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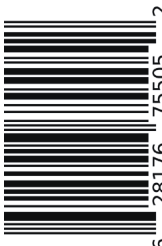
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# The MANITOULIN EXPOSITOR



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## Kids pivot annual Sick Kids funder to assist cancer victim

by Michael Erskine  
SHEGUIANDAH—The playground at Batman's Cottages and Campground in Sheguiandah was a hive of activity when The Expositor caught up with Sophie, Claire, Flo and Veda, four members of a group of young social entrepreneurs who aimed their fundraising sights on raising money for a young girl, Aliyah Kelly of Sarnia (with deep Tehkummah roots) who is battling cancer. (Unfortunately, Milania, Everly, Valerie and Emmy were not available for the interview, but they also played a part in raising the money.)

Thanks to the owners of Batman's and an anonymous donor, the money raised by the youths was first doubled and then doubled again.

"We have been raising mon-

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## Suspect sought in abduction at Wiikwemkoong

WIKWEMKOONG—A Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory man, the victim of a reported abduction, has been located safe. Two people have been arrested and a third suspect has been identified by police, but has not been named. It has not been reported whether the third suspect has been arrested or any charges laid.

On July 25, shortly after 10:30 am, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) responded to a report that 27-year-old William Paibomsai-Lesage had been abducted on Willow Street in Wiikwemkoong.

Police had received information that Mr. Paibomsai-Lesage was on Willow Street when he was approached by two males, assaulted and forced into a black Chevrolet Silverado pick-

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**CATCH OF THE HARBOUR DAY**—Ten-year-old Jack Laporte-Alexander caught this large fish at the swimming pool fishing pond. The Gore Bay Fish and Game Club sponsored the event, with Meeker's Aquaculture providing the fish and the Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department providing the 'swimming pool' and water. Melissa Witty, in background, a volunteer with the club, looks on. SEE MORE HARBOUR DAYS FUN ON PAGE 27.

photo by Tom Sasvari

## Supreme Court unanimous that Ontario, Canada failed Robinson treaties obligations

ROBINSON HURON—Last Friday, the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) released its decision in the Restoule case regarding Ontario's appeal of Stage 1 and 2 of the Robinson Treaties annuity cases. The Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) is very happy with the decision, which vindicates the essential position taken by the RHTLF throughout this legislation.

Justice Mahmud Jamal, delivered a unanimous ruling on the Robinson Huron and Robinson Superior treaties, determining that the crown "dishonourably

breached" a key part of these 1850 agreements. The decision stated that the Crown failed to "diligently fulfill" the augmentation clause of the original treaties, which entitled members of the Huron and Superior First Nations to annuities that were supposed to increase over time.

Because these annuities haven't increased since 1875, Justice Jamal wrote that the Crown is "obliged" to determine an amount of "honourable compensation" to the Superior

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## Wiikwemkoong's fire-rescued family relates harrowing details of event

by Tom Sasvari  
WIKWEMKOONG—The Ted and Roxanne Recollet family are very grateful for the efforts of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) and the Wikwemikong Volunteer Fire Department to rescue their family including two teenage children and the family dog from their burning home in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 13.

"It's still very difficult to talk about," stated Ms. Recollet when contacted by The Expositor last Friday. She said in reading a story in The Expositor on the incident last week she became emotional. "It happened so early in the morning. I did wake up to get a drink of water at almost the same time as the police officers arrived, and I had looked out the window on the back deck and everything seemed to be okay.

There were no flames."

After she had gone back to bed Ms. Recollet said, "I heard someone banging on the front door, and then I heard the breaking of a window to get in, and then they alerted us that the house was on fire and everyone needed to get out."

As was reported in the July 24 edition of The Expositor, in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 13, officers with the WTPS, Constable Gabriel DiSalvo and Sergeant Darrell Mandamin, were on patrol in the main village area of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT).

At approximately 3 am officers observed a fire at the rear of the residence situated on Willow Street in the main village area of Wiikwemkoong. Officers imme-

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## Island's Olympic connection

Alex Baldoni our man on the Seine in Paris

by Tom Sasvari  
FRANCE—Alex Baldoni, who was born in France but who has dual citizenship with his mother being from Canada (and who has family ties to Manitoulin and area) will be taking part in three different water disciplines (sports) at the World Summer Olympic Games being held in France.

"I live in France, but I was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada," said Christine (Cote) Baldoni from her home in France. "My brother lives in Sault Ste. Marie and my sister lives in Val Caron with her husband. I have now

been living in France with my husband Patrick and our two kids for the past 25 years, but we travel to Canada every year



Alex Baldoni, with Island connections, is competing in three events at the Paris Olympics.

for a month and have camped at the same place on Manitoulin that my sister and her husband stay at. My kids love Canada. The family is Canadian."

"Alex has dual citizenship, and he chose to represent Canada at the Olympics," said Ms. Baldoni.

Mijou Pelletier (Ms. Baldoni's sister) told The Expositor last week, "we visit the Island several times a year. We have a trail-

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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



**WALKING FOR THE WATER**—The Naadowewi Gichigami (Lake Huron) 2024 Waterwalk is underway, with walkers setting out to follow in the footsteps of Josephine Mandamin and her call to action to protect the waters of the Great Lakes. Waterwalks are an Anishinaabe ceremony, led by women carrying a copper pot and escorted by an Eagle staff. Setting out from the Highway 6 Hydro One station were Natalie Nagonagijig bearing the Eagle staff and Sheila from Fort William who was carrying the pail of water.

photo by Michael Erskine

## End of an era

*Gore Bay's first air terminal demolished for new building*

by Tom Sasvari  
GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—It is the end of an historic era. The demolition of the former main airport terminal at the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport marks another milestone in the major upgrade that has taken place at the airport.

"It's the original building that was first constructed in 1947," said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane, last week. "The airport terminal has always been the main building for the airport."

However, with the new airport terminal having



The former main terminal building at the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport was demolished last week. The air terminal building was first constructed in 1947. The demolition of the building was carried out as part of the major upgrade at the airport, including the opening of a new terminal building.

been constructed and completed near the end of June, "Robbie Colwell (airport manager) moved out of the former terminal building early in July and the new terminal is in business," said Mayor Lane.

"Shortly after the Second World War the Department of Transport instigated a new airway called Red 23 which came out of Toronto through Manitoulin Island via the Michigan Upper Peninsula to the Lakehead and on west. The nation-

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## 'Grandmother of Powwows' returns to Thunderbird Park with amazing lineup

by Michael Erskine  
WIKWEMKOONG—The annual Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival (popularly known as the Wiiky Powwow) will kick off on Friday, August 2 with the seventh annual Wiikwemkoong Art and Music Festival (WAMF) featured on Pages 20 and 21 of this edition of The Expositor with the traditional events starting up on Saturday, with the crowning of Miss Wiikwemkoong at 10 am (Little Miss, Lil Brave and Junior Miss competitions take place 10 am on Sunday).

Wiikwemkoong Tourism will be launching its new WAMF logo at 11:30 am, followed by the grand entry at noon.

The following days will be filled with some of the most amazing dancers to be found on the powwow trail. The Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival has a competition powwow at its heart and through to Monday, the best of the best will be competing for top honours. But not to worry, there will be plenty of intertribal songs going out to get your powwow on.

Many of the dances are held in honour of local accomplishments or in memory of individuals in the community, such as

Wilfred A Trudeau-baa Men's Traditional Special or the Kara Kennedy Call to the Bar Jingle Special, the Crystal 'Angel' Recollet-baa Memorial Special and the Waaweyeseh-baa Memorial Special (Men's Traditional).

As a competition powwow, the prizes are one of the draws, and in that department the Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival is no slouch. Drum competition first prize is a cool \$12,000

while the dance categories run from \$1,200 first prizes for the adult divisions to \$500 first prizes for the teens and \$300 for the youth aged seven to 12.

Masters of ceremony duties for this year's festival are shared between Wiikwemkoong's own Allan Manitowabi and Jason Whitehouse of Michigan and former Ogimaa Duke Peltier.

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## Manitowaning's Ryan Kuntsi attends North American Yu-Gi-Oh! championships!

by Tom Sasvari  
SHEGUIANDAH—Ryan Kuntsi of Manitowaning competed in the North American Yu-Gi-Oh! (card game) championships in Austin, Texas, July 19-21.

Ryan, who is 17, told The Expositor, "I qualified for the North American championship from the Toronto regional qualifier held November 11. I finished 45th of 396 people competing. I qualified for the North American championships from among about 3,000 people who had sought invites to the competition."

The North American Yu-Gi-Oh! championship, also known as the North America World Championship Qualifier (WCQ) is a major tournament where top players from across North America compete for a chance to qualify for the

Yu-Gi-Oh! World Championship. This event typically features a mix of Swiss-system rounds and single-elimination matches, culminating in a final showdown to determine the North American Champion.

The Yu-Gi-Oh! Trading Card Game is a collectible card game developed and published by Konami. It is based on the fictional game of Duel Monsters (also known as Magic and Wizards in the manga), created by manga artist Kazuki Takahashi, which appears in portions of the manga franchise Yu-Gi-Oh! and is the central plot device throughout its various anime adaptations and spinoff series.

The trading card game was launched by Kona-

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## Carter George inks contract with LA Kings

by Tom Sasvari

LOS ANGELES—Goaltender Carter George, who has strong family ties to Manitoulin Island has been signed to a contract by the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League (NHL).

The Kings announced last week that they have signed Carter to a three-year, entry-level contract, carrying an average annual value of \$875,000 at the NHL level through the 2026-2027 season.

Carter, who is a native of Thunder Bay, is the son of Mike George who is originally from Little Current, and his grandparents also live in Little Current. He was selected 57th overall in the 2024 NHL draft.

The LA Kings insider reported, "For George, it's a special moment on a few levels. For any young player, signing that first NHL contract is a life-long dream. Not to mention, that signing bonus will go a long way in Owen Sound. For George, though, he signs that contract with the Kings, the organization he grew up rooting



Carter George, who has strong family ties to Manitoulin Island has been signed to a contract by the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League.

for, making it all the sweeter."

"George is also a Canadian Hockey League player, so his options for this and next season are either the NHL or the OHL. As a goaltender, he is certain to play in the OHL, with the Kings understanding

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## 55th annual Little Current Lions' Haweater Weekend this weekend

by Expositor staff

LITTLE CURRENT—This Civic Holiday weekend marks the 55th annual Little Current Lions Club's Haweater Weekend. What started as a homecoming weekend in Little Current's downtown has grown to be known province-wide and beyond for its family fun and laid back atmosphere.

"We're so pleased to once again offer a great lineup of Haweater Weekend events," said Lion President Bruce Burnett, Haweater Weekend committee co-chair. The theme of this year's Haweater is "Alo-Haw."

The Carver Kings just can't seem to get enough of Haweater Weekend and they'll be returning to their old spot at the old fire hall parking lot on the corner of Meredith and Worthington street from Wednesday, July 31 to Monday, August 5. Stop by and watch art being made with only a chainsaw!

The Royal Canadian Legion has a few events taking place this Haweater. Thursday night wing night is back August 1. Eat-in or takeout available. Place your order by calling the Legion at (705) 368-2661 after 4 pm. On Friday night, the Legion

is again feeding the masses with its famous steak dinner from 5 to 7 pm. For just \$20 per person you get a steak, baked potato, coleslaw, bun, ice cream and a drink! Stick around Friday night and sing your heart out at the Legion karaoke contest. Admission is \$10 per person with prizes to be won. Please email rclbr.177@hotmail.com for registration.

On Friday, August 2 the

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## Wiikwemkoong Arts and Music Festival pairs emerging artists with headliners

by Michael Erskine  
WIKWEMKOONG—The seventh annual edition of the Wiikwemkoong Arts and Music Festival (WAMF) will be kicking off the Wiikwemkoong Annual Cultural Festival (aka the Wiiky Powwow) on Friday, August 2 at the Nimkoo Bineshiinh Kaaning (Thunderbird Park and powwow grounds) in what promises to be one of Northern Ontario's most exciting summer weekends.

"This year we are very excited about the lineup for WAMF," said organizer Jason Manitowabi, arts events coordinator at Wiikwemkoong Tourism. Mr. Manitowabi noted that each year WAMF sets about to pair its headliners with local, Indigenous and emerging artists. "This year we have Snotty Nose Rez Kids and our own Crystal Shawanda along with Nadijiwan and some very exciting things going on for the whole family."

Among those who will be performing at WAMF is the incomparable up and rising classical

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**editorial**

## The facts speak volumes: Canada is not broken!

Apparently, most Canadians think our nation is "broken." This odd assessment of the state of the nation that has recently captured top spot in most folks across the globe's "most desired destination" speaks volumes to our lack of perspective. If Canada is indeed "broken" then what does that say for the rest of the globe.

The challenges that are besetting our land and its people are legion—that much is true. Housing shortages, inflation that is just now coming under control, interest rates that are hammering one of the most indebted peoples of the world (we do love to live above our means it seems), having to come to terms with a past that is less than admirable, especially when it comes to our interactions with the Indigenous inhabitants who welcomed many of our ancestors to these shores and what is, for many, unsettling accommodations to diversity vilified (most notably south of the border) under the label "woke."

For the record, woke is not broke. This widely held perception that our country is broken and headed in the wrong direction flies in the face of reality.

According to Berkshire Hathaway Travel Protection's Safest Destinations Report 2024, Canada secured the top position as one of the safest countries in the world for travellers, a significant jump from its sixth-place ranking in 2023. We are moving on up.

In the Worldwide Press Freedom Index published by Reporters Without Borders, Canada ranked 14th out of 180 countries in 2024, up one spot from 15th in 2023 and from 19th in 2022. In a time of increasing assaults on freedoms of the press and enduring an avalanche of political spin, misinformation and misdirection, this is also a very good sign.

Our country may be struggling with health care issues (a provincial responsibility, not federal as the provinces like to remind us when they are not blaming the feds) but we also boast the fourth best hospital in the world.

