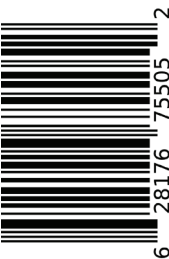


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ROLLIN', ROLLIN', ROLLIN'—The Farm Olympics saw youngsters compete for farm hand supremacy at the 149th annual Manitowaning Fall held last weekend. For more fall fair fun, please see Pages 23 and 24.
photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Champion Special Olympian injured in e-bike mishap Dayne Tipper suffers serious injuries, GoFundMe created

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—On August 31, Dayne Tipper, a Special Olympic athlete who is well-known to the Manitoulin Island community was involved in a serious biking accident. A GoFundMe fundraising campaign has been initiated by sister-in-law Leslie Taylor to help Dayne and his family in his recovery. There is also an upcoming Zumba dance party fundraiser being held.

"This is a fundraiser for Dayne Tipper," said Ms. Taylor on the GoFundMe page. "On August 31, Dayne was in a serious biking accident that left him with a brain injury. Right now, he has deficits to the right side of his body and is unable to even sit up on his own. We are hopeful that with rehabilitation he will regain his strength and be able to return home and to the activities he loves."

Sister Alexa Tipper explained last Friday, "the accident took place on Sunday around lunchtime. Dayne was coming back home after cutting wood with dad at a neighbour's down the road. Dayne went over on the side of a ditch (on his electric tricycle bike) when the back wheel went over." He was riding at a speed of about 20-25 kilometres per hour.

"Medically (Dayne) is doing good, he does have a small brain bleed but is in stable condition," continued Ms. Tipper. "He can move around by himself, he can't move his right leg and can only move his right arm with a lift. The doctors are not sure at this point what his future needs are going to be. He will be going to the rehabilitation unit, but at this time we don't know what his future needs are going to be, like needing a wheelchair for the rest of his life. Right now, we are just hoping for the best and preparing for the worst."

"Dayne is currently recovering at HSN where he is expected to remain for several weeks," explained Ms. Taylor. "We are

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Dayne Tipper took part in this year's Providence Bay Fair parade. Mr. Tipper was involved in a serious accident on August 31, which has left him with serious injuries.

New twoonie commemorates Island artist Special coin honours the late Daphne Odjig

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
OTTAWA—Daphne Odjig's hands spoke in colours the world had long refused to hear. From the quiet corners of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory on Manitoulin Island, she beckoned to the world too look deeper, in a language as immutable as the rock formations of the Canadian Shield. The Royal Canadian Mint has honoured Ms. Odjig's legacy through a special edition twoonie in circulation



Kenjgewin Teg benefits from \$10 million donated by Mastercard Foundation

M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION—Kenjgewin Teg has received a transformational \$10 million gift from the Mastercard Foundation, the first donation toward its new Waawaas-konenh Foundation, which will officially launch on November 25. The investment is part of a national \$235 million commitment by the Mastercard Foundation to advance Indigenous innovation in post-secondary education.

"Built on a foundation of Anishinaabe principles, culture and worldviews, Kenjgewin Teg plays an essential role in equip-

ping young people to learn, work, and lead in ways that strengthen the self-determination of their Nations," said Jennifer Brennan, senior director of Canada programs at the Mastercard Foundation. "We made a commitment to young Indigenous people that we would walk alongside them to transform post-secondary education in ways that support them to live a good life. This exemplary organization is contributing to that change and to a stronger country for us all."

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Birch Island plebiscite narrowly approves local sales of cannabis

by Michael Erskine
BIRCH ISLAND—A longstanding moratorium on the sale of cannabis products in Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) fell this past month, as the community voted in an August 23 referendum to allow such sales by the closest of margins.

"There was only a difference of three votes," confirmed WRFN Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow. "The vote was 133 for to 130 against—so it seems the community is split right down the middle on the issue, but by and large they seem to be supporting it."

Chief Nahwegahbow noted that the moratorium itself was only a temporary measure put in place in order to allow the community to be educated on the issue and to be consulted on their wishes.

A cannabis outlet actually opened during the moratorium, challenging the band and

police, but Chief Nahwegahbow said that the band had notified the UCCM Anishinaabe Police Service, but the police decided to await the outcome of the referendum before proceeding.

The results of the referendum were released to the community on August 27.

Chief Nahwegahbow said the band council was now in the process of formulating a set of bylaws to govern the sale and distribution of cannabis products in the community. "The federal government left it up to First Nations and the provinces to regulate the sale," he said.

The band intends to keep a close eye on the sale, said Chief Nahwegahbow. "You don't know where it is going to go."

Red Flags on mailboxes raises red flags among Billings council members

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Billings township council is concerned that many local residents are being affected negatively by a Canada Post Corporation rural mailbox flag policy and are calling for the policy to be reversed.

In August, Canada Post issued a clarification to its policy regarding mailbox flags. According to Canada Post, the red flags on mailboxes are meant as a way for customers to tell their mail carrier that there's outgoing mail, but not by the carrier to signal mail delivery. This has always been the policy, Canada Post states.

"My perspective on this is that it is a no-brainer," stated

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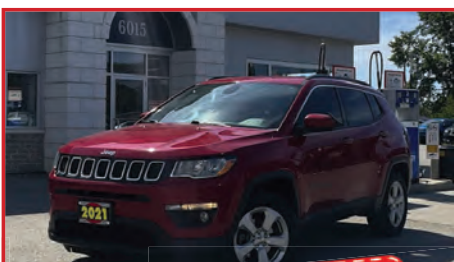
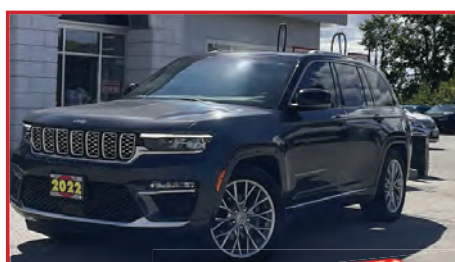
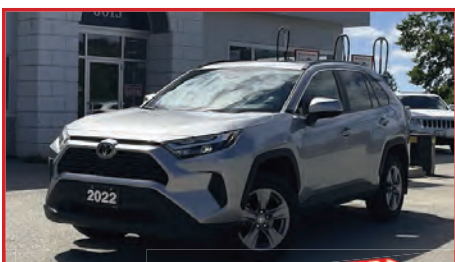








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The Little Current Lions Club made an impressive \$25,000 donation from its Catch the Ace progressive raffle to the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Auxiliary last week, which in turn went straight to the MHC Smart Infusion-Smarter Care infusion pump campaign. Lion President Bruce Burnett, fifth from right, with fellow Lions Dave Draper and Jake McColman, presents the cheque to Marilee Hore, in pink, Auxiliary president and fellow auxiliary members. The group is joined by MHC CEO Paula Fields and MHC board chair Dennis McGregor, far right.

photo by Michael Erskine

Little Current Lions’ Catch the Ace benefits MHC infusion pump campaign

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The Little Current Lions Club has enjoyed great success with its popular Catch the Ace lottery, but the real winners are the Manitoulin community that is the focus of their motto “We Serve.”

This past week, the club handed over a cheque for a whopping \$25,000 to the Manitoulin Health Centre Centre Auxiliary Little Current.

“This money comes from the Little Current Lions Club and the thousands of people who buy tickets every week,” said Lion President Bruce Burnett. “We couldn’t do this without them.”

The auxiliary wasted no time in spending their windfall, however, as moments later another cheque presentation took place, this time from the auxiliary to the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Smart Infusion-Smarter Care Pump fundraising campaign for its two Manitoulin hospital locations. It was a case of in one hand and out the other—but all in a good cause.

MHC CEO Paula Fields said that the donation

would go a long way toward meeting the goal of the infusion campaign. “That and the Tour de Meldrum will bring us close to the top,” she said. “Paula (Ferguson) and I are biking in it next Sunday.” In the past the run had raised over \$10,000.

“So, hopefully, we will meet our goal by the end of September,” she said. Ms. Fields noted that Lavish Your Independent Grocer in Little Current is still conducting a checkout campaign. “It has proved to be very helpful. So, fantastic! This is great! Thank you for thinking of us.”

Ms. Fields noted that the hospital has a few of their team that “circulate the hallways and sell the tickets,” so they are also part of the fundraising effort.

MHC’s Smart Infusion, Smarter Care campaign aims to equip both the Little Current and Mindemoya hospital sites with state-of-the-art smart infusion technology.

“These advanced systems are critical for the accurate and safe delivery of medications to the

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Lentir fundraiser brings country music to an appreciative Tehkummah Seniors’ Hall crowd

by Michael Erskine

TEHKUMMAH—The Tehkummah Triangle Seniors’ Hall was abuzz on the evening of Saturday August 6 as members of the Northern Ontario Country Music Association Great Northern Opry came out to play with the soon-to-be inducted father-daughter duo of Ben and Katelyn Lentir.

Mr. Lentir, already a Great

Northern Opry inductee, is now slated to be inducted into the NOCMA Hall of Fame, while daughter Katelyn will take her place as only the second recipient of the NOCMA Country Under 30 Award. The inductions this year will take place at the NOCMA Awards ceremony at the Quattro Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie November 7 to 9.

As is long standing tradition,

a busload of Island country music fans will be travelling to the event, but don’t expect to get on the bus if you haven’t got yourself a ticket already as they are sold out. But don’t fret, you can try again next year, as Mr. Lentir, the NOCMA Manitoulin District representative (along with wife Crystal) noted, “we are always looking for new recruits and there will probably be room next year.”

NOCMA President Jennifer Patterson travelled from Lively to attend the Tehkummah event and welcomed everyone to the evening’s celebration. She noted that she had taken over the role of president as a promise to her father, the late Dave Patterson, one of the founders of the organization in 1989. Mr. Patterson passed away three years ago.

“I promised him I would take over, and that’s why I’m here,” said Ms. Patterson. She noted that the evening was also the return of the Country Critter mascot. “I thought it was time to bring back the Critter.” The Country Critter was a big hit with dance partners throughout the evening.

“I just wanted to announce the return of the Country Crit-

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Plenty of things to do at the Sheg Fall Fair this weekend

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—The Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah will play host to the Sheguiandah Fall Fair this coming weekend, starting Thursday, September 11 (from 4 to 8 pm) and Friday, September 12 (from 10 am to 4:30 pm) for dropping off exhibits and Saturday, September 12 for public viewing.

Fall fairs are a cherished rural tradition, with friendly competitions over baking and preserves sometimes spanning generations and offering youth a chance to celebrate their rural roots.

“Come out and enjoy the fall fair and the barbecue on Saturday from 10 am until 3 pm,” said Sheguiandah Fall Fair committee chair Linda Erskine. “We have categories for everything from root vegetables and fruit flowers, handcrafts arts and crafts, baking, heritage and photography to just name a few. We have a large grouping for youth, starting at ages four, five and six and going right up to high school age.” Ms. Erskine explained that the youth projects get more than brag-

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Swing bridge to undergo yet more pier assembly repairs

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—While not being surprised that necessary work is going to be carried out by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) on the Swing Bridge to correct an issue in the equipment, Al MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) said his and all other municipalities need to be contacted when this type of work is being proposed.

“I think they should stop fixing the current bridge and build a new one,” Mayor MacNevin put it bluntly. He said the town has not received any updates on bids the MTO is taking for rehabilitation of the pier guide assembly system on the bridge.

“That’s not unusual, they (MTO) don’t usually contact us until they have started or are very close to doing work on the bridge (that disrupts the flow of traffic),” said Mayor MacNevin.

In this case, a reporter at The Expositor had received information on a MTO bidders list for a capital contract involving work on the Swing Bridge, which had been listed by the Ontario Road Builders Association (ORBA) for the addition of pier assembly system.

The bidders list from ORBA on September 2 outlined a to-

tal of five companies that have bid on the contract including: Clearwater Structures Inc. and 2600064 Ontario Inc, for \$308,750, Belanger Construction (1981) for \$396,107.48, Facca Incorporated \$424,040, Louis W. Bray Construction Limited in the amount of \$522,400 and Fidelity Engineering and Construction Inc. at \$624,000.

Abhinav Gupta, senior manager, operations with ORBA told The Expositor late last week, “This project is a rehab. A pier guide assembly system is a component-based system designed to either stabilize existing structures by installing push piers or to create foundations for new buildings by connecting pre-manufactured pier and beam components. This contract is being advertised and is open for bidders and it is expected to start sometime in 2026.”

“Currently, yes. Clearwater Structures has the lowest bid, so they are in the lead to win this contract,” said Mr. Gupta. “At this moment, we don’t have an exact time and date, but (the awarding of the contract) should be closing before the end of the year.” He explained the MTO ranks the bids from lowest cost to highest.



A house fire that occurred in M’Chigeeng First Nation on August 30 left a family displaced due to the extensive smoke damage inside the home.

Quick-thinking horseshoe players credited with saving M’Chigeeng burning home from total loss

by Tom Sasvari

M’CHIGEENG FIRST NATION—A house fire in M’Chigeeng First Nation, which left a family living there displaced, could have been worse if not for action taken by a group of bystanders, says the fire chief of the M’Chigeeng Volunteer Fire Department.

“A bunch of bystanders at a Rainbow Ringers horseshoe tournament close by reacted after seeing and smelling smoke and went from their location to the house where the fire was taking place,” stated Fire Chief Forrest Schut. “They ran over to the house and used a garden

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28th annual Sheshegwaning powwow is on this weekend

by Tom Sasvari

SHESEHEGWANING—The 28th annual Sheshegwaning First Nation powwow will be taking place this weekend with the theme, ‘Honouring Our Elders.’

Grand entry for the powwow will take place at 1 pm on Saturday, September 13 and 12 pm on Sunday, September 14.

Master of ceremonies will be Greg “the Goose” Sutherland while the arena director for the powwow will be Duffy Wemigwans.

Head Dancers will include Gwewin Migwans and Craig Fox, with Will Morin the head veteran.

