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SAME INTERSECTION, ANOTHER CRASH—Around 4 pm Sunday afternoon, another mishap occurred at the seemingly plagued Meredith Street-Gore Bay highway intersection in Little Current. In recent years, there has been an increase in crashes and near misses as vehicles reach the large stop sign (coming west from the Manitoulin Health Centre area) and then either cross the street or turn left or right with th expectation that crossbound traffic will also stop, no matter that the large yellow sign on the right reads "Cross traffic does not stop." A flashing red light hung over the centre of the intersection is meant to augment the message of the stop sign. In Sunday's case the black vehicle, shown beside the ambulance in the photo, was allegedly struck by the left-turning truck shown on the left when it left the stop sign and hit the car which had right-of-way and wasn't required to stop.

# Little Current intersection sees multiple turning infractions

# Sunday crash sends victim to HSN; intersection sees continuous problems

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—One of the persons involved in a two-vehicle collision at the corner of Meredith and Worthington Streets in Little Current this

Sudbury hospital with suspected head injuries but will fortunately be alright, says a member of her family. And while the intersection has been the scene of several close calls previouspast Sunday did get taken to a ly, there is not much more the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) can do that it hasn't done already to make that intersection area safer, says a town official.

Brianna Burnett of Little Current, who was driving a Chevy Cruze, was driving into downtown Little Current on Worthington Street when a truck turned left off of Meredith Street, colliding with the first vehicle.

Holly Burnett, aunt of Brianna Burnett, said she does know that the male driver of the truck was at fault, having turned left at the stop sign when oncoming vehicles were going straight through the intersection. She said her niece's, "Chevy Cruze was destroyed in the accident," as the truck took out one side of tne car.

Holly Burnett noted that Brianna's twin sister Alyssa transported her to Sudbury hospital, where she had to undergo a CT scan to find out if she suffered any head injury. "Fortunately,

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# Gore Bay needs larger land base, councillor claims Will ask council to examine expansion options

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Two motions will be presented to Gore Bay council at its next meeting, one that calls or town staff to explore options for restructuring its municipal boundaries including providing opportunities to improve the sustainability and delivery of municipal services. The second motion to be considered by council is to not allow any new water service connections outside of

"It is my understanding bringing forward notices of motion is a new process for us," stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at a council meeting last week. "If a councillor wants to bring forward motions, they do so as a notice for the next meeting so a discussion can take place and a motion passed by council, if so desired. The two proposed motions are there for information and can be brought back in two weeks at our next meeting."

Both motions are notice of motions brought forward by Councillor Dan Osborne. One of the motion states, "whereas the Town of Gore Bay contin-

ues to explore opportunities to improve the sustainability and delivery of municipal services. Therefore, be it resolved that hereby directs staff to explore options for restructuring municipal boundaries including gauging the provinces' support. Further, be it resolved that the report shall be ready to present to council at the December 8 council meeting.'

Councillor Osborne told The Expositor after last week's meeting, "we as council have been exploring ways to improve the sustainability and municipal services. The bottom line is there is only so much tax base in town for the services we provide. We are trying to do our best for our taxpayers.'

"How long can we continue

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# Manitoulin Streams funded for major stream improvements Receives \$180,000 for projects

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN ISLAND—The Ontario government is investing \$180,000 in projects led by the Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) to protect and strengthen creeks and rivers on Manitoulin Island in the Lake Huron watershed. These restoration projects will improve local water quality, promote healthy fisheries, and increase biodiversity, contributing to healthier communities and stronger local economies.

'Clean water is vital to the health and well-being of Manitoulin Island's communities, waterways and ecosystems, and all of Ontario," said Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "Our government is proud to support the work of local experts to restore these creeks, streams and rivers that benefit aquatic ecosystems and local fisheries-creating cleaner, healthier spaces to live, work and enjoy nature, while protecting Ontario's environment for generations to come.'

MSIA is receiving \$100,000 to rehabilitate Blue Jay Creek through the Great Lakes Program. which supports multi-year projects that protect, conserve and restore the Great Lakes. Funding will support the removal of invasive species and cleaning up plastic waste with help from groups such as

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# Wiikwemkoong inks 40-year, **42,000-hectare** carbon pact

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter WIIKWEMKOONG-Where granite bluffs meet inland seas and the forest canopy closes overhead the paths walked by Anishinabek for millennia, the echo of a sacred vow some believed lost to time is once again enshrined by the people of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

Forty-two thousand hectares of forest-nearly two-thirds of the Nation's land-will be stewarded by Wiikwemkoong within the scope of a 40-year carbon project that will restore right relations between the people and all beings upon whose lives depend upon the living web of soil, the quiet wisdom of rivers, the subtle council and networked voices of leaves, root and soilthe unseen pulse of a world held in balance by care, respect and remembrance.

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Dr. Inyene Inyang

# New physician joins **NE Family Health Team** by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—It has been quite a roundabout journey to Manitoulin Island's shores, but Dr. Inyene Inyang said she and her family are very happy to be here. Dr. Inyang (nickname 'Iny'), her husband. Mfon, and two children, a daughter eight and son six, arrived on Manitoulin in May and quickly settled

Their children are attending Little Current Public School.

'I studied medicine in Nigeria and practiced there for over six years," she said. "Then I moved to Edmonton, and I lived there for about five years before moving here. While in Edmonton, I worked with an international research organization where we carried out oncology trials.

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# The Manitoulin West Recorder



The full-time support workers at the Manitoulin campus of Cambrian College are on strike with the rest of their OPSEU colleagues province-wide. The college support staff when on strike at 12:01 am Thursday morning.

photo by Michael Erskine

# Little Current Cambrian OPSEU campus support workers on strike

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Striking Cambrian College full-time support workers could be seen wielding placards across the street from the downtown Little Current Cambrian College offices last week and this week.

More than 200 full-time support staff at Cambrian College are among 10,000 college workers across Ontario who went on strike as of midnight Thursday, September 11. They include a number of workers at the Little Current office.

OPSEU says they are fighting not only for themselves but also for the students who they support. A union representative for striking support staff at Cambrian College is asking students who may be affected by the labour dispute to have patience.

"We're fighting for them, because all the cuts that affect student services ultimately affect them," said Yvan Roy, vice-president of OPSEU Local 656. "We want to be at work. We want to be able to support our students and provide the services that we provide, so that they can have a

pleasant college experience."

Mr. Roy said his members are the heartbeat of the college, fulfilling jobs such as information technology, facilities maintenance, library technicians, accessibility services, cleaning, financial aid, enrollment and a host of other services.

The College Employer Council (CEC) "walked away from the [negotiation] table" according to the union, after failing to respond since 4 pm on Wednesday, September 10, according to a release from the OPSEU. "If they think they can neglect their responsibility to bargain, it's time we remind them there is power in the union."

The union estimates that previous and upcoming system-wide cuts will result in 10,000 job losses, and over 650 programs have already been cancelled.

Colleges have been increasingly relying on tuition from international students due to low levels of provincial government funding and a years-

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# Gore Bay seeks new councillor to fill vacancy

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—There is a vacant seat on Gore Bay council with Councillor Kelly Chaytor having recently resigned. Ms. Chaytor will still be involved in the community, having taken on a new job with the town.

"As everyone knows Councillor Kelly Chaytor resigned from council as of August 21 to take a position full-time in our office," said Pam Fogal, deputy clerk

at a council meeting last week. "Under the municipal act, the vacant council seat needs to be filled 60 days after a vacancy is declared by either appointment or a bylaw being passed to hold a by-election."

Ms. Fogal noted in the past council has opted to advertise the council vacancies and filled the seat by means of applications made through local residents applying for the position.

# Start decorating for Harvest Glory Days and help make your community a winner

by Expositor Staff

MANITOULIN— Every day this past week, we've been seeing more yellows and reds among the predominantly green of our forest can-

By Thanksgiving, Manitoulin will be in the midst of the annual spectacular fall colour palette.

As usual, Manitoulin Island communities are being encouraged to decorate homes, parks, businesses, churches, community halls and farms, every corner of your community in the Harvest Glory Days theme to add to nature's spectacle.

Also as usual, during the weekend prior to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, judges from The Expositor Office will tour the length and breadth of Manitoulin Island, cataloging how individual communities have risen to the Harvest Glory Days friendly decorating challenge.

"We have filled three so far this term," pointed out Mayor Ron

Council passed two motions to receive the letter of resignation from Ms. Chaytor and begin the process of declaring a vacant council seat for one position by accepting applications from local residents for the position. The deadline for applications is October 9.

"I resigned my position on council to take on the new position of community services manager for the town," Ms. Chaytor told The Expositor after the council meeting. She had also worked for 21 years at Manitoulin Transport until taking on the new position.

"As much as I've enjoyed my time on council and hate to step away, this isn't because of any issues," said Ms. Chaytor. "I've learned so much from our mayor and fellow councillors about our great community. Over the past three years, we've had many successes together, and I wish them nothing but continued success moving forward. I've been given the great oppor-

# Community walks in memoriam of Anthony 'Antz' Mandamin

by Michael Erskine

WIIKWEMKOONG—The walkers stretched out for several kilometres on their trek to the Mandamin home on Webkamigad Street from the starting point at Pat's Café in Wiikwemkoong. The walkers were showing support for the family of Anthony Samuel (Antz) Mandamin, a 25-year-old young man who was struck and killed around 6 am while walking on Kaboni Road following a house party in the Village of Wiikwemkoong 19 years ago.

The family of Mr. Mandamin has been left without closure as the driver who struck the young man failed to remain at the scene. It has been 19 years since Mr. Mandamin's passing, yet the family remains hopeful that someone will eventually step forward with information that will help lay his spirit to rest.

A sacred fire was lit at Osawamick G'Tigaaning from September 12 to 13 for prayers and reflection Police continue to pursue leads in the case and officers from the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) joined the Mandamin family and community members in the walk to honour Mr. Mandamin's memory and draw attention to the case. Cruisers led and followed the walkers as they made their way to the feast and giveaway.

"We know that Anthony was struck by a motorized vehicle in the foggy conditions of that morning," WTPS Police Chief Ron Gignac said. "It is our hope that someone will come forward soon with the truth—whether it be the driver or a witness who withheld information. The best thing anyone involved can do is come forward and relieve the burden that has plagued them for so many years. Anthony's family deserves closure, and healing cannot begin until the truth is known."

"Beneath the darkness is always light," said Gerard Sa-

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# Gordon/Barrie Island council raises grave concerns with lack of highway signage

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—Gordon/Barrie Island township council has directed staff to again make it known to Emcon and the Ministry of Transportation of its dire concerns that 'slow moving, horse drawn vehicle' signs need to be posted on Highway 540 on the Ice Lake Causeway before someone is seriously injured.

"It's an accident waiting to happen," stated Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island after a council meeting last week. "The municipality is beside ourselves with concern with what may happen there. And it is not within our jurisdiction."

"At our (council) meeting last night we passed a formal resolution calling for staff to contact EMCON and the MTO

again about the concerns," said Reeve Hayden. "We had raised this concern previously and we heard from the MTO that the order had been put through, but still there are no signs."

Reeve Hayden explained, "there is a family that just moved into the house at the corner of the Ice Lake causeway (on Highway 540 toward Kagawong) and use the road to get to and leave their property. There are no shoulders on the causeway road, and it is definitely a high risk area with vehicles travelling along both sides of the road."

"We're concerned with the amount of traffic on that stretch of highway around the causeway and the chances of an accident taking place," said Carrie

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# Tehkummah residents to see an increase of 10% to the levy

Raise not enough to cover shortfall

by Tom Sasvari

TEHKUMMAH—Tehkummah Township council has voted in favour of a 10 percent increase in the municipal levy for the 2025 budget, which council passed last week.

After a special council meeting held on September 3 and a meeting September 9 where the budget was passed, Leanne Crozier, consultant with E4m, provided council with four options for the increase to be imposed, of five, eight, 10 and 12 percent. She had indicated in an overview of the budget that there was a need to cut approximately \$500,000 to offset the shortfall and council discussed potential cuts.

With the 10 percent increase in municipal taxes, it reduces the shortfall to \$200,082.

The decision to pass a 10 percent budget increase was debated at last week's meeting. When the vote was taken as to what councillors favoured for an increase, Councillor Mike McKenzie initially had voted in favour of a 12 percent increase, with Councillor Steve Wood opting for 10 percent and Lorie Leeson in favour of an eight percent increase. Councillor Perry Chatwell, who was not in attendance at last week's meeting had indicated at the previous meeting

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# One Manitowaning Road opinion

# <u>editorial</u>

# Violence does not belong in a civil society, period, full stop

The recent assassination of popular right-wing influencer Charlie Kirk has rippled out across the divide, both in the US and here in Canada, where Mr. Kirk also had a devoted following.

At 31, Mr. Kirk was one of the right's most prominent and polarizing voices in the blogsphere. He built his following by amplifying the false claim that the 2020 election was stolen and by railing against what he characterized as "woke" culture. His comments on race, feminism, LGBTQ and immigration has drawn sharp criticism from the left, sparked both protests and celebration when he visited campuses and made him a lighting rod for both mockery and inspiration.

It also amassed him a considerable fortune, rising to \$12 million, and as CEO of Turning Point USA, the non-profit he founded that is aimed at promoting conservative views on campuses, Mr. Kirk's salary increased from \$27,000 in 2016 to more than \$407,000 in 2021. Truly a rags to riches success story built on promoting a right-wing agenda.

Small wonder he was the darling of Republicans and the right, being an effective communicator with a backstory to rival Horatio

Mr. Kirk was also a husband and a father whose grieving wife vows to continue his legacy and whose children are now left without a father. His death is a tragedy that should not be celebrated in any way by anyone

Initially, the publicly available information suggested that the assassin was a right-wing extremist, even further to the right than Mr. Kirk. Since then, many voices have claimed the shooter was a left-wing extremist and political actors on the right have heaped dog whistle claims about his personal attachments and leanings. (Leading some to suggest a 'Wag of the Dog' scenario.) As of this writing the jury hasn't even been convened to consider the actual evidence or the shooter's motive. One thing is certain—his actions were among the most extreme.

Violence has no place in a democratic society and should be condemned by all sides of the floor—and never exploited by either side in its aftermath.

It is easy to kid ourselves that such madness is limited to the anarchy unfolding to the south of our borders. But the plain truth is that it isn't. A brief survey of online comments here on Manitoulin Island will dispel any such illusions. In recent years, the tendency for polarization has been growing in this country but such partisan posturing and rhetoric leaves out some important details in its

While extremists on both sides of the divide like to paint their opponents as utterly despicable people, at best misguided but at their core wholly evil, and then stoop to character assassination and name-calling instead of reasoned debate to further their argument, the truth of the matter is that both sides of the political spectrum bring important ideas to the table.

Just because we disagree with someone's point of view does not automatically make them wrong.

Sometimes an idea or concept coming initially from the left is the right policy for our nation to follow. Sometimes it is a policy from the right that plots the best course forward. That gets too often forgotten when engaging in keyboard warrior activities. Too often, consideration of the actual pros and cons of those ideas coming from either side becomes lost in ideological posturing.

That approach does nothing to further our Canadian constitutional values of peace, order and good government. Instead, such polarization is a recipe for chaos, anarchy and, at its extreme, civil

We, as Canadians, must, each and every one of us, endeavour to chart a better path.

The murder of Charlie Kirk should not be celebrated. It should be condemned in the strongest possible terms by every decent human being and without qualification.

# <u>letters</u>

# Reader dismayed by Gore Bay mayor's assertion

View dismissive of residents struggling with affordable housing issues

To the Expositor:

I was troubled by a recent statement from Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane, as noted in the September 3, 2025 edition of The Expositor, suggesting that Gore Bay does not need social housing because there are "no mental health supports in place in the area to allow for this type of housing.

This view is dismissive of residents who struggle with affordable housing and may face mental health challenges. It also conflicts with reality. Gore Bay already has two social housing complexes, and they do not appear to be "crying out" for mental health services. Social housing does not mean mental health issues; however, safe and affordable housing can contribute significantly to a person's well-being and sta-

The lack of existing mental health supports is not a reason to avoid social housing — it is precisely why we need to bring housing and services together. Safe and affordable housing is a cornerstone of stability. As Maslow's hierarchy of needs reminds us, people must first have their basic needs like shelter met before they can address higher-level needs such as employment, education, or mental health. To claim that people must already have services before they can have housing ignores the proven principle of "housing first," which views housing as a fundamental human right. This view has been successfully applied in Canada and beyond.

Gore Bay is part of the broader housing challenge facing communities across the country. Pretending that there is no need for housing or implying that those who struggle are unwelcome sends the wrong message about this community's values.

I urge Mayor Lane to reconsider his stance and to work with regional and provincial partners to bring both affordable housing and supportive services to Gore Bay. This community deserves leadership that sees inclusion and care as strengths, not liabilities.

Sincerely, **Anne Steele-Giffin Gore Bay** 

# Writer laments backtracking on Bowerman Trail

Just another dismantling of South Baymouth

To the Expositor:

After totally ignoring offers of expert support for the re-construction of the Bowerman Trail in South Baymouth, the administrator instructed someone to start building something. They did. See picture immediate right. Eight months later it's all dismantled. See picture far right.

Just another expensive cock-up in the slow dismantling of South Baymouth.

**South Baymouth** 

Does anyone care? **David Samuels**  22 NOV 2024

The initial construction effort was underway in November of 2024.



# Weengushk International Film Festival opens October 3 theme, WIFF shines a light on performance by Leland Bell. details, workshop locations and

M'CHIGEENG-Weengushk Film Institute, based in M'Chigeeng, is once again hosting the Weengushk International Film Festival (WIFF). The theme for this year's festival is 'The Legacy Makers: Honouring chiefs who paved the path forward.'

"This year's theme pays tribute to the Indigenous chiefs and leaders who have guided communities toward a vision of strength, resilience, and prosperity," notes WIFF founder acclaimed filmmaker, actor and playwright Dr. Shirley Cheechoo. "Through this

those who have empowered Indigenous people and shaped our future. As we honor these leaders, we invite our audience to reflect on the contributions of our chiefs and celebrate the pathways they have forged for the next generation. Join us in this unique celebration of leadership, courage, and community."