We rank 15 out of 143 countries ranked by The Gallup World Poll on a three-year scale (averaged through 2021 to 2023) among the happiest people in the world—and second out of the G7 nations.

In quality of life, we rank 30 out of 87. Our economy is still rattling from the impacts of the recession and the final arrival of the Boomer retirement tsunami, but despite those challenges, we are projected to post the highest growth in the G20 next year.

Lately, the assaults on the federal government by the provincial

leaders have joined the US Congress and The Donald Who Would Be King in castigating Canada for not hitting a notional two per cent of GDP spent on defence. But polls of the Canadian electorate have consistently put defence spending well down on the average Canadian's grocery list—oh don't get us started on groceries. When it comes to guns or butter, we have all contributed to that bit of brokenness, now we are mad because our federal political leaders did what we asked of them.

To be clear, this newspaper has lamented our nation's parsimony when it comes to defence spending for literally decades, arguing that a strong military alliance is vital to maintaining world peace in our times. But according to every poll since the end of the Korean War, health care, child care, pharmacare and a host of other social concerns were Canadians' priorities. Somewhere in there, saving the environment also tops defence in our priorities—and given the existential threat posed by an overheating planet that spending might well be thought of as "defence."

For several years now we have been literally bombarded by a steady diet of negativity, the vast bulk of it aimed at the federal government. Even though much of the angst aimed at such things as vaccine mandates, masking, housing shortages (no immigrants are not causing the shortage—even if adding slightly to the pressure) lie in the provincial bailiwick. Deflection on the federal government may have been a sport that may have been invented by Quebec premiers of all stripes, but that ball is being tossed about by provinces of all partisan flavours these days.

Yes, the federal Liberals have made some mistakes over the years they have been in power. But in the words of former Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, "The Land it is Strong."

All things are relative, and our nation's current state is no exception. Taken in a global perspective Canada is most definitely not "broken" and although "sunny ways" have certainly taken a heavy beating from the realpolitik of governance—we still honour "peace, order and good government" in our constitution.

Canada is not broken. Over the next year it behooves us all to kick the tires of any career politician who tries to tell us it is. As a nation we need to stop beating ourselves up over what needs to be done and get to work doing it. Telling us there are problems is not the same as offering solutions. Stoking anger and resentment might get a government elected, but those are dangerous tools that inevitably come back to bite the wielder.

## letters

### Serious concerns raised over speed increases on Highway 69

*Remember always that speed kills!*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was sent to the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, and has been reprinted here at the author's request.*

Dear Sir,  
Re: Increases of Highway Speed Limits – Particularly Hwy 69  
This is to raise my very serious concerns regarding the increases of the speed limits of several Ontario highways to 110 km/h – particularly sections of Hwy 69.

It is obvious that neither you or the engineers and technical staff of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation have a grasp, knowledge or principles of basic physics that of velocity and resistance – "inverse square law." Simply stated the greater the velocity the ever-increasing resistance with a dramatic increase in the required energy to achieve and maintain a higher velocity (SPEED). Thus, the increase in speed will consume ever greater energy – FUEL – thus producing ever increasing carbon emissions. So much for controlling "greenhouse" gas emissions as the climate is ever warming at an alarming rate.

It is claimed, no doubt by the engineers and technical staff, that the highways in question are designed for higher speeds. A highly questionable concept that carries no logic. It ignores the consideration for the ability of vehicles to safely travel at such high speeds. Not every vehicle is properly maintained and all vehicles are subject to wear and tear and deterioration over time – tires especially. And always bear in mind the high number of vehicles recalled by the manufacturers for various faults and failures. Vehicle influences may include: maintenance, condition, make, type, tires, age/year, safety check records, ownership care, number of drivers and no doubt several more!

And there is the other factor of the ability of drivers – such as: age, experience, attitude training, emotional influence(s), culture,

race, gender, health, fatigue and doubtless many more, including intoxication!

Weather: temperature, warming and thawing, freezing (black ice), mist, fog and even smoke, climate, snow and rain.

Highway condition: classification, number of lanes, divided highway, lighting: day or night – duck or dawn, paved/unpaved, type of construction – material, maintenance, city, provincial, rural or urban jurisdiction.

It is very obvious that the MTO engineers really have no idea or comprehension of safety and safe design – that includes basic physics. I wonder what school of engineering provided the training – was it fully accredited? Are the technical staff and engineers licensed? How up to date were the professors? And as far as you are concerned it is not necessarily expected that you have a technical training but surely you must have asked questions and been able source various data and information and review the topics of highway construction and traffic safety.

Remember always that speed kills! In July 2024 alone there have been three serious crashes on Hwy 69! Of course we never see the reports or outcomes of such accidents and of course never an inquiry or ever an inquest after a fatality. Getting accurate current statistics is all but impossible – we mostly rely on press reports.

Finally! It is most irresponsible of you and the MTO to so blatantly promote some very bizarre justifications for increasing speeds on our highways. There is simply no justification. Who do we sue if we are an innocent victim of an incident (not accident!) involving the higher speeds that you promote?

Lionel Rudd, C.E.T.  
safety specialist

### Hogweed is a beautiful but dangerous invasive plant

*Contacts with highway maintenance company EMCON fail to result in action*

**To the Expositor:**

Hogweed is a beautiful looking plant when in bloom. It is also very dangerous. There is some in the ditch at the Manitoulin Golf course. Emcon Services of Sudbury was notified three weeks ago but as you can see when driving along the highways on the Island, they aren't interested in Manitoulin Island.

The ditches are a disgrace. When the Hogweed was in bloom, it stood about 6 feet tall and the bloom about four feet across. It is in seed now and you can see a large plant and four



Invasive hogweed is on the Island.  
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little ones around it. The birds and wind will carry the seeds. Next summer when every lawn on the Island has Hogweed growing on it, the children will pick a beautiful bouquet and put it on the kitchen table. In two days, they will scream from the blisters covering their body. Some will go blind and some might even die.

I wonder how many will say, "if only Emcon had gotten rid of the Hogweed!"

Darlene Orford  
Spring Bay

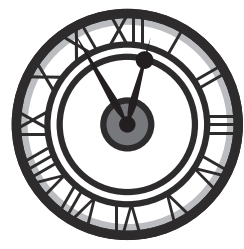
**Bill and Linda Strain**

The beautiful Strain home sits right on Bass Lake within the town of Sheguiandah. A lovely panoramic vista of the lake lies to the back and a vast expanse of green grass lies to the west. The couple was well prepared with a multitude of family portraits and documents. The writer was also privileged to be welcomed by Max, their Shih-tzu pup. This was followed by the sharing of their family story. Linda was cross trained for a multitude of banking roles ranging from teller to financial and administrative work. Bill was a teacher in Espanola for thirty years and helped promote the Island Fish and Games club as both member and president for many years. A letter from the late Rainbow District School Board trustee Larry Killens in 2011 shows the impact this club had on students, "I wish to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for placing education and learning about the ecology and nurturing of our environment on the front burner for our present and future generations."

"My paternal grandparents are Lindsay and Sarah (Stringer) Ferguson," Linda offers as



**Now and Then**  
A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin  
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin  
By Petra Wall



Bill and Linda Strain's smiles are captured at the annual conservation workshops with Island school children.

has been converted to a home and it is privately owned."

"There are many Ferguson aunts and uncles on Manitoulin. We were raised like a big family. Annual celebrations were held at different homes, including ours. The church was often the focal point for many events. Another popular time to get together was haying and threshing times. The men would gather the hay in the fields and the ladies would help them or prepare food for everyone."

High school was in Little Current. "I liked all my subjects, except Latin," Linda continued. "I still connect with a lot of friends, both on Manitoulin and Birch Island. Pauline Andrews was one, but she has died." By the time Linda was taking grade 13 subjects, she had been working part time at Currie's Drug Store for six summers.

"I started seeing Bill about this time, after I got to know his father Dave, our bus driver. When school was out, I was often one of the first to get to the bus and Dave and I would chat. He would tell me about his son who was going to school in Hamilton for Grade 10 at the time. He was impressed with me and felt that his son and I should get together. "Somehow, he felt that I could do no wrong," Linda added, smiling. "His dad chose me for Bill." Bill returned to Little Current for Grades 11 to 13. Linda became co-editor of the school paper and vice-president of student council. Bill became the president.

"Our first date was a high school baseball tournament in Gore Bay." Linda and a few others joined Bill in his dad's '58 Chevy. Afterwards, Bill dropped Linda off last. "What are you doing for the rest of the weekend?" Bill asked her. "I have no plans at present," she responded. They attended the dance in Mindemoya on Friday night and the Sandfield dance on Saturday night. "I had church early on Sunday and I was pretty tired by then, but I knew my father expected me to attend and so I did."

Linda and Bill continued to date but took different paths for a while. Linda took a business and secretarial course at Sheridan Business and Technology School in Sudbury. She was 19 when she finished and came home to work at Currie's for one more summer. "That fall I started working at the Bank of Montreal in Little Current."



Linda with some embroidery for her wonderful quiltwork.

Bill, meanwhile, was at the Hailybury School of Mining near Cobalt.

One day, after they had been apart for a while, Bill, by then at Northern College, got a phone call from Linda. "Can you give me a ride back to the island?" It was serendipity that the two connected again. When they got home, Bill asked, "What are you doing tonight?" The two re-connected and this eventually led to their wedding on August 20, 1966, at the Little Current United Church. Harold Morphet was the best man, and his wife Brenda, a friend of Linda's, participated too. About 150 people attended. A smaller group enjoyed the delicious dinner at the The Inn Hotel (now the Shaftesbury Inn). A dance at the Legion followed. After their wedding, they drove to Toronto where it was 95 degrees. They had two weeks to get to the South Dakota School of Mines where Bill would get his BSc in engineering.

Bill shares his story. "Paternal Great-Great Grandfather George Washington Strain lived in Gordon township and he is buried there. Grandfather Bill Strain and his wife Birdie (who came from Michigan,) also farmed in Gordon Township until they sold the farm and moved to Toronto. Grandfather Bill was also the Reeve of Gordon Township. I met him once. Maternal grandparents Johnson and Mabel (Williams) Noble were farmers and Johnson was also a horse trader. Their son Bordie started the famous fur-

niture store on the Noble farm."

"My parents are David and Dorothy (Noble) Strain. I was born on April 3, 1942, in a Sudbury hospital. My iron levels were low but that soon cleared up." He had two brothers, Gary, and Harold. Harold died in a snowmobile accident on a night-time trip to Killarney over ice. They couldn't see the tree line after dark and, sadly, wound up in the water."

Bill attended a one-room school in Sheguiandah and Mrs. Andrews was his teacher. Bill recalls an incident when he was about 14 years old. "We had to get to town for some immunizations. There were no busses available so dad said to me, 'take the car into town and take as many kids as you can with you.' It was likely the polio 'shot' they were to get."

"I remember getting a 410 shotgun when I was 14 or 15. It was Christmas morning and the gun was leaning up against the fireplace. I was super excited and happy to get my own gun. In 1948 we moved to Sheguiandah. Our house was near a quartzite quarry where dad was working at the time. He had two trucks and a couple of employees. The supervisor asked him to build a cottage on the property and rent it to him. Then another worker asked for a cottage to be built there as well. That is how White Haven Resort began. I can remember working there at 10 years of age. "I had to take a block of ice daily, to each of ten cottages. Sometimes I would get a 25-cent tip. I was still ten when I started 'guiding' for the guests

Grades 11 to 13. He played for the Sheg Bears and they won the Pearson Trophy for three years in a row from 1959 to 1961. "After three years you get to keep the trophy. It still sits in a glass enclosure in the Little Current Complex."

Bill met his sweetheart, Linda Ferguson in high school and they married in 1966. The couple lived on Manitoulin after Bill finished his engineering degree in South Dakota. He attended the University of Toronto for a teacher's certificate. Bill subsequently taught geology and math at the Espanola High School for 30 years. Raising and planting walleye were also an interest. He started this sideline with Gary Clark at the old provincial hatchery at Sandfield. He was interested in producing walleye fingerlings from eggs. In 1971, Bill joined OFAH (the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.) The couple built a house on Glen Street in Little Current. Bill sold real estate for Peter Lush and J. James Bousquet Realty. The Little Current Fish and Game Club eventually built a hatchery in Sheguiandah, and walleye eggs hatched into fry that were used to stock the area lakes by 1986. Bill was part of the Little Current Fish and Game Club and was president for 19 years.



The Larry Wallace Memorial Volunteer Award presented to Bill in 2013 for his outstanding contribution to conservation education.



The newly minted Mr. and Mrs. Strain on their wedding day.

introduction. "Grandfather was a farmer in the Green Bay area. He was also a teacher and councillor for Howland Township. They ran the post office and a half-way house for Island travelers going off-island. Maternal grandparents, John, and Barbara (Bayer) Egan also farmed in the Green Bay area."

"Percy, and Dorothy (Egan) Ferguson, my parents, farmed as well. Dad was a talented musician. He played the violin and often hosted musical evenings where he instructed the local kids and played music. Mother would make nice snacks for all of them. Both parents were highly active in the Green Bay United Church. "I was born at home on February 1, 1942. I have four siblings, Bob and Barb were twins. Bob and Tom have passed away. Bob had been a 'pricer' for a big wholesale company in Calgary. Barb is in her late 80s. She taught Kindergarten in Sudbury and on Manitoulin and was the accompanist and choir leader in the Little Current United Church and I joined the choir. Ed is a farmer in Green Bay. My youngest brother is Ed."

"Charlotte Dunlop taught at the one room Green Bay school for about 40 of us, from grades one through seven. In Grades 6 to 7, she would send me to the quieter cloakroom to help some of the younger students read and do arithmetic. I enjoyed helping them. At recess, we played hopscotch, baseball and anti-I-over where we threw a ball over the roof to others on the far side. Today, the school



Bill, centre, with two buddies, the late Bill Trimmer left and the late Bill Keatley right, part of the Sheg Bears hockey team.

who fished. We had no motors so I had to paddle the boats and I got one dollar for the day."