Chi Gizis is hosting drum for the weekend.

No vendor fees are being charged for the powwow and all vendors are invited to participate.

A raffle draw will take place on Sunday with first prize being \$3,000, second prize being \$2,000 and third prize of \$1,000.

A community breakfast will take place both Saturday and Sunday mornings, while a community dinner will be held Saturday evening.

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Temporary foriegn workers are not problem—despite dog whistling

The leader of the Official Opposition in Ottawa has launched an all-out assault on the Canadian Temporary Foreign Worker Program, fingering the program for all that ails our nation. Low wages? Blame the foreigner. Home ownership out of reach? Blame the immigrant. It is a tried-and-true dog whistle that alt-right demagogues have been leveraging across the globe in a bid to gain power.

Immigrants are an easy target—low hanging political fruit if you will. This is especially true since so many newcomers to our country are of a different shade than most “old stock” Canadians, aka not white, making them particularly visible in the crosshairs of a frustrated public.

They are taking our jobs, goes the narrative, they are taking our housing goes the lament, and it has resonated with a good portion of both the right and the left in his country. Nothing like a resonating talking point to get people riled up—and a riled public is pure electoral gold.

Never mind that the issues of youth unemployment and a lack of affordable housing were already well on their way up the ladder of public issues long before the recent influx of record numbers of immigrants.

In fact, for the past two decades the impending economic doom of a retiring Baby Boom generation has dominated most economic discussions at conferences. It was plain that, with declining national birthrates (a trend common to all western economies), there would soon not be enough bodies to keep our economy afloat. It was an economists’ “given.”

Opening the floodgates to immigration quickly solved that problem—albeit bringing some new challenges along with it. It can be argued that too many immigrants were brought in, and the government has taken steps to stem that tide now that the immediate threat of the vanishing boomers has largely abated. The argument for reform is there, but tossing the baby out with the bathwater by closing the program is just a kneejerk play to people’s worst instincts—that didn’t work well for Pierre Poilevre in Carlton last federal election.

Much is being made of the rising unemployment rate in Canada recently and immigrants are being fingered as the culprit. But it is not the temporary and seasonal agricultural worker who is the problem. They are what helps to keep the inflation of your grocery bill in check—oh yes, food inflation could and would be far worse if those workers were not in the fields harvesting the crops, and they do it for wages far less than would entice most Canadian workers.

Certainly, the argument can be made that the Temporary Foreign Worker program is being gamed by some corporations eager to pad their profits, but that issue is a small minority in the larger scheme of things. Under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program an employer has to demonstrate there are no Canadians lined up for the job and that the wages being paid to them are competitive in their industry.

Canadian industry, especially the hospitality industry, has made

letter

Praise for the First Nations challenging glyphosate

And for letter writer Janice Mitchell

To the Expositor:
Kudos to the “Serpent River First Nation”, that its “North Shore anti-glyphosate rally ends spraying plans in that area”, (The Manitoulin Expositor, August 27, Page 1). According to the EcoJustice.ca website, “Environmental and health groups are celebrating a recent ruling from the Federal Supreme Court, that found Health Canada’s 2022 decision to approve the glyphosate-based herbicide, ‘Mad Dog Plus,’ unreasonable. In their legal challenge, the groups, (including assorted First Nations), argued that the Federal regulatory agency failed to conduct a rigorous up-to-date scientific assessment of glyphosate, before renewing the product, despite evidence of harms to human health and the environment.

Glyphosate is the most heavily used herbicide in Canada and the primary chemical in many products, including Roundup, produced by Monsanto, now owned by Bayer AG, (a German multinational pharmaceutical and biotechnology company, one of the largest pharmaceutical and biomedical

companies in the world.) As of May 2025, Bayer has reached settlement agreements in nearly 100,000 Roundup class action lawsuits, just in the United States. Bayer has so far paid \$11 billion USD, with about 61,000 active cases still pending. The science linking long-term glyphosate exposure to cancer has grown too credible to ignore. The health dangers include liver, reproductive and metabolic disorders.

In its decision, the Canadian Supreme Court noted that Health Canada’s 2022 conclusions, that glyphosate-based pesticide products continued to pose acceptable risks, was unsubstantiated by any scientific analysis. The Court set aside the renewal of the product, giving Health Canada six months to make a new decision that transparently addresses the latest science on glyphosate risks. Health Canada has yet to respond to this decision.

The use of glyphosate is widespread in Canada, now the fifth largest user of pesticides in the world, with sales increasing by a staggering 47 percent in just a decade. An alarming 50 million kilograms per year are

sprayed on foods, forests and roadsides. Science confirms that pesticides are bad news for people, pollinators, soil and water. For far too long, our federal government has been drinking the AGtech kool-aid, approving and renewing pesticides with harmful consequences. A robust and transparent regulatory system is needed to ensure that Canadians are not exposed to these highly toxic pesticides in the now 7,700 approved products containing pesticides as active ingredients. The government must invest in strengthening oversight of pesticide risks, despite the manufacturer’s big budget lobbying activities.

I honour the excellent letter-to-the-editor, ‘The Connection between Glyphosate and Forest Fires: A Rally Call for Public Outcry’, by Janice Mitchell of Tehkummah (The Manitoulin Expositor, August 27, Page 4).

Happy trails,

**Derek Stephen McPhail
Manitowaning, Ontario**

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Email it to editor@manitoulin.com

First Marc Hovingh Memorial Youth Bike Ride and Rodeo was a crowd pleaser

by Margery Frisch
MINDEMOYA—On Saturday, September 6 the Mindemoya arena buzzed with conversation as bikes whizzed by in all directions. From toddlers to teens, everyone was either riding or pushing a bike around the large space. Fifty-four youth had registered, though not all showed up. Still, an impressive number came out to ride bikes and learn. There were police officers, special constables and auxiliary members in full force. Some were aiding in the programs, dividing the kids into age categories, with bike safety being the main focus in all groups. Some were manning the tables that offered all kinds of swag – kites, frisbees (that changed colour outdoors), boomerangs, markers and cool lights to clip on your backpack, or your bike.

This is the first Youth Bike Ride and Rodeo event the OPP Youth Foundation has sponsored in the area. They chose to call it the ‘Marc Hovingh Memorial’ because “Mark loved working with youth and was very much a part of the commu-



Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycling Series 140 km cyclists pose in front of the Mindemoya Arena. OPP Police Commissioner Tom Carrique is fifth from the left.



Uh-oh, Officer Renee Taylor slaps the handcuffs on Myles Buck in a bit of fun.



Nothing quite like a shiny new bike.



A couple of young friends were enjoying the bike rodeo.

nity,” said Marie Ford, retired OPP officer and organizer of the event.

“It’s a way of carrying on his legacy,” added Sandy Poredos, executive director of the OPP Youth Foundation.

In addition to the Ontario Provincial Police, the UCCM Anishinaabe Police Service and the Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service were also involved in the memorial ride and rodeo. Maja Mielonen was on hand, representing Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA), a sponsor of the event. “MICA provided the \$100 gift card for Rylan’s Clothing and all the food for the Barbecue,” said Ms. Ford. And members of the Survivors of Law Enforcement (SOLE) were there to cheer on the cyclists upon their return.

OPP Police Commissioner Tom Carrique, and Adam Belanger, provincial coordinator for youth engagement with the OPP, both participants in the 140 km Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycling Series that began at 9 that morning, had the honour of presenting the prizes to the kids at the end of the ride and rodeo. They wasted no time in drawing names for the door prizes, of which there was a bike helmet, a bike lock, and several OPP toques. Then came the draw for the \$100 gift card for Rylans Clothing won by Tyson O’Brian. There were six bikes to be given away, the recipients already

photos by Margery Frisch

chosen ahead of time by the OPP Youth Foundation, based on certain criteria. “We want them to reach their highest potential,” said Ms. Poredos, of the youth chosen.

The recipients did not know they’d be walking (or riding) away with a bike that afternoon. The winners were: Tyson, Ke-wadin, Lily, Colton, Ashlyn and Harper. Along with the bikes, they received helmets and bike locks. To say these new bike owners were surprised and thrilled would be an understatement. Their faces expressed it all as they hopped on their bikes and rode off to the far end of the arena.

“I’ve been to at least 100 bike rodeos in my career,” said Brian Patterson, retired Chief Public Safety Advocate for the Ontario Safety League, “and this is one of the best I’ve ever been to – so well run, well organized.”

The intensity with which the youth listened, took part and learned, the way they joked and laughed with the police officers, the families filing out of the arena to applaud the cyclists returning from their long ride - community spirit was present in every aspect of the day. Something that would have pleased Marc Hovingh to no end, and all adding up to spell success for the first Marc Hovingh Memorial Youth Bike Ride and Rodeo.



This young driver was having a whale of a time behind the wheel of a toddler-sized police car.



A conga line of young cyclists get ready to take part in the rodeo.

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your friendly horse fly! The last weekend of summer came and went like a wind spout and just like that, we're already into week two of school schedules, permission slips, hockey rosters and registrations (all while harvesting and winter prepping our homes and gardens for the turn and burn of the fast-approaching burr months busy and silly season!) As busy as it is, September gives us a breath and the most beautiful reminders of change, transition, adaptability and evolution. September bridges the heavy stop of summer into the cooler captivating urgency and ripe readiness of fall. Parents send their kids off into the six-seven world and wilderness, nature prepares herself for the harsh and bitter bite of long winter and less sunlight. The leaves in a final symphony of colour, holding on for one last sunrise and sunset. Nature's hard work over the year is rewarded with ripe fruits and bountiful fields. Spiritually and symbolically, this is our time to reflect on the work, epiphanies, personal growth, the lessons and to appreciate life's blessings because they are all around us. The autumn equinox is the time when day and night become equal and so too must we. We can reset and realign, reflect and find our balance now. Embrace and remember all the working parts and pieces that make things whole, revel in all the sunrises and sunsets, have gratitude for all the gifts of each day and know that the best books and teachers are the elders, the animals, the songs, the stories, the fire circles and the friends. Recall and reflect on the people and places of every season of your life for they are the leaves that fuel and feed your roots.

Here's what happening: Providence Bay Arena, no events for now but there will be the Providence Bay Fall Market around mid-October and a few more fun fall events to look forward to before the skating and hockey season goes full tilt so stay tuned for my puck drop updates!

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

Thank you to all the staff and crew of the Discovery Centre who hosted and organized lots of fun learning events for everyone this summer. It was a great season of learning and fun under the sun!

The Lions Club Bottle drive continues next to the arena -this program is open to the public and we encourage everyone to drop off their used bottles and cans, your empties help fund great local initiatives.

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

The Heavens: Manitoulin Island is a dark sky reserve so find a dark sky spot, bring your telescope and enjoy the wonders of the cosmos.

September 21, Partial Solar Eclipse; September 21, Saturn at Opposition; September 22, Autumn Equinox; September 27, Daytime Sextantids Meteor Shower; October 6, Hunter's Full Moon.

The Friends: Happy Birthday to all of you mid-September babies!

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and successful new school year! Go easy out there on the roads as there are more kids and critters crossing and commuting at this time of year, eyes up! If you are visiting Manitoulin Island, welcome! Check out your favourite local businesses, art galleries and restaurant social pages for updates. You can visit the Central Manitoulin Township webpage or visit exploremanitoulin.com for updates on all the events happening near you.

Reminders: Mark your Calendars! Registration for September's Knowledge Sharing Sessions are now open! To register please email Alison at asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca.

Harvest Glory Days is around the

corner! Start gathering up your hay bales, mums, flowers and scarecrows. Time for some good old fashioned fall fun! Stay tuned for details and deadlines!

Happy burr, back-to-school and big comfy sweater season and countdown to the silly season!

"Listen to the wind, it talks. Listen to the silence, it speaks. Listen to your heart, it knows." - anonymous

"Life is a Don Ho Record" Graham Green

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer is always working at being healthy. We spent several afternoons last week sitting in front of the Chocolate Works working on staying well hydrated (mostly carbohydrate, but whatever). While there, we did a bit of people-watching and saw a number of locals out and about in warm, woolen sweaters that all appeared to be one size too small. It really is wonderful to live in such a tight knit community.

This week, a very special happy birthday wish goes out to local aging expert Jamie Ward, who hit the landmark age of 2-9 this week. We asked him for some words of wisdom on the eve of this momentous birthday, to which he replied: "Dance like no one is watching; sing like no one is listening; eat pizza like somebody might try to take it away from you at any moment, yo!"

After an incredible summer, the village is settling into the quieter fall season. The Old Mill Heritage Centre is now open Wednesday to Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm, and the library is back to their winter hours (Tuesday and Thursday 4 to 7 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm). The landfill remains on its current schedule (Tuesdays and Thursdays 2 to 6 pm; Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm) until October 31.

Fun fact: koi fish will always travel in groups of four. If attacked, koi A, B and C will scatter leaving behind the D koi.

Parents of littles who reside in Billings! Register your children (under 5) for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and each month, your child will receive an age-appropriate book in the mail, absolutely free. To take part, complete and return the registration form found on the library's Facebook page (FB.com/kagawonglibrary) or visit the library in person for a paper copy and more information!

Hear that? Ever so faintly in the distance we can hear those sleigh bells jinglin'. Santa must be on his way! Pencil November 14 to 15 in your calendars for Christmas in Kagawong!

Here at Team Fergmeijer, we're never not thinking about what amazing things we'll find at the library's annual silent auction. This year's online auction is November 13 to 16. Mark your calendars! And if you or your company would be willing to donate goods or services to the auction, the library would love to hear from you (billingsreads@gmail.com).

Legitimate question: why doesn't the word coward mean "to move in the direction of a cow?" Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

We drove to Silver Water the other day and as we passed the Beaver Meadow area, we were delighted to see two adults and a young person canoeing in and among the lily pads.

We are seeing a lot of hawks and a few deer and fawns.

We had a misfortune while bringing our boat to Gore Bay to have it winterized. The trailer brakes seized. First hint was the smell of something burning. Second symptom was very hot wheel hubs. We had to call a tow truck. We discovered that our CAA did not cover boat trailers.