This year's opening night starts with student films and a light snack at 4 pm on Friday, October 3 at the Four Directions Complex in Aundeck Omni Kaning followed by a live

Opening night will also feature the film 'Free Leonard Peltier,' chronicling the story of the recently released Indigenous activist Leonard Peltier who was convicted of the murder of two FBI agents after hiding out in British Columbia. Mr. Peltier was recently released from pris-

Saturday, October 4 will feature a series of workshops, including ribbon skirt making, language, producing, beading, traditional cooking, a cinematographic workshop and a music workshop. Check out the

details, workshop locations and rsvp at www.weengushkfilmfestival ca/event-list

The closing festival gala, complete with red carpet, inspiring speakers, dinner, awards, student graduation and a live performance by Adian Sutherland. Invited guests include a Member of Parliament, the Assembly of First Nations National Chief and some of the leading lights in Indigenous arts.

For more information about the festival, please contact us at 705.377.6011 or via email at: festival@weengushkfilmfestival.

# **Eric the Bee:**

# Tale of a garden ornament that extends from Sudbury to Hungary and its final resting place on Manitoulin Island

by Joe D. Shorthouse

any homeowners increase the attractiveness of their flower gardens by adding bird feeders, bird baths and ornaments. Ornaments depicting animals such as rabbits, birds, insects and turtles, and even cartoon characters, are especially enjoyed by children.

Ornaments intensify the experience children have when visiting gardens and help connect them to the natural world. Garden ornaments are sometimes left in place for so long they become a fixed memory of the garden that extends over several generations.

Such was the case with a wooden ornament of a happy honeybee my family purchased about 30 years ago from artisan Henri Malette who designed, built and painted lawn ornaments from his roadside home in Verner, Ontario, east of Sudbury.

Our honeybee was fondly named 'Eric' in reference to a song by British actor and comedian John Cleese of Monty Py-



Huge egg laid by Eric on a rose bush north of

Eric was firmly attached to the ground by two metal legs along a walkway at the top of hillside flower and vegetable beds in our Sudbury backyard.

For nearly three decades Eric was a sentinel overlooking our property. Each of our two children, then later five grandchildren, acknowledged Eric whenever they visited our gardens.

As a former professor of entomology, I always appreciated having a bee ornament in our yard and looked for ways in which Eric could make its way into my storytelling and lectures. Such an opportunity occurred on an international scale when I attended an entomology conference in Hungary in August of 1997.

As is common for scientists in all specialties, international conferences are held periodically so researchers can meet personally to share their views and

This is the case for biologists who study plant galls (odd growths on plants made by insects), so in 1997, I and about 60 other gall researchers gathered in a town east of Budapest for six days of

The organizer of the symposium, Dr. Gyuri Csóka of the Hungarian Forest Research Institute, had visited Sudbury a few years before to study our boreal and deciduous forests.

I took Dr. Csóka on excursions to Timmins and Niagara Falls to see our conifers and deciduous trees and we became close friends with our scientific interactions often laced with humour and kid-

Dr. Csóka asked for volunteers to present entertaining stories at a social evening before the Hungarian conference began. Seeing this as an opportunity to practice one's raconteur skills, I offered to contribute

I fabricated a spoof on how Sudbury's high levels of pollution at the time had altered the DNA of normally small adult gall wasps (5 mm in length) such that they became grossly enlarged and made galls the size of basketballs instead of small peas. Finding photographs to accompany the spoof was a challenge, but Eric became an ideal model.

Although the honeybees we see in our gardens are females while males or drones are rarely seen and do not partic-



Author's granddaughter Emily Renelli, who grew up Sudbury visiting Eric throughout the summers



Eric settled into her new home on Manitoulin Island.



Eric visiting the sand dunes at Providence Bay

ipate in making honey, Eric was given a male name by John Cleese. For my story, the bee's name should have been 'Erica' but in keeping with the Cleese connection. I left it as Eric.

Further, Eric was not a female honeybee in my story, but a female gall wasp of the type that lays eggs on rose bushes resulting in galls that house her larval

In preparation for the Hungarian skit and to embellish the story, I photographed Eric at a slag heap near the Copper Cliff smelter west of Sudbury to establish the illusion that pollution was genetically altering local insects.

I also photographed Eric in a field of wild roses north of the city where she laid giant eggs and made huge galls (simulated with green balloons).

The skit was well received, and Eric remained standing guard in our backyard for many years afterwards, where she continued to provide enjoyment for our family.

Eric was forgotten when we sold the house four years ago and moved into a retirement townhouse in south Sudbury, until one of our grandchildren asked about the beloved ornament.

The inquiry led to a visit to our former house asking the new owners if I could search for Eric. They not only agreed but suggested I take her if she was located.

By luck, Eric was still firmly attached to the ground but hidden in overgrown shrubbery. Incredibly, she was in excellent condition. Her wings had fallen off, but were located nearby.

Eric's paint was still vibrant as was the cute smirk on her face, designed so many years ago by artisan Henri Malette.

I recently contacted Henri who still lives in his Verner home to tell him about his long-surviving ornament. He told me about using the same outdoor oil-based paint as did INCO for their signage.

Finding Eric with parts of her body missing reminded me of the 1972 Cleese song 'Eric the Half a Bee' where he mused philosophically as to whether or not a bee cut in two can still be consid-

Cleese was part of the Monty Python troupe of actors known for their comedy sketches in a TV series called Monty Python's Flying Circus which aired in Britain from 1969-1974. He was also the star in a 12-episode 1970s TV show 'Fawlty Towers' and appeared in Hollywood movies such as 'A Fish Called Wanda.'

A song about Eric was part of an album following a routine called "Fish License" in which a character played by Cleese tried to obtain licences for his an-

imal pets, one of which was a halibut. Cleese's character had named each of his pets 'Eric' much to the chagrin of the licence officer played by Michael Palin.

Eric the bee was also one of these pets and the song relates the tale of a bee that was accidentally 'bisected' one summer

In Cleese's mind, the lyrics raise philosophical questions as to the existence or not of half a bee. He wrote 'half a bee, philosophically, must ipso facto half not be. But half the bee has got to be, vis-à-vis its entity-do you see? But can a bee be said to be or not to be an entire bee when half the bee is not a bee, due to some ancient

I removed Eric from our former garden and had fun sharing her with neighbours at our new home in Sudbury. I then decided that she should retire in a flower garden at our permanent summer trailer near Sheguiandah on Manitoulin

However, to everyone's surprise, Eric somehow first visited her relatives in the apiary of Nancy and David Kains near Mindemoya, and then the sand dunes of Providence Bay.

In contrast to our former Sudbury garden, where Eric remained outside over the winter months, she will be stored in a shed come October. The local snowshoe hares will likely be disappointed as they would have enjoyed her brilliant colours against the white background.

As absurd as the Monty Python sketch about a bee missing body parts will be to many, there are serious aspects to finding and identifying small parts of insects. The body parts of insects are comprised of hard skeletons and they take years to disintegrate.

For example, mouthparts of the aquatic immatures of mosquito-like midges sink to the bottom of lakes when they moult. Each species has distinct mouthparts that can later be used to identify

The presence of mouthparts in cores of mud at the bottom of lakes allows scientists to reconstruct climates that occurred hundreds of years ago. Mouthparts of midges can also be used to monitor changes in aquatic ecosystems caused by pollutants.

Pieces of beetles found in post glacial deposits can be identified and used to describe the composition of past forests. Parts of insects found on deceased persons left in forests have been used by forensic experts to reconstruct crime scenes. But none of these uses can compare to the fun of using insects in storytelling.

Although the whimsical tale of Eric wasn't included in the conference publication, it hopefully still brings a smile and a bit of philosophical pondering to the readers of The Manitoulin Expositor.



Eric visiting her relatives at one of the bee hives of Nancy and David Kains near Mindemoya.

# Friends and Neighbours

# Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your friendly mid-September fly! And here I thought only the weeks leading up to fair was truck season. This past week, I have seen a few dozen trucks and trailers rumbling by daily. All busy with harvests to haul, cords of wood and loads of cargo to deliver. This time of year is when everyone gets organized ahead of the weather and wind in preparation for the colder months and the hunt. Based on the number of deer I have already seen on the roads and trails, I think this year's hunt will be a good one! I am still reeling from how fast this year has gone so far and I imagine by the time you finish reading this column it will be Christmas. Providence Bay gets mighty colourful and fun this time of year with the Harvest Glory Days Contest back in full swing! Check out the Expositor ad in this newspaper or visit Manitoulin.com for more details.

Here's what happening: The Providence Bay Fall Vendor Market is on October 18 and a few more fun fall events to look forward to before the rec night skating and hockey season goes full tilt, so stay tuned!

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!

Fall Clean-up/Reuse/Recycle: The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is supporting fire prevention and fall clean up with waived tipping fees on clean brush brought to the Providence Bay Transfer Station on the following dates:

September 11, 13, 18 and 20. Loads must be sorted and contain clean brush only and other transfer station fees and rules still apply. The Providence Bay Transfer station is located at 1077 Government Road in Providence Bay and is open fall, winter and spring on Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 5 pm. Looking for a practical way to reduce food waste and help the environment? Join us for a compost workshop September 20 from 10 am to 12 noon at the Mindemoya Hall with Colen McKeever to learn about composting and dehydration technology as a cost-effective and environmentally friendly solution. The workshop is free to attend and great for anyone interested in learning hands-on solutions to keep food waste out of landfills! For more information or to register, please email Alison at asloss@ centralmanitoulin.ca.

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. Are you interested in becoming a Lions Club Member? Contact the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions club Facebook page for details on how you too can give back to your community!

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

Food Drive: Lions and I are organizing our pick-a-pumpkin for a non-perishable food drive again this year for Manitoulin Family Resources. Stay tuned for updates and details! We will be inside the Providence Bay Arena this year, so look for posters and announcements coming

The Friends: Happy birthday to all of you mid-September babies! Early happy birthday to Wally and to Morgen!

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

Reminders: September 24th, Alison McAllister is back with a fun fall decoration and turkey pumpkins! To register for either session, please email Alison at asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca.

Oh, my brother Christian is coming to visit the Island for a couple of weeks at

the beginning of October, so if you see him be sure to say hello! Congratulations on your Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Blackbelt, brother; super proud of you!

# Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer loves animals! People are often surprised to learn that one of us has a cat named after their father. Which is weird, because how would the cat be named before him? Those closest to us know we love to hear about their stories of animal encounters. For example, a neighbour told us that she saw a fox on the way to work. We have no idea how she knew it was on its way to work, but we appreciated her sharing.

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 from 4 to 7 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.) The landfill remains on its current schedule (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 6 pm; and Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm) until October 31st.

The Kagawong Seniors Active Living Program presents Fitness with Kelly! This program runs Thursdays from 9 to 10 am at the Park Centre and is free to anyone over 55 years old. Contact Mary for more information at 705-348-2285 or seniors@billingstwp.ca. Coming soon, free yoga classes for seniors will start in October. Stay tuned!

Are you missing the Kagawong Summer Markets? Fear not! The market fun continues into the fall with a special Fall Market on Saturday, October 4 from 1:30 to 6:30 pm at the Kagawong River Complex. Save the date and be sure to stop by and check out the variety of local and handmade goods!

From the market, mosey on over to the church of St. John's the Evangelist for an evening of music with Cia and Bill Savage! They'll be presenting "Come as you are - 2," an evening of contemporary inspirational music and sing-along at 7 pm on October 4. Admission is by donation, with funds going right back to the church. Refreshments will be provided.

Join Manitoulin Streams for their annual guided salmon tours! From October 1 to 31 (excluding Thanksgiving Monday), join a Manitoulin Streams guide along the Kagawong River to learn more about the science and stories behind the salmon run. Contact getinvolved.manitoulinstreams@gmail.com for more information.

Kim B celebrated her 29th birthday this past week. We hope you had a wonderful day filled with love, cake and many presents. Team Fergmeijer has often thought that at a certain age, a really good gift would be one of those candy necklaces, but with Tums and ibuprofen.

The library board is busy gathering a fantastic collection of items for their annual silent auction. This year's online auction is November 13 to 16. 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).

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

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

Our words of wisdom for this week: An old fox understands the trap. Have a great week!

# Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Friday morning Rose and I hopped into the car and drove off to Gore Bay to have coffee at Almaz's. It was nice to visit with a variety of community members, drink coffee and eat cake. One of the young men from the pharmacy has gotten married and his wife joined us. She is very nice and I am sure everyone will enjoy getting to know her.

I do like the new sidewalks and lights in Gore Bay. The blue is very attractive.

Friday night, September 5 was cards in Meldrum. We had good attendance and lots of fun. High lady was Janice Cada with 77 points; high man was Harold Rogers with 68; ladies' lone hands went to Myra Duncanson with four; men's lone hands went to Natasha McVey with four; Anne Giffin Steele won most euchres. It's nice to have Anne back with us. Over the summer she had lots of family visiting and no time was left to join up with us for cards. She had a great summer, but we're glad to have her back. Diane Jones won the door prize; Brenda Carter took home the juice; the money jar is still safe; and Rose Van Every won the 50/50 draw.

On Saturday morning we went with Pat McDougall to Karen's yard sale in Silver Water. As usual we sat around, drank coffee, ate muffins and talked with everybody.

Sunday morning was a major event as Rose and Linette were baptized. It was quite beautiful and several of us got teary. At the end they were given candles to remember the day with. Pat transferred her membership to Meldrum Bay and we were all happy to welcome her. Diane assisted Reverend Janice Frame throughout. Afterwards we had cake and goodies.

Jamie and Norma Nelder have their daughter Amy staying with them. To celebrate we went out to eat at Stop 540. The roast chicken dinner was delicious.

At the DCIA meeting two weeks ago we were told that they were starting the renovations to the hall in two weeks. They were starting to set up Wednesday and were doing more work Thursday. Thanks to Quantum for doing this job for us.

We are enjoying the fall weather. The maples are turning red, the geese are flying overhead in formation and the fawns are losing their spots, winter is on its way. Have a great week everyone.

# Barrie Island Enid Runnalls

The moon is waning in the northeast, and the September sun is rising just after 7 am these days, tell-tale signs that autumn is just around the corner. Haven't the days been beautiful, though!

Another sign of the end of summer: cottagers are bringing in their docks. Never a fun job, especially as it must be done when the water is cold.

Manure spreading season surrounds us and so you might want to keep your windows tightly shut during this time.

Barrie Island sees two school buses coming punctually around the South Line and East Line block, starting with the high school bus at 7:30 am and the short bus driven by Jack Bould for the C.C. McLean students around 8 am. At his corner, Micah happily jumps on with four others already in their seats. This week Micah's pet Pickles thought he'd like to go to school too, but he was gently coaxed off by Jack and the kids and Pickles watched them drive off from the roadside. Then he spotted a squirrel and forgot all about it.

Cameron and Reece recently attended the wedding of Troy and Brooklyn Beatty in Stayner, Ontario. Troy was an Aggie classmate of Cameron's from the University of Guelph.

Just last week, George and Carolyn Calback moved to the LaSalle Retirement Residence in Sudbury where their son Lorne and his wife Dawn live nearby. We will miss them here on Barrie Island. They have been neighbours for years and were well known for their large productive garden and tasty preserves.

The Greenman family celebrated Gary Greenman's 80th birthday (which falls on October 14) on September 6 in Little Current with a noon boat trip on Chris Blodgett's cruise liner and then a lovely dinner at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre. Attending the party were, Gary Greenman and Dirk Operschall, Lance and Lillian Greenmen, Don and Betty Greenman, Natalie and Roger Hayden, Patrick and Alyssa Greenman, Sharon Nobel and daughter Yvonne, Ikuo Urata, Darren Urata and Brooklyn,

Tanya and Chad Carter, Tom and Jackie Cunning and Michelle and her friend. It was a lovely day and Gary enjoyed every minute! Happy Birthday Gary!

Linsey Landry and her mother Edith Beange popped in at Enid's to pick up a few cans of Cameron's maple syrup. Sandy was there too, and we had a nice little visit.

Linsey is a great supporter of the Little Free Library at the corner of 5th Side Road and East Line Road and she's added a few really good books to the box. Meanwhile Head Librarian Sandy Miller has curated the books and shuffled things around so there is always an interesting assortment for local readers.

Sandy Miller attended the Manitoulin UCW Annual Meeting at Mindemoya's Trinity Manitoulin United Church this week and reports that she thoroughly enjoyed the speakers' presentations on Social Media Fraud Awareness, Physical Fitness and also Preparing Wills and Power of Attorney. It was wonderful to gather with women from around the Island. All guests were sent home with a lovely teacup full of goodies.

Please get in touch with me if you have any news to share!

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# Silver Water Karen Noble

Meldrum Bay.

Murray and Gladys Duncanson travelled to their son Craig's camp on Friday.

Saturday there was a birthday party for Blake Duncanson. Clarke came from St. Catharine's with his sons Ethan and Aiden. Aiden pointed out when they arrived that they had forgotten to bring Mommy and the dog Piper.

On Saturday there was a market in our yard. We had several vendors and plan to continue Saturdays through September. The weather will determine the October dates

On Sunday afternoon there was the euchre tournament in Tehkummah. I took Shawn Noble, DonnaKay McDonald, Janice Cada and Myra Duncanson with me. There were several other players from the west end. Congratulations to Shawn who won the 50/50 draw. We took another dozen boxes of books with us to their library.

On Monday afternoon, the recycle bins were open from 1 to 2 pm. They are open the second Monday and fourth Saturday of every month.

On Monday afternoon, Gladys Duncanson, Heather Wilson and I had a swim in Silver Lake. We all agreed the water was very refreshing. We were not in the rest of the week.

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

On Tuesday, there were eight ladies from the Silver Water UCW who travelled to Mindemoya to attend an Island wide gathering at the Trinity United Church. Thank you to Mary Alice Lewis and the other Mindemoya ladies for a well-organized day with several guest speakers. The OPP officer spoke of various fraud scams, the lawyer Laura Hunter talked about wills and powers of attorney and then there was Kelly who had us do some light exercises.

Fire practice was held on Tuesday night.

Colleen and Eric Julseth arrived home from their two-week vacation on Lake Superior.

Sharon Beaton was here for two weeks' vacation and has now returned home.
Bruce Erkhart is here visiting Murray

and Gladys Duncanson for the weekend.