Hockey was popular. "Once our high school team was asked to attend a high school tournament in Chapleau. I was in grade eight. Austin Smith of Little Current was our coach. We were used to playing lots of exhibition games. When we didn't get off the train in Chapleau, the locals in the pool hall assumed we were not coming, but we arrived in five or six cars instead. We won all three games in that tournament."

High school was in Hamilton for Grade 10 where Bill had a chance to try out for the Junior Hamilton Red Wings. He made the cut in the second try-out. He stayed there for a year but then dislocated his shoulder and left the team. He remembers an incredibly competitive atmosphere. Bill attended high school in Little Current for

In 1980, Bill and Linda had taken over White Haven Cottage, running the lodge and producing walleye fingerlings in the hatchery there as well. "I remember our dog Taz," Bill explains. "One day, in the living room, he was whining non-stop. I let him out. He was still whining outside so we came out and saw two paddle boats upside down with an offshore wind. There were people in the water. We quickly got into our boat and moved upwind of them to let the wind take us to them. It was a couple with two children, a boy and a girl. I was a little nervous, as I had suffered a heart attack a year earlier, but we saved them. The little girl, about 8, had to be pulled out by her hair, she was so tired. Her brother was a little older and it was easier to get him into the boat. The parents were retrieved last. They were staying at a resort next door. ...continued on page 32

# Friends and Neighbours

## Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Hello my dragonflies! Alexia here with your friendly fly. Can someone please tell me where July went? I find it hard to believe we are already into August as of tomorrow. Providence Bay has been all a chatter and bubble about the countdown to the “Back in the Saddle” Providence Bay Agricultural Fair, the new soundstage and venue for the Eagleson and Haller headliner, the art tours, the Alo-Haw 55th Annual Haweater weekend and the upcoming arts, music and cultural festival in Wiikwemkoong as if everyone doesn’t already have enough to do right? While all the vacationers come here to slow their pace and enjoy some “Island time” most of us locals increase the speed limit and go full speed and subito into the throngs and throws of what can only be described as Island Festivus or I.F. If you come to Providence Bay and you haven’t planned, there will be no vacancy, no parking, no hot dog buns, no marshmallows and until recently no wine, whiskey or beer. Add a U.S. Presidential assassination attempt, worldwide Microsoft systems failure, LCBO strike, full moon and some intense, geomagnetic solar storms into the mix and you have yourself a bone fide total recall of the day the earth stood still. There’s no vaccine or app for that. So, back to business and busy we all go because the Island never sleeps much anyway. With the warm winds of August and change, we change gears, cast away fears, celebrate life and all of her trivialities and trauancies like the haw eatin’, trail-blazing, boot-stompin tough and tenacious Northern ‘O Canadians we are. Remember to keep on keeping on, stoke the fire in your belly and fight the good fight with the fervor of your ancestors and elders. With a “stick in one hand and a bottle in the other” creds to my brother Christian Hannigan on that last one, an excerpt from a poem he wrote once. Stay cool, stay strong, remember your ace, keep your pace; open the good wine/whiskey/water, you’re still in the race. Back in the Saddle soon my friends!

Here’s what’s happening at the Providence Bay arena and fairgrounds: Summer Fun pre-registered programs daily Monday to Friday July through August from 8 am to 4 pm. Remember to save your spot via [centralmanitoulin.ca](http://centralmanitoulin.ca).

Friday Family Rec Nite continues 7 to 9 pm. Drop in and play pickleball, badminton, basketball, cornhole, ping-pong and air hockey with friends, family and neighbours. All ages welcome.

Lions Club bottle drive: Drop off your empties next to the arena for a good cause. This helps keep our township clean and helps us give back to the community. Keep an eye and ear out for the next big Lions fundraisers and events.

If you or someone you know would like to become a sponsor for the Spring Bay Providence Bay Lions Club Brookwood Brae Golf Tourney on September 21, please contact Chris Bryan on or before August 31 to register your team. Contact: [chris\\_bryan84@outlook.com](mailto:chris_bryan84@outlook.com).

Providence Bay Hall: private and public events Lions Den meetings.

Providence Bay Lions Club Pancake Breakfast is August 17 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Providence Bay: Central Manitoulin Beachside Market featuring local bakers, foodies and fun continues Thursdays July through August from 11 am to 3 pm. Contact Central Manitoulin for vendor information and details.

Tai Chi at continues every Monday and Thursday from 10 to 11 am until September 12 at Cedarwood Lodge, 40 Cranston Road Providence Bay, Contact Jean Pearce for details 705-885-8444.

Upcoming dates: August 8, 12, 15, 19 and 22.

Spring Bay: Central Manitoulin Yoga is back Tuesdays from 2 to 3 pm and Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 pm at the Spring Bay Hall. Register with [asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca](mailto:asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca).

Providence Bay Boardwalk and Discovery Centre: Sunset Music Series continues this weekend on Friday, August 2: Kelly Brewer from 6:30 to 7 pm and Natalie Edwards from 7 to 9 pm. On Saturday, August 3, Emma McDaniel and Jamie Dupuis from 6:30 to 9 pm. Check the Huron Island Time Facebook page or Sunset Music Series online for the full musical lineup.

Be sure to bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the shows!

The Discovery Centre is filled with all the wonders and teachings of our elders and locally trained experts. Drop by to learn about the incredible biodiversity of our Island ecosystem and drop by from 10:30 am to 12 noon for fun daily events! Today, Wednesday July 31 is all about erosion! The Discovery Centre is located at 24 Mutchmor Street, Providence Bay. For more info email [discovery@eastlink.ca](mailto:discovery@eastlink.ca).

Huron Island time is busier than ever! Be sure to ask Lance and crew about their awesome new ice cream flavours and Carribean inspired food! Lance has a great lunch and dinner menu and carries a bevy of beach toys and sporting accessories to keep the kids busy at the beach. Enjoy the beautiful warm waters of Lake Huron or simply stroll along the beach and boardwalk. Make memories, snap selfies and enjoy the beautiful scenery, music and views! Be sure to visit The Mutchmor Peace Café and Gallery. Take a selfie by the bear and owl mural. Say Hello to Catherine, Carli and crew. Be sure to stop into the beautiful and new Sandalwood Market,

Ben and Carli proudly showcase organic, hand crafted goods and wears curated from small scale producers in India. You will meet a lot of locals here and there and perhaps meet some local artists as well. If you fancy a bite to eat before sundown visit Huron Sands for a quick pizza to go or visit Matt and crew at Huron Fish and Chips and Co. and Huron Island Time or just up by Dryden’s Corner where Clyde’s cookhouse is with some good selections. They open from 12 noon to 9 pm Thursday to Sunday. Providence Bay always has good eats, great inspiration and good company.

Dear beachcombers, boardwalkers, visitors, friends and neighbours we welcome you. Please keep our township and beaches clean and safe by using the blue bins along the beach and boardwalk.

Wednesday, July 31. Beachcombing and driftwood mandala making is the theme.

The Horses: August 3, Haweater horse show; August 18 from 9 am to 1 pm is the Providence Bay Fair horse show. Please reach out to Katie SG on Facebook or [Manitoulinhorseclub71@gmail.com](mailto:Manitoulinhorseclub71@gmail.com) for more information.

The Heavens: Make a wish! This year’s annual Perseid meteor shower will peak the night of August 12 into early morning on August 13. The Perseid meteors produce shooting stars at a high hourly rate. The Perseids occur when dust particles and leftover debris from a comet known as 109P/Swift-Tuttle, burn up in Earth’s atmosphere. The next full moon is the Sturgeon Moon of August 19. Happy stargazing and camping!

Keep your eyes open for the Great Canadian Superhighway Crossings”...A moose was spotted swimming across Lake Mindemoya last week and there are gaggle of geese and goslings crossing at various roadways and waterways in both Mindemoya and Providence Bay so keep your cameras poised and ready!

Mentions: Congratulations Chris and Destiny and families!

Happy Birthday to my late Mom Marie-Hélène!  
“Sea blue of gentian, Blackberries, ebony stain, yellow of gold-enrod, tree fringes wavering along the road under the hill, these make up an August afternoon I have known. But more than fruit or flower tree, Is my mother’s love, I hold in my heart.”  
Hilda Conkling

## Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

As we close out the month of July, Team Fergmeijer would like to take this opportunity to be serious for a moment and shine a light on a little-known cause that is worth sharing: Lasagna Awareness Month. We know our puns tend to be a little saucy, but in all seriousness, ricotta tell you that there are layers to lasagna awareness that go beyond a simple ingredient list. We’re not noodling around, could lasagna be the best meal ever? Pastably. So be grate-ful for this amazing dish and enjoy a slice for a good cause!

The annual History Day in Kagawong is coming up on Thursday, August 8 at the Park Centre in Kagawong. In both the matinée (3:30 pm) and evening (7:30 pm) sessions, author and journalist Mike Strobel will speak about the North Channel “Rhu” tragedy, as well, author and journalist Richard Thomas will celebrate the Chi-Cheemaun with 50th anniversary sailing stories. Don’t miss out! Follow the Old Mill Heritage Centre on Facebook ([facebook.com/KagawongMuseum](https://facebook.com/KagawongMuseum)) for more information.

The township is looking for naming suggestions for the covered rink area, because although we will forever know it as The PickleDome, it would appear some people weren’t happy with that option. Name suggestions for the Kagawong covered rink are being accepted at the town office until the end of August. Check their Facebook page for more information.

Along with naming the covered rink (and perhaps the township’s new tractor), it has come to our attention that the Kagawong Market Pavilion is in need of a more accurate name since the market moved up the hill. Thus, we begin a second completely informal, not-affiliated-with-the-township, and unlikely to get approval, naming competition for the town’s picnic pavilion across the road from the beach. So far, submissions include the Kagawong Kanopy, Picnic Paradise, the Turkey Tent, the Alfresco Experience, and the Chuckle Hut. Email [fergmeijer@gmail.com](mailto:fergmeijer@gmail.com) and let us know your pick!

Team Fergmeijer received a lovely compliment last weekend from long-time fan, Mary N. While we strive to report on the recent goings-on in Kagawong, we admit our info about the geographical region around the Thames River isn’t very... current.

The totals have been tallied! The Billings Public Library would once again like to thank everyone who stopped in and added to their to-read pile by purchasing books at their annual used book sale a few weeks ago. The library raised over \$2,000 at the event! If you missed out, fear not, you could still check out some books (and games) from the library, Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm (closed 12 noon to 1 pm for lunch).

Happy birthday to Willa W who has a birthday sometime around now, as well as Lisa H. Happy 29th to you both! We have two birthday tips for you: 1) forget the past, you can’t change it and 2) forget the present, because we didn’t get you one.

What’s that? You haven’t yet been to the Kagawong Summer Market? Be sure to come down into the village

Wednesday from 10 am until 3 pm to check out the over 70 regular vendors! There is something at the market for everyone.

The Manitoulin Tennis Club meets twice a week and welcomes players of all abilities to come out and play on Sunday mornings at 10 am and/or Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, both at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts.

Our words of wisdom for this week: Life is like lasagna. It’s all about what you pack between the layers. Have a great week!

## Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Ashton and Nina Calback travelled to Stanley, New York last Wednesday to attend a summer RRR reunion with all their friends. Our host took all of us to the Millco Woodworking factory which he owns to see how all assemble-it-yourself furniture is made. It was very interesting. We all had a wonderful time and enjoyed the food and conversations. We returned home on Friday.

Ashton and Nina Calback took a short trip on Saturday to Elliot Lake to visit their friends Phil and Mary Ann Harris. It was nice to see them again and see where they lived. They sure enjoyed our surprise visit.

Carolyn Lane-Rock has had a busy summer. She travelled to Madison, Wisconsin and Chicago, Illinois with the Toronto Friendship Force. Visitors during the month of July at Rocky Hideaway included Marilyn Orford from Sudbury, Bonnie Depencier and Sue Peltonen from Long Lake, Rona Knight from Sudbury and Jacob Tuck from Oshawa. Carolyn attended a birthday for Sharon Lane in Iron Bridge on July 20.

Bonita (Badgerow) Mercier from Sudbury visited George and Carolyn Calback on Sunday.

Wally and Esther Stiller have their son Tony and wife Sajah and family from Dundas visiting this week at their cottage.

## Silver Water Karen Noble

Shirley Anne Smyth and her husband Robin LeSage were at their cottage with her sister Colleen Julseth for the week.

Karen and Steve Marshall were at the Johnson cottage last week.

Patsy Kling came to the market in our yard with her daughter, Julia, and granddaughters, Emily and Evelyn. Julia and her family planned to spend a few weeks here. Bill Kling has been at the cottage for the month of July and goes home soon.

Lee and Ed Alexander were at their cottage last week.

Lori Mastelko spent last week at her cottage and came out to play euchre Thursday and Friday.

Larissa Chevette spent Monday and Tuesday at our house. She went with me to play euchre at GG’s in Evansville. She won more games than I did.

Julie Edwards has gone home to Indiana for a few weeks. Jim’s brother, Mark Edwards, spent two weeks here at their cottage. Mark said it had been 15 years since he was here.

One day last week when I was getting ready to leave for the swim with Gladys Duncanson, I looked out the window at the back of the house and there was a partridge stretching his neck up to grab one of my raspberries. Then I realized there were at least three partridges, two of them in the middle of the patch. I went outside and walked right up to the patch and they did not walk away until I was about three feet away. When I got home from the lake, I picked the rest of the berries. We have not seen the birds since.

The art tour had a stop at the Silver Water Community Hall on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There were six vendors with a lot of items on display for sale.

Friday, July 19 we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay.

Saturday morning, we had a market in our yard. We were very busy and sent people to the hall for the art tour. The art tour must have sent people our way, too.