On Saturday we joined Karen for her yard sale. We could call it a yard party. Along with other items there are coffee

and muffins for sale which we all enjoy. We brought our lawn chairs because although Karen has some set out there are never enough. Some of her vendors did not make it because of it being Labour Day weekend, it took them elsewhere. But we had a great time.

On Saturday evening there was a lasagna dinner fundraiser at the Silver Water Community Hall. Several from Meldrum Bay attended it and all enjoyed the evening.

Gene and Janice Cada celebrated their 25th anniversary on the weekend. Congratulations Gene and Janice from all of us.

Sunday was a fun day at Pat McDougall's. It has been 10 years since she moved into Nellie and Charlie McDonald's former house. Pat has added a new roof, new siding, new windows and new doors. Along with the gardens, everything looks very nice. They had a party to celebrate and the whole family came up. Some of the McDonalds joined them.

Two friends from Meldrum took the North Channel Cruise Line that starts in Little Current and takes you to Killarney. The weather was perfect, sunny and calm. They had a couple of hours in Killarney for lunch. They were delighted with the tour and said that it was beautiful.

The long weekend brought a lot of people up and there was a lot of activity, some are still here enjoying their last remnants of the summer. The leaves are starting to turn. It's hinting that fall is on its way. Have a great weekend everyone.

Barrie Island Enid Runnalls

It seems that the heat of summer departed the moment after Labour Day. We've had rain and wind this week and it's knocking limbs off the trees. The hollyhocks will need to be tied up again. Tomatoes are huge and will need to ripen on the windowsills as it has been too cool for the sun to do its work. On a positive note, there promises to be lots of windfalls for applesauce making!

On the farm, it won't be long before the sweet smell of manure wafts through the air as it is being spread on the fields to bolster next year's growth. So, keep your wet laundry off the line!

The school buses from MSS and CC McLean started doing their rounds on the first day of school, which was Wednesday morning. It's wonderful thing to have so many school aged children on Barrie Island this year! The community is growing!

There have been some vandalism concerns on our beautiful Island. The four STOP signs at the corner of Eastline Road and 10th Side Road were broken and tossed in the ditch. Also, the pumps in the washrooms at the beautifully maintained Salmon Bay and Goose Gap picnic parks were stolen. Anyone who has knowledge of these events should please report it to the Township or OPP.

Happy news, Lilian Greenman reports that her granddaughter, Kayla and her husband William MacIntosh had a wonderful sunny day for their outdoor wedding on the lawn and boardwalk at Smith's Park in Gore Bay. The bride was a vision of loveliness in her ivory off the shoulder gown with its lacy sweetheart bodice and long flowing skirt and the groom was dashing handsome in his linen suit, bow tie and suspenders. Kayla carried a bouquet of pink and white roses and lilies. The bridal party consisted of eight attendants, one junior bridesmaid and a ring bearer and two flower girls! A reception was held after the ceremony at the waterfront pavillion. The Barrie Island Community sends the young couple happy congratulations for their future together.

Laurie Yeates spent some time at her home on Barrie Island along with her sister Kathy and Harold Wlad and their son. They enjoyed their family time and visiting with neighbours while here.

Extending get well wishes to Carolyn

Calback who has been feeling low lately.

Tracy Wrong of Ottawa spent a lovely long weekend on Julia Bay with Jim and Sandy Miller. The weekend included the M'Chigeeng Pow Wow and a day in McGregor Bay. Also included were cards and fun with Carolyn Lane Rock and sitting on the dock on the bay.

This weekend Alison Godwin and her daughters Effie and Roslyn visited with their grandfather Wayne Jeffkins at the family farm. On Saturday they hosted Larry and Evelyn Harper from Ottawa as well as Carolyn Lane-Rock for dinner. On Sunday Alison and Roslyn participated in a 6-hour relay mountain bike race at McLean Park Trail System in Manitowaning while Wayne and Effie took in the M'Chigeeng Pow Wow.

Enid Runnalls was in Toronto last week visiting with daughter Katie Runnalls, who has recently moved. While there she met with old friends and explored Katie's new neighbourhood.

Carolyn Lane-Rock has driven off to Sault Ste. Marie to visit with her sister Grace and Brian Turner. From there she will be heading to Toronto to visit sister Gloria and Bruce Tuck, then on to Stratford for a University of Guelph class reunion. The old gal never stops moving!

A little bit of Gordon Township news has come in from Mina Hodder. David McGibbon represented Gordon/Barrie Island Township at the M'Chigeeng Pow Wow. He went on to win the Grand Prize of \$100 for the Spectator Dance. Congratulations Dave!

Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday, August 29 I went to work in Tehkummah for the day. I got home just in time to pick up DonnaKay McDonald, Myra Duncanson, Jeff Moore, Ellen Moore and Lois Wismer to go to Meldrum Bay for euchre. We had a great time!

On Saturday morning there was a market in our yard. Most of the vendors had long weekend plans but we still had lots of shoppers.

On Saturday evening we attended the 25th anniversary party for Gene and Janice Cada in Shesheganing. Supper was prepared by Stop 540 and it was fantastic.

On Monday evening I took Dianne McCallum, Brenda Carter, DonnaKay McDonald, Myra Duncanson and Ken Duncanson to euchre at the Burpee and Mills Complex.

On Tuesday morning Albert Meijer and I went to the Kits and Quilts project at the Meldrum Bay Community Hall. There were a lot of volunteers out to help. We are almost out of bars of soap to pack with the hygiene kits. Anyone who is willing to purchase soap to donate, please include the purchase receipt so a charitable donation receipt can be provided for tax time.

On Tuesday Gladys Duncanson, Sharon Beaton and I went for a swim in Silver Lake. After supper I went for another swim with Heather Wilson. The lake temperature is a clear sign that autumn is on its way.

On Wednesday I spent the day at work in Gore Bay.

Thursday the UCW held its meeting at St. Andrew's United Church in Silver Water. There were 17 ladies in attendance.

Thursday night there was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Thank you to all the people who gave me birthday greetings on Thursday.

There will be a barbecue lunch at the hall on Sunday, September 14 with a euchre tournament in the afternoon.

The fall fashion show will be at the Silver Water Community Hall on Saturday, September 27.

Happy Birthday to Jordan Duncanson on September 2.

Happy Birthday to Blake Duncanson on September 6.

Condolences to the family of Joe Duffney.

...Lentir fundraiser brings country music to an appreciative crowd

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ter and I want to thank the Triangle Senior Citizen Club for helping us out with the venue here. It was a wonderful hall to have this event at, so thank you. Also thank you to the Manitoulin District rep who organized this event, even though he's the inductee. That's the second job of organizing all of that. So, thank you Ben and Crystal."

"Thank you everybody on behalf of the Northern interior Country Music Association," said Sudbury District rep Kevin Russell, who was attending with his wife and fellow director Joanne. Mr. Russel is himself being inducted into the Hall of Fame this year. "I would like to welcome you all here to the celebration dance in honor of Ben Lentir's induction into the NOCMA Hall of Fame and Katelyn on her Country Under 30 Award."

"The first time in the 36-year history of NOC-



Katelyn and Ben Lentir, Tim Shaw, Robbie Shawana and George Williamson entertain the crowds during the Northern Ontario Country Music Association fundraising concert in honour of the Lentirs at the Tehkummah Triangle Club on Saturday night.

MA that we had a father and daughter receiving awards the same year, so it's pretty special," he said. "Ben is the 57th musician to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and Katelyn is only the second Country Under 30 Award recipient. Thank you to the Opry member band for providing the music tonight, as well as the many of our musical

guests who will entertain us and thank you to everyone here who's coming out to support this event."

"We have keychain bottle openers up there at the back," noted Ms. Patterson. "The pink ones are for Katelyn, and the red ones are for Ben. Please, please grab a whole bunch, take them, and make sure we don't leave any behind."

photo by Michael Erskine

"It's a little nerve-wracking, but it's fun," admitted Ms. Lentir when asked about how she felt being awarded as a Country Under 30 recipient. "I love playing music. I'm a little nervous about the trip to Sault Ste. Marie. It's not that I am adverse to the award, or anything like that. It's really cool to be able to have people to know me a little bit

more than just from the Island and expand a little bit, so, it's a lot of fun."

"I am very proud of my daughter," said Mr. Lentir. "I'm very proud of my little family, all three of them play, so I'm very, very happy with all three of them. But we're very, very happy with Katelyn and her receiving the NOCMA Country Under 30 Award. That's awesome."

"There are a lot of very familiar faces here tonight, and a lot of few new faces in the crowd, which is always nice to see," said Mr. Lentir. "The bus

to Sault Ste. Marie is sold out, and the rooms are all full up at the Quattro and. Super 8. We've got attendance of approximately 500 people in attendance at the NOCMA Awards show. It's very, very nice. Very busy, but yes, very enjoyable."

Mr. Lentir noted that the main reason for the shows being held in the inductee's communities is, of course to celebrate their induction and to help raise funds for 3, but also "so people can get out and enjoy part of it together."

...Quick-thinking horseshoe players credited with saving home

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hose that they found outside (the home) and used it to put water on the fire."

"The group of bystanders put the majority of the fire out," stated Mr. Schut. "When I got there, there was very little in the form of flames. They saved the house."

The M'Chigeeng Fire Department received a call of the fire at 7:21 pm on the evening of Saturday, August 30 of a structure fire, said Fire Chief Schut. "No one was in the house at the time of the fire, which took place at the home of Lynn Migwans on 260 Highway 551 in M'Chigeeng. Members of the family were at the (M'Chigeeng) powwow at the time."

Fire Chief Schut said he suspects the blaze was an electrical fire. "An iPhone was plugged in and being charged on a couch, and this looks as if it was likely the cause."

Firefighters were on the scene of the blaze for about an hour-and-a-half, said Fire Chief Schut. "We checked the entire interior of the home, including making sure

the fire had not got up into the attic," he said noting the fire spread through the interior of the home. There was water damage in the basement and paint on the walls in the home was flashed over by the flames.

"If not for the group of bystanders, we would not have been able to save the structure," he said. Fire Chief Schut noted that Ms. Migwans, who lived in the home along with two foster children (who all lost everything in the fire) were displaced in the fire but went to her sister and mother's home close by.

The home was a CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) rent-to-own structure owned by the M'Chigeeng First Nation. Fire Chief Schut said that in talking to the M'Chigeeng manager of capital works, the home is covered by CMHC insurance.

"The damage was extensive with smoke damage throughout the entire upstairs, three bathrooms, living room etc.," said Fire Chief Schut who said the structure will probably have to be gutted and replaced. "The flames did not get into the ceilings and walls. The bystanders saved the home through their fast response."

...Plenty of things to do at the Sheguiandah Fall Fair

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ging rights when they win, show or place with their exhibits. "When they win, they not only get a ribbon, (where the adults just get ribbons), but the youth actually win a little bit of money as well."

Ms. Erskine explained that the fall fair committee has been working to increase the number of exhibits coming in from youth. "Youth outreach committee member Cindy Tarr went into Little Cur-

rent Public School in June and did some crafts with the kids," she said, "and so we're hoping that lots of the students enter craft projects into the fair." "Fall fairs are a very important activity for rural communities," noted Ms. Erskine, "because it brings families, kids youth—all generations together to see what they have created on the land."

"We like to show how crafty and talented our youth and our adults on this Island are," said Ms.



Who will have the best carrots at the Sheguiandah fall fair? Come find out!

Erskine. "And so, it's really a positive event. And you know, the barbecue is good, and the theme for two years running, last year, and this year, is scarecrow. Anybody who wants to dress up as a scarecrow can come out in their costume and there will be prizes, so feel free to dress up and come out. We have music and we have laughter, and we have burgers and hot dogs and we show off all of the great crafts and we have people doing workshops, so it's a wonderful, wonderful way to spend a Saturday afternoon."

There is no cost to entering exhibits in the fall fair competitions or attending the fair. The Sheguiandah Fall Fair is sponsored jointly by the Sheguiandah Fall Fair Committee and the Centennial Museum advisory committee.

Exhibit booklets can be picked up at the town office, the museum and The Manitoulin Expositor in downtown Little Current, or you can call Linda Erskine at 705-282-4283, and she will get a booklet to you. The Sheguiandah Fall Fair is located at 10962 Highway 6 in Sheguiandah, about 10 minutes south of Little Current.



Just moments following the Lions donation to the Auxiliary, the Auxiliary donated the funds to the Manitoulin Health Centre.

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Wiikwemkoong elders launch petition seeking greater transparency

by Michael Erskine
WIIKWEMKOONG — Frustrated by what they allege is a lack of transparency over the calculations behind the distribution of the Robinson Huron Treaty Annuity settlement funds and the path forward on negotiations over the future of the Robinson Huron Treaty (RHT) funds a group of Wiikwemkoong elders created a petition that quickly garnered 1,500 signatures.

It isn't so much about the money, although a number of the elders believe they have been shortchanged by as much as \$110,000, but more about what they characterize as poor to no communication.

"In regard to fighting for our rights, we're trying to address it to the chief and council in regards for providing transparency for the negotiations," said Elder Josh Eshkawkogan. "Negotiations started back in 2012, it was settled back in 2021, and the announcement came 2023."

"During that process of negotiations, we the band membership never really had any kind of consultation in relationship was

going on," agreed elder Tina Eshkawkogan. "It was very secret, and in regards to the distribution there was never really a clear indication where their equation of the breakdowns came from. The plan to each individual was never given to the people. Like, for myself, for example, what was the total amount of my annuity in regards to the claim?"