There was euchre at the Silver Water

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

September 27.
Condolences to the family of Alfred Armstrong.

# in memoriam of Anthony 'Antz'' Mandamin

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gassige, one of the family supporters attending the event. "There's so much hope here and resilience."

As the walkers began to arrive at the family home, a drummer sang them in with many raising their fists in salute as they passed by. Family members from across the prov-

A memorial walk attended by dozens of family, friends and supporters was held for Anthony "Antz" Mandamin on Saturday whose hit and run death in Wiiwkemkoong 19 years ago has never been solved. A \$50,000 reward from the province remains for any information that leads to

photo by Michael Erskine

ince took part in the walk and memorial.

The Government of Ontario continues to offer a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122, the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Crime Unit at 705859-3141, or their nearest police service. Anonymous tips can be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).



# ...Cambrian campus support workers on strike

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long tuition freeze and have been struggling since the federal government enacted a cap on international students, notes the College unions. A government-commissioned report found in 2023 that Ontario's college funding per student is just 44 percent of the level of the rest of the country. For its part, the CEC claimed in a Wednesday, September 10 statement that the union was demanding "poison pill" contract demands. "It says the union's demands are fiscally impossible in a time when college enrolments and revenues are down by as much as 50 percent.

The colleges also maintain that it was also "categorically false" that the CEC walked away from negotiations Wednesday evening. According to the CEC's CEO Graham Lloyd the negotiation team informed the union they wouldn't respond to their last offer, unless certain "unacceptable" measures were changed. Those measures included the prohibition of college closures, campus mergers and any layoff or reduction of staff during the contract period.

The striking workers in Little Current set up their picket line on the sidewalk across from the Cambrian offices, citing that they did not want to infringe upon the businesses located on either side of those offices.

# Gordon/Barrie Island council raises grave concerns

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Lewis, CAO/clerk for Gordon/Barrie Island. "Council directed staff to ensure EMCON and MTO know it is urgent for signage to be posted.'

There are no shoulders on the road for a slow-moving vehicle to turn off. In the morning it is dangerous with the number of people driving to work. And in the winter, there will be an even bigger risk with the winds

and snow drifting on the causeway," said CAO Lewis.
"EMCON has already indicated they recognize our concerns," said Reeve Hayden. "There is definitely a blind spot on that road, there is no line of site for faster moving vehicles driving on that road."



Gordon/Barrie Island township council is calling on the Ministry of Transportation to erect a similar 'slow moving, horse drawn vehicle' signs (seen above) on Highway 540 on the Ice Lake causeway to prevent a serious collision.

# ...Tehkummah residents to see an increase of 10%

...continued from page 3 he would not be in favour of any increase over eight percent.

With the divided vote, Councillor McKenzie said, "I will go with a 10 percent increase to move this forward."

Peggy Young-Lovelace of E4M, consultant with governance and community development (who had been requested by the township to provide clerk duties and council meetings for a six month period) said, "When council first started looking at the budget numbers, it was at a 51 percent increase in

"We started at 51 percent and were able to take it down to 10 percent," said Councillor McKen-

"Even with changes in the budget, there will still be a shortfall of \$200,082, with the 10 percent (tax) increase overall," said Ms. Crozier. She explained in looking at the tax increase options, with a 4.9 percent increase it would leave a shortfall of \$279,581, a 7.9 percent increase would leave a shortfall of \$231.881, 10 percent would leave a shortfall of \$200,082 and a 12 percent tax increase would leave a shortfall in the budget of \$168,282.

She pointed out, in capital under the budget, the township had total rev-

enues of \$319,252, with ture work carried out is expenses at \$571,150 with the 10 percent increase. "In a perfect world these two figures would be a lot closer.'

It was pointed out the township has been without a treasurer for over a year, and has not had a permanent clerk since the term of this council start-

As well, the township's previous auditors, MNP, had provided an audit of the township in 2020, 2021, but the township needed to hire another company to get these records completed for 2023 and 2024.

With the 10 percent budget increase, it provides for the township to purchase a needed new snowplow, allows for the services the township has to continue and has put some monies toward infrastructure bridges that need to be repaired.

Mayor John Deforge told The Expositor after last week's council meeting, one of the main reasons for the shortfall the township is looking at is, "the previous councils neglected to put away or do any infrastructure repairs. We have a total of eight bridges that require work to be done on them. In my opinion, keeping up with having infrastructhe job of a council."

E4M will be working with the township to do an internal service review/audit and a level of service bylaw, looking to sustaining services the township provides, in the future.

Both Ms. Young-Lovelace and Ms. Crozier said the township needs to have an asset management plan carried out, something the province has mandated all municipalities have in place.

"The current situation is not the fault of the township staff, this (financial difficulties) is something that has been in the works for years, and the current office staff is doing the best it can," said Ms. Young Lovelace. She said having an asset management plan in place is crit-

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# ...Little Current intersection

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she is going to be okay. And the driver of the truck was okay, although a little shook up," said Holly Burnett. Dave Williamson, CAO of NEMI told The Expositor

Monday, "The municipality has made very effort to ensure traffic safety at that intersection, including putting in place many things that are unique in those type of areas. There is an oversized stop sign at the corner (Meredith Street), a flashing red light, and a sign indicating that cross traffic does not stop.'

"It would be difficult to come up with another option or tool that would encourage drivers to pay appropriate attention," said Mr. Williamson.

Mr. Williamson noted, "there are close calls at that intersection, based on the narrative I have heard. There is not enough space in the area to have a turn around installed, and installing traffic lights would be too expensive for council to even consider."

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# Councillors divided over Historical Society donation increase

by Michael Erskine CENTRAL MANITOU-LIN—A request for an increase donation from Manitoulin council to the Historical Society from \$525 to \$1,000 was met with pushback from a number of members of council.

"I just have a problem, Mr. Mayor, with raising this amount of money up

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to a thousand dollars," said Councillor Derek Stephens. "I've never actually figured out why this council is giving money to this board to begin with. We host all their stuff. We hire their employees now and the whole bit. We pay their insurances, why are we giving this board money? This is the only board in

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this municipality that we Manitoulin one of those."

"Those other boards that you mentioned supply services to the Stephens. "We need a planning

give money to. I question the benefit our ratepayers get by giving money to this performance."
"I'd just like to say it's not the only place that we have donations to boards," noted Mayor Stephens. "We make payments to the Planning Board, to the District Services Board and the Municipal Association board, so we do use the municipal funds for a purpose that serves us well, and this is

"I agree with Derek," said Councillor Rose Diebolt. "Why are we giving them a thousand dollars?" Councillor Diebolt noted that the municipality hired a curator for a one-year placement as well.

Manitoulin Island," said Councillor board, because that's how we get our assessments done and our zoning and everything else. The Manitoulin Municipal Association is a board of all the elected officials here on the Island. This Historical Society is basically a club. I don't see what benefit my taxpayers are getting by even at the \$500 level. What benefit is my ratepayers getting from this board? When we pay everything for them?'

"I would just like to have a better explanation as to what the money is going to be used for," said Councillor Brian Mitchell. "What's it going to be used for? Is it just for operations, then I want a breakdown as to what it is for, repairs or to repair or fix up the artifacts."

Councillor Diebolt asked what kind of fundraising the organization conducts.

"I don't think people understand what the Historical Society is all about," said Mayor Stephens. "We have a museum, and somebody has to look after it and have it available for the public to see. The big part that I remember when I was involved in it, and I'm not just involved as I was, the students would come down from the schools and they came from not only Mindemoya to see our forefathers worked with and used equipment, and now it's put on display here and discussions are made and questions are asked and hopefully answered. But it's an education centre, it's not a production centre, it's an education facility for our residents and our students.'

"I think every small town needs a little bit of culture," shared Councillor Linda Farquhar. "That's what our museum represents. It's there for people to come and look up their ancestral roots and whatnot."

"We had another board out there who had a beautiful asset home," said Councillor Stephens, referencing the Big Lake Schoolhouse. "But that was an absolutely gorgeous building and this council decided that they weren't going to support that group. They weren't going to support that building, and we got rid of it and basically devastated that group. It was a beautiful asset. That school was absolutely gorgeous. The way they had it fixed up with all the old stuff from the single room school. But it wasn't that important, I guess, being out in Sandfield, but because this group happens to be in

Mindemoya, and it seems to be a pet project of the mayor, we're going to give it more money, and I do not see any benefit to my ratepayers in giving this board more money when we pay everything for them."

Councillor Dale Scott also said he supported the motion. "I wouldn't be surprised that they're getting some funding from their municipalities," he noted, citing the Sheguiandah Museum in Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and the Gore Bay Museum. "I think, like Richard, the education, our history, and just having information center where we all can go to and our tourists in the summer have an opportunity to learn about what the community has to offer."

Councillor Stephens requested a recorded vote.

Councillors Bisaillon, Farquhar, Mitchell, Scott and Mayor Stephens voted in favour of the motion, while Councillors Diebolt and Stephens voted against it.

# ...Decorate for Harvest Glory Days

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Communities where businesshomeowners, people, municipal or First Nations staff have risen to the occasion to add to the overall visual enjoyment of the season will, as always, be rewarded with large metal signs attesting to the community spirit that these efforts demonstrate. If they've been awarded a sign over the past dozen years that this event has been encouraging street level decorating, they will receive a leaf to add to their sign indicating their commitment to maintaining a positive community spirit again in

Individuals are asked to contact The Expositor office to register where they've decorated, with their First Nation/town/

hamlet and street address.

This can be accomplished by emailing these details to services@manitoulin.com, by calling 705-368-2744 (weekdays, 9 am to 5 pm) with the details or by visiting manitoulin. com, searching for the Harvest Glory Days bar/ icon and recording the details there.

There is a deadline: The Expositor Office needs this input by 5 pm on Friday, October 3 as judging will take place the weekend of October 4 and 5 with the results of the champion communities published in the Wednesday, October 8 issue of The Manitoulin Expositor, together with a photo array and the list of addresses that have decorations on display will also be published in that paper the week before

Thanksgiving. Please get decorating! It's September 17 already!

For an outline of the Harvest Glory Days expectations, please see the ad on page 8A (back page of the LIFE second section.)

Last year's (2024) Harvest Glory Days honourees included: Sheguiandah, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation, Mindemoya, Manitowaning, Bay, Providence Bay and Spring Bay. Categories are large town, mid-sized town and small town.

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tunity to serve Gore Bay in a new capacity, the community services manager position.

Ms. Chaytor, in her letter to council wrote in part, "Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position as a councillor for the town of Gore Bay, effective August 21, 2025. It has been an honour to serve our community in this capacity, and I am deeply grateful for the trust placed in me by the residents of Gore Bay. During my time on council, I have appreciated the opportunity to work alongside our mayor, fellow councillors and town staff to support projects and initiatives that strengthen our community.'

"I am proud of the progress we have made together, and I look forward to continuing to serve our community in this new capacity. Thank you again for the opportunity to represent Gore Bay as a councillor. I wish council continued success in the important work ahead."



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# WTPS launches community 'situation table'

by Jacqueline St.Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

WIIKWEMKOONG-In the heart of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, a quiet revolution is underway. The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS), under the leadership of Chief Ron Gignac, is reshaping public safety by shifting from reactive enforcement to proactive community engagement. This transformation is not just about policing; it's about building a resilient, connected community where safety is a shared responsibility.

Chief Gignac, who brings decades of experience from the Canadian Armed Forces and the Ontario Provincial Police, emphasizes the importance of collaboration in policing. "We can't do this alone," he stated during a community safety fair, highlighting the need for partnerships to effectively address community safety concerns

One of the cornerstones of this approach is the Wiikwemkoong Situation Table, a collaborative initiative that brings together police, mental health professionals, addiction specialists, housing workers, educators and child and family services. This weekly triage meeting allows professionals to identify and address highrisk situations before they escalate, ensuring timely and appropriate interventions.

In addition to the Situation Table, WTPS has

# LAMBAC launches strategic planning survey

GORE BAY—The La-Cloche Manitoulin Business Assistance Corporation (LAMBAC) is excited to announce the launch of its strategic planning update aimed at shaping the future of economic development across the region. As part of this initiative, LAMBAC is inviting input from local businesses, clients, organizations and community members through a newly released online survey.

"Our communities are evolving, and so must our strategies," said Carolyn Campbell, executive director of LAMBAC. "This planning process is about listening, learning and leading together. We want to ensure our future direction reflects the needs, ideas, and aspirations of the businesses and communities we serve."

This survey is designed to gather insights into local priorities, challenges and opportunities. Responses will directly inform LAMBAC's updated strategic plan, which will guide programs, services, and investments over the coming years.

The survey is now live and available online at: https://www.surveymon-key.com.r/6XTBSY5

launched several other community-focused programs. The Offender Management Apprehension Program (OMAP), introduced in March, aims to reduce repeat offenses and improve compliance with court conditions. In its first four months, the program registered 40 individuals, with 72 percent of compliance checks confirming adherence to judicial release conditions

Recognizing the need for long-term investment, WTPS secured a historic \$112 million funding agreement over 10 years. This unprecedented commitment allows for strategic planning, staffing increases and enhanced service delivery, marking a paradigm shift in public safety for the community.

WTPS is also addressing the crisis of missing

and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) by hiring three permanent positions dedicated to this issue and introducing a new Community Services Vehicle

Industry Services Venicle

adorned with artwork representing MMI-WG and the 'Every Child Matters' banner

Youth engagement is another priority. Through mentorship programs and speakers' series, such as a spring time session featuring Grey Cup champion JR Larose, WTPS is inspiring Indigenous youth to envision bright futures and make positive choices.

These initiatives reflect a holistic approach to community safety—one that integrates enforcement with support, prevention with intervention, and individual well-being with collective resilience. As Chief Gignac aptly puts it, "Supporting our youth requires collective community effort."

In Wilkwemkoong, safety is not just the absence of crime; it's the presence of opportunity, connection, and care. Through collaboration, commitment, and community, WTPS is not merely responding to incidents but actively creating a safer, stronger future for all.





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# ...Gore Bay needs larger land base, councillor claims

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to sustain the services we are providing if we continue to see tax increases of five, six, eight percent every year," said Councillor Osborne. "As an example, we have an arena that sees a deficit of between \$70,000-80,000 per year and although we do receive donations from neighbouring municipalities, we are faced with the rest of these deficit costs every year."

"We are trying to do the best for our taxpayers," said Councillor Osborne, noting part of the motion would be to gauge how the province feels about options open to municipalities

The Ontario government website, 'Municipal Restructuring' shares how and why municipalities change their geographical boundaries. "Municipal boundaries. restructuring is a process municipalities can use to change their geographical boundaries. The most common forms of municipal restructuring are: annexations, and amalgamations. Annexations move jurisdiction for land from one municipality to another. In Northern Ontario, annexation also refers to municipal boundary changes where territory without municipal organization comes under the jurisdiction of a neighbouring municipality. Amalgamations merge neighbouring municipalities into a new municipality.

"Municipality."
"Municipal restructuring can also include: establishing a municipality, dissolving a municipality, changing a municipality's association with an upper-tier municipality, for example, when a lower-tier becomes a single-tier municipality."

"Municipalities may restructure to accommodate future growth, combine resources and build capacity, realign a boundary that passes through or is adjacent to a road or building," the Ontario website explains.

The second motion Councillor Osborne has provided notice on reads Special states to Largest and To could not not all regions.

Gore Bay's Official Plan shows the town borders as they are currently.

whereas the Town of Gore Bay owns and operates a municipal water treatment facility. And whereas the Town of Gore Bay is currently investigating increasing density in serviced areas within the Town of Gore Bay and provision of further water services outside the municipal boundaries may place an undue burden. Therefore, be it resolved that the town of Gore Bay council does hereby direct that no new water service connections, extensions or users shall be permitted to the Town of Gore Bay water system that are not within the geographical boundaries of the Town of Gore Bay."

"The reason I am bringing forward a notice of motion on this, is that we have a certain capacity in our water system," Coun-

cillor Osborne told The Expositor. "What would happen if a large subdivision is being proposed in town, and we no longer have the capacity to provide this water due to more water services being provided to Gordon/Barrie Island?"

Councillor Osborne pointed out for Gordon/Barrie Island residents and businesses currently the only monetary support the town receives is water user fees each year."

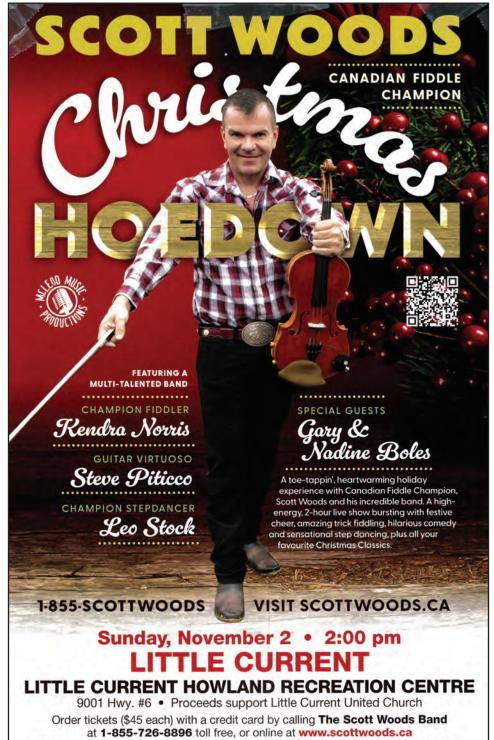
"Our priority as council has to be providing water services to the residents of the town," stated Councillor Osborne. "Providing water services outside of town does not benefit the town, and if any major development is proposed for Gore Bay, we need to know we have the capacity to provide the water services to it."



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# Wiikwemkoong inks 40-year, 42,000-hectare carbon pact

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Wiikwemkoong, in partnership with Finite Carbon Canada, has chosen to bind its economy to the Improved Forest Management for Canadian Forestlands protocol, a rigorous standard first published by the American Carbon Registry in September 2021.

"Our values as Anishinabek are central to this project, as stewards of the land, we see the benefits of this project - for not only the preservation of resources, but the other positive impacts to the environment," stated Ogimaa Tim Ominika of Wiikwemkoong.

'Our team has done the research and due diligence needed, and we are pleased to begin this project with Finite Carbon Canada," added Ogimaa Ominika.