On Monday morning, Albert and I took a load of liquor containers back to the Beer Store in Little Current. It made another \$200 for the doctor recruitment fund. On the way home, the car had an appointment at McQuarrie Motors. It turns out that one of the modules that connects some of the sensors had been damaged in the hit and run accident in December and it was overheating.

On Monday afternoon, Larissa, Gladys and I went around the lake to swim at the beach. Jack and Alice Addison were out for a walk as we pulled up. We had a short visit with them.

Tuesday morning, Larissa, Albert Meijer, Colleen Julseth, Shirley Anne Smyth and I went to Meldrum Bay to help with the kits and quilts project. The group finished tying three quilts and packed up 116 hygiene kits. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 6.

Fire practice was held on Tuesday night. There was a mock fire at my brother’s house.

On Thursday morning, I made raspberry pie and the cakes for the café on Friday morning in the Gore Bay Community Hall basement.

On Thursday night, there were 15 euchre players at the Silver Water Hall.

# Weekend happenings

## ...‘Grandmother of Powwows’ returns

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Although the Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival takes place in Wiikwemkoong, the talent, judges and other dignitaries hail from other communities. At this year's festival head veterans are Jan Richie (Saugeen), arena director Cheyenne Kitchikake (Wiikwemkoong), head drum judge Joseph Syrette (Batchewana), head male dancer Jordan White Eye (Bkejwanong Territory), head female dancer is Ann Marie Proulx-White (Neyaashiinigming and Eneida), smoke dance singer Regis Cook (Onondaga, New York) and head elders Gerry Kaboni and Linda Kaboni of Wiikwemkoong.

Host drum will be Bear Creek.

In addition to the songs and dances, a cultural pavilion will include workshops, a fashion



Men's traditional dancers ready for competition at the 2023 event.

show, beading showcase, cross-cultural performances and Indigenous culinary presentations. On both Saturday and Sunday, the Wiikwemkoong Art Show, hosted by community artists, starts up at 10 am each day, closing at 7 pm. One Wiky PW mens traditional of the many cultural performances will be Metis fiddle music at 5:30 pm on Sunday.

There will be plenty of great powwow food on hand and one of the largest gatherings of Indigenous artisan, arts and crafts vendors to be found anywhere in this region of Turtle Island.

Adult daily admission is \$15, with a weekend pass at \$30, children are \$5 daily (under six free) and elders 65-plus are also admitted free of charge. More information can be found at wiktours.com.

## ...Wiikwemkoong Arts and Music Festival

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pianist Mason Animikwan.

WAMF will feature a Kidz Zone with bouncy castles and Science North and Dynamic Earth exhibits, plus a special Smoke Dance Showdown hosted by Six Nations Tourism. The Smoke Dance Showdown is part of a collaboration between Wiikwemkoong Tourism and Six Nations Tourism.

"There will be a cultural exchange talk about Haudenosaunee (People of the Longhouse) culture," noted Mr. Manitowabi, who explained that the cultural sharing with other Indigenous peoples is a key part of WAMF. More than that, the festival seeks to attract not just an Indigenous audience but is an opportunity to reach out to other cultural groups as well.

One of the most exciting aspects of WAMF this year will be the Odawa Mnis Master Chef showdown featuring professional Indigenous chefs, including local amateur cooks, looking to crown the best in taste on Manitoulin Island. Sections of the Odawa Mnis Master Chef showdown will take place between musical performances as an integral part of the evening's diversions.

"We've made it to year seven because of the amazing support from sponsors such as Canadian Heritage, On-



The Snotty Nose Rez Kids are the Friday night headliners at the Wiikwemkoong Arts and Music Festival.

tario Arts Council - Conseil des arts de l'Ontario and Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund," noted Mr. Manitowabi.

WAMF tickets are only \$25 and are on sale at www.wiktours.com or can be reserved by calling 705-859-3477.

## ...55th Little Current Lions' Haweater Weekend

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downtown street will be closed from the morning until Sunday night and filled with vendors of all descriptions. Be sure to check out the many Haweater deals and specials being offered by Little Current's downtown business community, too.

While downtown be sure to have your little one's face painted by Olivia, who will be downtown all weekend long, or pay a visit to the Psychic Chantale at The Collective from Friday through Sunday.

The Little Current United Church is hosting a silent auction Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm both days.

At 6 pm Friday night, George Williamson and Friends will sing classic rock and country from the cenotaph. Freewill offerings to the Manitoulin Food Bank are welcomed.

On Friday night head to Low Island Park and the Lion Pavilion to watch the annual Haweater Weekend mixed slow-pitch tournament, have a cold beverage and a tasty burger or sausage from the Lions' barbecue. The ball tournament, beer gar-



Running into Haweater Weekend like... The 5K Haw Run starts at 10 am from the library in Little Current.

den and barbecue runs all weekend long.

On Saturday, August 3 the Huron Bass Tour is back for its second annual Haweater Weekend stop. Anglers are asked to contact Ben Bond at (705) 920-0568 to register. The tournament runs from 8 am to 4 pm and begins and ends at Spider Bay Marina.

Namaste! Start your Haweater Saturday off with yoga on the docks at 9 am at the far east end of the downtown docks.

The popular NEMI Farmers' Market's special Haweater Weekend edition market will get underway from 9 am to noon at the Market Garden Pavilion and grounds

(across from the BMO).

Start your, errrrrr, engines? The Haweater Soapbox Derby runs from 9 am to noon on Vancouver Street East. Practice runs begin at 9:30 am with elimination runs to follow.

At 10 am, head to the NEMI Public Library for Breakaway Sports and Cycle's 5K Haw Run. Prizes!

Starting at noon until 5 pm on Saturday, and again on Sunday, Low Island will be filled with inflatables and new this year, a climbing wall!

While at Low Island, register a team for the beach volleyball competition. Contact Tracey

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# ...Gore Bay's first air terminal demolished for new building

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al airline at this time was Trans Canada Airlines (TCA), at this time using the Dougal DC3," The book 'Early Years of Gore Bay' explained.

"Due to its limitations, TCA requested that they have line-of-sight airports located approximately 100 miles apart along Red 23. Between Toronto and the Lakehead, these airports were Wiarton, Gore Bay,

Kinross, Grand Marie and Houghton. The latter three were located in Northern Michigan."

"The Gore Bay Airport was built by the federal government and opened for service in the summer of 1947 with two paved runways, 4,100' x 200', an operations building, a navigational radio ranger and a staff of 17. The airport was staffed with radio operators and airport maintenance personnel.

The first airport manager was Mr. S.B. Lee who came here from the airport at Armstrong, Ontario," the 'Early Years of Gore Bay' continued.

Sometime around 1950 runway 10-28 was extended by 1,900' on the west end for a total length of 6,000 feet and medium intensity lighting was installed on this runway. During the years from opening to mid-1950s there were no airports at

Sudbury or Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. Gore Bay was fairly active as a refueling stop for TCA and the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). Also, during this period extensive aerial and magnetometer surveys north of Manitoulin

Island and Elliot Lake areas were carried out from the Gore Bay airport by Oshawa based Kenting Aviation Ltd. using Anson, Lockheed and Canso aircraft."

"It was due to the American traffic of this period

that the airport became a Canadian Customs Port of Entry," the 'Early Years' noted.

The old building, which had a bomb shelter built into the basement, was razed last week.



The original terminal was built in 1947. It was demolished earlier this month.

## ...55th annual Hawewater Weekend

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brary for "slime time" until 3 pm.

From 2 to 4 pm a children's show featuring Spider Man and Elsa will be free to families downtown at Expositor Square. This event is sponsored by Abbie Drolet, realtor, Bousquet Realty.

On Saturday night it's the moment many have been waiting for—Hawfest! Head to the NEMI rec centre from 8 pm to 1 am for not one, but two Hawfest dancefloors! Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets available from The Manitoulin Expositor or Boarderline.

Sunday morning will begin with an ecumenical church service at the cenotaph at 10 am. In case of rain, head to the Little Current United Church. Don't forget your lawn chair!

Yoga returns at 11:30 am, again at the end of the downtown docks.

Everyone loves a parade! The famous

Hawewater Weekend Parade, with the theme of Alo-Haw, gets underway at noon.

At 3 pm, Low Island will be a hive of activity with children's games and activities on offer.

From 5 to 6 pm, Joe and Beth Arnold of Island Time Dancing will be leading line dancing in downtown Little Current then at 7 pm, the street dance begins.

At dusk, the grand Haw finale, the Thunder Over the Channel fireworks display gets underway. Donations to next year's display will be gratefully accepted by the Lions.

New this year, the Lions will be having a 50/50 draw (draw to take place at 9 pm on Sunday). Tickets are available for sale downtown at the Lions Club booth where they will also be selling official Hawewater merchandise, Catch the Ace tickets, Hawfest tickets and so much more. Stop by and say hello!

Happy Hawewater!

## ...inks contract with LA Kings

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his timeline to ideally play in the NHL is several seasons down the road," says the Kings Insider reporter. "Look for George to return to Owen Sound, where he faced the most shots in the OHL last season and impressed while doing so. A potential trip to the World Juniors could also be in the cards for George, as he was one of four goaltenders invited to represent Team Canada at the Summer Showcase event. George was the starter for Canada at the Hlinka Gretzky Cup in the summer of 2023 and the U-18 World Championships this past spring. He's competing against a couple of older goaltenders but has inter-

national pedigree already to his name, winning gold medals as the starter in net at both events."

As far as the contract Mr. George signed, "he is eligible for an entry-level slide both this and next season and we should assume those will both factor in as he continues his development in the OHL. Expect to see this contract slide back until George's age-20 season, when he would be both NHL and American Hockey League-eligible and his three years would kick in. The Kings envision George playing two more seasons in the OHL before, hopefully, stepping in as a potential AHL player in the 2026-2027 season," the Kings Insider reported.

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# ...Kids pivot annual Sick Kids funder to assist cancer victim

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ey for Sick Kids Hospital for years now," said Veda Doring, the young "mastermind" of the operation. "This year we decided to focus on Aliyah and her family."

As to how the youths, spending weekends

off one of the tattoos on her arm.

Aliyah's great grandfather, Jim Dunn of Sheguiandah, was effusive in his praise of the young women who have taken his great granddaughter's cause. He explained that his great granddaughter

ney cancer that the doctors tell us does not have any symptoms," said Mr. Dunn. "When she fell, all of about maybe three feet, she landed on her side and the tumour burst. It was tragic when she fell but at least they discovered the cancer."

he said. In the meantime, Aliyah has been transferred from Toronto's Sick Kids to Victoria Hospital in London, closer to where her parents live. Victoria has a great reputation as a pediatric hospital.

"She was able to go home for the weekend," said Mr. Dunn. "Just getting to go home for a couple of days is a pretty big deal."

Mr. Dunn noted that folks watching this year's

Little Current Lions Club Haweater Weekend Parade will be able to cheer on the girls for their efforts. Every year, Mr. Dunn decorates his vintage panel truck to take part in the parade. This year there will be a banner celebrating the youths' success and the girls will be riding on the truck.

A GoFundMe page has raised \$28,810 towards the family's expenses in travelling to doctors' appoint-

ments and ensuring that Aliyah's family could visit and support her.

"A lot of people don't like to use the GoFundMe because they take a percentage," said Mr. Dunn. Those wishing to help young Aliyah and her family during these challenging times can reach out to Mr. Dunn at 705-562-6645 or they can visit the GoFundMe page set up for Aliyah's expenses.



Sophie, Noah and Claire Stott, Veda Doring, Milania and Everly Flynn, Florencia (Flo) and Valerie Burton, and the girl known as Emmy, posing at the lemonade/henna stand with Batman's Cottages and Campground owners Andre and Lisa Deschamp. Aliyah, right, was diagnosed with a stage 3 nephroblastoma Wilms tumour.



during the summer camping at Batman's as they do, learned about Aliyah and her family's plight Veda explains, "my mom, my mom saw it on Facebook and told us about her."

Their latest fundraising efforts are the most successful to date. "The most we ever raised before was, like, \$300 total," said Claire. "This time it was just under \$5,000. The girls raised most of their money through henna tattoos. Sophie, the youngest of the troupe, proudly shows

was stricken by cancer last year and is currently undergoing her last round of chemotherapy treatments.

Oddly, it was what normally might not have been thought of as a serious tumble on July 17 turned into one of a parent's worst nightmares with a silver lining. While exiting a trampoline the four-year-old slipped and fell. It was the result of that fall that first revealed Aliyah's condition.

"She has a type of kid-

Aliyah was diagnosed with a stage 3 nephroblastoma Wilms tumour. Her mother Tyra and her were flown to Sick Kids in Toronto where more tests were run and a treatment plan put together.

"She is doing really well," said Mr. Dunn of his great granddaughter's progress, but there remains a long road yet ahead. "Doctors are saying it's going to be a year,"

## ...Ontario, Canada failed treaties obligations

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plaintiffs. If the Crown and the Superior plaintiffs cannot arrive at a negotiated settlement, the Crown will be required, within six months of the release of these reasons, to exercise its discretion and determine an amount to compensate the Superior plaintiffs for past breaches.

As has been reported previously, Huron plaintiffs have already finalized a \$10 billion settlement through the provincial and federal governments, with these payments expected to be released this summer.

The Court confirmed that the Robinson Huron Treaty is an alliance of equals, said the RHLTF. It is a nation-to-nation relationship based on mutual interdependence.

The Treaty contains a sacred promise to share the wealth of the territory in accordance with Anishinaabe legal principles of reciprocity, respect, responsibility and renewal.

The Court confirmed the obligation of the government to work with the Anishinaabe to implement the Treaty and held that the court can order a remedy if there is no agreement between the parties.

And although the SCC allowed Ontario's appeal in part, finding a role for Crown discretion in the implementation of the Treaty promise, it soundly rejects Ontario's suggestion that the discretion

to be exercised under the Treaty was unreviewable, rather a court can assess whether decisions about annuity increases are consistent with the honour of the Crown.