"All they said to us was that they were willing, they were going to give 60 percent to the band membership, and they were going to keep 40 percent," noted Mr. Eshkawkogan. "That didn't really sit well for a lot of people, because for me in the way their equation breakdown was they gave me 60 of my annuity, and they kept 40." For Mr. Eshkawkogan, he estimates that amount being retained, shortchanged as he put it, "would be over \$115,000. That's just for me." Those funds would make a significant difference to the recipients, he noted. "Yeah, I could pay my house off, you know? We, the people, have approached the chief and council on numerous times asking for trans-



Elders Tina and Josh Eshkawkogan sit at their kitchen table to discuss their concerns over how Wiikwemkoong chief and council are dealing with community concerns over the ongoing negotiations over the Robinson Huron Treaty Annuities and investment priorities in their community.
photo by Michael Erskine

parency in regard to how they came about with the 60/40 split. They never answered our questions."

Frustrated, a couple of women in the community started the petition.

"This petition was served on August 25," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. "We had a deadline of August 5, but due to a request from band members that haven't had a chance to sign in yet, they asked us to extend it. So, we extended it to August 25. We extended it by 20 days, and then the petition was presented on the 28th."

The band council set a date in regards for when they would meet with the people who signed the petition. The date that the council would announce when they would meet is October 14. "To announce the date that they're going to meet with the people."

The petitioners had requested a meeting within 30 days, but that deadline will be well in the rear-view mirror by the time the meeting will take place. "So, the 30 days that we gave them has extended to more than six weeks," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. "I don't know if it's a stalling tactic that they're doing for them not to address this issue. It shouldn't take that long to address a petition if they are really going to listen

to the people. So, they're totally ignoring the whole petition and making their own agenda in regard to how they're going to proceed with this petition."

According to Mr. Eshkawkogan, the band council requested the petitioners supply them with five or so questions so they could prepare the answers.

"Apparently, they were really hard, and they couldn't answer them," he said. "It's hard to understand what their motive is."

In the meantime, work has begun on an expansion of the band council administration building. "They first said it was going to cost \$40 million, now it's going to cost more than \$70 million," he said. But the band members' priorities lie elsewhere, alleges Ms. Eshkawkogan. Those priorities include the building of a nursing home for the community's elders. "They had a nice ribbon cutting and everything just last summer," but then everything stalled.

"They had all the decisions made overnight, they totally ignored the building of the nursing home, we've been crying for a new school for over 20 years now," he said.

"The Youth Centre has been condemned three

times in that building," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. "I went to school there when I was in Grade 2, you can see how old we are." Primarily, the elders said they believe the chief and council are following their own priorities instead of those identified by the community.

"There were a total of 21 meetings that were done both on and off reserve and at those meetings there was a concern raised about how was the settlement agreement money going to be dispersed," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. "Some people were asking for referendum, some people were asking for a vote, those concerns were brought up at each and every community consultation meeting. How is council going to this? How is council going to decide on the benefits? Will the people have a say? Are we going to have a vote? Those questions still haven't been answered."

"It seems to me that they don't want to give the money back to the community," suggested Jean Oshkabewisens. "They're hiding all that money; I think they already spent it." "There's no accountability," suggested Mr. Eshkawkogan. "There's nothing. The government just gives the bands money and lets them run wil-

ly-nilly." The elders say they have requested audits on the RHT disbursements.

"The first demand is that we demand our full and rightful treaty annuity from the past compensation from the RHT," said Mr. Eshkawkogan, "that the monies be released and paid out in full with the interest."

"There is \$25 million that came in for interest," said Ms. Eshkawkogan. "That's just the interest, and number two that we demand to see the full audited financial statements of the RHT program within Wiikwemkoong and the full audits of the RHT Legacy Fund."

The issue of a lack of transparency is nothing new, note the elders, pointing out that the previous settlement funds for Pointe Grondine remain a mystery. "Nobody knows what they've done with it," they allege. The community, they point out, voted to invest those monies for the future.

"Since then, it has grown from \$13 million to \$23 million, all we've been spending is the interest, so there's that pot of money sitting there," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. "We also have an islands claim, which is still being negotiated. And there's going to be a compensation coming there as well, land and compensation."

"What we're trying to do basically is to inform the people," said Ms. Oshkabewisens. "How we're going to proceed with addressing the annuities."

The elders explain that their reason for reaching out to The Expositor on this issue is to bring it to those band members who are living off reserve. "The majority of our members live off-reserve."

The concerns of the youth in the community are also not being adequately addressed. "The youth wanted to see a new youth center," said Ms. Oshkabewisens. "The

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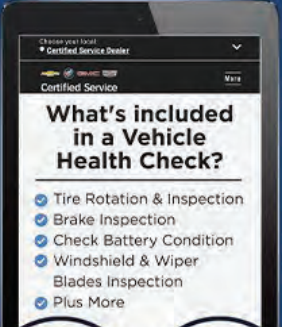
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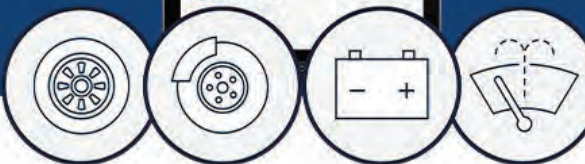


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The 20 participants in the 24th annual Tour de Meldrum Bay bicycle ride pose for a photo in Evansville this past Sunday, prior to their ride to Meldrum Bay. Funds raised from the event go to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary for necessary hospital equipment to be purchased for the Mindemoya Hospital.

24th Tour de Meldrum Bay raises over \$10K for Mindemoya Hospital

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The participants in the 24th annual Tour de Meldrum Bay ride have again raised a substantial amount of money for necessary hospital equipment for the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Mindemoya Hospital.

“It will definitely be over \$10,000 that we raise this year,” stated bicyclist Dale Scott, after the ride held this past Sunday, from Evansville to Meldrum Bay and return. “We haven’t collected all the funds raised by the riders, but it will definitely be over \$10,000 and could be as much as \$12,000-15,000.”

It was Mr. Scott, from Mindemoya, who, 24 years ago as a challenge to himself, rode his bicycle from Mindemoya to Meldrum Bay and back the same week-end.

While he completed the ride, Mr. Scott acknowledged at the time that it was a lot of work and that if he was going to carry out the ride again, he would ride to support a good cause. What came of that was the Tour de Meldrum Bay, which has continued since, with over \$220,000 in funds being raised over the years, that go to the Manitoulin Health Centre

(MHC, through the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary) toward hospital equipment.

“There were three of us who took part in the ride the second year of the tour,” said Mr. Scott.

“The ride will be about 100-110 kilometres in total,” said Mr. Scott. “We had 20 riders including four new riders take part this year,” said Mr. Scott. He explained funds raised, “will go toward IV Fusion Pumps (for both Island hospitals).” He pointed out Paula Fields, MHC president and chief executive officer took part in this year’s ride.

Each rider fundraises, while local businesses have been very generous with donations over the years. Hospitals in Ontario are not funded for the purchase of new capital equipment, he pointed out.

Ms. Scott pointed out funds from this year’s ride will be going toward IV fusion pumps at both hospital locations.

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Little Current Beer Store petition to be read by corporate management

by Tom Sasvari
LITTLE CURRENT—While the organizer of a petition is calling for a halt to The Beer Store plans to close its Little Current location next month, the petition and signatures are to be read by The Beer Store management, a letter has been sent to the corporation by the mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI)

indicating the town’s concerns with the decision. Debbie Lovelace, the originator of the petition, which had been signed by 3,641 individuals as of September 1, explained on Facebook, “Today I received an email from The Beer Store management stating they are forwarding my letters, emails, petition and signatures to the president. I know all of my efforts may not change

a thing but the fact that the president of TBS is considering reading any of it I think is quite wonderful, as I know many of you wrote letters of your own, with no response at all, so this is pretty big for me anyway. Let’s continue to sign and share.” NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin, on behalf of council wrote to the Beer Store Corporate Headquarters on August 29: “It has come to my attention that your organization recently decided to close the only Beer Store on Manitoulin Island. The loss of this beer store in Little Current will impact the level of service provided

to your customers across Manitoulin Island.” “In small communities there are very limited options for alternative locations to begin selling your products. Most of our retail outlets such as grocery and convenience stores do not have the capacity to add alcohol products to their facilities, nor do they have the capability to handle the processing of returnable containers. Bottles and cans may end up in our landfill instead of contributing to the circular economy,” continued Mayor MacNevin. Mayor MacNevin wrote, “the employees in The Beer Store will be losing decent jobs that include benefits for their

families. Jobs like these are hard to find and are very important to our community.” “Please take the opportunity to revisit this decision and investigate other options so that Manitoulin Island will be able to take advantage of Brewer’s Retail product for many more years to come,” added Mayor MacNevin. Ms. Lovelace’s petition (on Change.org) reads, “The sudden decision to close the Little Current Beer Store has sent shockwaves through our community in Little Current. This beloved local institution is more than just a store. It serves as a vital community hub, providing not only access to a va-

riety of beverages but also supporting local events and causes. For many residents, especially those without transportation, this store is an essential service that offers convenience and accessibility.” “Statistics have shown that rural areas face a significant disadvantage when it comes to services that urban areas often take for granted,” the petition continues. “This closure would mean increased travel distances for many residents, contributing to both economic strain and environmental impact due to increased vehicle use. The Little Current Beer Store’s closure threatens

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If further information is required please contact
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...Wiikwemkoong elders launch petition

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youth wanted to see a sporting facility, to see proper street lighting because they’re afraid when they walk around at night. The youth wanted to see better roads and the community identified the elders’ home as a priority, and none of these things are being built or worked to address. Band office expansion was not a priority. It was not even mentioned.” “The need for more housing, the lack of activities for youth, the elders’ home, those were our priorities,” said Mr. Eshkawkogan. “The chief and council built a wall. It’s a big wall, and they don’t even want to let us through it onto the other side.” The group’s third demand is for accountability and transparency on any and all future negotiations regarding the province and RHT of 1850.

The elders are concerned that the RHT Legacy Fund is the vehicle in which the band will be negotiating the ongoing settlement. In the past, band members were given \$4 a year as an annuity, an amount that had not risen for practically 150 years. “Future annuity payments are going to go to the RHTLF,” said Ms. Eshkawkogan. “And then the RHTLF is going to disperse it to the 21 First Nations, and then those 21 First Nations will decide if their band members get any.” The main response for the lack of disclosure of how and what is being negotiated is that it is a legal negotiation and must be kept confidential. The elders express the concern that the RHTLF negotiators will be signing away the existing treaty rights of their children and grandchildren and that they will not know about it until it is a done deal and too late.

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Gore Bay Fish and Game stock over 8,000 walleye in L. Kagaowng

by Tom Sasvari
K A G A W O N G — Lake Kagawong received 8,377 advanced walleye fingerlings on August 27, thanks to the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club (GBFGC) community hatchery.

This year's stocking was the best ever, both in terms of the fish stocked and in numbers.

Over 77 consecutive days club members and volunteers grew walleye from a .349 gram size to an average 7.94 grams, and overall had almost an 80 percent survival rate.

Club secretary Ian Anderson explained, "we had exceptional success this summer due to the hard work of the core group of volunteers and the ongoing support of the Blue Jay Hatchery staff and management who supply our young walleye each year and the Sudbury Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRFF) office."

Mr. Anderson also liked to thank the ongoing financial and administrative support from Billings Township, Gordon/Barrie



The Gore Bay Fish and Game Club stocked 8,377 advanced walleye fingerlings that the club had raised in their community hatchery into Lake Kagawong late last month.

Island and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), as well as the town of Gore Bay.

"Our club simply could not get these results without their support," said Mr. Anderson. "We look forward to next year."

Volunteers rearing or stocking the fish included

Randy Germain, Paul Leclair, Gordon Brown, Paul Soucie, Pat Leveille, Barry Wall, Doug Weddle and Ian Anderson.

Fish were reared for 77 consecutive days in the hatchery with the volunteers providing 273 hours of work and all travel costs donated.

...Little Current Beer Store petition

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local jobs, as employees might find it difficult to secure employment elsewhere without relocating."

"The reasons behind this closure have not been made transparent to the public. Many residents are left with questions about the decision-making process and whether all alternatives for keeping the store open were explored. In a time when

communities should be strengthened, it feels unjust to see this cornerstone of our town taken away."

"We urge the decision makers and stakeholders to reconsider this closure and explore alternative solutions that could keep the store open," the petition continues. "Whether it means restructuring, seeking community support or finding financial alternatives, every possible solution deserves attention."

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...Kenjgewin Teg benefits from \$10 million donation

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Dr. Beverley Roy, president of Kenjgewin Teg said, “This gift will accelerate the implementation of the promise of First Nation control of First Nation education-a premise articulated over 50 years ago by so many who came before us in Indigenous education. The Mastercard Foundation’s donation to Kenjgewin Teg via our Foundation is direct action toward implement-

ing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.”
“This generous gift demonstrates that the time is now for Indigenous people and Nations to show what Indigenous education is meant to be. We can now take significant steps forward because of this generous gift,” said Dr. Roy.
Dr. Roy told The Expositor, “The Waawaaskonenh Foundation is not new, it is a charitable

donation we created. But the Mastercard Foundation announcement is the seed to start on a new path of alternative source funding. We will continue to do the work we do, but with these funds this will accelerate this work.” The launch of this program will be in November.
“The Mastercard Foundation announcement is taking place on September 9, the 175th anniversary of the Robinson-Huron Treaty signing,” said Dr. Roy. “Whether this is coincidence or not I don’t know, but it is wonderful news.”

