from (C.C.M.). LCPS Teammates, **Boston Abbotossaway** and **Kalyn Inglis** won their races. Finally, in the 13+ races, there were another Coyote pair, finishing first, **Casey Bowerman** in the guys’ race and **Brooke Simon** for the girls’.

### Island 3-Pitch

Just to recap the brief results from last week. Thursday Sept 26th was a perfect day for playing ball. The Island Senior 3 Pitch Tournament in Mindemoya had a total of eight teams this year: a couple from CMPS, Assiginack and Little Current Public Schools and one each from Gore Bay and Pontiac. It was positive to hear of so much sportsmanship from all of the teams, it didn’t matter what the score was or if there was a bad play, there was always someone cheering them on. Coaches for CMPS this year were **Don Symons** and **Allison Orford** and couldn’t be prouder of their players for their hard work and dedication to their teams. CMPS team 1 was undefeated and won the tournament. Unfortunately, names were not released but congratulations players! Organizers extend a huge thank you to all staff, parents and grade 8’s that helped with coaching, organizing and running the canteen.

Gore Bay’s Charles C. McLean hosted the Junior tournament where the Assiginack Allstars came home with the 2024 title! Congratulations to Coach, Ms. **Joyanne** and her players: **Jackson Barnes**, **Violet Cairns**, **Addison Page**, **Cora Griffin**, **Ada-Lynn Cairns**, **Ayleana McDermid**, **Michael Jamieson**, **Rex Meawasige**, **Jayden Huang**, **Aiden Corbiere**, **Trapper Cyr**, **Simon Page** and **Gus Spry**!

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Students are finally one month into the school year! That leaves only nine months left until the start of summer break, and three months left until Winter Break! Time seems to fly with how busy students are at MSS. There are always extra-curricular meetings like Student Council, SHARE/Go Green, Reach For The Top (a trivia team), Robotics, Headstrong (a mental health group), and more!

Capital projects in Rainbow schools enhance learning environment

by Tom Sasvari  
SUDBURY—During the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) meeting on September 24, trustees received an overview of capital improvements in Rainbow schools undertaken over the summer, including work at schools on Manitoulin island.

Adam Guilbault, RDSB superintendent of business reported that new



Work is ongoing in two shops at Manitoulin Secondary School.

lockers were installed at Central Manitoulin Public School (Mindemoya) and Assiginack Public School (Manitowaning). Student washrooms were also renovated and up-graded at both schools.

Mr. Guilbault explained a variety of work was completed at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay. Boilers were replaced and new ventilation was installed throughout the school, including a rooftop unit. Propane tanks were relocated within a fenced-in area. In addition, a new basketball court was re-located within the school yard. Exterior masonry work is ongoing at the school.

At Little Current Public School, childcare and ventilation work was completed, continued Mr. Guilbault.

Work is currently underway in two shops at Manitoulin Secondary School (in M’Chigeeng), the board was told. This includes the work to accommodate the high-tech machine equipment with funding from the “Career-Ready with CTMA; Expanding Opportunities” program, in partnership with Canadian Tooling and Machining Association (CTMA), and Ontario Council for Technology Education (OCE). MSS received a CNC milling machine, two CNC routers and a 3V Ram Turret milling machine, explained Mr. Guilbault.

If that isn’t enough, there are always sports teams! A few teams hosting practices right now include the cross country team, mountain biking, boys’ volleyball, and girls’ basketball!

On Monday, September 30, MSS recognized Orange Shirt Day, a day meant to call attention to the horrifying impacts of residential schools and work towards truth and reconciliation with Can-

ada’s Indigenous people. MSS hosted a Sunrise Ceremony, a potluck feast for students, and had two sets of workshops working to educate students.

The mountain biking team had their first race on Thursday, October 3. Several MSS members placed well and those new to mountain biking came home with a new experience under their belts.

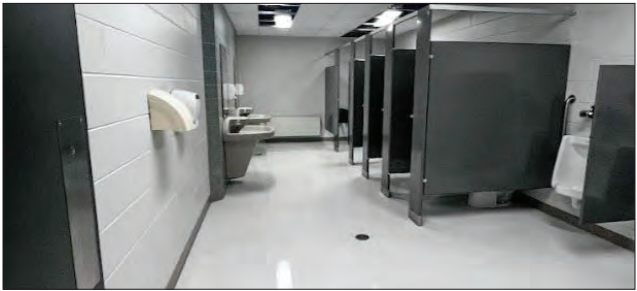
On Friday, October 4 the MSS robotics team

had their team social, this year it was a slumber party at the school. The team enjoyed a potluck dinner, games of capture the flag and hide and seek, as well as a movie projected onto the big screen in the cafeteria.