RHTLF spokesperson Duke Peltier said, "As a result of the SCC decision today which partially acknowledge some level of Crown discretion regarding annuities augmentation, it is important to note that the RHT leadership were wise to negotiate a settlement agreement regarding past compensation in the face of the uncertainty of the outcome of the Ontario appeal to the SCC."

Chief Angus Toulouse, of Sagamok Anishinawbek First Nations, said "The SCC decision is a balanced result. The decision highlights the need for Canada and Ontario to reach a fair settlement with RHT First Nations for the implementation of the annuities augmentation clause of the RHT going forward. The Robinson Huron Treaty leadership call upon Prime Minister Trudeau and premier Ford to honour the commitment included in the past compensation settlement agreement to renew the Treaty Relationship and as well as the commitment by Canada and Ontario to fulfill the treaty promises of the Crown relating to the annuities augmentation clause for the future."

"For over 20 years the Supreme Court of Cana-

da has been stating that reconciliation is a key imperative embodied in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, which affirms Aboriginal and treaty rights," said Chief Patsy Corbiere. "The honourable course of action for Canada and Ontario is to work with us to achieve a negotiated settlement and not delay the inevitable that the Crown made a commitment to the Rob-

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**...Ryan Kuntsi attends Yu-Gi-Oh! championships!**

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mi in 1999 in Japan and March 2002 in North America. It was named the top selling trading card game in the world by Guinness World Records on July 7, 2009, having sold over 22 billion cards worldwide. As of March 31, 2011, Konami Digital Entertainment Co. Ltd. Japan sold 25.2 billion cards globally since 1999. As of January 2021, the game is estimated to have sold about 35 billion cards worldwide.

At the North American Championships “I didn’t do too bad. I had four wins and three losses,” said Ryan, who pointed out the top 64 of 2,400 players take part in the finals. He did not qualify for the



Ryan Kuntsi, in photo right (foreground) qualified for and competed in the North American Yu-Gi-Oh! championship held in Austin, Texas July 19-21.

finals. “On Sunday, the finals day, I participated in a separate tournament.”

“The game started out as a hobby when I was 10 years old,” Ryan told The Expositor. “I got back into it in high school and in December 2022 I got back into it competitively.” He plays the game with a few other people on Manitoulin on a regular basis.

In the trading card

game, players draw cards from their respective decks and take turns playing cards onto the field. Each player uses a deck containing 40 to 60 cards and an optional extra deck of up to 15 cards. There are also an optional 15 card side decks which allows players to swap cards from their main deck and/or extra deck between games. Players are restricted

to three of each card per deck and must follow the Forbidden/Limited card list, which restricts selected cards by Konami to be limited to two, one, or zero. Each player starts with 8,000 ‘life points’ with the main aim of the game to use monster attacks (and sometimes card effects) to reduce the opponent’s life points. The game ends upon reaching of the following conditions: a player loses if their life points reaches zero; if both players reach zero life points at the same time, the game ends in a draw; a player loses if they are required to draw a card, but have no more cards to draw in the main deck. Certain cards have special conditions which trigger an automatic win or loss when its conditions are met.

**Tehkummah gets green light on audits**

by Tom Sasvari

TEHKUMMAH—With its 2021 and 2022 audited financial audited statement draft reports now done, Tehkummah township council has given them both approvals.

“We will now be able to get our 2023 audits started,” said Tehkummah Mayor John Deforge after a council meeting last week. “We will be caught up shortly.”

As has been previously reported, the township had hired accounting firm MNP to complete the financial audited statements for both 2021 and 2022.

“We are on our way to getting everything caught up,” the mayor added.

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# Debaj's 'New Elders' marks a change in perspective

**by Michael Erskine**  
 MANITOWANING—It will be interesting to see how controversial Debajehmujig Storytellers' latest mainstage production 'New Elders' will be when

cover who are the new elders." Through three generations, Ms. Kaboni as grandmother, mother (played by Tabitha Peltier) and uncle Thomas

report writer Tyler Pangowish), the play explores reactions and resilience in the face of generational trauma in an uplifting and hopeful beat. Preview night for 'The

gust 1 to 3, 7 to 8pm with a matinee on August 3 at 2 pm. There are 7 pm shows on August 7 to 10 and there is another matinee on August 10 at 2pm. The closing show takes place August

10 at 7pm. Please email storytellers@debaj.ca or call 705-859-2317 for reservations. Performances of 'The New Elders' take place at the Debajehmujig Creation Centre located at

43 Queen Street in Manitowaning. Doors open at 6 pm, with curtain at 7 pm. Sliding scale admission applies.



Danielle Recollet-Mejaki (Gabe), Tyler Pangowish (Uncle Thomas), Tabitha Peltier (Gladys) and Kotnee Kaboni (Nookmis) explore the story of the residential school system from a new perspective in Debajehmujig's latest mainstage production 'The New Elders.'

photo by Michael Erskine

it takes to the summer mainstage on August 1. Following in the footsteps of Debajehmujig Storytellers founder Shirley Cheechoo (famed Indigenous filmmaker, actor and playwright), this new work is aimed at changing the residential school narrative from "survivor" and its inherent suggestion of victimhood to one celebrating resilience and the resurgence of Indigenous language, culture and traditions.

The rough storyline, based on a custom play written by Debaj for Noojmowin Teg Health Services, centres on an Indigenous student's struggle to understand the residential school period and write a report by enlisting his nookmis, or grandmother (played by Kotnee Kaboni), who attended a residential school.

As Debaj describes it, "a performance about a young man on a journey with his family to dis-

### 2017-2021 Chrysler Pacifica hybrids no longer permitted on Chi-Cheemaun ferry

OWEN SOUND—Due to a potential fire risk and safety recall, all 2017-2021 Chrysler Pacifica plug-in hybrids (PHEVs) are no longer permitted on ferries operated by the Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC). The ban includes the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun ferry which sails between South Baymouth and Tobermory.

A public notice released by OSTC on July 22 explained, "due to battery fire risk and safety recall, 2017-2021 Chrysler Pacifica PHEVs are no longer permitted on our ferries until the service recall is completed. To check if your vehicle is affected, please visit Mopar recalls and enter your VIN after July 24."

This comes after Stellantis, makers of the vehicles issued a recall due to the risk of battery fire. "It has been determined the safety risks were linked to an abnormality in individual cells of the model's high-voltage battery pack."

The OSTC notice adds, "If you were planning to sail with one of the affected vehicles, please call our reservation line for more options, 1-800-265-3163.

(played by Danielle Recollet-Mejaki and student New Elders' is July 31 at 7 pm. Show dates are Au-

## Visit the Net Shed Museum in Meldrum Bay!

We are pleased to announce on Saturday, June 29th the Net Shed Museum located in Meldrum Bay at the west end of Manitoulin Island has re-opened. The Net Shed Museum has artifacts of early and more recent settlers who engaged in the lumbering, fishing and quarry industries starting in the late 1800s to the more recent past.

The museum is open 10-5, Tuesday to Sunday until August 16th. The museum is closed on Mondays, and will be closed for half an hour from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Admission is free, though donations would be appreciated.

For further information, contact Linda Lapointe of the Meldrum Bay Historical Society at 416-522-3885 or l.lapointe@on.aibn.com



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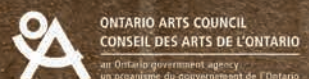
# The New Elders

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# ...Island's Olympic connection: Alex Baldoni on the Seine in Paris

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er, and we camp mostly at Providence Bay. I also have a niece who lives in Kagawong and other friends who live there as well. We all love Manitoulin Island."

Jill Tapper, of Long Island, New York, who is a good friend of Ms. Baldoni, initiated a GoFundMe fundraising page for Alex Baldoni (in hopes of raising \$22,000. "Twenty-year-old Alex Baldoni is representing the greatest country in the world (Canada) at this summer's Paris 2024 Olympics. Alex, son of Chris Cote and Patrick Baldoni, qualified to represent Canada this past spring in canoe slalom and kayak cross. Canadian Olympians (in these sports) rely on donations and sponsorships to help offset the costs of training camps, sporting equipment, transportation, accommodations, everything it takes to reach the highest level of amateur sport."

Ms. Tapper said, "I am originally from Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, and Chris was my teacher in high school. I now live in Long Island, New York and her and I are very good friends. When I heard Alex had qualified for the Olympics I said 'oh my gosh, we have to do something to help out.' Chris left Ontario in 1998 and moved to France with her husband, who is from France. Alex has dual citizenship and could have picked to represent



Alex Baldoni, who was born in France but who has dual citizenship with his mother being from Canada (and has family ties to Manitoulin Island) is taking part in three different water disciplines for Team Canada at the Summer Olympic Games.

France or Canada and chose Canada.

Ms. Baldoni noted that her daughter Lea Baldoni, who is 22, just missed qualifying for Canada for the Olympics in the same sports as her younger brother Alex did.

A Canada Olympic team profile explained, "at 20, Alex Baldoni is realizing his childhood dream of competing in the Olympics level earlier than expected. A dual citizen of both Canada and France, he qualified in March for the Paris Sumer Olympics to represent Team Canada in the canoe slalom and kayak cross events."

"Alex Baldoni qualified

for Paris 2024 by winning his C-1 event at the 2024 COPAC Slalom Americas Olympic Qualifier in mid-March," the profile explained. He was a finalist in men's C-1 at the 2023 International Canoe Federation (ICF) U23 World Championships, where he placed 10th. He was a semifinalist there in men's kayak cross, placing fifth overall. He went on to win the silver medal in men's kayak cross and placed fifth in the men's C-1 event at the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games. In 2021, he achieved Canada's best ever performance in men's canoe slalom when

he placed sixth at the ICF Junior World Championships.

"The last four years have been incredible, but also very hard while training," said Mr. Baldoni. "I have worked really hard and spent countless hours on the water trying to improve on every possible aspect; whether technical, psychological, physical preparation, relaxation and recovery. Now I have finally qualified for my first Olympic Games. I am very much looking forward to experience

such a great event and to becoming an Olympian."

Ms. Baldoni explained when her son qualified at the canoe slalom, "automatically qualified for kayak cross. Canada didn't have anyone for kayak cross."

Kayak cross is a new discipline being introduced in the Olympics this year.

"No, Alex is not expected to medal in the Olympics," offered Ms. Baldoni. However, in Kayak Cross it is all about tactics so

he might have a chance to medal. In France there were 300 athletes competing for one spot, while for Canada there were two competitors in all three events."

"One of the many cool things about all of this is last fall my husband and I signed up to be volunteers at the Olympics. We love these sports. But we had no idea one of our kids might qualify for the Olympics for Canada. It's thrilling."

## ...fire-rescued family relates harrowing details

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diately attended the residence and made attempts to wake the Recollets.

The officers immediately contacted the Wikwemikong Fire Department and utilized force to gain entry into the residence. There were four tenants inside, and all were escorted out to safety.

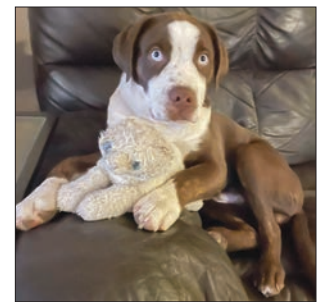
The Wikwemikong Fire Department attended and extinguished the blaze. The cause of the fire was deemed accidental.

"I don't even remember everything that was taking place, it was hard to remember, it was chaos. We were all out of the house, but we couldn't find our dog who was in the house and that really bothered us," continued Ms. Recollet. "Then one of the firemen, Chase Assinewai brought our dog to my

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The Ted and Roxanne Recollet family of Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory are very grateful to two Wikwemikong Tribal Police officers and the Wikwemikong Volunteer Fire Department for rescuing them from their burning home in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 13. Milo, the Recollet family pet, right, was also rescued.



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### ...Suspect sought in Wiikwemkoong abduction

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up truck with Ontario licence plate BZ320028.

Two people have been arrested and the other suspect has now been identified. Christian (Reese) Cormiere, 38, of no fixed address, has been charged with assault, kidnapping, possession of a schedule 1 substance, methamphetamine and three counts of fail to comply with probation order. The accused remained in custody and was scheduled to appear virtually before the Ontario Court of Justice in Little Current on July 27.

Luke Flammand, 36, from Wiikwemkoong has been charged with kidnapping. The accused remained in custody and was scheduled to appear before Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on July 29.

In an update on July 27, the police reported that Mr. Paibomsai-Lesage had been located safely and the outstanding suspect has been identified.

The Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit and WTPS, under the direction of the OPP

Criminal Investigation Branch are continuing the investigation and have requested assistance from members of the public for any information regarding this incident or the whereabouts of Mr. Paibomsai-Lesage.

Police thank the public for their assistance throughout the investigation. Anyone with information in relation to this incident is asked to contact the Manitoulin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca.



Police were seeking the above Silverado in connection with the abduction.

### ...fire-rescued family relates harrowing details

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husband, thankfully.”

“I had recognized WTPS officer (Constable Gabriel) DiSalvo who was telling us to get out of the house,” said Ms. Recollet. “It was three in the morning, and at this time I didn’t know there was a fire, but when we were leaving the house, I could see some of the flames. I don’t even remember if the house was smoky.”

Ms. Recollet and her husband moved the family vehicles away from the house, and the family went to a neighbour’s home. “We stayed with family members the next day, and the police were able to get some items out of the house, like identification and other items. We definitely need to thank the two officers Gabriel and Darrell, and the fire department.”

In an email to The Expositor Ms. Recollet wrote, “The Recollets are extremely grateful to friends, family and Wiikwem-

koong community members for their outpour of concern, hugs, telephone calls, texts, messages of love, monetary donations, and clothes donations.” “Thanks to Rainbow Ridge Golf Course for their fundraising efforts from the 50/50 draw they held at their tournament,” raising about \$1,400 for the Recollet family.

“Heartfelt chi-miigwech to WTPS, especially to the officers who responded quickly to get us out, Wikwemikong Fire Depart for saving our special pup Milo and Mnidoo M’Nissing crisis team for their emotional support and crisis response; and Wiikwemkoong Rental Property Management for temporary housing until we can move into our new home.”