Guided by the Improved Forest Management protocol for Canadian forestlands, first illuminated by the American Carbon Registry in 2021, this 40-year project enters into a covenant of care with the forest as a living ally all within the recognition and protection of emerging legislation that acknowledges the authority and rights of the Nation to govern its land; in this sacred alignment

carbon accounting, building local capacity while reinforcing the land's long-term productivity. By combining legal recognition of the Nation's authority with rigorous verification under the IFM protocol, the project secures both ecological and financial returns, making it a reliable, resilient, and high-value economic strategy, while participating in a framework that validates reciprocity between human hands, living ecosystems and emerging legal recognition.

The Quinte Conservation initiative in southern Ontario has already shown the economic potential of forest carbon projects, managing over 10,000 hectares of forest to generate carbon credits that provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue while supporting watershed health, biodiversity, and sustainable management. The Wiikwemkoong forest carbon project, by contrast, spans 42,000 hectares—more than four times the size of Quinte's initiative—and has the potential to vastly exceed it in both environmental impact and economic

Beyond the sale of carbon credits, the project will

create skilled employment in monitoring and forest management, strengthen local capacity for stewardship, and provide a steady, long-term revenue stream that supports community programs, all while ensuring ...continued on page 12

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David Stevenson, president of Finite Carbon and Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Tim Ominika sign the 40-year deal

of law, science, and ceremony, the forest becomes both teacher and partner, and every action taken resonates across generations, weaving a conciliatory story of reciprocity, responsibility and enduring balance into the fabric of the land itself.

The protocol is not a vague pledge. This is the practice of true guardianship, of deliberate governance. It requires transparent baselines, ongoing monitoring, independent verification, and permanence strategies. Every tonne of carbon saved must be proven and accounted for. Every credit issued must represent enduring forest still standing, verifiable emissions actualized sequestered.

This is the antithesis of greenwashing. This partnership is a deliberate, measured act of care that honours the spirit of conservationism in ways that governments past and present have too often promised, only to have those promises circumvented and waylaid by short-sighted policy that translates into harm

Through the Improved Forest Management protocol, the Nation's stewardship becomes a covenant recognized not only by the pulse of the forest, but by the law itself. Each intentional act—selecting which trees to harvest, which groves to protect, which cycles to extend—is measured and witnessed by independent guardians, creating a record of care that is both scientifically rigorous and legally defensible.

This forest project generates tangible economic benefits that extend far beyond carbon credits. By increasing carbon sequestration through verified improved forest management, the Nation can generate a predictable, long-term revenue stream from the sale of carbon credits in regulated and voluntary markets. At the same time, careful stewardship maintains the value of timber and non-timber resources, protects watersheds and soils and avoids costly environmental degradation. Implementing these practices creates stable, skilled employment in monitoring, forest management, and



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10 AM - 3 PM

**Traditional Cooking** 

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10 AM - 6 PM

**Campus Tours** 

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# Language & Learning: Anishinaabemowin Game

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# Little Learners' Tent

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# Together in Remembrance: Orange Shirt Day Mural

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# Tools of the Trade: Welding

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# **Building Futures: Carpentry**

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# Wiikwemkoong inks 40-year, 42,000-hectare carbon pact

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that the Nation retains legal and cultural authority over its land. In this way, the project demonstrates how careful stewardship, rigorous verification and Indigenous leadership can turn conservation into a financially viable, sustainable strategy for decades to come.

"Protecting 42,000 hectares of Manitoulin's bioculturally diverse forests is the largest conservation commitment on the Island in decades," said Kim Neale, an engineer and certified risk and susprofessional tainability

(B.Sc Eng, CIP, CRMP, ISSPA) and nature-related finance specialist with over 15 years' experience in carbon markets. "To put it in perspective, this project adds 40 times more protected land than Misery Bay Provincial Park.'

The Wiikwemkoong forest carbon project shows that Indigenous leadership over the land isn't just a matter of justice it's smart economics for everyone. By keeping control of their forests, the Nation can manage them carefully, sell carbon credits and create jobs in monitoring, forestry, and conservation. That supports schools, healthcare and community programs, while the forests themselves continue to clean the air, protect wildlife, and safeguard watersheds.

"This is the first voluntary carbon credit project on reserve lands in Canadian history Wiikwemkoong's relational approach to buying and selling credits, and its emphasis on keeping revenue local, sets a new standard for First Nations-led innovation in carbon markets," Ms. Neale told The Expositor, emphatic that the project is not only an

means steady income that historic one, but a boon for the Island. "By combining improved forest management with carbon credit generation, this project sequesters more carbon, reduces wildfire and climate risk, and creates long-term local jobs,' Ms. Neale says. "High-integrity initiatives like this make our local economy more resilient while protecting the lands and waters we all share.'

> When Indigenous communities lead conservation projects like this, the benefits ripple outward: Canadians gain from cleaner air, healthier ecosystems, and more sustainable economic practices. It's a model that proves economic growth and environmental stewardship don't have to conflict they can flourish together. Wiikwemkoong's approach offers a blueprint for the whole country, showing that respecting Indigenous sovereignty can spark collective prosperity for generations to

## The Forest That Counts

Forty-two thousand hectares. Forty years. Millions of tonnes of carbon. The numbers are colossal, yet their true story unfolds quietly, in the patient work of trees, roots, and soil. Picture it: a forest twice the size of Toronto, allowed to grow, breathe, and heal. Every tree a worker, every acre a sponge, every root a safeguard. It is scale made tangible, science made living.

Over the life of this project, the forest will hold between two and four million tonnes of CO2, carbon pulled from the sky and tucked into bark, leaf, and root. Each hectare draws down 30 to 100 tonnes per year, a silent labour, day by day, season by season. In human terms, the forest's annual work is like taking 200,000 to 400,000 cars off the road exhaust undone, atmosphere spared. Every acre is a sponge, every root a safeguard, every tree a worker in a vast, breathing system that stabilizes soil, purifies water, protects wildlife, and buffers against wildfire and extreme weather.

And it is here that Finite Carbon, North America's largest developer of nature-based carbon solutions, enters the story. Specializing in Improved Forest Management, they bring decades of expertise and innovation to projects like Wiikwemkoong's, ensuring that the Nation retains full control of its carbon credits while maximizing both ecological and economic impact. The approach is meticulous: feasibility studies, certified forest inventories, modeling CO2 sequestration, independent verification, registry submission, and marketing support for carbon credits.

Since 2009, Finite Carbon has developed over 60 projects across nearly four million acres and generated over 100 million offsets and more than \$1 billion in carbon revenue, benefiting Indigenous communities, family landowners, and local economies. This is not theory—it is tangible, measurable impact. Jobs are created in forest management, monitoring, and conservation. Revenue flows into schools, health services and community programs. The forests remain vibrant, water flows clean, and biodiversity thrives.

The first carbon credits Wiikwemkoong's from stewardship are expected in 2026, promising a longterm, locally controlled revenue stream. These forests do more than store carbon-they are investments in resilience: economic, ecological, and social. Companies, creasingly selective about high-integrity offsets, will find a proven solution here, where science, Indigenous knowledge, and careful forest management converge.

In Wiikwemkoong, the forest, the land and its people are aligned. Ecological stewardship and economic opportunity are inseparable.

The benefits ripple outward, far beyond the immediate boundary: soil held fast along riverbanks, water kept pure and steady, habitats for birds, mammals, insects, and pollinators secured. Wildfire risk diminishes, extreme weather finds a buffer and the forest hums with life—an invisible network, a planetary nervous system of roots, leaves and



# ... New physician joins Family Health Team

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While I was doing that, I was also using the opportunity to complete my Canadian medical licencing exams. Right after I was done with the exams, I went back to Nigeria to practice while waiting to start practicing here in Canada. "

The process for accreditation in Canada takes some time. "Even the application process can take some time," she said. "I did not want to be out of practice for too long, so, I had to go back to practice in Nigeria"

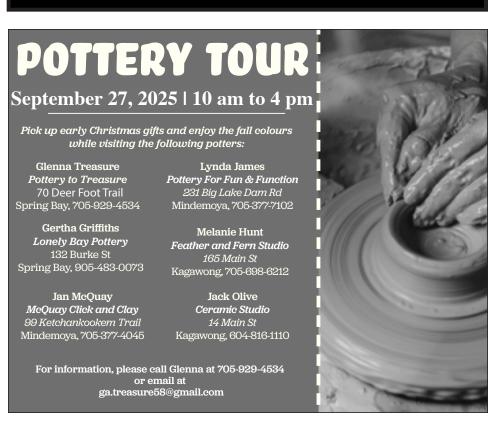
Upon her return to Canada, Dr. Inyang did clinical work in Sault Ste. Marie before coming to Manitoulin.

"I came to meet in May, but I started working in June this year, so I have been here for about three months now." she said.

"I love it here," said Dr. Inyang. "I mean, who wouldn't love it here? The island has this unique charm of natural being. It's quiet, it's peaceful and, of course, the communities have a cultural richness that anyone would appreciate. It's really lovely here, but most importantly, I feel like being here gives me the opportunity to serve and practice my skills where it is most needed and appreciated, while making meaningful impact in the lives of the people around me.

Dr. Inyang has a strong belief in being proactive rather than reactive in the practice of medicine. Preventative medicine can, she notes, head off more serious afflictions. "I am committed to providing a holistic approach, so, be it physical, emotional and social needs, I'm committed to pro-

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Nine-year-old Jace Middaugh surpassed his goal, by fundraising \$1,052 to fight kids cancer. The youngster bicycled 151 kilometres during the month of August to raise funds in the 'Kick Cancer's Butt for Kids Cancer,' (through the Great Cycle Challenge).

# Jace Middaugh helps to 'kick cancer's butt'

MINDEMOYA—A nineyear-old Mindemoya boy surpassed his fundraising goal by riding his bicycle to fight kids' cancer.

"Jace road 151 kilometres of his 200 kilometre goal and raised \$1,052," said Rhonda Middaugh of her son Jace. The young man had set a fundraising goal of \$500.

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Jace has now raised over \$4,552 in his first four years of riding his bicycle to fight kids' cancer.

The young Mr. Middaugh had stated on his fundraising campaign page, "I am riding 200 kilometres (in August) to fight kids' cancer and save little lives. My favou-

rite quote is 'never back down.' I ride to help kids get better so they can be a kid."

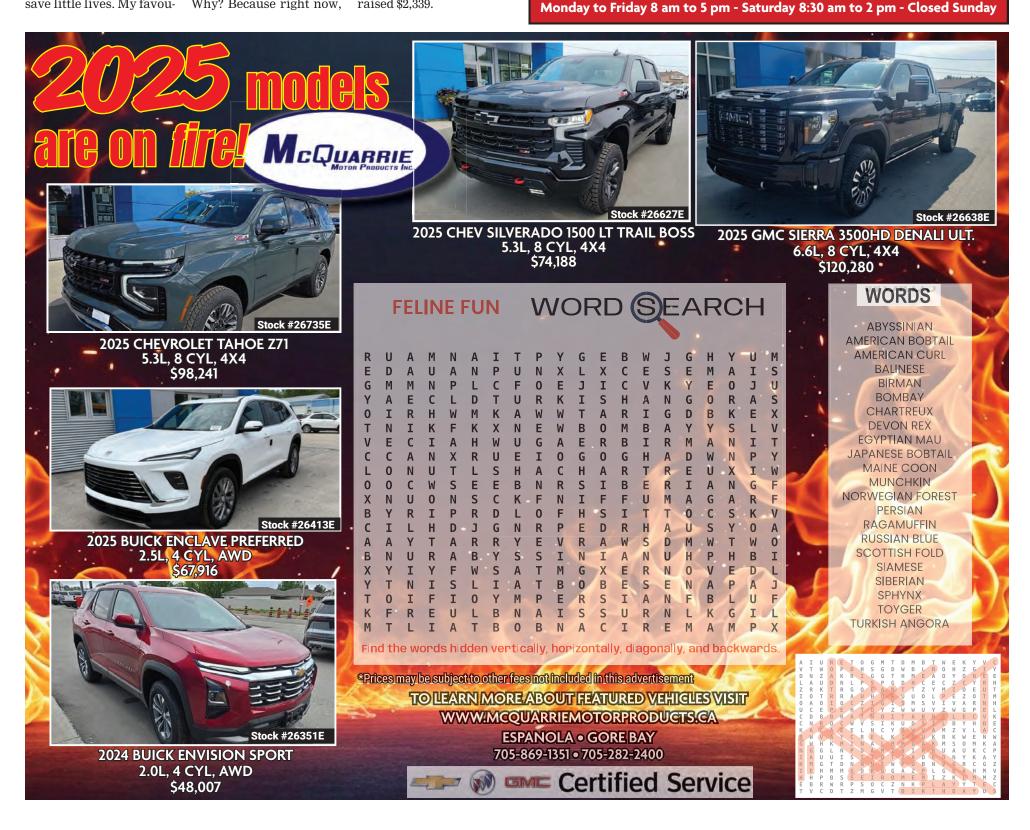
Jace rides his bicycle to raise funds for the Great Cycle Challenge. He had been inspired by someone locally who had already taken up the challenge several years ago.

The funds Jace raises goes to kids' cancer in the 'Kick Cancer's Butt for Kids Cancer," fundraising campaign, (through the Great Cycle Challenge). He had posted on his campaign page July 7, "This August, I am taking part in the Great Cycle Challenge to fight kids' cancer! Why? Because right now,

over 1,400 children are diagnosed with cancer every year, and it's the biggest killer of children from disease in Canada."

"Kids should be living life, not fighting for it," wrote Jace. "So, I am raising funds through my challenge to help these kids and support Sick Kids Foundation to allow them to continue their work in developing treatments and finding a cure for childhood cancer." In his first year of the ride in 2022, Jace rode 42 kilometres and raised \$953, in 2023, 52 kilometres and raised \$421, and in 2024, he rode 94 kilometres and raised \$2,339.





# Manitoulin Streams funded for major stream improvements

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schools and First Nations communities, restoration of streams and promotion of environment stewardship across Manitoulin. These efforts will also promote increased recreational activities and tourism on the Island, strengthening the local economy.

MSIA received an additional \$80,000 through the Ontario Community Environment Fund (OCEF), which uses penalties paid by polluters to fund important community-based environmental activities. This funding supported the planting of native trees and shrubs, stabilization of stream banks, enhanced aquatic habitat, and restoration of the Manitou River. Funding also enabled the installation of fencing to keep livestock from entering Grimesthorpe Creek, helping protect the local ecosystems and water quality.

"Investing in the rehabilitation of Blue Jay Creek is an investment in the long-term health of Manitoulin Island's wacommunities, terways, and local economy," said Bill Rosenberg, MPP, Algoma-Manitoulin. "By supporting stewardship actions and beneficial water management practices, we are restoring critical habitats, improving water quality, and creating



The Ontario government is investing \$180,000 toward projects led by Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association to protect and strengthen creeks and rivers on Manitoulin Island, such as the Blue Jay Creek (shown in photo).

opportunities that benefit both people and nature. I commend the local partners and community members whose leadership and dedication are helping to ensure a sustainable future for all of Manitoulin Island."

(MSIA), "is grateful for the funding from the ministry's Great Lakes Program and Ontario Community Environment Fund," Seija Deschenes, MSIA Coordinator. "These funds have allowed us to restore and protect important coldwater streams that contribute to the ecological, economic and so-

cial health of Manitoulin Island."

"We are very excited that we have received these funds," Ms. Deschenes told The Expositor. "As a non-profit organization we are always hoping to receive funds for more projects."

Ms. Deschenes said MSIA is extremely appreciative from both sources. "We have completed three large scale projects with this funding on coldwater streams on Manitoulin and in addition conducted our island-wide garbage cleanup over the last four

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viding this to my patients."

Dr. Inyang is trained as a family physician, and given Nigeria's regime for training doctors, she has worked in both rural and urban environments.

Here on Manitoulin Dr. Inyang works primarily in the Little Current clinic (Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team—Little Current Medical Associates), but she also travels to the Wiikwemkoong Health Centre and the Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home.

One of the challenges with recruiting new doctors to a region is finding employment for the spouse. Dr. Inyang's husband was taken up with settling in the couple's children over the summer vacation period, but he is now actively seeking employment. His skillset includes working as a corrections officer, something he did while they were living in Edmonton.

"I moved here with my husband

because, just like me, he loves really quiet serene environments and he loves it here," she said. "However, he's still trying to get something to do. He's looking for a job that would fit what he loved doing back in Edmonton.

Dr. Inyang had high praise for Manitoulin Health Centre's staff recruiter Dawn Noble McCann.

"She played a good role in showing me around the Island and telling me about the interesting activities that my kids could get involved in," said Dr. Inyang. "So that really also encouraged me to want to come around. I just want to commend her for a job well done. I also want to mention that working here is an opportunity to work alongside the dedicated physicians here that have been here for some time.

"You notice that a lot of them have worked here for a long time," she said. "It's encouraging for us young physicians that are just moving to the community. It gives us things look up to;

the fact that we can grow with our patients while continuing to provide them the best care possible." Dr. Inyang noted that Canada is a multicultural country. "You have people from all over the world, so it's nice," she said. "I have also practiced in multicultural populations, and I have had that exposure. I have the experience of working in both rural and urban communities, as well as multicultural communities, and that has really helped in my practice here.'

Finally, in a message to the community, Dr. Inyang said that she 'just wants to say that we are here to support the community, and I hope they can trust us to continue to provide care for them. I would also like to mention that I'm very committed to providing preventative care to my patients, because, of course, as you know, if you prevent it, you don't come down with the disease.'

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# Sheguiandah Fall Fair enjoys steady growth thanks to school program

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—The sun shone brightly over the festivities of the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah as the annual Sheguiandah Fall Fair got underway this past Saturday. A steady stream of visitors stopped in to discover the amazing talents of students from Little Current Public School and along with a host of competing exhibits showcasing rural crafts, baking and music provided by George Williamson while enjoying a barbecue lunch.

"We are very happy with the turnout for this year's fall fair," said fall fair committee chair Linda Erskine, who was busy flipping burgers and hot dogs throughout the day. "We have had a record number of entries in the fair and so many people have dropped in to check out the exhibits."