There are several activities available to help support this year’s Grade 12s! Monday, October 7 marked the start of MSS’s annual scholarship information sessions. To

help seniors fund their post-secondary education teachers volunteer their time to mentor students on how to find scholarships, how to apply, and how to write scholarship essays. Throughout the next couple of weeks, different sessions will cover a variety of topics including preparing MSS students for the next step in their educational careers. Understanding how to apply for scholarships will take a weight off the shoulders of students in-

terested in applying.  
On Tuesday, October 8 there was a college information session for our seniors looking to apply! One of MSS’s guidance counsellors gave the presentation and explained the process of college applications using the online portal OCAS. Application portals open this month and close on February 1.  
That is all for this week! Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!



Over the summer new lockers were installed at Central Manitoulin Public School and Assiginack Public Schools.



New boilers were installed at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay.

As well, work was completed in the MSS auto shop to clear the floor drains and oil/water separator. A second lift for the auto shop will be installed this fall.

Manitoulin Centennial Manor is looking for a

**Gardener (casual)**

to maintain the gardens in our new resident courtyard.

We would like them to be able to start this fall to prepare the gardens for the winter.

Interested parties can contact:  
Don Cook, Administrator  
**don.cook@exeassist.ca**

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**Please forward resume to  
pantry3cow@hotmail.com, or to find out more,  
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# New VON grief program on Manitioulin Island seeks volunteers

**by Michael Erskine**  
MANITOULIN—The Victoria Order of Nurses (VON) is in the process of setting up a new peer support group to serve those who have been bereaved and are seeking volunteers who can donate some of their time to assist with the effort.

Lori MacEwan is the program coordinator of the Bereavement Peer Support Group in Little Current for Mixed Losses (18+).

“Support groups are a safe place for people to talk about their loss and find comfort with those who are also grieving the loss of a loved one,” said Ms.



VON program coordinator Lori MacEwan is coordinating a Bereavement Peer Support Group on the Island.

MacEwan. “VON grief and bereavement coordinators will be facilitating a group in Little Current starting October 9 and running until November 27. The group will run every Wednesday from 4 pm to 5:30 pm.”

She explained that the gathering will be a ‘closed’ group with limited seating so VON requests that those applying to be part of the group be able to commit for the full eight weeks.

“We will supply the required book and journal ‘Understanding Your Grief’ by Dr. Alan Wolfelt,” she added.

VON is also seeking a compassionate person who is interested in facilitating


grief support groups or can offer one-on-one emotional support to a fellow community member struggling with the loss of a loved one.

“A lot of people don’t talk about grief,” said Ms. MacEwan, “but it is some-

thing that happens to everybody. The group will provide people with an opportunity to discuss grief in a confidential and safe setting.”

Those seeking more information or who are in-

terested in volunteering or wish to register for the bereavement group can contact Lori MacEwan at (705) 825-1346 or by email [lori.macewen@von.ca](mailto:lori.macewen@von.ca).



**WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE**

**Office Administration Assistant – Full-Time Permanent**

**Position:** Office Administration Assistant – Operations & Board Level  
Annual Salary: \$75,130

**Location:** Wikwemikong Unceded Territory

**Responsible to:** Staff Sergeant & Divisional Commander – Support & Logistics

The WTPS Board is accepting applications for an experienced Office Assistant. As the successful candidate, you will be integral to the effectiveness of the WTPS Operations and Board. The successful candidate will implement appropriate administrative systems effectively and efficiently. The Office Admin Assistant will ensure that tasks assigned are complied with and that accountability is provided to the WTPS Operations and Board. As a mandatory requirement, the candidate will attend all training as deemed necessary.

**Key Duties/Responsibilities:**

- Assist front desk reception alternate, with walk-in and telephone events for all types of service, including but not limited to reporting within RMS (Records Management System), maintain an organized and up-to-date records system, tasking officers with event management.
- Experience/attend training session with RMS and CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre) system software.
- Drafting and distributing correspondence as required by Chief of Police.
- Attend and distribute materials needed for WTPS Board Corporation and WTPS Health and Safety Committee meetings and record minutes of meeting as required as the WTPS Board assistant.
- Create, optimize and organize content on the WTPS website. Experience in web publishing and digital content management is preferred.
- Superior organizational skills, attention to detail and interpersonal skills.
- Prioritizing and managing competing priorities and deadlines with tact and multitasking in a fast-paced environment.
- Proven ability to work in a high trust position and deal with sensitive confidential information.
- Advanced knowledge and experience in planning meetings, agendas and supporting documentation.
- Preparing letters, briefing reports and memos.
- Liaise with other Police Services, Chief and Council and the public. Respond to external inquiries by providing answers or directing them to the appropriate personnel.
- Such other duties, not inconsistent with the above, as directed by the Chief of Police.
- Hours of work will be during administration hours & seldom, but occasional evening and special event assignments.