The announcement also comes during the 10th anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action, which recognized education as the critical path forward for reconciliation. With the support of this donation, the Waawaaskonenh Foundation will begin its journey to strengthen the funding stability of Kenjgewin Teg and its education model rooted in Anishinaabe knowledge, language, and culture.
Kenjgewin Teg is one of 30 Indigenous-led and partner organizations across Canada receiving this one-time investment. The Mastercard Foundations’ initiative recognizes the outstanding contributions of Indigenous institutes and their partners in transforming post-secondary education through Indigenous leadership, innovation, and

youth empowerment.
Since 2017, the Mastercard Foundation, through its EleV Program, has been working closely with partners across Canada to transform education and employment opportunities for Indigenous youth. This new commitment deepens the impact of the EleV Program, which to date has supported more than 65,000 young Indigenous people through education, entrepreneurship and leadership development.
“This incredible gift will make a remarkable difference in what we have set out to do at Kenjgewin Teg, not only now but in the years to come,” said Dr. Roy. “Ideas and goals we set for ourselves in our upcoming strategic planning cycle will become that much easier, because of the generous support of the Mastercard Foundation. We are both bumbled and honoured that we have been acknowledged nationally with this gift to continue the important work in building healthy and vibrant Nations. For us, this means advancing the education sovereignty of our proud and resilient Anishinabek Nation.”
The Waawaaskonenh Foundation is a registered charity that will officially launch with more momentum later this year, ready to empower Kenjgewin Teg learners through education rooted in culture, language and identity.

Kenjgewin Teg to launch first accredited Indigenous Studies Program-Certificate II

M’CHIGEENG—Kenjgewin Teg is proud to announce the launch of its first accredited program from the Indigenous Advanced and Skills Council (IAESC), Indigenous Studies Program (ISP)-Certificate II. Beginning in September 2026, this one-year certificate emphasizes Indigenous pedagogy, experiential learning and cultural teachings to foster a deeper understanding of Indigenous identities, governance, and worldviews. The certificate is fully transferable and recognized as equivalent to the first year of Kenjgewin Teg’s three-year Indigenous Studies Bachelor of Arts Degree, offering students a clear academic pathway forward.
ISP-Certificate II will be delivered over two semesters (September to December and January to April) with a combination of online and in-class learning opportunities. The program offers courses that introduce learners to the Anishinaabemowin language, Indigenous governance, and foundational knowledge of Indigenous peoples and cultures. Learners will engage in experiential, land-based learning and participate in Anishinaabe-aadiziwin, guided by elders and knowledge keepers, to explore traditional practices, storytelling and cultural teachings.
“This certificate is an exciting pathway not only toward building First Nation community and organizational capacity in both urban and rural locations, but it also serves to strengthen Indigenous allyship and the active and ongoing practice of supporting Indigenous peoples, communities, and rights in ways that are respectful, informed, and rooted in solidarity,” shared

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...Dayne Tipper suffers serious injuries

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raising money to help cover the many expenses our family is facing, including food, motel stays, gas, and the medical equipment Dayne will need once he comes home.”

“Dayne is deeply loved by his community and has an incredible support network across the country,” said Ms. Taylor. “We are so grateful for all the love, prayers and kind messages that have been sent during this difficult time. Dayne is a fighter, and your support will make a meaningful difference in his recovery journey.”

...Red Flags on mailboxes raises red flags

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Billings Councillor Ian Anderson at a meeting last week. “This has been done for many, many years and it doesn’t make much sense to change it now.”

“The majority of our residents are rural residents, many who are elderly who have been up until now able to see if their mail is in their mailbox outside their window, without having to go out to walk down their driveway to see if they have mail,” said Councillor Anderson, noting many residents have long driveways.

“I would be flabbergasted if they can’t change this policy back to what it was,” stated Councillor Anderson.

Mayor Bryan Barker told council that Canada Post had said they have imposed the change in policy for mailboxes because of the time it takes (for rural route mail deliverers) to get to each rural mailbox.”

“I’m sure some residents will put the flag up every time,” said Councillor Dave Hillyard. “I know an elderly citizen in the community who said he will pull the flag up every day. I appreciate this issue being brought forward by Mayor Barker and Councillor Anderson. This is important.”

Mayor Barker had explained, “In August, Canada Post changed their rural

Ms. Tipper noted that as of last Friday, \$7,000 has been raised so far. “People are really coming together to provide support. Dayne puts a smile on everyone’s faces when he sees them, everyone loves him.”

On September 11, a Zumba dancing class fundraiser is taking place from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya. “Kelly Robinson is the instructor,” said Ms. Tipper, who pointed out dancing is one of the things Dayne enjoys taking part in. Admission to the Zumba dancing class is \$20 with all the proceeds going to Dayne and his family.



A mailbox red flag is meant to signal to the carrier there is outgoing mail, not the other way around, Canada Post says.

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mailbox flag policy. All rural mailboxes will no longer have the flag put up when mail is placed in it by their carrier. Instead, the Crown corporation decreed that the mailbox flag exists only for residents to show that they have mail going out. The postal service says it is clarifying the existing policy and not instituting a new one, but it could still mean a change for some customers who use the flag to gauge whether they’ve received a letter.”

Mayor Barker who had put the issue on the agenda for council on behalf of councillor Anderson noted a recom-

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...New twoonie commemorates Island artist, the late Daphne Odjig

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stitched stories into fabric; and from her grandfather Jonas, whose stone-carving imparted an unmistakable rhythm that pulsed like the echo of her ancestors heart-beat, made tangible through her own creations.

Ms. Odjig’s path was defined by a lifetime of longing, of movement and the unwavering need to see what lay just beyond the next rivers bend: cities lived in and

mapped indelibly into her mind’s eye, canvases imagined, and feverishly completed in a compulsion understood exclusively by true story tellers.

Toronto and Winnipeg were boundless, unwallled classrooms; British Columbia, a laboratory of landscapes and imagination. She sought the world beyond the shores of her Island home, yet never let it sever the tether to her people or her history. Her art came a thunderous earthquake that shat-

tered the barriers of seemingly opposing worldviews, a storybook of First Nations culture, tenderness, and the layered complexity of survival, of love, and of community laced together tenderly with stitches stronger than trauma: that of culture and an almost unbreakable and defiant love for the land of her ancestors, unshaken and unmarred by the colonial project that coloured nearly every aspect of her life.

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...Red Flags on mailboxes raises red flags

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mended resolution from council would request Canada Post to reconsider their policy. “By not having the flag up when the mail is delivered, it is causing undue hardships on our senior residents with long driveways.”

Council voted in favour on a proposed resolution that indicated “whereas in August, Canada Post clarified that their current roadside mailbox policy did not include putting the flag up on mailboxes when mail is being delivered but rather that the flag was used to advise the mail delivery person that they have mail going out. The service of flagging a mailbox when mail is in the box, whether going out or coming in is a small task that has been common practice for years that has served individuals with private mailboxes to know when mail is in the box

to be picked up and the removal of such practice may lead to individuals not knowing if mail is ready to be received, delaying the delivery, or having people with mobility issues having to displace themselves unnecessarily to verify their box when a simple flagging could have prevented this. The Township of Billings is requesting that the practice of flagging when mail is in the mailbox, whether going out, or coming in, be continued and added as part of Canada Posts mail delivery policies to ensure efficient and effective mail delivery. And further be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Canada Post, to the office of Jim Belanger, MP for Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP Bill Rosenberg, Premier Doug Ford and all municipalities in Ontario asking for their support of the resolution.”

...first accredited Indigenous Studies Program-Certificate

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Kenjegin Teg President Beverley Roy. This launch marks a historic step for Kenjegin Teg. In 2017, the Indigenous Institutes Act formally recognized nine Indigenous Institutes in Ontario, including Kenjegin Teg, as the province’s third pillar of post-secondary education. The Act also created a parallel quality assurance program, enabling Indigenous Institutes to accredit and deliver their own programs.

Kenjegin Teg began this process in

2020 with a required organizational review. In December 2021, it was officially declared an accredited Indigenous institute by IAESC. The IAESC is the provincial body recognized under the Indigenous Institutes Act, providing quality assurance to Indigenous Institutes through its established standards and benchmarks. The 2026 ISP-Certificates is the first program developed and delivered under this accreditation.

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...New twoonie commemorates Island artist, the late Daphne Odjig

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Each sweeping line, each bold splash of colour, each tender sketch carried not only her vision but the weight of centuries, the echo of traditions dismissed and denigrated, the insistence of an identity that refused erasure.

Now, the Royal Canadian Mint has enshrined her vision on the \$2 circulation coin—a small, circulating monument to a life that altered the perception of Indigenous art in Canada. The coin bears her 1977 painting *The Folk Singer* at its heart: a female figure holding a drum, a testament to the unwavering heartbeat of the land, its storytellers, and those who insist relentlessly that a new and more just world is waiting to be born. Surrounding this figure is her stylized fisher from *The Indian in Transition* (1978), a signature mark, a nod to the very name Odjig, bridging artistry and ancestry.

For the first time, a female visual artist's life and work are celebrated in such a form, and in doing so, Canadians are beckoned to see her.

Her brother Gordie Odjig remembers the moment of revelation, when he first recognized the depth of her talent in a portrait of their father. He recalls the family's joy at her ability to discern and mirror — wordlessly — the admiration they had long held in secret, that

the outside world was not yet privy to.

Obscured within the long shadow of sorrow, the tiniest spark of joy carries the deepest memory: the struggles, the systemic barriers, the pervasive neglect of Indigenous communities, the poverty and marginalization that too often lead to despair.

Ms. Odjig's life, radiant as it was, began in a world where children were lost to hunger, where families bore the unacknowledged weight of a conflicting and violently imposed foreign worldview and way of life that ultimately robbed her and many of people

like her, far too early under the crushing burden of depression from seeing too deeply beyond the inescapable facade of civility that consumed the land, the culture and the original peoples of what is today called Canada.

To celebrate her is also to confront the unfinished business of history, the societal failures that replicate themselves in a seemingly endless loop, where the unaddressed causes of loss—inequality, neglect, invisibility—still shadow the lives of First Nations peoples, in an unrelenting need to consume their very spirits like an

insatiable ghost, feeding on their blood memory determined to lay to waste to their ancestral ways of knowing.

Ms. Odjig did not only paint. She threw the doors widely open, that separated the First Peoples from the uninvited guests that would continue to lay claim to lands and peoples they were ill equipped to even begin to understand.

Ms. Odjig co-founded the Professional Native Indian Artists Inc., the "Indian Group of Seven," alongside Alex Janvier, Norval Morrisseau and others, commanding recognition, fairness, and the

rightful place of Indigenous art in the country's most esteemed galleries and the hearts of people across seemingly rivers of division, alike. She challenged a system that had long told her story—and her people's story—in a paternalistic and authoritative language that had no other words but "savage, uncivilized and underserving" to refer to her people, their knowledge and ways of knowing and being in the world.

Her legacy continues to reverberate, in a lengthy and unbreakable lineage of ancestors and descendants, not only in

her paintings but in the pathways she forged, in the conversations she ignited, in the generations of artists now travelling the pathways into the wilderness she dared to tread before them.

The coin is more than currency. It is a mirror, a reminder. It is the drumbeat of a people whose history cannot be ignored, whose artistry cannot be erased and whose struggles remain urgently unresolved.

It carries Ms. Odjig's limitless and unwavering voice, vibrant against the silence, defiant against

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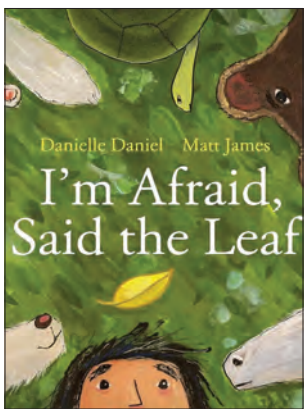
Two authors with ties to Manitoulin are short-listed for children’s book awards

by Margery Frisch
MANITOULIN—Each year, the Canadian Children’s Book Centre (CCBC) celebrates excellence in Canadian books for young people by choosing exceptional work by Canadian book creators from across the country. Their nominated titles capture the imaginations of young readers and are chosen by juries to represent the best in their category. The winners of these awards will be announced at an event in downtown Toronto on Monday, October 27, where \$52,500 in prize monies will be awarded.

Out of the seven categories announced for the 2025 awards, two local

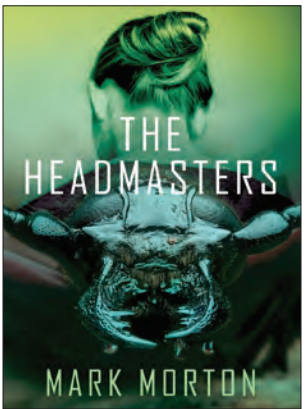
authors find themselves nominated in two very different genres. Mark Morton is one of five vying for the Arlene Barlin Award for Science Fiction and Fantasy, with his Young Adult novel, ‘The Headmasters,’ and Danielle Daniel is short-listed for the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award for ‘I’m Afraid, Said the Leaf.’

The Expositor reached Mark Morton at his home in Providence Bay, where he was scraping paint and appreciated the diversion. He and his wife, Melanie Cameron, have a home in the Kitchener/Waterloo area, but also reside in Providence Bay for part of the year. His wife’s family has been



here since about 1896, he explained.

‘The Headmasters’ is Mr. Morton’s first novel, having written four non-fiction books previously. After a lengthy hiatus from writing as he and his wife raised their four adopted children, he decided to write fiction. “I was older, and I just knew that my brain wouldn’t be able to hold all those facts like it used to,” he said. “I wanted to write a fictional story, and I’ve always loved science fiction. I wanted it to be creepy, but I wanted the novel to explore resilience, hope and love.” The protagonist is a young girl named Maple, and the story is set in Northern Ontario.



“They have the book set for ages 12 and up, but I think that’s a bit young for the material,” Mr. Morton said. He believes 15 years and up is more appropriate.

“Certainly, being one of five finalists for my category will help get the book attention. Librarians really keep a close eye on the Canadian Children’s Book Centre’s nominations, so I’m hoping that will help.” Mr. Morton admits to being excited about this recognition. “Getting some accolades has been motivating, it’s put a spring in my step these past few weeks,” he added with a laugh.

The Expositor could not reach Danielle Dan-

iel for comment, but she is well known on Manitoulin Island for her art and her many books for all ages. Her book ‘I’m Afraid, Said the Leaf,’ is nominated for the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award and was also a 2024 Governor General Literary Awards Finalist. Ms. Daniel is no stranger to the CCBC awards, as her book ‘Sometimes I feel like a Fox’ won the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award several years ago, and ‘Once in a Blue Moon,’ and ‘You Hold Me Up’ (illustrator) were both shortlisted in 2018.