There were also several vendors on hand for the event and the bright blue sky and warm late summer weather allowed for setting up their displays outside.

This year's winners in the adult category for most entries in the fair were Joan Beard and Jack Ferguson. Winners in the youth category were Ada Nicholls and Elwood Nicholls.





Ayda Noel first entries in the fair win big



Fall fair chair Linda Erskine wields the tongs at the barbecue.



Rock art had lots of entries.

photos by Michael Erskine



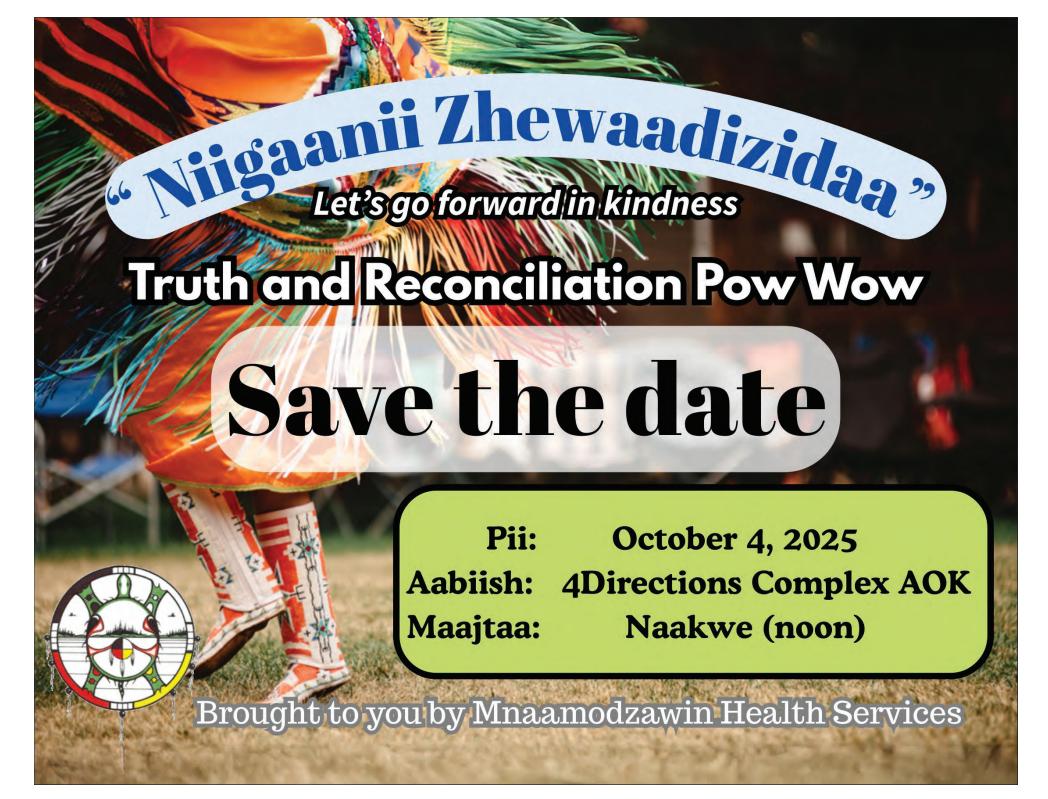
Musician George Williamson entertains.



Brenna Pollard was a big winner with her entries.



There were many student art entries in this year's fall fair.



# Manitoulin Streams funded for major stream improvements

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years and phragmites removal. We would also like to thank all of the volunteer and partner groups that help with the success of our restoration initiatives.'

She explained that MSI received OCEF funding of \$55,000 in 2022 for work on the Manitou River Site 17.1. "There was eroding on the corner bend on an annual basis due to fluctuating high water during the spring freshet. There was also a risk at Michael's Bay Road was at risk of flooding and washing out."

"We worked in partnership with the Lake Manitou Area Association, Little Current Fish and Game Club members and numerous volunteers to plant 276 native trees and shrubs, 125 milkweed plants, 55 metres of shoreline restored from potential washout, two boulder clusters, 23 root wads, and removal of tire hub caps."

"We received \$25,000 last year from the OCEF for a



Members of the Manitoulin community are shown collecting garbage along with members of Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association.

project on Grimesthorpe Creek S19 A and B," said Ms. Deschenes. "We partnered with LMAA and the Nature Conservancy of Canada. We put 455 metres of fencing along the creek to prevent livestock access, protecting 325 metres of coldwater stream and protecting a total of 6,175 square metres of riparian habitat, three spawning habitat, planted 700 native shrubs and trees, and successfully restored and protected over four kilometres of unbroken stream on the Grimesthorpe Creek working with our agricultural producers."

"This year we are working on the Blue Jay Creek Site B29," continued Ms. Deschenes. "Again we are working with agricultural producers to restore 490 meres of cold-water stream by adding pool riffle sequence lined with spawning gravel, installed a rock Vortex weir and two J hooks to help direct the water flow in the centre of the stream to reduce erosion of the shoreline

banks, create pools and help scour sediment. We also installed three wing deflectors to hep scour sediment from the bottom of the creek to help expose spawning habitat for migrating salmonids, 32 root wads on corner banks to help reduce erosion and provide aquatic habitat for fish, turtles and frogs, installed 25 metres of fencing to restrict livestock, put in additional boulder clusters and spawning beds."

Ms. Deschenes said, "We have just completed the in-water work for this project and are putting out a call to volunteers to help us plant 3.500 native trees and shrubs and planting pollinating flowers over 2.8 acres to act as an ecoservice for the agricultural producers crops.

"Some of the funds we have receive have been used over the past four years to conduct an Island-wide garbage cleanup," said Ms. Deschenes. "The number of volunteers that are contributing toward removal of garbage and plastics from the land and watershed have increased over the past four years."

She explained over the past four years 2022-2025, 1,392 bags of garbage and plastic waste has been removed from 624 kilometres of roadsides, streams and shoreline by 2,131 participants. "We hope to continue this, it is really important. We want people to tie down their garbage even when they are taking it to the dump, and not to toss garbage out their vehicle

windows. We all need to keep garbage and plastic from our streams and water bodies.'

"We also continue to work with the Manitoulin Phragmites group," said Ms. Deschenes. This year Judith Jones and her group did a lot of work on Lake Wolsey, and other areas like Black Rock by the NEMI dump, Harbourview Road, in Gordon/Barrie Island, Wiikwemkoong Prairie Pointe, continued Ms. Deschenes.

Ms. Deschenes said, "we will be undertaking a project in Aundeck Omni Kaning in Sucker Creek next year. We will be restoring that stream, improve habitat and the fishery, and carry out riparian work from there to the falls.'

'I want to wish a shut out to all our partner groups over the years on all these projects," stated Ms. De-schenes. "It is all about community, giving back and restoring streams and creeks."

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# Sheshegwaning First Nation Powwow honours the elders

by Tom Sasvari

SHESHEGWANING—On a beautiful, sunny weekend Sheshegwaning First Nation honoured its elders at its 28th annual powwow, including one elder who passed away earlier this year who had a big hand in the annual event.

"We are holding this years powwow with the theme 'Honouring Our Elder'," April Folz, coordi-



Talented dancers and beautiful costumes were prevalent at the annual powwow.

photos by Tom Sasvari

ed on Sunday, "is for the

veterans who never came

home, veterans on hand

for the pow wow this past

weekend, those veterans

who physically cannot

attend and celebrate the

event, including those

who may be battling men-

councillor welcomed ev-

eryone in attendance on

Sunday. "We would like to welcome everyone to our 28th annual powwow, and

for honouring our elders.

Thank you to everyone for

coming out here today and

yesterday to support the

community and we hope

that everyone has a good

"We hope to see every-

one back here again next

year," said Councillor Mc-

Host drum for the pow-

wow was Chi Gizis, while

the head elder dancers

were Gmewin Migwans

and Craig Fox. Head vet-

eran was Will Morin,

while youth head dancers

McLeod,

band

tal illness challenges.

Marie

Sheshegwaning



Shawl dancers provide a swirl of colour and animation.

nator of the powwow told The Expositor this past Sunday. One of those who was honoured was, "Loretta Roy with an honour song on Saturday. We felt it was important to honour her, and her tremendous contributions to the powwow over the years. The pow wow wouldn't be where it is now without all her efforts and many other elders in the past."

Ms. Folz is now the coordinator on the powwow organizing committee. "I took up the reins after Loretta passed away, but

I had been working with her a long time, probably

ty well for this event over the years.

Master of ceremonies Greg 'The Goose' Sutherland noted that a special veterans' song presentin attendance both Saturday and Sunday, this year's powwow included 23 vendors, the most ever in the events history.

One of the vendors was Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) which had a large display, including a birchbark canoe.

Ryan Peltier of ITO noted ITO has had its display at many powwows on the North Shore and Manitoulin Island this year. "This display was brought from Science North for several events this year.



Talented dancers and beautiful costumes were prevalent at the annual powwow.

"We do several teachings as well to schools through school boards," Mr. Peltier added. The ITO display also included teepees, dream catchers, birch bark canoes and more.

"We also offer several different workshops, such as leading for excellence workshop, coaching for excellence, Indigenous business advisory paths program, awakening Holistic growth-community tourism awareness pro-

renos



Head adult dancers including Gmewin Migwans and Craig Fox.

gram, a wellness checklist, a bundle for walking your path-business wellness workshop, partnerships and paths, paths and Paddles, igniting paths workshops which reflect ITO's four pillars for sustainable tourism business development; human resources and operations, products and experiences, marketing and branding,

our people and our booth." This year the date for the pow wow was changed from June to the second week of September, said Ms. Folz. "We changed the date to September as there is a lot of competition with other pow wows during the summer and other events. This year we have had beautiful weather and have been able to hold



Henry Lewis, left in photo, and Ryan Peltier, both of Indigenous Tourism Ontario display a birch bark canoe at the booth they manned this weekend

and culture and sustainability."

"We are delighted to be here in Sheshegwaning this weekend," said Mr. Peltier. "And we have been delighted with the response we have received, and the warm welcome for

everything outside as we have had sunny weather both days.'

"We will be holding the powwow every year from now on during the second week in September," added Ms. Folz.

20 years. At the grand entry for the powwow on Sunday, elder Joseph Laford provided the invocation and prayer. He told the gathering he had been one of the local community members who had helped construct the pow wow arbor 24 years ago and it has served the communi-

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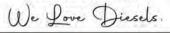
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16-25p

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17-20p

An evening of Contemporary Inspirational Music and Sing Along -2, led by Cia and Bill Savage on Saturday, October 4 at 7 pm at St. John's Anglican Church, Kagawong. Refreshments provided. Donations appreciated. A fundraiser for church outreach.

Ice Lake Fall Harvest Gathering on Saturday, September 27 (rain date the following Sunday) at the Ice Lake Community Picnic Grounds, 274 Pleasant Valley Road. Games for all ages beginning at 3 pm. Beef on a bun provided by donation with potluck sides and desserts beginning at 4:30 pm. Celebrate the beginning of autumn with friends, family and neighbours. Must bring your plate, utensils and a mug to enjoy cider or homemade ice cream! Best Ice Lake Butter Tart Contest! Please icelakepicnicgrounds@ gmail.com for information or to

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porta potties at local parks and beaches was debated at council during its September 11 meeting. At issue was a recommenda-

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Please ioin us at St. Joseph's Lodge (formerly Manitoulin Lodge) in Gore Bay, on September 23, 2025 at 2 pm, to say farewell from St. Joseph's Lodge and celebrate the *many years of service* provided to the Lodge by Dr. Robert Hamilton.

# 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

Pre-house listing yard sale on Saturday, September 20 from 9 am 5 pm at 3 Doc Strain Drive, Gore Bay. I am selling a lot of items before listing my property. Large collection of bells from travels around the world, figurines, wood carvings, small display cabinet, bookcase, books and more. Honda Shadow 2002 bike with 56,000 km and new tires, \$,3000 OBO, There will be a free table with many good

Yard sale on Saturday, September 20 from 9 am to 2 pm at 70 Mill Street, Sheguiandah. Lots of household items and more.

# Wanted

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

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Wanted, Dion threshing machine with straw shredder, any condition. Phone evenings, 905-983-9331.

16-18c

Looking for the Spring 1997 Through the Years. Call 705-949-2512.

I would like to thank everyone who donated unused greeting cards in the past. If you have any unwanted and unused greeting cards, please drop them off at the Manor. Also needed are roomy socks, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and bubble bath. Please drop off at the Manor at 70 Robinson Street.

18-19p

tion from Property Committee that season for the garbage receptacles and the porta potties at Sandfield Boat Launch and Discovery Centre be set from May 1 to October 31 annually starting in 2026.

Councillor Derek Stephens requested that the motion be split into two parts, but his request did not receive a seconder.

'We just heard from Manitoulin Streams that we won an award because our citizens were out there collecting up garbage," said Councillor Stephens. "So that means that a lot of that trash is actually throughout the fall and winter months that is ending up on our roadsides and our citizens are going out and picking it up. I do think that tells you that there's a problem up there. And that maybe some receptacles in these certain places in the municipality is a good thing. I can see that they can lead to problems, but

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# Notice

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

Tfn

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning will reopen this weekend, Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20 with fall clothing and other items. Open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

**Knox United Church Rummage** Sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

18-19p

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Available October 1, seven month rentals. Executive waterfront in Little Current overlooking LaCloche Mountains and Picnic Island. Prices range from \$1,450 for studio to \$2,200 for two bedroom units. Negotiable. Mountain View Lakehouse includes all of the best amenities. Call 705-368-6240 for details.

50 acres (more or less) wood lot for rent for hunting. Make an offer before the end of September by calling 249-497-4000 ext. 172. Mark Streicher, Gore Bay.

Hunting season-60 acres of bush, bog and alvar off Bidwell Road available for hunting season. Good road in for on-site camping. \$1,000 for rifle season. Call or text 519-857-7930 or 519-318-9814.

18-21c

# Real Estate Wanted

Want to buy a small piece of land with water view in Little Current to build my retirement home. Please call 705-368-0235 and

leave a message with details.

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# Terry Fox Run returns to Little Current's Low Island for 45th edition

CURRENT—It was near perfect weather for the runners, joggers and walkers taking part in the 45th annual Terry Fox Run. The event was missing from Little Current for a few years until organizers Gloria Goodwill-Aelick and Amelia Wood decided to step up and make things happen.

The result was 31 runners lining up on the start-

"Today we're, we're so grateful and we're so touched that that you are all here with us today," she said. "We all know someone, we all are someone, that cancer touches all of our lives. It's through events like this that helped build community and help to raise awareness and money. Money that goes to research. Money goes to helping people live longer and live better. But



Amelia Wood brings greetings and salutations from the Terry

over \$2,600 dollars raised for cancer research.

"It's been four years since the run has been held in Little Current," said Ms. Wood in addressing the runners before the start of the run. "Today we're joining thousands and thousands of Canadians and people all around the world. They've already finished the runs in other time zones and there are Terry Fox runs to come. As of Friday, the Terry Fox Run has already raised \$1 million over what was raised last year. Those numbers are just going to keep increasing."

the main goal of having these events is to bring us together because we all need community when we're all living with and around cancer.

"My name is Amelia Wood and my friend Gloria Goodwill-Aelick here has organized this event with me and we have an incredible team of devoted volunteers behind us," she said. "The Terry Fox Foundation has been behind us every step of the

Ms. Wood went on to relay words from the Terry Fox Foundation.

"I have the pleasure of



And they are off! Runners set out on the 45th annual Terry Fos Run.

welcoming you to the 45th Terry Fox Run for cancer research. We've now surpassed two of Terry Fox's lifetimes. Terry passed just short of 23 years old. Your participation today leaves us humbled and grateful for the support of this generous community, which has raised a remarkable sum of money. "We don't know our total yet, but there is nothing like an anniversary to get us thinking about the past and the future at the Terry Fox Foundation. The past includes 44 years of Great Canadian moments.

great Canadian communities supporting great Canadian research, resulting in great advances against cancer. "Our future is to finish what Terry started. When Terry was forced to run his to end his run in 1980, he left us with these words 'All I can say is, if there's any way I can get out there and finish it. I will,' he couldn't finish what he started. But we

can. Together, we can finish it. For Terry, for ourselves, for our family and friends. For people you may never meet and for those who today wear the red Terry team shirt that symbolizes hope and progress. As we walk, run, roll and bike together, take a moment to appreciate the people you're with difference. the "You are all making the lives you are saving. Share a smile, maybe even a few high fives or group photos. Terry Foxers are some of the friendliest people and in Canada. And today is a beautiful day to celebrate. Thank you.'

Among the walkers was retired teacher and former Northeast Town councillor Marcel Gauthier. "Marcel has walked in just about every Terry Fox Run since it started," shared his wife Wendy. "He wouldn't miss it for the world.'

Over the course of its 45 years, the Terry Fox

for certain cancers, including breast, prostate, melanoma, thyroid, testis and Hodgkin lymphoma is now 80 percent and the average survival rates for all cancers combined have increased from 25 percent in the 1940s to over 60 percent todayeven up to 90 percent in some cases. Cancer mortality rates are steadily decreasing, coming down from 37 percent in men and 22 percent in women since 1988.

Cancer can be beaten.

Special thanks was given at the Low Island event to supporters: the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, Breakaway Sports and Cycle and the MacNevin family.

# **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

# The Town of Gore Bay Vacant Councillor Seat Position

The Town of Gore Bay is seeking applications from qualified persons who are interested in filling this Council Seat Position.

To qualify you shall, be at least 18 years of age, a Canadian Citizen, a resident of the Town of Gore Bay or the owner or tenant of land in the Town of Gore Bay or the spouse of such an owner.

For further details regarding qualifications for this Councillor Position, please contact the undersigned.

Applications will be accepted by the undersigned September 17, 2025 from 8:30 am until 2 pm on October 9, 2025.