“Special thanks to the staff of Sheshegwaning Health Centre for their thoughtful card and donation. We are still processing the loss of our home and appreciate the supports that are available to us,” added Ms. Recollet.

### Great Lakes Islands Alliance announces four-day summit at Les Cheneaux Islands

LAKE MICHIGAN—Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) is pleased to announce its upcoming summit, scheduled to take place September 22-25 at Michigan’s Les Cheneaux Islands, with events in Cedarville and Hessel. This four-day event is a gathering of island residents, advocates and community leaders dedicated to the preservation and sustainable development of the Great Lakes islands.

The GLIA Summit serves as a platform for fostering collaboration and sharing innovative strategies aimed at addressing the unique challenges faced by island communities across the Great Lakes region. Participants will experience a dynamic agenda featuring an educational boat tour of the Les Cheneaux Islands, panel discussions, interactive workshops and networking opportunities designed to explore topics such as environment, eco-

nomics, culture, media and community engagement.

The Les Cheneaux Islands, known for their vibrant maritime culture, provide an ideal backdrop for meaningful discussions and collaborations among stakeholders invested in the future of island environments. Registration for the GLIA Summit is currently open to residents of Great Lakes Islands. GLIA is also seeking sponsors for the Summit and offers benefits such as logo placement and written recognition in signage, print materials, online, and marketing for business partners. For more information about the GLIA Summit and to register or become a sponsor visit [www.glialliance.org/summit](http://www.glialliance.org/summit)

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# Blessing of the Boats sees plaque dedicated to those who lost their lives on the Great Lakes

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—As part of the annual Marine Service and Blessing of the Boats ceremony at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Kagawong, an unveiling of a special marine plaque was carried out.

Dianne Fraser provided greetings to the congregation and requested all those in attendance to proceed to the marina.

Billings councillor Michael Hunt, on behalf of the township, said “the township of Billings, the Old Mill Heritage Centre committee and St. John’s church are unveiling this plaque today. It is dedicated in memory of all those dedicated to all those who have lost their lives in area waters.”

“Great Creator of the waters and the winds, we ask your blessing on these boats and those who travel in them,” said Reverend Catherine Hazlitt in blessing the boats in the Billings marina. “Watch over them as they sail over the waves; give them fair winds and safe passage, pleasant journeys and good harbours. May they see your hand upon their voyage, granting them safety to their journey’s end. This we ask in the name of the One who walked on the water, calmed the wind, and stilled the waves, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

Doug Alkenbrack and Bill Savage then led everyone in the hymn, ‘He’s Got the Whole World in



As part of the annual St. John’s Church marine service and blessing of the boats ceremony was the unveiling of a special marine plaque dedicated to all those who lost their lives on the Great Lakes. From left is Rick Nelson, curator of the Old Mill Heritage Museum in Kagawong and Billings township councillor Michael Hunt.

**INSET:** A special marine plaque was unveiled at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Kagawong.



His Hands.’

Everyone returned back inside the church for the rest of the service.

Kagawong resident and journalist Mike Strobel, of the Toronto Sun, told the story of the ill-fated journey of the 24-foot cabin cruiser boat The Rhu that broke up in a squall with the loss of four lives (including two children) at the mouth of Mudge Bay on August 23, 1965.

He had interviewed Jim Huffman, one of the survivors of the wreck, about 12 years ago, who told him the tragic and heartbreaking story of The Rhu, which saw him lose his

best friend and his wife and their two children.

“I wrote about the ‘Blessing of the Boats’ ceremony the church hosts every year and had referred to shipwrecks in the area, one being The Rhu,” said Mr. Strobel. “Mr. Huffman had called me and said he wanted to talk about the incident that had taken place about 50 years earlier. So, a photographer and I went to the long-term home where he was living. Jim was in the late stages of dying from Parkinson’s disease.”

“It was one of the most moving and heart-break-

ing stories I have ever heard in all my years in journalism,” said Mr. Strobel, as he told the gut-wrenching story through the words of Mr. Huffman, who lost his family wife Shirley, and young daughters Karen and Catherine and his best friend Wyn Rhydwen after the boat had run aground. The morning after this had taken place a storm came in and had battered the boat and water had got inside, forcing them to leave the boat. The only survivors were Jim Huffman and Bonnie Rhydwen who both drifted across the Mudge Bay for 16 hours until the current washed them onto a sandy beach on Gooseberry Island. The two families had bought the boat that summer.

The bow of The Rhu was used in the construction of the pulpit of St. John’s Church.

Mr. Strobel will be recounting in detail the story at the History Day in Kagawong presentation on August 8 in Kagawong.

The congregation then took part in the hymn ‘I Feel the Winds of God Today,’ followed by a reading of a poem ‘Our Window’ written by Reverend Beth Topps, the former priest at the church, followed by the song ‘Sailing.’

Bill Savage then rang the bell to remember all those who have been lost on the water around Manitoulin Island while Ms. Fraser read the names of everyone who has passed on the water.

Rev. Hazlitt praised Ms. Fraser for organizing the special service and marine plaque unveiling. “It is very becoming to have that plaque unveiled here. Of all the Anglican churches on the Island this one is the closest to the water.”



Reverend Catherine Hazlitt delivers the ‘Blessing of the Boats’ at a special ceremony held at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Kagawong.



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**9 PM - 1 AM - LEGION KARAOKE CONTEST (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)**  
Upstairs at the Little Current Legion Branch 177, 15 Vankoughnet St. East, Little Current. Admission is \$10.00 per person. Please email rclbr.177@hotmail.com for registration.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

**ALL DAY - VENDORS DOWNTOWN**  
Water St. closed to vehicular traffic! Food, shopping and more.  
**8 AM - 4 PM - HURON BASS TOUR**  
At the Spider Bay Marina, contact Ben Bond at 705-920-0568 to sign up!  
**9 AM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT**  
At the Low Island ball fields. Beer gardens and BBQ as well!  
**9 AM - YOGA ON THE DOCKS**  
At the east end of Water Street.  
**9 AM - 8 PM - PSYCHIC CHANTEL**  
Downtown at The Collective Yoga Studio.  
**9 AM - 12 PM - FARMERS' MARKET**  
Downtown at the Market Garden Pavilion, 36 Water St. East.  
**9 AM - 12 PM - HAWEATER SOAPBOX DERBY**  
On Vankoughnet Street East. Please note: All participants MUST bring their own helmet! Practice runs at 9:30 am with elimination runs to follow.  
**10 AM - BREAKAWAY SPORTS & CYCLE HAW 5K RUN**  
A Haweater favourite! Dust off your shoes and get ready to run! Starting at the NEMI Public Library, 50 Meredith Street West, Little Current.  
**10 AM - 4 PM - SILENT AUCTION AT LITTLE CURRENT UNITED**  
There be treasures here! Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson Street.  
**NOON - 4 PM - FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA**  
Fun for everyone, visit Olivia downtown!

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

**12 PM - 5 PM - INFLATABLE/BOUNCY PARK - LOW ISLAND**  
Bring the kids down to Low Island to the inflatable/bouncy play park!  
**12 PM - 5 PM - ROCK CLIMBING WALL - LOW ISLAND**  
Today only! Be a rock climber for a day! Near the inflatables.  
**12 PM - BEACH VOLLEYBALL - LOW ISLAND**  
Come down to the Low Island Volleyball court and get your game on! Registration begins at noon, contact Tracey Esposto at (705) 822-3212.  
**12:30 PM - THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CARDBOARD BOAT RACES**  
Prizes, age categories and business challenge all at Low Island! Contact Alicia to register at (705) 929-3101. Sponsored by the Little Current Lions Club.  
**1 PM - PICKLEBALL DEMONSTRATION**  
At the NEMI Recreation Centre (tennis courts).  
**1 PM - CRASH SUNDAY BAND - CENOTAPH**  
Four-piece cover band based out of Northern Ontario covering pop, rock and country.  
**1 PM - 3 PM - SLIME TIME AT THE LIBRARY**  
Get slimy at the NEMI Public Library, 50 Meredith Street West, Little Current.  
**2 PM - 4 PM - CHILDREN'S SHOW - EXPOSITOR SQUARE**  
Downtown at Expositor Square featuring Spider Man and Elsa! This is a free event but photos can be taken for a nominal charge. Sponsored by Abbie Drolet, Broker, Bousquet Realty.  
**8 PM - 1 AM - TWO HAWFEST DANCES!**  
With Pynx Productions at the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 Hwy 6, Little Current. Licenced dances! Age of majority required. Advanced tickets available at The Manitoulin Expositor and Boarderline. Limited tickets available.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

**ALL DAY - VENDORS DOWNTOWN**  
Water St. closed to vehicular traffic! Food, shopping and more.  
**10:30 AM - HAWEATER CHURCH SERVICE - DOWNTOWN**  
An outdoor ecumenical service at the downtown Cenotaph. In case of rain the service will be held at Little Current United Church.  
**9 AM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT - CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES**  
At the Low Island ball fields. Beer gardens and BBQ as well!  
**10 AM - 7 PM - PSYCHIC CHANTEL**  
Downtown at The Collective Yoga Studio.  
**11:30 AM - YOGA ON THE DOCKS**  
Downtown, East end of Water Street.  
**12 PM - 4 PM - INFLATABLE/BOUNCY PARK**  
Bring the kids down to Low Island to the inflatable/bouncy play park!  
**12 PM - ANNUAL HAWEATER PARADE**  
Please have floats in position by 11:30 am. Starts at Harbour View Rd. Route goes Downtown. Sponsored by the Little Current Lions Club. Float registration at LittleCurrentLionsClub.com.  
**NOON - 4 PM - FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA**  
Fun for everyone, visit Olivia downtown!  
**3 PM - CHILDREN'S GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**  
Low Island. Sponsored by the Little Current Lions Club.  
**5 PM - 6 PM - LINE DANCING DOWNTOWN**  
With Joe and Beth of Island Time Dancing.  
**7 PM - 11 PM - STREET DANCE**  
By Pynx Productions. Downtown Little Current.



**FINALE IN GRAND HAW STYLE,  
THE LIONS CLUB'S FAMOUS FIREWORKS DISPLAY!**

**Don't forget to purchase your Haweater Weekend  
50/50 ticket from the Lions booth downtown!**

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- BOYLE MARINE
- LAIDLEY'S STATIONERY AND OFFICE SUPPLIES
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- A-OK STORE
- WHITEHAVEN COTTAGES
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# Manitoulin Eats

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**OUTDOOR SEATING & TAKE-OUT**  
 1 Water Street, Little Current  
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**Randi's SNACK SHACK**  
 705-888-0622  
 Located in Sheshegwaning on Beach Rd. Across from Gamiing Gas & Convenience  
**SUMMER HOURS:**  
 Monday and Tuesday 11 AM - 7 PM  
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 • Great Eats  
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 Hours of operation:  
 Wed-Thurs: 3pm - 9pm  
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 Sun: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm (Breakfast buffet)  
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**SPLIT RAIL BREWING CO**  
 Natural Craft Beer  
 Located on the Gore Bay waterfront, Split Rail offers Made-on-Manitoulin craft beverages, gift ideas and daily food options.  
  
 Check social media for info, special releases and events!  
**Summer hours:**  
 Monday - Saturday 11 am - 8 pm  
 Sunday 11 am - 6 pm  
 Food service available until 1 hour prior to close  
 31 Water St. | Gore Bay  
[www.SPLITRAILMANITOULIN.com](http://www.SPLITRAILMANITOULIN.com)  
 705 370-8284

**Elliott's RESTAURANT**  
 "Take a bite of the Island"  
  
**Indoor & Patio Dining**  
  
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[stay@redlodgeresort.ca](mailto:stay@redlodgeresort.ca)  
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 Sheguiandah, ON  
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 66 Meredith Street E, Little Current



# Summer PAGES



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Manitoulin Island  
249-377-6820

**SOUTHBAY GALLERY**



Come discover the artistic expressions at the Southbay Gallery



The Fish Store is located behind the Beer Store in Little Current. The Fish Store carries local catches from the Manitoulin area.

You can find both fresh and frozen fish including perch, pickerel, whitefish and rainbow trout. Please keep in mind that availability varies on stock and season. Looking for something special? The Fish Store often has special offerings such as frozen pickerel cheeks and frozen freshwater smelts.

5 kg box of frozen trout fillets available for \$66!



54 Vankoughnet Street East, Little Current  
705-368-3755

Summer Hours (until August 30)

Tues-Thurs 9 am-4 pm, Fri 10 am-5 pm and Sat 10 am-2 pm  
Visit the Manitoulin Trout Farms - The Fish Store on Facebook

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Austin Hunt Marina building,  
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On the waterfront,  
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- Manitoulin Gear
- Gift items
- Drinkware items
- Custom etching
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- Home & Cottage Decor

### HOURS

MON-FRI: 10 am - 5 pm  
SAT: 9 am - 4 pm  
SUN: 10 am - 3 pm



35 Water Street East, Little Current  
(across from the "Blue Bridge" on the waterfront)  
Phone: (705)368-3346



## THE RAVEN NEST

A little bit of magic in The Harbour Centre, overlooking the beautiful waters of Gore Bay. Sandra Tuffin is the owner and can often be found creating one of a number of crafts such as whimsical wind chimes and suncatchers.

She is also the crafter of Body and Room sprays, Ritual bath salts, Mala beads, wrist and ankle bracelets, plus most of the jewelry. Sandra is a certified crystal practitioner and offers a large selection of tumbled stones, along with a fine selection of rare, natural and specimen pieces for your collection. Sandra has been welcoming people to her boutique for seven years. Stop by for your special treasure, and remember.