Ms. Daniel, once an el-

ementary school teacher, now writes and paints stories in her studio full-time. She lives on Mnidoo Mnising (Manitoulin Island) with her family.

In October, the votes will be cast, and the decisions will be made. As Mr. Morton pointed out, it’s not like a math test, with only one right answer. “It comes down to who’s on the jury. There’s a lot of subjectivity in the awards,” he said.

We congratulate Mark Morton and Danielle Daniel on their nominations and wish them juries who see and reward their excellence.

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the neglect, and tender in its insistence that we remember—always—where we have failed, where we can yet repair, and how beauty can survive, thrive, and transform even in the harshest soil.

Ms. Odjig’s work will circulate from hand to hand, in pockets across the country, a small metal testament to a lifetime of vision, resistance and uncompromising honesty.

As her own words echo now in every hand that touches the coin: “If my work as an artist has somehow helped to open doors between our people and the non-native community, then I am glad.”

Expositor Correction



In the August 13 issue of The Expositor there was an article regarding the Ontario Barn Preservation group. In this article, there were two images. The first image was of a barn in Gordon/Barrie Island township, the second depicted a silo in the same township. The owner of the silo was identified incorrectly. This silo made of Manitoulin limestone was built in the mid to late 1930s. Gordon Willett commissioned the stone masonry skills of local resident Stewart Clarke to construct this edifice. The adjacent barn imploded in the microburst of 2006. The property at 335 Poplar Road has been owned by the Willett family since the late 1800s. The family continue to use the “Willett Place” as seasonal residents.

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...Manitowaning Fall Fair welcomes the Island community with food and song

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Assiginack Mayor Brenda Reid delivered words of welcome as well. “Good evening everyone and welcome to the 149th Manitowaning Fall Fair,” she said. “I’d like to take a moment to thank the volunteers that have this fair going for so long in our town, and we’re all looking forward to next year, the 150th. It’ll be wonderful. I’d also like to thank all the exhibitors. I think I’ve been through every one of them and they’re all wonderful. I don’t know how the judges ever



Getting the calf into position takes a fair bit of effort.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon

would choose between them. So everybody sit back, enjoy the music and have a good time.”

One of the favourite events at the opening ceremonies is the crowning of this year’s Tea Biscuit Queen. “This is a friendly competition over tea biscuits,” explained Master of Ceremonies Madeline Sparham. “Two ladies have been crowning each



A hay bale is the perfect perch to watch the goings on at the fair.

other for a few years; one lady claims to be the matriarch. So tonight, we are going to have a special tribute to the new queen, actually.”

The crown was duly delivered by the official crown bearer, and this year’s tea biscuit queen, Jackie White, was called to the stage for her coronation.



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


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Yard Sale

Garage sale at the Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson Street, on Friday, September 26 from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday, September 27 from 9 am to 12 noon.. **16-19p**


Estate moving sale throughout the month of September, Saturdays and Sundays from 9 am to 3 pm at 644 Lakeshore Road, Kagawong, Billings Township. **17-19c**

Garage, downsizing sale on Saturday, September 13 beginning at 9 am at 73 Meredith Street West, Little Current. DVD, VCR, type-writer (with three additional rbbons), small furniture, dishes and many other items. **17c**

Amazing yard sale at 116 Oakcliffe Drive North (off Silver Bay Road) due to weather the sale will be extended to include Saturday, September 13 and Sunday, September 14 from 9 am to 4 pm. Many new items such as dog crates and toys, kids Halloween costumes, wool and other things still in boxes. Also furniture, crystal, baby items (no clothes) and much much more. I am determined to down size so prices will be great. Don't miss this sale! Rain or shine! **17c**


Celebration of Life

GRENVILLE “GG” GREEN



A Celebration of Life for Greenville “GG” Green will be held Saturday, September 13, 2025 at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Little Current, 15 Vankoughnet Street East, Little Current. Visitation from 10 am and service at 11 am, lunch to follow.


LES SMITH



A Celebration of Life for Les Smith will occur at the Mindemoya Cemetery on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 1:30 pm. Les is being buried in the family plot next to his parents, Nora and Jim Smith. Les died on May 12, 2025, at the age of 76, (56 days short of being 77 years old and 55 days short of being married 50 years). I want to thank everyone who heard of Les' death, who shared their surprise to the family and myself. All the phone calls, hugs, mailed sympathy cards, condolences by email, random greetings on the street and from the dance class groups, the quiet looks and gentle smiles, etc., all are greetings of compassion and very much heart felt by me and his family. Hugs to all. RIP Les.


Death Notice

WAYNE DAVID ST. JACQUES



Wayne David St. Jacques passed away on September 2, 2025 at the age of 79. Wayne was born in Little Current to a large family which included 11 siblings. He will be deeply missed by his daughter Peggy and son-in-law Ben, and son-in-law's mother Jean. He is survived by sisters Merle, Sherry and Viola and brothers Brad, Blake and Mark.

He was predeceased by his wife, Bonnie (d. 2005). Wayne loved to fish, shoot pool and play cards with friends and family. For those who knew Wayne, behind a gruff exterior was a warm heart. The family is grateful for the staff at the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Sciences North. Donations in Wayne's memory may be made to the Espanola Regional Hospital.



In Memoriam

BROWN—In loving memory of Michael Arthur Brown, April 18, 1950 - September 20, 2024. He had a loving nature, And a heart as pure as gold. He always had a smiling face, And a story to be told. A wonderful sense of humour, And a twinkle in his eye. Helping hand in times of need, On that you could rely. Even though his hand we cannot touch, Or see his smiling face, Nor feel his warm embrace, There's something we will always have, Tucked safely in our hearts; Our love for him and his for us Will never let us part. Forever loved and missed by his wife, Wendy Ground, her children, Michael, Matt (Mandy), Scott and Stephen (Nancy) and grandchildren, Avery, Rachel, Colton and Wyatt. XO

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Births



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CASSIAN CURTIS TALBOT ADDISON

Big sister Ellie is thrilled to announce the safe arrival of her baby brother, Cassian, born July 31, 2025. Excitedly welcomed by his proud parrents Curtis and José Addison. Already loved by his grandparets Michael and Laurie Addison and Neil and Denise Talbot; auntie Janelle, mon oncle Joel and aunt Laura; and mon oncle Justin and auntie Leticia. We are so blessed to have this precious addition to our family.

Thank you - granny's tea

The family of Nola Haner would like to thank everyone in the Central Manitoulin Historical Society and Museum staff for hosting such a special appreciation tea in her honour. It was an amazing afternoon and mom was thrilled to see so many friends, relatives and former colleagues. We are all very touched by such a tribute. Many thanks from Nola's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

17c



SNOW REMOVAL TENDER

To supply all labour, equipment and services necessary to provide snow removal in the parking area at the **Gore Bay Ontario Provincial Police Detachment.**

Contractor must quote on a “per call” basis for snow removal and sanding as well as a “lump sum” basis for snow removal and sanding for the season commencing fall of 2025 to May 15th, 2026.

Snow removal requirements are available upon request. Interested parties must possess a valid Ontario driver's licence and carry liability insurance.

Please contact the address/telephone number listed below for approved tender documents.

Tender can be faxed or mailed to:
Detachment Commander
Ontario Provincial Police
54 Boosneck Road, PO Box 638
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
(Telephone) 705-368-2200
(Fax) 705-368-2666

Quotations to be submitted no later than
1600 hours, 03 October 2025.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

News tip?
Call Tom at 705-282-1912

Manitoulin Northshore Federation of Agriculture Annual General Meeting

Friday September 26, 2025

Dinner at 6:30 pm, meeting to follow

\$20 per person, \$10 youth under 15

Sheguiandah Hall,
14 Townline Rd. Sheguiandah

RSVP is required by September 19th

to emiryfamily@hotmail.ca



Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 @ 5:00 PM
Location: N.E.M.I. Rec Centre – Curling Lounge
9001-ON6, Little Current
Please note: Amendments to the bylaws will be discussed.
For details, call 705-370-3378 or email mnvs@vianet.ca

Date : Le mercredi 8 octobre 2025 @ 17 h
Lieu : Centre récréatif de N.E.M.I. – Salle du club de curling
9001, route 6, Little Current
À noter : Des modifications aux règlements administratifs seront discutées.
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Marion Jacko reinstated at LNHL

WIIKWEMKOONG — Marian Jacko has been reinstated as president of the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL).

“Hockey Canada has amended its by-laws relating to conflict of interest. There is no longer a perceived or actual conflict of interest in Marian Jacko serving concurrently as a board member of Hockey Canada and as president of the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL),” Hockey Canada announced last week. “Therefore, Marian’s current leave of absence from the presidency of the LNHL has concluded. Effective immediately she will resume her duties and responsibilities as president of the Little Native Hockey League.”

“We extend our sincerest thanks to Chico Ralf for serving as president during her absence. Chico will resume his role as vice-president,” Hockey Canada noted.

“Marian Jacko is a proud Anishinaabe woman from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, a trailblazing lawyer, public servant and advocate for Indigenous peoples and children. The first Indigenous woman appointed as Ontario’s Children Lawyer, she now serves as assistant deputy attorney general of the Indigenous Justice Division, where she leads efforts to revitalize Indigenous legal traditions and improve access to justice. A dedicated mentor and community leader, Marian also champions Indigenous youth through health including her work with the Little Native Hockey League and Hockey Canada.




Church Services

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

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

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Notice of herbicide application

Hydro One foresters will be in your community from May to September to trim brush, tree branches and remove trees or vegetation that may grow into overhead powerlines. This work helps us continue to provide reliable power to homes and businesses in your area, and makes it safe for our crews to access lines for maintenance or emergency repairs.

How we manage vegetation

Our experienced team manages growth of brush, trees and other vegetation through the selective application of federally and provincially approved herbicides. Our licenced and certified forestry team will apply these herbicides safely and will not use them near open water sources, including rivers and creeks.

- Date of application: May 26 to September 19, 2025
- Areas along powerlines in: Baldwin, Merrit, Mongowin, Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, Howland
- Pesticide trade name: Garlon RTU
- Guarantee: Triclopyr 144 g/L
- PCP Act registration number(s): 29334
- Name of pest: non-compatible vegetation - brush and growth from previously maintained stumps
- If work is required on your property, you will be contacted by our team in advance

We appreciate your understanding as crews complete this work.

Contact information



- Hydro One Forestry at 1.866.898.5310
- Hydro One Community Relations at 1.877.345.6799

SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

MANITOULIN STREAMS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SHEGUIANDAH HALL
14 TOWNLINE ROAD

 6:00 - 8:30 

Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Manitowaning Fall Fair welcomes the Island community with food and song

by Michael Erskine
MANITOWANING—The 149th edition of the Manitowaning Fall Fair attracted a good-sized crowd to the Assiginack community centre arena on Friday evening.

A number of vendors were set up and a massive number of exhibits, many festooned with ribbons, were there for public perusal.

Before the opening ceremonies launched this year's edition of the venerable fall fair, attendees were able to take part in a cakewalk. For the price of a mere dollar ticket, participants walked around a group of numbers laid out on the floor as music played. Once the music stopped, a mad scramble to stand on one of the piec-



Master of Ceremonies Marilyn Sparham gets ready to announce the winner of the Tea Biscuit crown while musician Al Ryan hams it up.

photos by Michael Erskine
es of paper bearing a number took place—with the successful player taking home one of the cakes.

"This is our 149th fair," said Alice Pennie, president of the Assiginack Agricultural Society, the traditional sponsors of the fair. "Next year is 150, so it's going to be a bigger one," she assured the crowd.

"I want to thank all the directors, the volunteers, exhibitors, vendors and everybody who's attending the fair," she said. "Thank you for coming." Ms. Pennie noted that there would be a host of things to see and do, both during the Friday opening and on Saturday. "I

hope you can come," she said. "They're going to have butter making to teach each other how to make your own butter, Heartwood Mushrooms are coming, and you can make your own kit and grow mushrooms. There will be a spinner coming

to show us how to spin like they used to do. Anybody who wants to knit, this is your chance. And a blacksmith will be demonstrating his craft."

"And for the kids, we're going to have a kids' zone set up in the atrium," said Ms. Pennie. "A sin-



Ayla and Sharissa were having fun with puzzles at the Dairy Farmers of Ontario booth's School of Moo.



Woodworking by Steve Bondi was impressive.

gle horse pull, which is a bit different, and some Olympics just before the first fall—and, of course, don't forget the parade at 11 am."

Ms. Pennie noted that there is also a suggestion box at the back of the hall where "We'd like some ideas," she said.

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...Manitowaning Fall Fair welcomes the Island community with food and song

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Assiginack Mayor Brenda Reid delivered words of welcome as well. “Good evening everyone and welcome to the 149th Manitowaning Fall Fair,” she said. “I’d like to take a moment to thank the volunteers that have this fair going for so long in our town, and we’re all looking forward to next year, the 150th. It’ll be wonderful. I’d also like to thank all the exhibitors. I think I’ve been through every one of them and they’re all wonderful. I don’t know how the judges ever



Getting the calf into position takes a fair bit of effort.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon

would choose between them. So ,everybody sit back, enjoy the music and have a good time.”

One of the favourite events at the opening ceremonies is the crowning of this year’s Tea Biscuit Queen. “This is a friendly competition over tea biscuits,” explained Master of Ceremonies Madeline Sparham. “Two ladies have been crowning each



A hay bale is the perfect perch to watch the goings on at the fair.

other for a few years; one lady claims to be the matriarch. So tonight, we are going to have a special tribute to the new queen, actually.”

The crown was duly delivered by the official crown bearer, and this year’s tea biscuit queen, Jackie White, was called to the stage for her coronation.



Mac was the youngest competitor in the Manitowaning Fall Fair horse show.



What’s a parade without horses?



Here comes the parade! This colourful crew were making good time “stalking” the route.



They also serve who tabulate and record.