> Pam Fogal, Deputy Clerk Town of Gore Bay (705) 282-2420 ext4 pfogal@gorebay.ca



Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services Services aux victimes de Manitoulin Northshore

photo by Michael Erskine

Run has raised nearly a

billion dollars for can-

cer research. Thanks to

that research, 94 percent

with childhood cancers

are expected to be alive

five years after diagno-

have helped almost dou-

ble the five-year survival

rates for melanoma. The

children diagnosed

Targeted therapies

# **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. Pour tous les détails, appelle nous au 705-370-3378 ou par courriel mnvs@vianet.ca

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# **INVITATION FOR TENDERS SNOW REMOVAL** 2025-2026 Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

Tenders for the year 2025-2026 are now being accepted for snow removal at the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service. Required services are to include plowing, (sanding, salting and pushback of snowbanks when requested) for the following property areas:

- Roadway Front of building (visitor's parking)
- Bay garage doorways
- Staff parking area
- Driveway at Apt B 26 Edward Street
- Driveway at 87 Henry Street (up to December 31, 2025, unless otherwise stated)

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

Please submit your proposal for: Seasonal rate for the period of November 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026. This rate must include all plowing (salt/sand, and snowbank pushback as required). Include the type of equipment to be used.

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

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

Closing date is Friday, October 17th, 2025 at 2 pm.

Please submit sealed tender to:

**Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service** 2074 Wikwemikong Way, PO Box 27 Wiikwemkoong, Ontario **POP 2J0 Attention: Snow Removal Tender** 

# TENDER FOR SNOW CLEARING/REMOVAL AND SANDING

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor invites tenders for the snow clearing/removal and sanding at 70 Robinson Street, Little Current commencing November 1, 2025 to May 1. 2026.

# Scope of work:

- Snow removal from the front roadside parking lot, main entrance parking lot, rear of building staff parking lot, front walkway and delivery area.
- Provide sanding to all vehicle routes, parking lots.
- Provide additional sand/salt mixture for Manitoulin Centennial Manor maintenance staff to use for all walkways throughout the day.
- \*\*Areas must be cleared before change of shift at 6:00 a.m. and throughout the day as required\*\*

Bidders are welcome to perform on-site inspections.

Bids must be accompanied by proof of liability and property damage insurance and WSIB clearance certificate.

Tenders must be received at the Administration office no later than Sep 24, 2025 before 1600 hours and must be in a sealed envelope marked

"Snow Removal, Clearing and Sanding Tender." Forward tenders to:

> **Manitoulin Centennial Manor Attn: Board of Management**

Postal Bag 460, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0 For further information contact: Don Cook, Administrator, 705-368-2710 ext. 312

# **Death Notices**

# **MARIAN EVELYN HENRY**

(née Sprackett) January 16, 1933 - August 29, 2025

92. Born in Gilmour, Ontario, on January 16, 1933 to Mary



E v e l y n
Henry (née
Sprackett)
d i e d
peacefully
on August
29, 2025, in
Ottawa at
the age of

and Ross Sprackett, Marian was the daughter between two brothers. She grew up surrounded by a close-knit family of aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents in a small, vibrant hamlet. Her grandfather (Jim), father (Ross) and uncle (Don), ran a steam powered sawmill which was the main employer in the area. She became accustomed to hard work at a young age, helping her mother run the boarding home for the workers at the mill and doing chores on the family farmstead. Summers were spent at their beloved cottage at "the lake," where she would eventually take her own family for cherished summer holidays. Marian attended nursing college at St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough, Ontario, graduating in 1954. She then accepted a position at St. Joseph's Hospital in Little Current on Manitoulin Island, where she met a young doctor who jokingly asked, "I'm looking for a gal with a million dollars – do you have any money?" She married Dr. Jack Henry in 1955 and they had four children: Greg, Lisa, Lauren and Philip. A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Marian was always active and encouraged those around her to be active as well, especially outdoors. She instilled in her children a love of nature and environmental stewardship. Marian was naturally athletic and enjoyed skiing, hiking, sailing and camping, she encouraged her children to ski, skate and swim. She loved boating and exploring the North Channel's beautiful islands and beaches. Perhaps the most frequent admonishment to her kids was "Go outside!" Marian had a long and dynamic nursing career. She returned to nursing when her youngest son, Philip, was in high school and eventually became the Director of Nursing at the Manitoulin Health Centre. She ended her career as a public health nurse at the Wikwemikong Health Centre, where she often spoke of the strong camaraderie and sense of fun among the staff - "laughter is the best medicine." Marian had great respect for those with whom she worked and was well liked and respected in return. She retired in 1995 and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, travelling to Costa Rica, western Canada, California and Europe. A lifelong passion of hers was the United Church in Little Current. She was a dedicated volunteer, serving various pastoral and operational committees, teaching Sunday School, and leading a vibrant CGIT group for many years during the 1970s. Alumni from her CGIT groups often returned to visit her in later years, which she loved. Marian lived in Little Current for 69 years before moving to a retirement home in Ottawa in 2022 to be closer to her family. That year she received a Certificate of Appreciation from the town for her many years of service and contributions to the community. Her greatest source of pride was her family. She relished time spent with her grandchildren and was affectionately known as "Gramma." Marian will be remembered by those who knew and loved her as someone who listened and cared. She lived with determination, grace and a strong sense of community service. Marian was predeceased by her parents, brother Ted, youngest son Philip (1982) and husband Jack (1985). She is survived by her brother Keith Sprackett, son Greg (Lesley), daughters Lisa (John) and Lauren (Glen), eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the caring staff at Timberwalk Retirement Community and the Extendicare Crossing Bridge Long-term Care Home in Ottawa. A private burial will take place in Little Current, followed by a Celebration of Life at a later date. Donations in Marian's memory can be made to the Little Current United Church, Doctors Without Borders, Covenant House, Canadian Wildlife Federation or a charity of your choice. Memories of Marian can be shared at the following site: https://firstmemorialfairview.com/obituaries/marianevelyn-henry-nee-sprackett/.

# ALFRED MAURICE ARMSTRONG December 9, 1929 - September 4, 2025



In loving memory of Alfred Maurice Armstrong, who passed away on Thursday, September 4, 2025 in his 96th year at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya with close family members by his side. He was born December 9, 1929 to Alfred Armstrong and Margaret (nee Phalen) and lived his young life on the Gordon / Barrie Island

farm. He came from a large family consisting of siblings, William, Alvin, Clarence, Elva (all predeceased) and younger brother Ronald. He left the Island to work as helmsman driving barges from Sault Ste. Marie to Detroit and then working on the lake boats for a few years. After marrying his wife Nelda (nee Rumley), they moved to Collingwood where their first son was born. He continued to work lake boats for another trip and then got a job with Georgian China. After a time, he was offered a position working at McQuarrie's garage in Spragge. He took a course in vulcanizing tires and then ran the tire department for quite a few years. This became the family's new home where they welcomed another two children. In 1965 the family moved back to Gore Bay to own and run a hardware store on the main street of town and lived above the store. He became an active member of the community. volunteering in the ambulance service, the Lions Club and joining the Masonic Lodge. He was always enjoying life by curling, hunting and especially fishing. They sold the store eventually and the family moved to their home on Lighthouse Road and enjoyed a waterfront view of the Bay. Alf was married for 35 years and then lost his wife to cancer in 1990. He continued to work at the local CO-OP store until he retired and then kept busy repairing and servicing sewing machines and doing carpet cleaning. Throughout his life he made many friends and was well liked. He was honoured as Senior of the Year for Gordon / Barrie Island in 2014. He lived the last years of his life with Ted and Maureen; a stones throw from where he was raised. He still enjoyed riding his ATV and playing crib with his dear friend Joe. He is survived by his children William (Ted) (Maureen), Peter (Heather) and Myrna (Dan) Cluff. He will be greatly missed by grandchildren Elizabeth (Jeffery) Hartin (children Henry, Jack, Waylon and James), Sarah Armstrong (Chad) Brazier, Katie (Zachary) Mayer (children Isla and Logan), Adric Cluff, Josh Armstrong, and Zack Armstrong. He was a special "Uncle Alf" to Thomas Barnett-DeGiuli (children Ava, Lauren and Nicholas), Shannon (Jeff) Erskine (sons Ethan and Myles) and Adam (Bernadette) DeGiuli (daughter Lacey). He was fortunate to forge strong ties with the Hartin great-grandchildren, who will always treasure spending time with him over homemade popcorn made by Alf in his hot air popcorn maker. Although his other greatgrandchildren did not live close by, he dearly loved their visits. He was very much a family man. He will be fondly remembered by his brother Ron Armstrong (Barbara), sister-in-law Sheila Marshall-Hennebury (Bob), as well as his many nieces, nephews and their families. A graveside service will take place in Silver Lake Cemetery on October 3, 2025 at 12 noon, followed by a luncheon at the home of his son Ted at 410 Armstrong Road, Gore Bay. Everyone is welcome. Please come and share memories and fellowship. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Gore Bay Medical Centre or the charity of your choice.



Remember your loved ones fondly in The Manitoulin Expositor

In Memoriam or Obituaries

Send an email to Debbie at services@manitoulin.com or call 705-368-2744



The family of Bonnie Aelcik would like to thank everyone that sent flowers, cards, messages and donations after the passing of our son, brother, uncle Drew Aelick. Thank you to Prepped Manitoulin for the lovely snacks. A special Miigwech to the staff, coucillors and participants from Gwekwaadziwin Miikan for the special service that was given to honour Drew. I cannot put into words how much that meant to us. Bonnie, Mark, April, Kurtis, Gloria and families

# 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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# ...garbage bins

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I do think that if we can reduce that amount of trash that's on the side of our roads by setting up a few receptacles in these places, it's a benefit to the municipal back to our residents."

Challenges with keeping garbage bins in place through the winter mentioned included the cost of snow clearance and clearing the bins in the winter when crews are already busy, and the difficulty of maintaining enough space for those with mobility issues to get around noted Councillor Dale Scott, who objected to the additional costs that would entail.

The motion to extend the season was moved by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor Rose Diebolt.



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# **Death Notice**

# VIRGINIA "GINGER" MORRISON February 4, 1941 - June 24, 2025



In loving memory of Virginia "Ginger" Morrison, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at the Espanola Hospital with her family by her side. She was predeceased by her mother Verna (nee McDonald), father Clarence Morrison and brother Wayne. Survived by her nephew John Morrison (Kerry), niece Kelly and several other nephews

and nieces, numerous cousins and many friends. She leaves behind her cats, who were her greatest companions. A Celebration of Ginger's Life and burial of her ashes will take place at the Meldrum Bay Cemetery on October 4, 2025 at 1 pm. Lunch to follow at the Meldrum Bay Community Hall. As per Ginger's wishes, donations can be made to the Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current.



# FUNERAL HOME LIMITED

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

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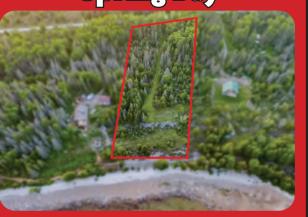




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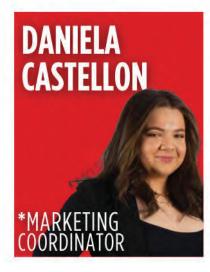
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# Noojmowin Teg's annual Fall Harvest better than ever

by Margery Frisch  ${\tt SHEGUIANDAH-On}$ Friday, September 12,

its 2nd annual Fall Harvest Day. Denver Leeson, Food is Medicine coordi-Noojmowin Teg hosted nator and organizer of the



The UCCM Police tipi was a popular stop at the Fall Harvest.

event, beamed her pride at this year's Fall Harvest, as buses brought students in from Little Current, Central Manitoulin, MSS and Wiikwemkoong. "Last year we held this event on a Saturday," Ms. Leeson said, shaking her head. "The Sheguiandah Fall Fair was happening too. It was disappointing. So, we decided to have it on the Friday, and we've been getting calls all week long, schools wanting to come and organizations wanting to set up and join us. We said, 'Sure, come'."

To further engage the public, but most especially the students, passports were handed out upon arrival. Each table, or station, was equipped to stamp the passports. "Ask me a question and I'll stamp your passport," said Cheyanne Pitawanakwat, at her booth, covered in tanned and tinted fish skins and displaying the art she creates with them - Fish Tan Creations.

Kenjgewin Teg had a booth, Krista Payette and Alayna Cranston were ready and eager to talk about the many courses and fields of study that are available. Mnaamodzawin Health Services was set up to inform about diabetes, with proper diet and recipes to control it. Manitoulin Streams was on hand; Liam Campbell had his table covered with animal skulls. "I draw the

but I talk to them about invasive species," he said with a smile.

Shane O'Donnell from Heartwood Mushrooms had a popular booth as he was inviting everyone to grow oyster mushrooms with kits he was providing. Rainbow Farm North was encouraging kids to get their hands dirty in the soil. The Anishinaabe Spiritual Centre was set up to greet visitors, encouraging all to make tobacco pouches to be given away or offered in thanksgiving at a sacred fire. Neil Debassige was drawing kids in with his wildlife displays, and the UCCM Police had a tipi set up, explaining the symbolism of the artwork on the outside of the structure. They had a barbecue going too.

In addition to all these

fascinating tables and displays, there was food from the harvest - squash soup and moose chili cooked up by Noojmowin staff. Given Cortes was set up to instruct groups in archery and Jonn Neveau was sharing his knowledge of the flowers and plants around us and their medicinal benefits. Noojmowin staff were also manning the craft tables and showing how tomatoes are harvested and canned.

There was truly something to grab and hold just about everyone's interest. Said one contributor who has taken part both years, "A huge difference this year. This one was great!" And the crowds that gathered and lingered were the proof.



Heartwood Mushrooms was on hand to talk all things mushroom growing at the Fall Harvest.



Noojmowin Teg's Given Cortes encourages students to try their hand at archery.



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# Two couples, 130 years of wedded bliss

by Michael Erskine with files from Patty Aelick

MANITOULIN—There is something magical about the air on Manitoulin Island and that magic seems to extend to marriage longevity. In these days of increasing numbers of divorce, two Island couples have amassed a whopping 130 years between them.

When asked what the secret to a long and happy marriage on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary by their daughter Patricia Aelick, Jack and Betty Wood were in accord.

"I asked them what their secret was for being married for 65 years," said Ms. Aelick "My mom said to not be mad at each other at the same time. My dad had a similar answer...he said to keep quiet when your partner was angry. Don't add fuel to the fire."

Mr. Wood shared a story of when they

were first married, and they had a disagreement. "They didn't talk to each other for two days," said Ms. Aelick. "On the second day, my dad was working in the field and was thinking about the argument. He couldn't remember what they were arguing about. When he went in for lunch, he asked my mom. She couldn't remember either. They agreed that they would never do that again." The rest is Island history.

Gerry and Lois Bond agree. Gerry Bond suggests it was hard work, but his wife Lois maintains her husband was "an angel." "You need to work together," she said.

Congratulations to Jack and Betty Wood and Gerry and Lois Bond. Two Manitoulin couples, whatever the secret to maintaining a loving marriage, they have definitely found it.





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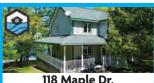
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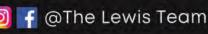




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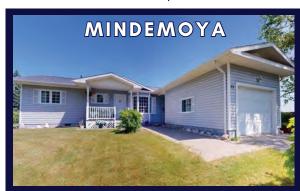
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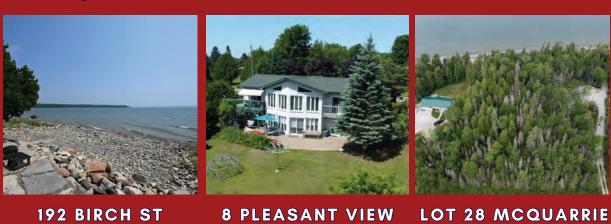
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# Sheguiandah band member's songs featured in **Toronto International Film Festival showing**

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO-Musician Graeme Jonez, a Sheguiandah First Nation band member who has strong family ties to Manitoulin Island, had three very exciting news items to share in a recent email to The Expositor.

<sup>"</sup>I have an album being released on September 12 (Crossways) and am currently number three on the Indigenous Music Countdown for one of my songs," Mr. Jonez told The Expositor in an email September 4.

And I also have music (two songs) in an Indigenous film that is premiering at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) on September 7," said Mr. Jonez.

"I have some super exciting news to share. I'm having two of my songs ('It's A Cold, Cold Place,' and '100 Days Deep'), on a film 'Nika and Madison,' by Indigenous director Eva Thomas at TIFF. "I have wanted my music to be in a film for a long



Sheguiandah First Nation band member Graeme Jonez, in photo right, has had two of his songs on an Indigenous film (directed by Eva Thomas, in photo) that premiered at the recent Toronto International Film Festival.

not reach a very busy Mr. Jonez for a follow-up, as he travelled from TIFF to a month-long songwriting retreat in Mexico City.

The album release was the second for Mr. Jonez. As has been previously reported, his single 'The Flood' attained number one status in the Indige-

The Expositor could nous Music Countdown and was the Merilainen Music Award winner as Single of the Year in 2023.

> Mr. Jonez has lived in Toronto for the past 21 years and lives with his partner in a condominium in the city. He has lots of family and friends on the Island and the vicini-

# Island kwe in line for Youth Athlete of the Year

*Needs Island support to get her over the top* 

# by Michael Erskine

AUNDECK OMNI KANING-It's been a couple of years for the family of Lyndon Peltier baa, the popular Manitoulin hockey icon, but with the support of Island voters his daughter Lynndra Madahbee Peltier has reached the position of semi-finalist in the Athlete of the Year competition (currently in first place). Along with the title, Lynndra would be featured in a 3BRAND advertisement in Sports Illustrated and take home a \$25,000 prize.

"I love playing with friends and meeting new ones along the way," said Lynndra. "The coaches and mentors I've met have helped guide me, and those bonds mean a lot. Skating is my happy place—the sound of my blades on the ice, the rush I feel, and firing pucks into the net helps me reset. I love exploring new towns, cities and provinces with my family. Each road trip brings us closer and creates memories I'll never forget. I'm truly grateful for every moment this journey brings."

Lynndra explains that her father Lyndon always inspired her, both on and off the fields in every sport she has played. "He shared his own sports stories with me, and in tough moments, I remember his words. He taught me to live by the Seven Grandfather Teachings—even in sports. He always pushed me to be my best, give my all, and have fun. Though he's no longer here, I feel his presence when I play. He's still with me on my journey, guiding me every step of the way."