The Raven Nest, a metaphysical boutique

40 Water Street (across the street from Split Rail Brewery)  
Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm

She can be reached at:  
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- Little Current: Manitoulin Trout Farm
- Mindemoya: Mindemoya Foodland
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- Birch Island: McGregor's Landing, Birch Island General Store

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## TEN MILE POINT TRADING POST & GALLERY

In addition to the breathtaking lookout, Ten Mile Point Trading Post and Gallery in Sheguiandah has a unique and beautifully cultivated offering of Indigenous art, crafts, books, accessories and home décor. The gallery has been a family run business for over 51 years and features prominent

area artists such as Ivan Shawana, Duncan Pheasant, Stan Panamick and Leland Bell.

The store also has a selection of quill boxes from local artists, medicine wheels, dream catchers, drums, Adrian Klis Fine Leather buffalo hide wallet and purses, moccasins, Boy Chief blankets and shawls, pelts and furs. There is a great children's section with books, toys, puzzles and games, as well as large adult book section on various Indigenous teachings and history.

It also carries both Hawberry Jelly and a wide selection of Manitoulin branded clothing for men, women and children.



12164 Highway 6, Sheguiandah  
705-368-2377  
Monday to Sunday 10 am - 5 pm

# Milkweed and monarch observations in early July at Providence Bay

by Joe D. Shorthouse  
 MANITOULIN—Common milkweed growing on sand dunes along the boardwalk at Providence Bay on Manitoulin Island has been monitored for over 20 years for signs of caterpillars of monarch

butterflies. It has been common in past years to see adult monarchs in late May that had recently crossed Lake Huron from Michigan and Ohio, mate and lay eggs. But the spring of 2024, has been different from

previous years. Few adults were observed anywhere on Manitoulin Island this May and by the end of June, there were still few signs of monarch caterpillars on the Providence Bay milkweed. It appears that the usual

wave of northward flying adult monarchs did not arrive this year. This is unfortunate because the milkweed at Providence Bay is the healthiest and most abundant in years so the absence of monarch caterpillars is not caused by a problem with the host milkweed.

However, about 40 monarch butterflies were observed at Providence Bay on July 4, 2024 flying up and down the milkweed patch. These adults were in all stage of aging from those with faded and damaged wings, to brightly coloured, freshly emerged adults.

It appears that these monarchs had recently flown across Lake Huron from the south. All were actively flying, drinking nectar from milkweed flowers, while some engaged in pre-mating flight activity. Some were observed laying eggs.

Unfortunately, no monarch caterpillars were observed along the boardwalk on July 21. About 10 adults were observed flying back and forth over the boardwalk milkweed, but there were no signs of leaves damaged by caterpillar feeding. This does not bode well for Manitoulin producing its usual share of monarch butterflies for the fall migration.

The development of monarch populations is largely a function of weather conditions that occur during the breeding season. It could be that poor weather conditions in May and June in the



Healthy population of common milkweed on the sand dunes of Providence Bay.



**RIGHT:** Monarch butterfly feeding on nectar of common milkweed flowers on July 4 at Providence Bay. The faded and damaged hindwings are signs it has just flown across Lake Huron.

photos by Joe D. Shorthouse

northern states prevented monarchs from flying any further north.

Or, the adults observed on July 4 may have laid eggs but the young larvae were knocked off the plants by heavy rain storms.

In past years, the butterflies arriving in May resulted in one or two generations of Manitoulin-produced monarchs that joined others in Eastern North America in the early fall for the long flight to Mexico.

The U.S. based organization Monarch Watch reported the second lowest population on record of overwintering adults in Mexico this past winter. Sadly, it could be that the

Eastern North American population of monarch butterflies continues to decline and the absence of this iconic insect on Manitoulin Island is part of this trend.

If the few monarch adults currently on Manitoulin Island lay eggs, there may be time for some of their offspring to become a fall generation. If my wife Marilyn and I can catch some of these while they are feeding on flowers along the highways, or hanging at roosting sites in the evenings, we will attach tags to their wings.

If we can tag a good number, a Manitoulin-reared monarch may finally be located among the overwintering population, proving without doubt that our butterflies fly across Lake Huron all the way to central Mexico.

## MHC receives one-time funding to hire ER-based nurse practitioners

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has received one-time funding that will allow it to hire nurse practi-

tioners in the emergency department at both sites in Mindemoya and Little Current and alleviating some of the workload for physicians.

“We are really excited for the funding that will be able support our physicians in the emergency departments where patient volumes continue to increase,” Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of MHC

said Ms. Fields. “This is one-time funding, but we are hopeful it continues and we will be posting the job notices as permanent ongoing positions.” She noted the MHC has had a nurse practitioner working part-time at the Mindemoya Hospital (emergency department) who has been a very valuable member of the hospital team, working to reduce the physician’s workload and getting patients in quickly. “It also improves patient satisfaction.”

Physicians will still need to be in the hospital emergency departments. “The nurse practitioners will be able to process about 50 percent of patients in the emergency department,” continued Ms. Fields. “It is recognized the skill set of a nurse practitioner in an emergency department is a little different than in primary care. In the emergency department (the nurse practitioners) will be part of the MHC team and be able to deal with things like patients experiencing trauma and cardiac arrest.”

“The challenging part of all of this is going to be recruiting two nurse practitioners,” said Ms. Fields. She said there is a shortage of nurse practitioners on the Island and elsewhere, but that an extensive recruiting drive will take place.

told The Expositor last week.

Ms. Fields explained, “On July 19 we received an opportunity for one time funding (from the province) for emergency department stabilization. In the funding envelope we were able to apply for two nurse practitioners to work in our emergency departments at both hospital facilities.”

Ms. Fields worked alongside members of the MHC professional staff to develop a proposal (they had seven days to put forward a proposal to receive the funding).

“The funding was approved, so we are now able to hire two people (nurse practitioners) one for each hospital site,”



South Baymouth Community Development Association



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WIKWEMKONG ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

# WAMF

**AUG. 02** - HEADLINER -  
**SNOTTY NOSE REZ KIDS**

- 4:00 : Gates Open
  - 4:00 - 9:00 : Kids Zone - Science North Exhibit & Bouncy Castles
  - 4:00 - 4:20 : Mason Animikwan
  - 4:20 - 4:40 : Odawa Mnis Master Chef Showdown Intro
  - 4:40 - 5:10 : Jordan Cooper  
Odawa Mnis Master Chef Showdown Update
  - 5:20 - 5:40 : Zigz Gaud  
Odawa Mnis Master Chef Showdown Update
  - 5:50 - 6:20 : Metis Fiddle Step Dance  
Odawa Mnis Master Chef Showdown Update
  - 6:30 - 7:15 : Nadjiwan  
Odawa Mnis Master Chef Showdown Update
  - 7:25 - 8:15 : Crystal Shawanda
  - 8:25 - 9:00 : Smoke Dance Showdown hosted by  
Six Nations Tourism
  - 9:00 : Odawa Mnis Master Chef Showdown Awards
  - 9:00 - 9:45 : **SNOTTY NOSE REZ KIDS**
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# Wiikwemkoong Annual Cultural Festival

## AUGUST 3RD, 4TH & 5TH 2024

### MANITOULIN ISLAND - ONTARIO

~ Championship Anishinaabe Dance and Drumming ~ Authentic Anishinaabe Crafts ~  
Interactive Cultural Workshops ~ Cultural Pavilion Experiences ~ Authentic Indigenous Cuisine

# FESTIVAL AGENDA

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd

- 10:00 A.M. MISS WIKWEMIKONG
- 11:30 A.M. TOURISM PRESENTS NEW WIKWEMIKONG ANNUAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL LOGO
- 12 NOON: GRAND ENTRY/ FLAG AND VETERAN SONG/INVOCATION  
WELCOMING REMARKS - OGIMAAKWE RACHEL MANITOWABI
- 1:00 P.M. INTERTRIBALS
- 1:15 P.M. TINY TOTS (0-6 YEARS)
- 1:30 P.M. WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL AND MEN'S TRADITIONAL SPECIAL HOSTED BY HENRY E. ESHKIBOK
- 2:00 P.M. INTERTRIBALS
- 2:05 P.M. PLATINUM (60+)
- 2:10 P.M. GOLDEN AGE AND ADULT EXHIBITION
- 2:15 P.M. BOYS & GIRLS CATEGORY (6-12 YEARS)
- 2:30 P.M. TEEN CATEGORY (13-17 YEARS)
- 3:00 P.M. MEN'S SMOKE DANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL (18+)
- 3:15 P.M. WOMEN'S SMOKE DANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL
- 3:30 P.M. WOMEN'S NORTHERN TRADITIONAL SPECIAL (18+)
- 4:00 P.M. MEN'S WOODLAND SPECIAL (18+) HOSTED BY WIKWEMIKONG TOURISM
- 4:15 P.M. WOMEN'S WOODLAND COMMITTEE SPECIAL (18+)
- 5:00 P.M. SUPPER BREAK
- 5:30 P.M. METIS FIDDLE MUSIC
- 7:00 P.M. GRAND ENTRY/FLAG AND VETERAN SONG
- 7:10 P.M. INTERTRIBALS
- 7:15 P.M. BOYS & GIRLS (6-12 YEARS) & TEENS (13-17 YEARS) EXHIBITION
- 7:30 P.M. WILFRED A TRUDEAU-BAA - MEN'S WOODLAND SPECIAL (18+)
- 7:45 P.M. PLATINUM (60+)
- 8:00 P.M. GOLDEN AGE COMBINED (50+)
- 8:15 P.M. ADULT CATEGORY (18-49 YEARS)
- 8:45 P.M. TWO STEP
- 9:00 P.M. WOMEN'S FANCY IRON WOMAN SPECIAL

## SUNDAY, August 4th

- 10:00 A.M. LITTLE MISS WIKWEMIKONG/WIKWEMIKONG LIL BRAVE/JUNIOR MISS WIKWEMIKONG
- 11:30 A.M. MAP PRESENTATION - WATER PROTECTION OF GREAT LAKES
- 12 NOON: GRAND ENTRY- FLAG AND VETERAN SONG, ELDER INVOCATION
- 12:45 P.M. INTERTRIBAL
- 1:00 P.M. KARA KENNEDY "CALL TO THE BAR" JINGLE SPECIAL (16+)
- 1:15 P.M. TINY TOTS (0-6 YEARS)
- 1:30 P.M. CRYSTAL "ANGEL" RECOLLET-BAA MEMORIAL SPECIAL HOSTED BY TRACY CLELAND
- 2:00 P.M. INTERTRIBAL
- 2:15 P.M. SPECTATOR DANCE SPECIAL HOSTED BY WIKWEMIKONG TOURISM DEPT.
- 2:20 P.M. PLATINUM (60+)
- 2:30 P.M. GOLDEN AGE & ADULT EXHIBITION (18+)
- 2:45 P.M. BOYS & GIRLS (6-12 YEARS)
- 3:00 P.M. TEEN CATEGORY (13-17 YEARS)
- 3:15 P.M. MEN'S SMOKE DANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL (18+)
- 3:30 P.M. WOMEN'S SMOKE DANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL (18+)
- 4:00 P.M. WAWEYESEH-BAA MEMORIAL SPECIAL - MEN'S TRADITIONAL (18+)
- 4:15 P.M. MEN'S WOODLAND SPECIAL (18+) HOSTED BY WIKWEMIKONG TOURISM
- 4:30 P.M. WOMEN'S WOODLAND COMMITTEE SPECIAL (18+)
- 5:00 P.M. SUPPER BREAK
- 5:30 P.M. METIS FIDDLE MUSIC
- 7:00 P.M. GRAND ENTRY/FLAG AND VETERAN SONG
- 7:15 P.M. BOYS & GIRLS (6-12 YEARS) & TEENS (13-17 YEARS) EXHIBITION
- 7:20 P.M. PLATINUM (60+)
- 7:30 P.M. GOLDEN AGE COMBINED (50+)
- 7:45 P.M. ADULT CATEGORY (18-49 YEARS)
- 8:30 P.M. TWO STEP
- 9:00 P.M. MEN'S FANCY IRON MAN COMMITTEE SPECIAL

## MONDAY, August 5th

- 12 NOON GRAND ENTRY- FLAG AND VETERAN SONG, ELDER INVOCATION
- 12:45 P.M. INTERTRIBAL
- 1:00 P.M. TINY TOTS (0-6 YEARS)
- 1:15 P.M. TIE BREAKERS, IF NEEDED
- 1:30 P.M. MEN'S WOODLAND SPECIAL (18+) HOSTED BY WIKWEMIKONG TOURISM
- 1:45 P.M. WOMEN'S WOODLAND COMMITTEE SPECIAL (18+)
- 1:50 P.M. PLATINUM (60+)
- 2:00 P.M. GOLDEN AGE & ADULT EXHIBITION
- 2:15 P.M. MISS WIKWEMIKONG'S FANCY SHAWL SPECIAL (16+)
- 2:30 P.M. TEEN CATEGORY (13-17 YEARS)
- 2:45 P.M. MEN'S SMOKE DANCE SPECIAL (18+)
- 3:00 P.M. WOMEN'S SMOKE DANCE SPECIAL (18+)
- 3:15 P.M. INTERTRIBALS
- 3:30 P.M. PRIZE AWARDS/ GIVEAWAY/ TRAVELLING SONG

### HEAD STAFF

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Allan Manitowabi  
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Jason Whitehouse  
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Wiikwemkoong, Ontario  
~Head Veteran~  
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Saugeen 29, First Nation Reserve  
~Arena Director~  
Cheyenne Kitchikake  
Wiikwemkoong, Ontario  
~Head Drum Judge~  
Joseph Syrette  
Batchewana F.N - Mt. Pleasant, MI  
~Head Male Dance Judge~  
Jordan White Eye  
Bkwejwanong Territory  
~Head Female Dance Judge~  
Ann Marie Proulx-White  
Neyaashiingmiing, ON & Oneida Wisconsin  
~Smoke Dance Singer~  
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~Head Elders~  
Gerry Kaboni & Linda Kaboni  
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### Cultural Pavilion

Saturday, Sunday & Monday

- Interactive workshops
- Fashion show
- Beading Showcase
- Cross Cultural Performances
- Indigenous Culinary Presentations