Last year’s winner, Grace King, came to the stage to put a special touch on the crowning ceremony, bowing deeply before the seated Ms. White after settling the crown upon Ms. White’s head.

Following the crowning, local musicians such as the incomparable Al Ryan (who doubled as



A colourful cake was part of the cake walk options.

sound technician for the event) and the collective Down Yonder provided an evening of musical entertainment.



Newly crowned Tea Biscuit Queen Jackie White is bowed to by last year’s Queen Grace King.

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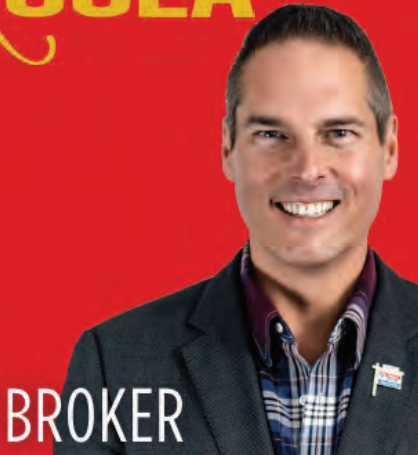
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Retiring long-serving Lodge employee feted

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—One of the longest serving employees of St. Joseph's Lodge (formerly the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home) was feted by administration, fellow employees and residents for her positive impact on the residents and families lives.

"Thank you for all joining us here this afternoon to celebrate one awesome person," stated Jaime-Lynn Kalmikov, administrator of St. Joseph's. "For those that don't know, Diane Riching has worked in this home for the last 44 years!"

"It amazes me the loyalty and service you have provided to this community," said Ms. Kalmikov. "You have positively impacted so many residents and families lives because of your care."

"Diane has always been there when someone needed something," stated a resident at St. Joseph's.

"I know your residents and teammates feel the same and will miss you in this home because of all these wonderful qualities you have brought into this home as an employee, friend and co-worker," continued Ms. Kalmikov.

Ms. Kalmikov added, "I truly admire and appreciate you, Diane. I don't have favourites, however, and I can only say this now because technically in a few minutes you are no longer an employee of this home, you have definitely been one of my favourites. I will miss you around here. I wish you all the happiness and travel and fun in your retirement. You deserve it."

Kris Czok, a co-worker quipped that upon meeting Ms. Riching, "When I first met you I thought you were one of the crankiest people I've known, but it ended up you are one of the best friends I have ever had. Thank you."

"I would like to congratulate and wish



Happy retirement Diane! Jaime Lynn Kalmikov (right in photo), administrator of St. Josephs Lodge in Gore Bay (former Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home) presents a couple of gifts to Diane Riching who has retired after 44 years of employment as a personal support worker.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Ms. Kalmikov said, "I have always appreciated your work as a PSW (personal support worker). I will admit, when I first became an employee of this home six years ago, I was a little nervous, to say the least, when I had to ask you to work overtime. Even worse was when I had to mandate overtime, in the very rare occurrence when it would make its way up to you. However, I learned quickly that you were willing to support wherever you could, working with your team to make sure the shifts were covered."

"Over the years of working in this home with you, I have seen the dedication and care you have for your residents. You have always been an advocate, not only for the residents, but for your co-workers as well," said Ms. Kalmikov. "I appreciate how you have always been a straight shooter and brought forward great improvements and suggestions to better this home for everyone. I have enjoyed your humour. And I will miss those side jokes we would share together. We have relied on you to teach many of our students and new hires because you have the reliability and devotion that we appreciate from our employees."

Diane all the best in your retirement," said Leo Orford. He thanked Ms. Riching for being the treasurer over 33 years with CUPE 2368.

Caleigh Whatling, a co-worker, read a statement from Ms. Riching which read, "It is with mixed emotions that today is my last day. Sometimes the days were long, but the years flew by so fast."

"I've been lucky to have amazing co-workers who have also become good friends," said Ms. Riching. "I want to say a special thank you to all of you incredible girls from the Philippines. You came here when we needed you most. I could not have stayed here this long if it wasn't for all of you. I wish you all the best for whatever comes next for you."

"Also, thanks to Kris for always making me laugh everyday when I needed it," stated Ms. Riching. "And Lara, glad we'll still see each other for trivia."

"I feel like I'm leaving, knowing these residents that we all have come to care about are in good caring hands with the amazing staff and Jaime at the helm," said Ms. Riching. "Thanks for everything. I will miss you all."

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Ramsey Tour-ists!

Congratulations to **Aurel Fox-Recollet**, a veteran of the 21.1 km, Ramsey Tour half-marathon, finished third in a speedy 1:25 clocking, averaging just over four minutes per kilometer. The Tour, in its 47th year is an annual fundraiser for both the Laurentian University and Cambrian College cross-country teams.

In the 5K race, other Manitoulin runners featured **Alan Wilkin** running for his Laurentian University team finishing in 7th place. Nipissing Laker runner **McKenzie Green** also put in a great training run. **David Joyce** was the 2nd overall, 14-year-old. Congratulations to all.



Aurel Fox-Recollet, right, finished third in the Ramsey Tour half-Marathon.

McLeans Park 6-Hour relay!

The Breakaway Sports' series finished over the long weekend at Assiginack's McLean's Park. Individuals on each team completed as many laps of the course over six hours to determine the winner. All the teams competing were in the mix and competitive. Finishing their 18th lap in 352 minutes was the team of **Paul Guenette, Katie Reid, Peter Van Buren and Eddie Bauman**. Just needing seven minutes longer was the foursome of **Alex Anstice, Cameron Duff, Charlie Reid and Jimmy Duff** in second.

Finishing in third place was the pair of **Julian Luoma and Mani Cuza**. Next was the quartet of **Caroline Black, Nathan, Sarah and Rachel Quackenbush**. Not far behind was the trio of **Bill Slaght, Nathan Quackenbush and Bradley Slaght**! Following them was the all-female triad of **Allison Godwin, Olivia Luoma and Roslyn Godwin**. That concludes the Breakaway Race series for this year, unless there is a Lopet or snowshoe event once the snow flies?

Local OHL player itching for season opener!

Kohyn Eshkawkogan of the OHL's Ottawa 67's had a strong pre-season with two points in three games. His mature, composed, play and strong skating are getting a lot of attention from NCAA D1 and NHL scouts.

He's excited to start the season playing against Kingston on Sep. 19th and North Bay on September 26th. Similarly, for his home opener on Sep. 28th where almost 150 family, friends and fans from Manitoulin and beyond have confirmed

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to attend!

We are all pulling for you, Kohyn. Have a super season!

Los Angeles Kings nurtures its tenders

The NHL's Los Angeles Kings have a good reputation of developing and protecting their goaltenders. This bodes well for Manitoulin rooted, **Carter George** who signed with the Kings after being selected in the second round of last year's entry draft. Still Junior age, the Kings are expected to have Carter spend another year back in the OHL, currently with the middling, Owen Sound Attack.

Stories of NHL teams bumping-up netminders too soon are legion but the shielding strategy of the Kings will ensure Carter reaches his awesome potential. That future looks bright, especially with his international experience and a save percentage since his Under-16 days that has never dropped below 0.900! Enjoy your year, Carter!

Manitoulin Minor Hockey needs you!

The MMHA is still in the waiting game. It is a trickle-down process as Manitoulin's local associations try to get their finalized numbers so Manitoulin can get their schedule together. They currently have a poll running on the number of games per season and are encouraging parents to cast their votes. The poll can be found on our website home page at manitoulinminorhockey.ca.

They will also be having Selects teams again this year. Right now, they would like to get the information out there that to be included with a Selects team as a player or bench staff you need to be part of the regular house league season to participate.

Couple of Ringers!

Wiikwemkoong couple, **Dean and Shelley Trudeau** took their athletic talents to a new sport over the last couple of years, horseshoes! The gregarious pair captured the annual Rainbow Ringers Tournament recently in M'Chigeeng!

Kyle-Palooza 2!

Not every Dad would hold a birthday, softball tournament for their kid but **Gerard Baibomcowai** will, again. Dubbed, Kyle-Palooza II will be hosted by the father-son duo on Friday and Saturday, September 19 - 20th! The tourney format will be co-ed, slo-pitch and Gerry needs eight teams and spots are already filling up so book your squad soon. Papa Baibomcowai needs all of the \$500, registration fees at this point, so secure your spot. Assuming a full, eight-team schedule the championship squad looks to win \$4,000 and the runners' up take home \$1,000. Teams are guaranteed three, one hour or five inning games. Teams need to have five guys and five girls on the field at all times. On the Friday they will be using two fields, in Wiky and Manitowaning and the Saturday games start at 10 AM at the Thunderbird Park in Wiikwemkoong. Get your fees in with your EMT to: gerard_baibomcowai@live.com.



A breeze of a donation

The organizers of the annual Breeze Around the Bay five kilometre and one kilometre run held in Gore Bay in July presented a donation to the Food Cupboard at Lyons Memorial United Church from funds raised from this years event. A cheque in the amount of \$2,415.93 was presented to the Food Cupboard. In photo from left is Mike Addison, Gore Bay Fire Chief, Kelly Chaytor the main organizer of the Breeze the Bay Run, Jeff Hietkamp and Helen Black of the Food Cupboard.

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JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: RECREATION/FACILITY MANAGER

Reports To: Band Manager



Job Purpose


The Recreation Manager oversees the operations and activities of recreation facilities, ensuring that programs run smoothly and safely.

The Recreational/Facility Manager is responsible for planning, organizing and managing recreational programs, services and facilities. The role includes supervising staff, overseeing maintenance and ensuring that facilities meet the needs of the community.

Duties and Responsibilities

Program Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop and implement a variety of recreational programs and services for different age groups and interests.Design, implement and evaluate recreational programs and activities.Plan and coordinate special events, tournaments and community activities.Assess community needs and interests to adjust programs accordingly.Oversee day-to-day operations of recreational facilities, including maintenance and safety.Coordinate facility bookings, events and public usage schedules.Monitor program participation and feedback to ensure quality service delivery.Develop promotional materials and outreach strategies to increase program engagement.Ensure compliance with organizational policies and provincial safety regulations.Liaise with community partners, vendors and stakeholders.Perform other related duties as assigned.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">programs and facility maintenance.Monitor expenses and revenues.Ensure programs reports are completed as scheduled. Qualifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 years of experience in recreational program or facility management.Degree or diploma in Recreation, Leisure Studies or a related field.Certification in First Aid/CPR and other relevant safety training.Experience supervising staff and managing program budgets.Familiarity with scheduling, booking and recreational software systems.Strong communication and interpersonal skills. Core Competencies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Strong leadership and team management skills.Organized, reliable and detail-oriented.Ability to plan and prioritize multiple programs and deadlines.Excellent problem-solving and conflict-resolution skills.Customer service oriented with a focus on community engagement. Working Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none">35 hours per week with flexible hours as approved.May include evening and weekend shifts depending on programming.Often requires working in indoor and outdoor facility environments.May require physical activity such as lifting equipment or setting up spaces.Overtime may be required during special events or high-volume periods.Exposure to noise and environmental conditions depending on the facility.
Facility Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">Oversee the maintenance and cleanliness of the recreational facility.Ensure compliance with safety regulations and standards.Manage logistics, including permits, equipment and staffing for events.	
Staff Supervision <ul style="list-style-type: none">Train and supervise recreational staff and volunteers.Schedule staff shifts to ensure weekly and weekend activities.Ensure program reports are completed as scheduled.	
Budget Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prepare and manage budgets for recreational	

Submit a covering letter, resume, two (2) work-related references and recent Criminal Record's Check. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential" to:
Cynthia Behm, Band Manager
13 Hill Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1A0
Phone: (705) 368-2228 or Fax: (705) 368-3563
Email: behmc@aokfn.com
Application Deadline: Open until filled
Only the successful applicant will be contacted. Thank you for your interest.



Contract Social Worker (until August 31, 2026)

At Rainbow District School Board we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a **Contract Social Worker**.


For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit www.rainbowschools.ca/join-our-team.

Interested candidates should apply by **noon Friday, September 12, 2025** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

David Farrow
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTOR

Term: Full-Time

Salary Range: \$90,140 to \$107,632 (depending on education and experience)
**In addition to a competitive salary we offer a comprehensive benefits package, including group benefits, pensions and more!*

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Infrastructure Director, a pivotal leadership position, is of utmost importance as it is responsible for overseeing the planning, development and management of infrastructure projects within the Whitefish River First Nation community. This role, which encompasses various responsibilities such as managing public works, housing, facilities, land use codes and emergency services carries significant weight in the community. The Infrastructure Director will oversee the planning, development and management of various infrastructure projects within the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) community. This role involves managing capital projects, ensuring compliance with standards and fostering positive relationships with stakeholders. The Director also plays a key role in developing and implementing infrastructure plans, managing budgets, and ensuring the efficient and effective operation of infrastructure and community assets.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Developing and implementing strategic plans for infrastructure development, including long-term infrastructure planning, state-of-good-repair planning and asset management frameworks.
- As the Infrastructure Director, you will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of infrastructure projects, from planning and design to construction, operation and maintenance. This includes managing project budgets and timelines, as well as ensuring projects are completed on time and within budget. Your role is crucial in ensuring the smooth operation of the community's infrastructure.
- In conjunction with the Band Manager and the Finance Manager, planning and directing a comprehensive asset management program to ensure the efficient and effective operation and maintenance of the WRFN's infrastructure according to planned targets, budgets, procedures and priorities, and in accordance with applicable legislation.
- Mentor and supervise the Housing Manager, Public Works Manager, Facilities Manager and the Infrastructure and Emergency Services Manager as required to operate the work as directed and assigned effectively.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Completion of a University degree in a related field (construction management, engineering, architecture, a master's degree or a post-graduate diploma is highly desired.
- Ten (10) + years of experience in capital project management, including five (5) + years in a leadership role.
- Previous experience working in a First Nations community and/or organization preferred.
- An understanding of relevant federal, provincial and local legislation, policies and procedures.
- Strong knowledge of infrastructure systems, including water, wastewater, roads and buildings.
- Significant experience in infrastructure planning, project management and financial management is essential.
- Sound knowledge of MS Office Programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Microsoft Project.
- Knowledge of the Aboriginal Water and Wastewater Association of Ontario (AWWAO).
- Knowledge of the Fuel Systems Management Circuit Rider Program.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

- A thorough understanding of First Nations culture, history and governance structures is often required.
- Thorough working knowledge of road/sewer/construction, maintenance management, waste management, water and subsidy processes.
- Experience developing and managing capital and operational budgets.
- Must possess excellent strategic planning, performance management, problem solving and decision-making, as well as strong leadership skills.
- Sound judgement and professional tact to gain cooperation and compliance from members of the community, contractors and industry professionals (Engineers and Architects, etc.).
- Understands and ensures compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Regulations and any WRFN policies and procedures.
- Computer literacy utilizing the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook) and virtual meeting platforms.