Lynndra describes her most memorable moment is sports as when "at LNHL 2024, I played for my Noos (father) who couldn't be there. In the semi-final, I scored the game-winning goal that sent my team to the championship-my biggest highlight yet. Before the final, my team dedicated the game to my Noos. We played with heart and won it all. That win wasn't just about a medal—it was for him. I felt his presence on the ice, and that championship will always be a tribute to his love, support and teachings.

"Lynndra offers her thanks (miigwechs) for helping her get to the quarter finals, "shared her mother, Kendra. "Voting for this round has started and ends September 18."

In the meantime, Lynndra's rep hockey season is in full swing, travelling nearly two hours three times a week for practices and games.

This year, she has joined a new association, and it will be her first time playing on an all-girls rep hockey team—the Sudbury Lady Wolves BB. Fastball tryouts will be added to her schedule in the near future, and she has already started her cross-country training at school.

Voting takes place online at athleteofthevear.org/2025/lynndra-8e76, with both a free vote option and an option to send even more votes with a donation aimed at supporting the V Foundation for Cancer Research and Why Not You Foundation.

# **Manitoulin Sporting Life**



Referees required!

Right across the region the NOHA has a desperate need for referees. Specifically, Manitoulin is going to be in a difficult situation if more referees are not recruited. There is nothing more disappointing to players when their game needs to be postponed because there are no officials available. It will be inevitable that it will happen more often this season without more of these critical people of hockey.

The NOHA is also reminding referees to get their online course done so they're ready for the on-ice clinic in Oc-

# Hockey registrations, please!

In the same vein, parents need to get their kids' names into their local associations. It is essential for your executives to see if they can ice a team for a certain division, but it can also prevent heartache. This has likely already happened for players hoping to play for the Mindemoya Thunder U-13 Team because it is now full and there is only a waiting list for those players.

Due to the NOHA allowing players from any geographical area to register for a team there has to be a first-comefirst-served situation. Get your player registered right away to prevent similar

Up in Gore Bay the Bruins are putting out their push as well. Their early-bird registration fees will be ending soon and have a couple of teams still looking for numbers. They also remind people returning empties to donate to the return depot on Hwy 540B. With businesses scaling back their returns' policies, what a great opportunity for teams to make this one of their volunteer, fundraising

# **Panther Points**

The Manitoulin Panthers have begun practicing for the 2025-26 NDMHL season. This year, four teams are being iced, including a return of the U11 age group, coached by Kevin Mills. The U13 team will be lead by head coach **Brandon Mailloux**, the U15 team's coach is Derek Lalonde, and former U15 coach **Ryan Corbiere** is making his return to Panther coaching by heading the U18 Lady Panthers squad. The Ladies begin their Northern League play in October in Kapuskasing, while the U11, U13 and U15 teams excitedly await their league sched-

# MSS MTB

The Manitoulin Mustang Mountain

Bike Team has been training for a while now and their season starts tomorrow, Thursday September 18th. There are just four races as part of the SDSSAA (Sudbury District Secondary Schools Athletic Association a mouthful and a bit of a misnomer, right?) The schedule starts off in Kivi Park tomorrow and Sept. 25th in at Walden. Then, October 2nd sees the District here on Manitoulin at McLeans Park. The final race on October 10th returns to Sudbury at Kivi. Individual racers will also be riding in some of the invitational events around the province.

The Mustangs have practices after school on Wednesdays which focus mostly on the technical riding and riders of course should plan on training on their own at home to increase their fitness. The team is still accepting members and there are even team bikes available for practices on Wednesday and to use in races for those who don't have a mountain bike of their own. If you are interested, track down their teacher-coach, Ms. Caroline **Black** in the halls at MSS.

# Rainbow Ridge Club Championships

The 2025 two-man championships are the club's first repeat winners by the young pairing of cousins, Noah Thorpe and Tait Wallace. The two-some sealed the win with a stellar scoring of 63 - 60 for 123. Meanwhile, the 2025 Wiikwemkoong Senior Men's 2 Person Golf Champions are Peter Bond and Shaun Clark with a 69 – 68; 137 scoring.

The Two- Lady Champions are Roxxanne Corbiere and Ashley Debassige with a Scoring of 72 - 73 146. The Senior division was won by E.J. and Marta Murray with their 72 - 79 151 scoring.

# Off-the-Rock-hockey!

Meanwhile, players signed with teams on the mainland have already been playing. Here are a few we hope to hear from over the season. Defenceman, Pahquis Trudeau and forward, Greyson Brewer-Case are signed with the Copper Cliff Reds U18AA. Pahquis is an Affiliated Player for the Espanola Paper Kings and Greyson for U18AAA Wolves!

**Evander Ominika-Shawana** is on de fence for the U14AA Copper Cliff Reds. They had some pre-season games in Barrie this past weekend, with Evander getting a couple of assists. They played the Barrie Colts L 4-2, and New Tecumseh Tornadoes; they won 3-1 and lost 4-3.

Have a great season, all!

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# Lions' largesse!

St. Bernard's Catch the Ace ticket seller Tony Ferro hands over a cheque for \$1,500 to the church's finance committee chair Jim Griffin. The cheque represents the commission that the church receives on each Little Current Lions Club Catch the Ace ticket sold by Mr. Ferro. The donation comes on top of a \$10,000 donation the Lions made to the church's rectory renovation fund earlier this year. photo by Michael Erskine

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# Canada invests \$450,000 to establish Institute for Northern Housing Innovation at McEwen School of Architecture

FedNor funding will help address critical challenges in N. ONT. housing sector

SUDBURY—Viviane Lapointe, member of parliament for Sudbury, has announced a FedNor investment of \$450,000 to help Laurentian University create the Institute for Northern Housing Innovation (INHI) at the McEwen School of Architecture. The announcement was made on behalf of the Honourable Patty Hajdu,

minister of jobs and families and minister responsible for FedNor.

"By establishing the Institute for Northern Housing Innovation at Laurentian University, we're helping Canadians secure their right to a home they can call their own," said Minister Hajdu. "This investment in Northern Ontario will unlock the potential to transform lives and communities, by advancing sustainable and affordable housing solutions and aligning with our National Housing Strategy. Together, we are building a future for every generation to have more affordable homes, better lives, and stronger

communities."

announce-"Todays ment will help pave the way for the construction of more affordable housing in Greater Sudbury and communities across Northern Ontario," said MP Lapointe. "Our goal is to ensure Canadians have access to housing that meets their needs and budget and this investment to establish (INHI) will help achieve exactly that," said MP Lapointe. "Congratulations to Laurentian University for spearheading this priority project that will have far reaching benefits for people, families and businesses across the region."

Supported by FedNor

and the government of Canada's Regional Homebuilding Innovation Initiative, INHI will help address critical challenges in Northern Ontario's housing sector. Once fully operational, the Institute will share knowledge and innovative solutions, while bringing communities and industry together to make housing more accessible, sustainable and affordable. This will be achieved through community outreach, training for industry professionals and local builders, and online publications and seminars.

Specifically, FedNor is supporting phase 1 of the project, which includes purchasing new equipment and technology for community outreach and training activities. This includes software licensand subscriptions, training, lease-hold improvements, and the expansion of existing space the McEwen School Architecture needed accommodate INHI. Identified as a regional priority, this strategic initiative will pave the way for phase two and three of the project, which focuses on community outreach, training, and knowledge mobilization.

These efforts support the government of Canada's National Housing Strategy, a multi-year plan to build affordable housing so more Canadians can have a place to call home.



# Employment Opportunity Infomatics Privacy & Training Coordinator

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

## **Primary Responsibilities**

- Provides EMR training and support to the EMR users of GHL's member First Nations.
- Works closely with First Nation stakeholders and e-health vendors to design, develop and implement standard and customized reports.
- 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
- A minimum of two years of work experience in a related industry
- Experience in the delivery of training is preferred and experience in Health Privacy is an asset.
- Ability to instruct individuals and/or groups of varying skill levels over

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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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**

- Develop and implement a variety of recreational programs and services for different age groups and
- 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
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

# **Facility Management**

- Oversee the maintenance and cleanliness of the recreational facility.
- Ensure compliance with safety regulations and
- Manage logistics, including permits, equipment and staffing for events.

# **Staff Supervision**

- Train and supervise recreational staff and
- Schedule staff shifts to ensure weekly and weekend activities.
- Ensure program reports are completed as scheduled.

# **Budget Maintenance**

Prepare and manage budgets for recreational

- programs and facility maintenance. Monitor expenses and revenues.
- Ensure programs reports are completed as
- scheduled

# Qualifications

- 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
- Experience supervising staff and managing
- program budgets. Familiarity with scheduling, booking and
- recreational software systems.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills

# **Core Competencies**

- Organized, reliable and detail-oriented.
- Ability to plan and prioritize multiple programs
- and deadlines. Excellent problem-solving and conflict-resolution
- Customer service oriented with a focus on community engagement.

# **Working Conditions**

- 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.
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# The Rotary Regional Retreat was 'Making some waves' in Little Current

**by Margery Frisch**LITTLE CURRENT—The Rotary Club came to Lit-

tle Current, to the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre on September 14 and 15. Rotary District 7010, which covers a vast geographical area

Collingwood, Barrie, Orillia, Bracebridge, Peterborough, Hearst, Kirkland Lake, North Bay, Sudbury, Elliot Lake to name a few of the towns and cities it includes, as well as a club in Gore Bay, chose Little Current as one of its six regional retreat destinations.



Rotary - District Governor, Sandi Campbell (L) and Team Captain Carla Lacelle, sharing a laugh at the District Retreat.

photos by Margery Frisch get together in different regions," Ms. Campbell explained.

The first day of the retreat held a full slate of topics to cover: ways in which to increase their impact, their ability to adapt. There was a video on their Youth Exchange Program and Ludo was introduced. She is a Grade 12 student from Italy spending her year in these parts three months with a family in Manitowaning, and three months each with two other families, both in Sudbury. Ludo has been here since the 8th of August and is lov-

The Rotary's guest speaker for the day was Liam Campbell, from Manitoulin Streams. He gave a thorough and engaging presentation on not just the work Manitoulin Streams does in revitalizing the rivers and waterways of the Island, but the many ways they interact with and involve

ing the experience so far.

the communities and the schools in the work they do. To that end, he mentioned several times an event coming up on September 23, when they'll be planting about 450 trees along Blue Jay Creek and the more volunteers they can gather to help with

an army of garbage pickers were not overworked in their task, though they weren't entirely idle either.

The evening ended with a traditional dinner at the hotel, followed by trivia night. The highlight of Sunday's activities was a North Channel Boat Cruise aboard Le Grand

lion people who unite to take action to create lasting change. They work together to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene, save mothers and children, support education, grow local economies and protect the environment. District 7010 is one of 530 districts of Rotary International - the world's oldest serDistrict Governor Sandi Campbell would love to see a club open in Little Current. She's surprised there's not one already, that there's only one club on the entire Island.

She would love to chat with anyone interested in starting a Rotary Club here. You can contact Ms. Campbell at cjanewrite615@gmail.com.



Rotary - Guest speaker Liam Campbell sharing how Manitoulin Streams works at protecting and preserving Manitoulin Island rivers and streams.

seems the District Governor, Sandi Campbell, has an affinity for Manitoulin Island. And considering the span of the district, "It's fairly central," she said with an expression that read even she was not convinced this was true,

but she wanted to give the Northern regions an opportunity to attend.

These retreats are being held in place of the traditional District Conference which normally take place each Rotary Year. "We're trying to make it easier for Rotarians to

the planting, the better. Following Mr. Campbell's presentation, and in keeping with the spirit of Rotary's 'People of Action' motto, those in attendance suited up and left the building to collect garbage along the shoreline near the hotel and into the neighbouring streets. To Little Current's credit,

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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

# 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 OPPORTUNITIES – MULTIPLE POSTINGS**

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan – Seven Grandfathers Program

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan is seeking motivated professionals and natural helpers to join our growing team!

Internal training opportunities and professional development provided to all staff.

Please visit www.gwek.ca or email mmaracle@gwek.ca for details.

# **Program Description**

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan provides a person-centred model of mental health and addiction treatment for individuals 19+. It supports a community of healthy people working towards wellness, education and economic prosperity for First Nations individuals and communities. Gwekwaadziwin Miikan offers four phases of support, including Withdrawal Management, Land-Based Treatment, Live-in Aftercare and Community Aftercare.

### **Position Descriptions** A full-time position responsible for assisting with the safe and efficient **Maintenance Assistant** operation of the organization. This role involves assisting with repairs (Full-Time) upkeep and cleaning of facilities, vehicles and outdoor spaces. Duties include general maintenance tasks, groundskeeping, trail and site upkeep, snow removal, maintaining program equipment and facilities Application deadline: and supporting task management across various phases and projects September 19, 2025 of the program. This employee will be utilized across the span of at 4:00pm Gwekwaadziwin Miikan programming as needed. This position will have a flexible schedule to meet program needs and objectives. Withdrawal Management **Support Worker** A part-time casual position, responsible for the implementation of (Casual) acute withdrawal support, distribution of harm reduction supplies, safe/flex beds, as part of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan continuum of Application deadline: services. Must be available to work weekends. Open until filled

A part-time casual position responsible for assisting in the

implementation of participant treatment plans, monitoring the facility, facilitating group, and assisting with other facets of the Gwekwaadziwin

### Milkan programming. There is opportunity to provide casual relief in all Open until filled areas of programming.

Please visit gwek.bamboohr.com/careers for more information

Current Vulnerable Sector Check and Drivers Abstract required prior to offer of employment.

Aftercare Support Workers

(Casual)

**Application deadline:** 

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



information and to apply!

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking enthusiastic individuals who are committed to delivering high-quality programs and services to our community.

Applicants should embody and incorporate our Vision Statement in their work: "M'Chigeeng Anishinabek will be a vibrant, progressive, proud, united Ojibwe-speaking First Nation. Our people will be healthy, self-reliant, respectful of our obligations to

Mother Earth and culturally grounded, showing mutual respect and support for all people." Join us in building a strong and culturally rooted future for our Nation.

Director of Finance

### **HIAH**

- Business and Economic
- Development Manager Finance Clerk — HIAH — Term
- Community Energy Coordinator

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS / PUBLIC WORKS**

- Fire Prevention Officer
- Housing Coordinator
- Janitors Various Locations
- Parks and Recreation Worker On

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

- Health Services Department
- Home & Community Health Nurse
- Nursing Supervisor Term
- Health Receptionist / Data Clerk
- Personal Support Worker
- Community Wellness Worker

### **MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS**

- Mental Health & Addictions Supervisor
- Child & Youth Mental Heath and Addictions Counsellor
- Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor
- Community Connector Coordinator
- Child & Youth Worker

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

- Human Resources Generalist
- Administrative Assistant Family
- In-Home Support Worker
- Jordan's Principle Case Manager
- Post Majority Support Services Navigator
- Band Representative

### **EDUCATION**

- Director of Education
- Child and Family Support Program Coordinator
- Library Technician
- Cooks
- Occasional Teachers
- Early Childhood Educators

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**NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!** Business and Economic Development Manager
Department: Economic Development
Classification/Level: Senior Management (\$72,800 - \$135,200)
+ Group Pension & Extended Benefits
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

The Business and Economic Development Manager will serve as a strategic leader in the planning and support of all M'Chigeeng First Nation's economic development goals. The Business and Economic Development Manager will be responsible for developing, implementing and reporting economic development partnerships, initiatives and long-term planning for major projects. The Business and Economic Development Manager will lead and participate in policy work, creating processes, writing proposals and seeking revenue and funding opportunities for M'Chigeeng First

The Business and Economic Development Manager will review the existing structural relationship between HIAH Economic Development Corporation, MERE, Freshmart Grocery Store, Grasshopper and M'Chigeeng First Nation and review existing business entities owned and affiliated by M'Chigeeng First Nation. The Business and Economic Development Manager will create efficiencies and long-term plans, review and assess supports for existing band member businesses, develop and support new and existing entrepreneurs, and create a long-term plan for economic development for both M'Chigeeng First Nation and its membership.

# **Essential Functions:**

- Establish strategic direction for community economic development and create a comprehensive economic development plan for the benefit of MFN and band member businesses.
- Define, develop and implement both short-term and long-term goals for growth.
- Lead the development of new and innovative programs and initiatives, assist with proposal development, and motivate community members to participate in business and training opportunities.
- Organize and carry out economic development programs and projects through the phases of conceptualization,
- planning and development as well as implementation.

  Produce and publish an annual report once per fiscal outlining the corporation's activities and achievements for

# Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in business management, business administration, economics, commerce or a related field. At least five (5) years' work-related experience in progressive management responsibility in business based on a
- multi-disciplinary team approach. Strong knowledge of research and analytics relating to current and future economic development projects.
- Knowledge of First Nations culture and experience working in or with First Nations, understanding the unique political, legal and business values of First Nations.

# Other:

- Understanding of socio-economic factors, conditions and developments of the region and the potential impacts on the economy and employment.
- Strong negotiation skills and a proven track record.
- Ability to analyze business information and distill, summarize and share key information with others to assist in
- High level of analytical skills, detail oriented using professional standards for oral and written communication.
- Proven results working independently, and following through on concepts, ideas or initiatives preferably with an
- Knowledge of municipal, provincial, federal and Indigenous governmental systems.

  Ability to speak and understand the Ojibwe language would be a strong asset or the willingness to learn.
- ave a valid "G" Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle. Police CRC requirement prior to employment.

(For full Job Description and application portal please go to https://mchigeeng.ca/employment/)

# Application Closing Date: September 26th, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

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**Business and Economic Development Manager** c/o Human Resources M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0



email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

# Fred Eaglesmith to play Gore Bay

GORE BAY—Fred Eaglesmith will tour three towns in Northern Ontario in September, including Gore Bay for the first time since 2016.

"In less than two weeks, Fred Eaglesmith and Tif Ginn will be playing a northern run of three live concerts. You won't want to miss attending these intimate halls, promising excellent sound," a press release says.

Mr. Eaglesmith is a Award winning poet of rural Canada. He has spent four decades turning service station stories, country fair romances, broken down old tractors and gravel roads into timeless songs. His devoted fan base-affectionately known as "Fred Heads"—have established this founder of Alt-Country as the benchmark for his contemporaries as well as aspiring artists.