**Basic Requirements:**


- Diploma/Certificate in Office Administration or successful completion in a related field.
- Diploma from Ontario Secondary School or equivalent.
- Must possess a valid Class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Advanced skills and knowledge in Microsoft Office software, strong internet and research capabilities.
- Must have awareness of the Wikwemkong First Nation culture and traditions.
- Ability to speak and understand the Anishinaabemowin language considered an asset.
- Must provide a signed WTPS Consent to Security Clearance Investigation Form and must pass background and investigative checks.
- No criminal record for which a pardon has not been granted.

Interested applicants must request an employment application package from the Human Resources Manager. The applicant must provide all mandatory requirements from the job ad. Submit your completed employment package, a letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates and three (3) work-related references to:

Attn: Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager  
Email: [richard.flamand@wtps.ca](mailto:richard.flamand@wtps.ca)

**Posting Deadline:** Applications accepted as on on-going basis till the position is filled.

Applications will be screened and only those selected will be extended a personal interview. The qualified candidate will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation.





**WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE**

**Experienced Police Officer - Full-Time – Permanent**

**Position:** Experienced Police Constable  
**Location:** Wikwemikong Unceded Territory  
**Salary Range:** \$58,323 - \$106, 226  
**Responsible to:** Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications from a police officer who has served or is currently serving with a Canadian police agency.

**Summary:** The experienced Police Constable will be responsible to the Chief of Police and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting within and around the Wikwemikong Unceded Territory.

**Key Duties/Responsibilities:**

- Preserve the peace.
- Prevent crimes, other offences, aiding assistance and encouragement to other persons in their prevention.
- Assist victims of crime.
- Apprehend criminals, other offenders, and others who may lawfully be taken into custody.
- Lay charges and participate in prosecutions.
- Execute warrants and perform related duties.
- Perform the lawful duties that the Chief of Police assigns.
- Respond to calls for service.
- Successfully complete prescribed training.
- Commitment to Community-Based Policing principles and practices.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community.
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other units.
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.

**Basic Requirements:**

- A valid Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.

Employment packages are available for pick up at the WTPS office or can be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward their completed electronic employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three (3) work-related references to:


**Attention: Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager**  
[richard.flamand@wtps.ca](mailto:richard.flamand@wtps.ca)  
**Applications are being accepted on an on-going basis**

Please note, applications will be screened. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider an experienced officer for hire. The qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation. The candidate will be notified before any contact is made with their current police service.

Members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service participate in the Ontario Pension Board (OPB) pension plan. It is compulsory for members to contribute to the plan. Experienced officers who have contributed to another pension plan may contact their current plan administrator to determine if their plan is transferable.







Reaching minds. Touching hearts.

Rainbow District School Board, with schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island, is accepting applications from qualified teachers for the following permanent teaching assignment for the 2024/2025 school year:

**Little Current Public School**

**Posting #183-03      0.5      Prep (Junior/Intermediate, Music) (pm)**

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, proof of qualifications, recent performance evaluations and/or practice teaching reports, and the names of three professional references to:

**Human Resources  
Rainbow District School Board  
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury, ON P3E 1P2  
email: HRT@rainbowschools.ca**

Rainbow District School Board thanks all applicants for their interest in the public school system. Only those applicants who are selected for an interview will be contacted. The candidate selected for the position will be required to provide a criminal record check.

*In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is being collected under the authority of the Education Act and will be used for employee recruitment purposes. Questions should be directed to the above.*

Rainbow District School Board complies with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). If you require accommodation for a disability during any stage of the recruitment process, please contact the HR Manager at 705-674-3171.

The Rainbow District School Board is an equal opportunity employer.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Finance Officer

**The United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising** is seeking a Finance Officer who will be responsible for managing accounting functions, including maintaining accounting principles, practices and procedures, as well as the preparation of financial statements and reporting to the CEO, UCCMM Board and Program Managers. Also includes processing accounts payable, ensuring timely and accurate invoicing and completing administrative duties related to the Finance Department and Administration.