****Must submit a clear Police Criminal Reference Check (CRC) upon hire. For a complete job description, please email: murray.mcgregor@whitefishriver.ca****

Application Closing Date: September 12, 2025 at noon

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

CONFIDENTIAL: Infrastructure Director
Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285-4532

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Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Operations Manager – 1 year contract

Salary range: \$59,532 -\$74,347



The Operations Manager has a dual role, combining components of an Executive Assistant and an Operations Manager. The Operations Manager reports directly to the Executive Director and will work collaboratively with other members of Senior Management. The Operations Manager provides administrative support to the Executive Director and will work closely with the Board of Directors. Secondary duties will focus on oversight of agency operations and maintenance.

Skills and Qualifications:


1. Provides administrative support, coordinates meetings, appointments and travel arrangements for Executive Director and the Board of Directors.
2. Responsible for organizing monthly Board of Director meetings by preparing agenda, taking minutes and updating governance documents and related policies.
3. Participates in or leads special projects, by researching and analyzing issues and performing project management activities to ensure successful completion of project.
4. Maintains corporate policies and governance documents.
5. Responsible for overseeing general operations and building maintenance, i.e. septic system, HVAC system, security alarm and fire system.
6. Ensures agency related contracts and MOUs are adhered to and updated.
7. Business and/or Administrative Assistant diploma from a recognized post-secondary institution and/or three years of equivalent work experience.
8. Proficiency in the use of computers and various software applications, such as Microsoft and Excel.
9. Knowledge of Indigenous culture, language and traditions considered an asset.

Closing Date: Friday, September 19, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Qualified individuals are invited to submit a cover letter, resume and recent CPIC (within the last year), along with three current work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL, to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540
48A Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0
Phone: (705) 368-2182 ext. 271
Fax: (705) 368-2229
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NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/BOOKEEPER

Term: Full-Time Term (35 hours per week)

Salary Range: \$23.16 to \$27.65/hr (depending on education and experience)

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper plays a crucial role in supporting the Economic Development Department. By providing administrative, financial and clerical services, they facilitate efficient operations and contribute to our mission of promoting sustainable economic growth. This role requires strong organizational skills, attention to detail and the ability to manage multiple tasks in a fast-paced environment, fostering sustainable economic development within the Whitefish River First Nation community.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Administrative Duties:

- Provide general administrative support to the Economic Development team.
- Schedule meetings, prepare agendas and take minutes.
- Maintain organized filing systems (digital and physical).

Bookkeeping Duties:

- Maintain accurate financial records using accounting software (e.g. Sage, QuickBooks).
- Process invoices, receipts, payments and payroll.
- Reconcile bank statements and prepare monthly financial reports.

Departmental Support:

- Assist in the planning and execution of community events, public meetings and stakeholder engagements.
- Coordinate logistics for workshops, conferences and outreach activities.
- Assist with grant applications and reporting requirements.

(For a complete job description, please email hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca).

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Diploma or certificate in Accounting, Business Administration or related field.
- Minimum 2 years of experience in bookkeeping and administrative support.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite and accounting software.
- Strong organizational and time-management skills.
- Knowledge of Indigenous governance and economic development is an asset.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

SKILLS:

- Strong attention to detail to minimize errors in financial records.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks and prioritize effectively.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills for interacting with customers and team members
- Understanding of basic accounting principles and practices.

****Upon hire, the successful candidate must submit a Police Criminal Reference Check.****

Applications must be received by September 12th, 2025 at noon.

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

CONFIDENTIAL: Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper
c/o Human Resources
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Employment Opportunity

Infomatics Privacy & Training Coordinator

About GHL

Giiwednong Health Link (GHL) is an Indigenous health and information project management office that serves the First Nations health organizations on Manitoulin Island and North Shore. GHL is focused on developing and implementing e-health initiatives to improve health information, decision making and outcomes within the member communities.

About this Opportunity

GHL is seeking applications from progressive and results-oriented individuals who can excel in the role of “Informatics Privacy and Training Coordinator (IPTC).” The IPTC will assist GHL member communities with the implementation of e-health technologies, including electronic medical records (EMR) and related EMR support training. Other areas of responsibility will include developing customized forms, completing informatics/analytics reports, and providing privacy and IT security guidance and training.

Primary Responsibilities

1. Provides EMR training and support to the EMR users of GHL’s member First Nations.
2. Works closely with First Nation stakeholders and e-health vendors to design, develop and implement standard and customized reports.
3. Supports the First Nation Health Informatics and Analytics needs, including data entry and data management support, of member First Nation and partner agency Health Centres.

Summary of Key Qualifications

1. A Bachelor’s Degree in Health Services, Business, Education or related discipline.
2. A minimum of two years of work experience in a related industry sector.
3. Experience in the delivery of training is preferred and experience in Health Privacy is an asset.
4. Ability to instruct individuals and/or groups of varying skill levels over various timelines.

GHL offers a highly competitive salary and benefits compensation package with annual professional development opportunities. **This employment opportunity will be based out of Aundeck Omni Kaning.** Candidates may request the full IPTC job description, which provides the complete qualifications and position responsibilities, by emailing: **hr@giiwednonghealth.ca.**

The deadline for submission is October 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

We thank all those who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Applications, including your confidential cover letter, resume and two references, may be submitted by email to: **hr@giiwednonghealth.ca.** Qualified applicants identifying Indigenous or First Nations ancestry will be given preference in accordance with s. 16 (1) of the Canadian Human Rights Act.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

HOUSING MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR

Term: Full-Time (35 hours per week)

Salary Range: \$50,490 to \$60,290 (depending on education and experience)

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Housing Maintenance Coordinator plays a crucial role in providing administrative and coordination support for the renovations of Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) rental units. This position coordinates resources and third parties/vendors for project execution, including tracking and analyzing project performance, expenditures, procurement and reporting. The Housing Maintenance Coordinator is also responsible for overseeing renovation projects, repairs and maintenance, as well as the overall operation of WRFN rental homes and properties.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Prepare, coordinate and monitor daily minor and major maintenance and renovation services to all WRFN band rental units under the Housing Department.
- Perform general inspections in rental homes and engage with tenants to determine renovation needs and requests.
- Collaborate and communicate with the Housing Navigator - a key aspect of this role, ensuring tenants’ well-being is at the forefront of our operations.
- Assist with budgets for each unit or project and report on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.
- Assist with maintenance planning for all equipment and vehicles.
- Troubleshoot and report any issues with electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (HVAC) in the rental units, including necessary equipment repairs

(For a complete job description, please email hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca).

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Grade 12 or GED is required. A post-secondary diploma in Project Management, Business Administration, Construction/House Inspection, or other related programs is an asset. An equivalent combination of education, training and/or experience will also be considered, providing a pathway for career growth and development.
- Minimum of three to five (3-5) years of experience in general maintenance, carpentry, and knowledge of the mechanical operation of housing unit equipment/systems preferred.
- Thorough knowledge of building and operating systems, construction, installation, maintenance and repair practices.
- Experience in Project Management is required; experience supervising crews is an asset.
- Thorough knowledge of Workplace Ontario Occupational Health & Safety Regulations.
- Knowledge of applicable construction codes (ONT Building, ON Plumbing, Canadian Electrical).
- Proficiency in MS Office (Outlook, Word, Excel). MS Project (project management software) is preferred.

SKILLS:

- Knowledge of construction processes, materials and techniques; ability to read blueprints.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Motivated and physically fit to perform this type of work, and the ability to lift at least 50 lbs.
- Must train new employees and work flexible hours; maintain on-call schedule.
- Excellent problem-solving, multi-tasking and collaborative skills.

****Upon hire, the successful candidate must submit a Police Criminal Reference Check.****

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

CONFIDENTIAL: Housing Maintenance Coordinator
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17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca

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Guide contains important information about Rainbow District schools

SUDBURY—Families in Rainbow schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island can access the 2025-2026 Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians online at rainbowschools.ca. A link to the publication has been shared with parents/guardians. A 2025-2026 calendar card will be distributed to students to bring home. The guide and the calendar will serve as a handy reference throughout the school year. RDSB Chair, David Farrow, on behalf of the board said, “on behalf of trustees, we are thrilled to start a new school year with a continued focus on our priorities. In Rainbow schools, we instill in students the skills they need to lead independent and productive lives and be-

come responsible and respectful citizens who care about each other and the world in which they live.” Chair Farrow encourages parents/guardians to take an active interest in their school’s education “When parents/guardians value education, students value education. When the

home, the school, and the community work together, we maximize learning opportunities for students and help them achieve their full potential.” Director of Education Bruce Bourget invites students to become fully immersed in the school experience. “Enjoy challenges,

stay curious, embrace the effort, and keep learning. Students who are fully engaged develop a strong sense of belonging at school and a connection to their school community.” Director Bourget also

encourages parents/guardians to support their children and the work of the school at home. “For parents, it means making education a priority by encouraging your children to try their best each and every day,” he said. “When parents/guardians take an active interest in their child’s education, it shows children that school matters.” The guide contains in-

formation about services, programs and policies, including the code of conduct, as well as opportunities for parents/guardians. It also features key dates, such as school holidays, provincial assessments, professional activity days, secondary school examination days and system-wide events. The guide can be accessed here at www.rainbowschools.ca.



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Housekeeper (Part-time) - Small Inn

The Queen's Inn is seeking a meticulous and reliable HOUSEKEEPER (seasonal only), to join our team on a part-time basis. If you have a keen eye for detail, a passion for cleanliness and enjoy contributing to a welcoming guest experience, we encourage you to apply!

As our Housekeeper, you'll be instrumental in maintaining the pristine condition of our guest rooms and common areas, ensuring every guest enjoys a comfortable and spotless stay. Salary to commensurate with experience.

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LEARNING COACHES (2)
PERMANENT FULL-TIME POSITION

Classification: Kenjgewin Teg Teacher Salary Grid Classification

Position Objective:
The Learning Coach will be committed to creating and promoting an environment that reflects the Anishinabek language, traditions and culture in all that they do. The Learning Coach will have an appreciation of Anishinabek culture, principles, values, language, history, customs and be supportive of Anishinabek practices and protocols. The Learning Coach will provide expertise in the application of learning theory, learning opportunities, and instructional methods and work as a team in teaching and coordinating duties for the Pathways to Post-Secondary Program. This position is for an individual who is a passionate people person who will lead a student population with tremendous potential, who requires student support services to ensure academic success and student retention. The position demands an individual who can handle people with tact while being able to inspire, lead and be supportive at the same time.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Education degree with Intermediate/Senior qualifications in one or more of the following: Math, Science, English, Social Studies
- Guidance and/or Special Education qualifications would be a definite asset
- A member of good standing with the Ontario College of Teachers
- Minimum three (3) years of successful teaching experience in the intermediate/senior division or adult education learning environment
- Knowledge and experience working with e-learning applications and LMS, including the Ministry of Education D2L environment

Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Experience in facilitating or instructing an adult education learning environment
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinabek culture, language, values, history and customs; and be supportive of Anishinabek practices and protocols
- Experience in curriculum writing would be a definite asset
- Knowledge and experience working with Microsoft Office 365 and related applications
- Familiarity with available community resources in our service delivery area
- Possess coaching and mentoring skills
- Ability to work effectively within a team environment-approach to program development and delivery
- Must possess strong interpersonal skills to interact with students, community service providers and staff

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

Application Deadline: SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of:
Cover letter, a detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) references listed, two of which must be professional, and written permission to contact references. The successful candidate will be required to provide a current Criminal Records Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential through email at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca, or by mail, to:
Kenjgewin Teg
“HR – Learning Coach”
c/o Director of Human Resources
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

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LIFELONG LEARNING TEAM ASSISTANT
PERMANENT FULL-TIME POSITION

Classification:
Organizational Support Services – O4 Administrative Services/Salary Grade Band D
Qualified Level Salary Range: \$42,244 - \$50,270 - \$55,296

Position Objective:
The Lifelong Learning Team Assistant participates as an integral team member to assist the Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training with administrative and technical support that contributes to the overall operations of the Lifelong Learning programs, training, and service delivery for Kenjgewin Teg.

Qualifications:

- Diploma in Business Administration
- Minimum of three (3) years direct work experience in an administrative capacity
- High level of proficiency with Microsoft Office/Office 365 environment

Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Preference given to applicants demonstrating Anishinabek traditional knowledge: Kendmoowin - Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bmaadziwin
- Ability to write and format moderately complex correspondence (memos, letters, proposals, and reports)
- Strong knowledge of general office and administrative procedures involving procurement, meeting and/or event coordination, planning, budgeting, and report writing
- Strong knowledge of, with preferred experience in, the education sector and the various learning paths/opportunities for students (i.e. pathways to post-secondary, post-secondary, micro-credentials, skills development/training)
- Strong time management skills, multi-tasking skills, and prioritizing tasks – with minimal supervision
- Strong customer/student service orientation
- Ability to record meeting minutes
- Ability to maintain filing systems
- Ability to, or willingness to learn, maneuver learning and/or student management systems
- Ability to adapt and be flexible in a challenging environment
- Maintain a high level of security, privacy, and confidentiality

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