"His songs, filled with wit, heart, and unvarnished truth have been covered by the likes of Alan Jackson, Toby Keith, Miranda Lambert and countless others. Over 120 artists from bluegrass to punk music have recorded his popular tune, Alcohol and Pills. His hit, Trucker's Speed, has been named as one of the 100 Top Americana Songs of all-time, and garnered over 60 million views with over six thousand independent videos having been created on TikTok.'

"For the last 15 years, Mr. Eaglesmith has been



Fred Eaglesmith, in photo right with Tif Ginn, will be performing in concert in Gore Bay on Saturday, September 27.

joined by Texas-born, multi-instrumentalist, Tif Ginn, who also happens to be his wife," the release continues. "Together, they have developed a musical symbiosis that only comes from countless miles, shared stages and an undeniable chemistry. With Tif's harmonies cutting through the mix and the addition of new instrumentation, 30-year-old songs land like fresh revelations and new tunes take shape in real time with one wheel off the track."

"Mr. Eaglesmith carries the weight of a legend lightly. After a lifetime of touring and 25 albums under his belt he would have every right to rest on his laurels. Instead, now he's doing what he's always done, pointing the truck toward Canada's back roads, where the next great night of music waits to be sparked. His signature sound of country

soul and rock energy with his between-song tales only he can tell, equally hilarious and heartbreaking, make the Fred Eaglesmith Show unmatched. Fred doesn't just perform in these small towns, he plugs into their heartbeat. After all these years, that's still his superpow-

Mr. Eaglesmith will perform in the Gore Bay community hall on Saturday, September 27 at 7:30 pm. He will also perform in Pointe Au Baril September 26 and the Bruce Mines community hall on September 28.

Concert tickets are \$50 advance, and \$60 at the door. Advance tickets will be sold online at www. fredeaglesmith.com and some local outlets. After a touring hiatus, many of his shows have recently sold out, so fans are advised to purchase in advance. All Ages are wel-



# **NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!**

Director of Finance
Department: Finance
Classification/Level: Senior Management (\$72,800 - \$135,200)
+ Group Pension & Extended Benefits
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

The Director of Finance will lead and manage the finance team while providing high-level oversight on the organization's financial strategy, operations and reporting. This senior leadership role is responsible for setting financial direction, managing a high-performing finance team and ensuring the organization's financial health. The role will also require collaboration with internal and external stakeholders to achieve business objectives, support growth and ensure compliance with financial regulations.

The Director of Education will be responsible for the total organization, management, and administration of the M'Chigeeng educational system. The Director of Education reports to the Enaagdenjged.

# **Essential Functions:**

- Lead, mentor and develop the finance team to ensure high performance, professional growth and alignment with organizational goals.
- Provide strategic direction for the finance department, ensuring that the team adheres to best practices in finance, compliance and financial

# Financial Governance & Compliance

- Oversee all aspects of financial governance, ensuring compliance with federal regulations, Indigenous funding guidelines, and corporate financial reporting standards (ASPE/IFRS).
- Act as the primary liaison with external auditors, regulatory bodies and funding agencies, ensuring compliance with reporting requirements and financial regulations.

- Drive the financial strategy to support growth initiatives, operational improvements and strategic investments while balancing risk management.
- Provide input into financial decision-making at the organizational level, ensuring that all decisions align with the company's mission, values and goals.

- Work closely with other department heads to align financial goals with operational initiatives.
- Serve as a strategic advisor to the executive team on financial matters, helping to guide high-level decision-making and resource allocation.

**Stakeholder & External Relations:** 

Represent the organization at external meetings, conferences and community forums to present the organization's financial position and ensure alignment with community priorities.

- Financial Reporting & Oversight:

  Oversee the preparation of the organization's financial reports, ensuring accuracy, compliance, and timely submission to stakeholders such as Chief & Council, federal agencies and funding Ensure that financial reports prepared by the
- finance team meet compliance standards

- Budgeting & Forecasting:

   Manage the annual budgeting process, ensuring that the organization's financial goals align with strategic objectives.
- Oversee ongoing financial forecasts to assess organizational performance against budgeted

- Lead the organization's risk management efforts. identifying potential financial risks and developing strategies to mitigate them.
  Ensure that financial risks related to new business
- ventures, investments and partnerships are evaluated at the executive level, with appropriate oversight from the finance team.

Bachelor's degree in Finance, Accounting, Economics, or a related field (MBA or equivalent preferred). CPA or equivalent professional designation is required.

Credit Check: As a condition of employment, this position may be subject to the successful completion of a satisfactory credit check.

(For full Job Description and application portal please go to https://mchigeeng.ca/employment/)

# Application Closing Date: September 26th, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

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# OPP Youth Foundation announces new MSS PC Marc Hovingh Memorial Bursary

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—As part of the annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycling Series and the new OPP Youth Foundation Marc Hovingh Memorial Youth Bike Ride and Rodeo held earlier this month was the announcement of the new OPP Youth Foundation Provincial Constable Marc Hovingh Memorial Bursary for Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) students who are continuing their post-secondary education.

"Lianne Hovingh and Family, in conjunction with Manitoulin Secondary School (and the OPP Youth Foundation) are going to be presenting an annual bursary of \$2,500 for one youth graduating from high school which will help them as they go further in their education,' said Sandy Poredos, executive director of the OPP Youth Foundation.

"Provincial Constable Marc Hovingh was a champion of youth in his community, and we are thrilled to honour Marc and his legacy with the Youth Foundation involvement," said Ms. Poredos.

Ms. Poredos noted the OPP Youth Foundation would be presenting six bicycles and equipment to youth identified across Manitoulin Island and helmets were being provided through the Ontario Provincial Police Association Credit Union, noting that the OPP Youth Foundation Marc Hovingh Memorial Youth Bike Ride and Rodeo, was coordinated by former local OPP officer constable Marie Ford with the local police services on the island.

"Although the ride this morning is for enthusiastic cyclists (with 30-, 70- and 140-kilometre rides) we are holding the youth



Members of the Survivors of Law Enforcement (SOLE) group, which included Lianne Hovingh third from left in photo, and OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique (in OPP mini-car) pause for a photo before the OP Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycling Series ride, held in Mindemoya



From left in photo, Marie Ford, Lianne Hovingh and Sandy Poredos, pause for a photo at the OPP Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycling Series.

bike ride this afternoon. Marc (Hovingh) was all about youth and the community," said Ms. Poredos.

To begin the ceremony the names of all fallen police officers in the OPP and Northwest region were read out. This was

followed by local piper Iain Mc-Gale playing 'Amazing Grace.'

"I would like to welcome everyone here this morning for the Northwest and Northeast Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycling Series," said Adam Belanger, provincial coordination this was the fourth ride being held across Ontario this year.

OPP Northeast Region Chief Superintendent Mike Pilon said, "it is so nice to see such a large group on hand here today, including the SOLE group. I would like to thank Sandy (Poredos) and the Youth Foundation. I wish all of you a hearty welcome, and hopefully 'the big guy' will stop the rain outside and the sun will come up for all the riders. Have a safe and good ride."

Ms. Poredos said, "It is with pride that the community and youth component have been added to the ride taking place in the morning and pointed out six bicycles were to be presented in the afternoon to identified youth on Manitoulin. "We look forward to their smiling faces when they receive their bicycles. I would like to thank Marie

photo by Tom Sasvari



Several members of the Wikwemkoong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) took part in the annual OPP Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycles Series and the new OPP Youth Foundation Marc Hovingh Memorial Youth Ride and Rodeo.

for youth engagement with the OPP. "I would like to thank everyone for turning out here today, including our Survivors of Law Enforcement (SOLE) group. One is going to be riding with us today." He pointed out

(Ford) for organizing this afternoons' youth and community event.

**OPP Superintendent Dumont** said "one of the great things

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**NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY! Health Services Department Manager Department: Health Services** Classification/Level: Senior Management (\$72,800 - \$135,200) + Group Pension & Extended Benefits **Employment Status: Full-Time Regular** 

**Position Summary:** 

The Health Services Department Manager is responsible for the management of the M'Chigeeng Health Services under the direction of the Director of Health and Wellness. This includes providing support and assistance to the Band Membership for developing and maintaining quality health care services.

# **Essential Functions:**

- Prepare budgets, financial reports and recommendations of program expenditures to Director of Health and
- Wellness and ratify by Chief and Council
  Respond to health concerns; be familiar and aware of local health issues, initiatives and processes as well as conditions that may affect M'Chigeeng First Nation (i.e. water quality)
- Maintain awareness of developments in Indigenous health

- Perform such duties as report writing, compiling statistics, program and delivery systems development with Health Services Team
- Complete evaluations on health centre operations, health programs and staff on an annual basis.
- Ensure proper maintenance of facilities a) Health Centre b) Wellness Centre including equipment, machinery and supplies

- Ensure supervision and review activities of full-time employees in the program
- Conduct regular performance review on employees
- Develop, implement and monitor employee training and development plans

- Research programs and project costs and determine budgets
- Develop, implement and monitor policies that are specific to program delivery Coordinate and approve strategic planning activities that determine both short and long term goals of program

- Establish annual budgets for program
- Prepare and present regular reports to Director of Health and Wellness as directed by the Director of Health and
- Prepare and maintain regular financial reports under the Health Program for MFN and funding agencies Manage an annual budget and responsible and accountable as per MFN Financial policies.

Ensure staff training as required and subject to financial resources. Ensure all Nursing staffs are in good standing with CNO and RNAO

- Degree in Public Health Administration or
- Equivalent Health related diploma with five (5) year's experience in administration of Health or Social Services
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe is an asset

CRC/VSS requirement, must be current (30 days) and must be an original

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**NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY! Director of Education Department: Education** Classification/Level: Senior Management (\$72,800 - \$135,200) + Group Pension & Extended Benefits **Employment Status: Full-Time Regular** 

**Position Summary:** 

This position requires a person who has worked with First Nations and is aware of First Nations issues. He/she holds complex and diversified responsibilities to carry out initiatives, develop, organize, plan and direct operations and activities of the M'Chigeeng First Nation educational system. The Director will be a visionary who is a well-respected educational leader with a proven record. He/she is results-oriented and can strategically foster growth, development and opportunities for band membership and members of the M'Chigeeng educational system. He/she will build strong relationships to develop a 'system'; and will work in collaboration with Chief & Council, the Education Staff, the M'Chigeeng community, external affiliates and government officials.

The Director of Education will be responsible for the total organization, management and administration of the M'Chigeeng educational system. The Director of Education reports to the Enaagdeniged

# **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

# AREAS OF THE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY:

- system leadership & planning Éducational leadership
- Student achievement & well-being
- Fiscal responsibility
- Personnel management
- Communications & community relations Personal professional development

# OUALIFICATIONS & REOUIREMENTS

- Master's degree in education
- Principal 1 and 2 would be an asset
- A minimum of five (5) years' related work experience, which includes leading First Nation services, program and/ or policy development, and/or education and community development
- Knowledge of current key issues in First Nations education

# **OTHER**

- Have contemporary knowledge of current key issues in First Nations education.
- Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills be a visible, inclusive, and collaborative leader with a demonstrated track record of success, building effective relationships and partnerships at all levels of the organization, as well as with key education, community, provincial and federal partners
- VSS requirement must be thirty (30) days current, original or certified copy

CRC/VSS Rationale: M'Chigeeng First Nation and its agents are in a position of trust in services to band member children and/or vulnerable adults, so a safe and secure working environment is mandatory. Applicants must provide a clear VSS Certificate and the CRC must have a record clear and/or dated of any convictions relating to sexual interference, sexual assault or related charges. The VSS must be current (30 days) and must be an original.

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# Espanola's Knight Cruisers car club donates to Manitoulin Sudbury Victim Services

CURRENT-Knight Cruisers Classic Car Club of Espanola

member Denis Blake dropped by the Manitoulin OPP Detachment headquarters (also the Manitoulin North Shore Victim Services office) bearing gifts from his club.

"As a club we decide which groups we will donate to," said Mr. Blake. Following his presentation to the club on behalf of Manitoulin North Shore Victims' Services (MNSVS), the club decided they were a worthy cause and earmarked a \$700 donation." The car club regularly donates to organizations in the area through their fundraising efforts," noted Mr. Blake. "We have 52 members and once a year we make donations, to food bank, hospitals. I proposed Manitoulin North Shore Victims' Services and the

club decided to make the donation.

"We are going to add these funds to our additional programs, Project Lifesaver and the Mobile Tracking Program, these will help ensure the programs can continue," said MNSVS executive director Amy Collins, who along with program coordinator Cindy Stewart were on hand to accept the cheque.

MNSVS' primary goal is to assist victims of crime in the Espanola, Manitoulin and Northshore areas. The organization is part of the Ontario Network of Victim Services Providers and provides services within the Manitoulin-Northshore region. This includes all of Manitoulin Island and the Northshore from Walford/Sagamok to Nairn Centre, including Espanola, Birch Island, etc.

There are two main pro-



Denis Blake, left, from Knight Cruisers Classic Car Club of Espanola hands a cheque for \$700 to Amy Collins, Manitoulin North Shore Victims' Services executive director and Cindy Stewart, program coordinator.

grams that form part of those efforts.

The Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario Program provides crisis intervention services to victims of crime and tragic circumstances after an incident

24 hours a day, seven days a week at the request of the police. Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services also provides services at the request of other community agencies, medical services, and by

photo by Michael Erskine self-referral during our office hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm,

excluding holidays). Quick Victim The Program+ Response (VQRP+) is intended to provide timely assistance to eligible victims of the

most violent crime. This program provides shortterm financial support toward essential expenses for victims, their immediate family members and witnesses in the immediate aftermath of a violent crime to help reduce the impact of the crime, enhance safety and meet immediate practical needs that are a result of the crime.

VQRP+ is available individuals have no other financial means (e.g. private insurance) where there is no publicly funded program available.

Mr. Blake brought along his vintage Z28 sportscar for a cheque presentation backdrop and following that presentation, Ms. Collins was treated to a ride in the vehicle. Mr. Blake assures The Expositor that the vehicle would not be travelling more than 10 kilometres over the speed limit.

# ...new MSS PC Marc Hovingh Memorial Bursary

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about this program is that it brings the community together. We have the opportunity to partner with our neighbouring police services, the local OPP, UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services (WTPS). Ĭ hope everyone enjoys a very safe ride today."

Ms. Hovingh, on behalf of the SOLE group said, "today I have the honour of representing my beautiful SOLE sisters. We can't thank everyone enough for remembering those loved ones we have lost, and to make them part of your story."

'Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and ride safe and well and we hope good memories are made today," said Ms. Hovingh.

Mr. Belanger noted that an anonymous donor recently made a \$10,000 donation to SOLE.

OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique said, "as we gather this morning and the names were read of all the fallen officers as we could hear (in the Mindemoya arena) the skies opening up outside, we remember the sorrow the members of SOLE carry. I wish you the positive energy and purpose you give us to serve our communities."

"It is an awful way for someone to lose their life doing something they love," said Commissioner Carrique. "It is very important that those who have fallen are never forgotten. Thank you, Sandy, for being

Seeking Applicants - Elder Representative

for UCCM Police Commission Member

the heart of the family. And I would like to thank James Killeen Chief of Police for the UCCM APS and the many WTPS officers here today, as well as our local OPP representatives, along with the Ministry of Natural Resources and officers from Toronto, Durham, Dutton, Sudbury and across the province. We appreciate each and every one of you here today."

After the ceremony Ms. Hovingh said of the student bursary, "I am overwhelmed. I am absolutely overwhelmed by this and so thankful that Marc will be remembered in this way, and that his life is going to be remembered, and it will be local youth on Manitoulin who will benefit from the bursary."





Are you interested in providing a community perspective

# on police governance and community safety issues?

The UCCM Police Services Commission is seeking an Elder Representative to serve on the Police Commission. The Commission's overall responsibility is to govern the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service by generally providing direction, planning and policies.

# Eligibility and Qualifications of the Elder Commissioner:

- be a registered member of a Member First Nations:
- be knowledgeable or familiar with the community, culture, and language of the Anishnaabe Nation;
- commit to be bound by the Commission's Oath of Office & Confidentiality and Code of Conduct for Commissioners as per the Commission Policy & Reference Guidelines / Naak nigiwnan Ge-naagdoongin, and all other policies and procedures of the Commission;
- commit to undergo an enhanced police background check, excepting Elders where there has been a declaration signed by the Chief of the Elder's respective First Nation indicating the Elder's fitness for not be an employee of the Commission or the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Anishnaabe:
- not have a criminal conviction that, in the discretion of the Commission and the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Anishnaabe, and in all of the circumstances of the conviction, is inconsistent with the proper fulfilment of the role of a Commissioner and the reputation of the Commission;

# As a Commission Member, you will:

- Receive an honorarium and mileage expenses
- Ability to attend board training and conferences
- Be provided with an email address and iPad for use during term as Commission member Meetings are in the evenings; monthly and special meetings are called as needed
- Opportunity to sit on Committees (ie, Strategic Planning, Policy Development)
- Length of Term: 4 years

# Once appointed:

- You will undergo a Criminal Reference Check.
- Once the check is cleared, you will be provided with a welcome and orientation training session by
- UCCM APS Staff and Commission Chair.
- Be officially sworn in at the first meeting of the Commission after appointment and the necessary paperwork and orientation has been completed.

For more information or to learn more about UCCM Police Services Commis<mark>sion resp</mark>onsibilities call 705-

Please send your letter of interest by October 10th. 2025 to:

Chairperson, UCCM Police Services Commission Re: "Elder Representative' 5926 Hwy 540. P.O. Box 332, M'Chigeeng, Ontario POP 1G0



Rainbow District School Board, with schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island, is accepting applications from qualified teachers for the following permanent teaching assignment for the 2025/2026 school year:

# Espanola High School

Posting #371-01 Anishinaabemowin (Semester 2)

# Espanola High School/Indigenous Education

# Posting #325-02

# E'Kinomaaget Program (Espanola Area)

This program will support First Nations and Indigenous students within the geographic areas of Whitefish River First Nation, Espanola and Sagamok Anishnawbek who are looking to re-engage within secondary education, who have been approved for Supervised Alternate Learning or who are engaged in Restart.

# Manitoulin Secondary School

# Posting #381-02

Indigenous Studies, Art, Special Education, Anishinaabemowin

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

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

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

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

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

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