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Post all incoming revenue to appropriate accounts and prepare all deposits
- Process and manage all accounts receivable and payable
- Post transactions to appropriate program/department/account
- Monitor outstanding receivables and follow-up on any that are overdue
- Process claims and vouchers for payment, enter invoices, match invoices with purchase orders and check all claims for accuracy
- Act as first line contact with vendors regarding billing problems
- Verify account codes for proper assignment of budgetary expenditures
- Post payable to appropriate program/department/account
- Prepare monthly Pension Plan and Group Benefits reports and payments
- Prepare all cheques
- Provide payroll information to Ceridian and post all payroll to appropriate program/department/account
- Prepare monthly bank reconciliations and conduct banking
- Manage fixed assets and depreciation
- Collect, interpret and report financial data
- Review and input annual budgets
- Provide monthly variance reports to program managers/CEO
- Ensure financial management of UCCMM reflects UCCMM Accounting Policies and Procedures
- Ensure accurate and timely completion of annual financial statements
- Review and interpret audited financial statements with program managers and CEO
- Perform clerical duties, such as maintaining filing and recording systems
- Other duties as required or assigned by CEO

**Skills/Knowledge:**

- Strong working knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
- Effective attention to detail and a high degree of accuracy
- High level of proficiency with Microsoft Word and Excel
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Strong organization skills and proven ability to work in a multi-tasking environment
- High standards of ethics and confidentiality to handle sensitive information
- Strong knowledge of office procedures and practices
- Able to work well under pressure and meet set deadlines
- Sound analytical thinking, planning, prioritization and execution skills

**Qualifications:**

- Diploma in Business and/or Accounting or General Finance and bookkeeping course
- 2-3 years office experience
- Experience with budget, accounting and reporting systems
- Experience with SAGE 300 accounting software and spreadsheet programs and applications is an asset

**Salary Range:** Based on qualifications with pension and benefits

Deadline for Applications: **November 1st, 2024 at 12 noon**

Please submit a letter of application and resume with three written employment references, one from current/most recent employer and current Criminal Reference Check. Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted.

Please forward to:  
**Mark "Confidential" mail to:  
Finance Officer Application  
P.O Box 275  
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0  
Attn: Tiffany Recollet, Chief Executive Officer**

Complete applications may also be emailed to **ceo@uccmm.ca**  
Please reference email: Finance Officer Application

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview.



at D.A. Williamson & Sons  
147 King Street  
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**FULL-TIME POSITIONS**

Applicants must possess a valid POL or PAL firearms licence. Retail experience an asset. Duties would include cashiering, cleaning, stocking shelves, computer skills and shipping and receiving.

**PART-TIME POSITIONS**

Same job description as above, except firearms licence not mandatory. All applicants must be able to pass a criminal background check.

Please send resumes to **uptopsports@hotmail.com** or drop off in person to Blaine Williamson.

Only those selected for an interview will be contact.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Dental Assistant/Receptionist

Join us at Gore Bay Dental and start your journey in a community-focused dental practice. We are growing and are eager to have an additional team member. We are committed to providing high-quality dental care in a friendly and professional environment. We are looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic Dental Assistant/ Receptionist to join our team.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Assisting the dentist during procedures when needed
- Preparing and sterilizing dental instruments and equipment
- Taking and developing dental x-rays (once certified)
- Managing patient records and appointment scheduling
- Ability to receive phone calls and answer any questions
- Proficient with ABELdent is an asset
- Ensuring a clean and organized work environment

Qualifications:

- A positive attitude and willingness to learn
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work well in a team
- Ability to receive instruction
- Attention to detail and good organizational skills
- Good time management
- Work independently
- Ability to multitask
- High school diploma or equivalent

How to Apply:  
If you're passionate about helping others and interested in starting a career in the dental field, we'd love to hear from you! Serious inquiries only.

Please send your resume with 3 references included, and a brief cover letter to **manitouлиндental@outlook.com**

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...Tattoo

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Mr. Matell-Savage got his first tattoo at the age of 16. "Preferences change and sometimes they are sentimental."

When asked about it, this writer was shown his left forearm where it has been covered up. Mr. Mat-sell-Savage can cover up or fix an existing tattoo but does not remove them.

Mr. Matsell-Savage was mentioned in NOW maga-zine as one of the top five tattoo artists in Toronto.

"If you're curious, try it, get a small one."

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