For More Info Contact (705) 859-3477

### Wiikwemkoong Art Show

- Hosted by Community Artists
- Viewing Starts 10am - 7pm
- Saturday & Sunday

For More Info Contact Nikki (705) 859 3122

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- Miss Wiikwemkoong ( 15 - 25yrs )
- Junior Miss Wiikwemkoong ( 10 - 14yrs )
- Wiikwemkoong Brave ( 5 - 17yrs )

For More info Contact Tracy Cleland at (705) 920 -8597

Facebook: Wiikwemkoong Annual Cultural Festival | WikiTour  
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### HOST DRUM

### Community Specials

- Wilfred A Trudeau-baa Men's Woodland Special (18+)
- Waaweyeseh-baa Memorial Special Men's Traditional (18+)
- Men's & Women's Traditional Special (all ages)
- Women's Northern Traditional Special (18+)
- Miss Wikwemikong's Fancy Shawl Special (16+)
- Jingle Dress Memorial Special for Crystal Recollet-baa (18+)
- Kara Kennedy "Call to the Bar" Jingle Special (16+)

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- Women's Smoke Dance 1st \$1,500 | 2nd \$1,000 | 3rd \$500
- Men's Woodland 1st \$1,500 | 2nd \$1,000 | 3rd \$500
- Women's Woodland 1st \$1,500 | 2nd \$1,000 | 3rd \$500

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Adult (18 to 35 years) Traditional/Grass/Fancy/Jingle/Woodland  
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Teens (13 - 17 years) Traditional/Grass/Fancy/Jingle  
1st - \$500 | 2nd - \$400 | 3rd - \$300 | 4th - \$200

Boys/Girls (7 - 12 years) Traditional/Grass/Fancy/Jingle  
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# ‘A Field Guide to Manitoulin Island’ provides a practical guide to the Island’s delights

by **Alexia Hannigan**  
 PROVIDENCE BAY—The Mutchmor Peace Café and Gallery is always abuzz with artists, locals and authors and last Friday evening’s book launch was a testament to the creative and pioneering spirit of the people who call Manitoulin home. Julieanne Steedman’s latest book release, ‘A Field Guide to Manitoulin Island,’ is like the mama bear to her first book ‘Manitoulin Hiking Guide.’

“I wanted to have a practical, real guide for people that told of where to find the amazing restaurants, venues, shops and all the Ma and Pa businesses Island-wide,” said Ms. Steedman. “There wasn’t anything family friendly and up to date to tell people about all of the must see pitstops, places, that mentioned things like



A smiling author, Julieanne Steedman, adds a few balloons to a display of her new book's cover.

photos by Alexia Hannigan



A fine display was part of the book launch.

washrooms, hours, artisans, which tells of the unique people and places. It was a challenge because not all the places have

regular business hours up here, we had to go back and forth to a lot of places before we were able to visit them all. We hit every restaurant we could, we

ate our way across the Island. It was great.” Surrounded by friends and family, Ms. Steedman greeted her guests and friends and delight-

ed in the anecdotes and field notes that would eventually spark the second in a series of practical and very detailed Manitoulin maps and guides.

She proudly recalled how her parents always had busy workshops and creative endeavours and projects on the go when she was a kid. “They are both very inspired, creative people,” said Ms. Steedman. “I told my dad I needed some frames and a stand for my launch tonight and he just popped into his workshop and made this one,” she said, motioning to the stand and book display near the fruit skewers and cookies

her mother baked for the event. Her mom Annette and son Aidan Olver and good friends looked on, beaming with pride as Ms. Steedman emotionally read the land treaties then a few deep breaths of elation and happiness, she welcomed her guests and introduced her latest book.

“This book took two years of writing, three years of wanting to write with a lot of starting and stopping and so really it took me five years to create,” said Ms. Steedman. She inscribed and signed copies of the book, shared a fun and challenging Island inspired meet and

greet game. “I used to teach and so this evening wouldn’t be complete without a little bit of a challenge.”

The winners of the game sheet draw were Providence Bay Curling Club members Marc Lefebvre and his wife Jeanne. They won a pair of terrific door prizes with a copy of both of Ms. Steedman’s books and some maps of Manitoulin.

Ms. Steedman is already looking forward to future writing projects, noting there is a third Manitoulin inspired book. “Oh yes, I’ve already got something on the go, but I can’t say what, it’s a secret.”

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# TREASURES

## THRIFT STORE UPDATE

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Wednesday

4 – 8 (Food Bank & Thrift Store)

Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

10 – 2 (Thrift Store ONLY)

These hours will be in effect from Saturday, July 27 to Saturday, August 31.

The thrift store will be closed Saturdays as of September 1, 2024.

Manitoulin Family Resources  
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**Driver of farm tractor to be charged**

The operator of a farm tractor being driven at night with no lights is going to be charged by the police.

On July 21 the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) received a call of a farm tractor being driven on a roadway within the main village area on the Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT). The tractor was reported to be operating with no lights.

At approximately 12:30 am, officers located the vehicle and a male driver was observed seated in the driver's position.

The male driver departed the scene after police directed the subject to stop. Police did not pursue the vehicle at that time.

Through investigation, police were able to determine the identity of the driver and found that the driver was prohibited and had an arrest warrant originating from the Manitoulin/Espanola detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

The vehicle was later located on Linda Street in the main village of Wikwemkoong, but the driver was not present. The vehicle was removed from the property and impounded.

The incident is actively being investigated.

Police are asking that anyone with information on this incident or any other investigation to please contact the WTPS at (705) 370-3141 or through the OPP communications centre 1-888-310-1122, or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

**RIDE program yields drug charges**

The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP has arrested and charged multiple individuals for drug-related offences



**Law & Order**

es after stopping a vehicle at a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program.

On July 19, shortly after 11 pm, the Manitoulin OPP was conducting a RIDE program on Highway 6 near Old Webbwood Road in Espanola. A vehicle was stopped at the RIDE program as it was determined one of the vehicle passengers was wanted. The passenger was subsequently arrested.

Police conducted a search of the vehicle and located a large quantity of Canadian currency, along with large quantities of suspected fentanyl, suspected cocaine and suspected methamphetamine. The remainder of vehicle occupants were also arrested and transported to the OPP detachment.

As a result of the investigation, Misty Plume, 45, from WUT has been charged with obstruct peace officer, two counts of possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking, three counts of possession of a schedule 1 substance, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5,000.

The accused was held in custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice Sudbury bail court on August 1.

Dante Recollet, 22, and Sabrina Trudeau, 26, from Wikwemkoong have been charged with two counts of possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking, three counts of possession of a schedule one substance, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5,000.

The accused persons were released from custody and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on September 9.

Adam Shawana, 46, from WUT has been charged with two counts possession

of a Schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, three counts of possession of a schedule one substance, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 and fail to comply with probation order.

The accused was held in custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice Sudbury bail court on August 1.

**Motor vehicle collision leads to impaired driving charges**

One individual has been arrested and charged with impaired driving following a motor vehicle collision.

On July 20 shortly after 6 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a single vehicle collision on Arthur Street in Assiginack Township. Upon arrival, police learned that the driver and lone occupant of the vehicle was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.

Police attended the hospital and upon speaking with the driver, determined the driver had consumed alcohol. The driver was subsequently arrested for impaired driving.

As a result of the investigation, Chase Becks, 18, from Providence Bay has been charged with operation while impaired alcohol and drugs, and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on August 27.

The driver was issued a 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension, as well as an additional three-day suspension. The vehicle was also impounded for seven days.

**Traffic stop results in charges**

On July 20 at approximately 8:35 pm, officers with the WTPS observed a vehicle being operated by a suspected suspended driver.

Officers initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle and the female driver was identified. The driver was found to be suspended and was subsequently charged with driving while under suspension, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act.

Police would like to remind the community that all drivers must be in possession of a valid driver's licence and all vehicle documents should be in order. The WTPS will continue to strive to make our roadways safe for all drivers and pedestrians.

**...Ontario, Canada failed treaties obligations**

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inson-Huron Treaty Anishinabek and the law requires the Crown to live up to their legal obligations."

The RHTLTF settled the past compensation component of their annuity claim under the Robinson Huron Treaty in January 2024, for \$10.0 billion, half of which has been paid by Ontario and half of which has been paid by Canada. It is the largest treaty settlement in the history of the country and the SCC decision does not affect that settlement agreement.

The SCC recognized and reaffirmed that the Robinson Huron Treaty is a nation-to-nation agreement according to which the Crown and the Anishinaabe came to terms regarding their future coexistence within the Treaty territory. Under the treaty, the parties agreed to share the land and resource wealth in a way that would enable them to sustain both the Anishinaabe and the newcomers going forward.

The SCC also affirmed that the annuity augmentation promise is a constitutionally protected right under s.235 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Moreover, like all treaty rights, the entitlement to annuities is a collective right intended to sustain the Anishinaabe First Nations communities going forward, and through the communities, entitlement to annuities also benefits community members.

The SCC also agreed that the Anishinaabe were entitled to a remedy, after

160 years of the Crown's failure to fulfill their treaty promise to augment the annuity. The Court based the entitlement to relief on the principle of the honour of the Crown and the duty of diligent implementation.

"The SCC did allow a part of Ontario's appeal regarding Crown discretion over augmenting the annuity," the RHTLTFG said. "Essentially the SCC said that the obligation of the Crown is to consider whether the economic conditions allow the Crown to increase the annuity without incurring loss and by how much through honourable engagement with the treaty partners. The SCC noted that the outcome could be subject to review by a court, otherwise the Anishinaabe would be forced to continue to rely on a historically dishonourable treaty partner."

"The RHTLTF, welcomed the importance and usefulness of the declaratory relief for the go-forward negotiations. The settlement agreement for past compensation signed with Ontario and Canada in January 2024 already commits the parties to implement the augmentation promise going forward. The Crown still only pays \$4 per person per year, which will have to change. The parties to the settlement agreement also accept Anishinaabe principles of respect, responsibility, reciprocity and renewal. The declaration will further provide impetus and guidance for the go-forward negotiations."

In the SCC ruling, Justice Jamal called the \$4 cap "shocking" and a mockery of the Crown's original promise.



**Manitoulin Health Centre**

**Your feedback is needed!**

Manitoulin Health Centre has undertaken a consultation process to develop a new Strategic Plan, a plan that will guide the efforts of the organization over the next three years.

Are you a **patient, caregiver, community member or summer resident?** If so, your feedback is key to help the hospital identify priorities and strategic directions to guide future work activities.

With two sites on Manitoulin Island, one in Little Current and one in Mindemoya, the hospital's services include the emergency departments and inpatient units, obstetrics, laboratory, diagnostic imaging, visiting specialist clinics, endoscopy and a satellite chemotherapy program. Keeping those services in mind, please use the QR code below to provide your feedback in the following four key areas:

1. Enhancing Patient Experience
2. Improving Population Health
3. Improving Value
4. Advancing Health Equity

**Thank you for providing us with your feedback!**

**Consultation Process: Manitoulin Health Centre Strategic Planning Community Questionnaire**

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# MANITOULIN PRIDE WEEKEND 2024 EVENTS



Drag Queen Appearances 

Registration Required 

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

**Pride Flag Raising Ceremony: 6pm - 7pm**  
Location: Water Street, Little Current Town Docks (near Wally's Dock Service)

**Queer Trivia Night at the Anchor (19+): 8:00pm**  
Location: 1 Water St, Little Current, ON

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

**Two Spirit Teaching w/ Bobby Hudon : 11am - 12:30pm**  
Location: Ojibway Cultural Foundation  
15 Old Highway 551 Rd, M'Chigeeng, ON

**Two Spirit Drum Circle with Veronica Johnny: 1:30pm - 3:30pm**  
Location: Ojibway Cultural Foundation  
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**U-Pick the Rainbow: 4pm - 5pm**

Location: Island Roots Flower Farm  
6975 ON-551, Mindemoya, ON

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**PRIDE Sunset Music Series ft Nettish Band: - 6:30pm - 9:00pm**  
Location: Huron Island Time, Providence Bay Boardwalk  
24 Mutchmor St, Providence Bay, ON

**FOAM Party Concert ft. tributes to Taylor Swift, Lady Gaga, Madonna, Shania Twain, Tina Turner & Cher! : 7pm - 10pm**  
Location: Low Island Municipal Park  
66 Park St, Little Current, ON

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

**Creativity Workshops: 10am - 12:30pm**  
**Painting w/ Paint S-Capes & Beading w/ Nina**  
Location: Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre  
66 Meredith St. E, Little Current, ON 

**Split Rail Brewery, Live Music w Nettish, Clau Arcan and Kelly Brewer : 1pm - 3pm**  
Location: Split Rail Brewery  
31 Water Street, Gore Bay, ON



### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10



**Intro to Archery with Rainbow Hood: 1pm - 3pm**

Location: 4 Directions Complex Outdoor Rink  
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**Express Yourself: Make-up Tutorial: 3pm - 5pm**  
Location: Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre  
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**PRIDE Sunset Music Series: - 6:30pm - 9:00pm**  
Location: Huron Island Time, Providence Bay Boardwalk  
24 Mutchmor St, Providence Bay, ON

**Queer Music Bingo (19+): 7pm - 8:30pm**  
Location: Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre  
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**Drag Show & Dance (19+): 9pm - 1am**  
**Music By: DJ Tom A Haw**  
Location: Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre  
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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

**Pride Christian Worship Service: 10am - 11am**  
Location: Little Current United Church  
5 Robinson St, Little Current, ON

**Annual Pride Parade & March  
11:30am - 12pm**

**Start:** Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre  
**End:** Little Current United Church



**Community BBQ: 12pm - 2pm**  
**Music By: DJ Tom A Haw**  
Location: Little Current United Church  
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# Gore Bay Harbour Days livened up the West End weekend



Participants of all age took part in the one-kilometre fun run during this year's Harbour Days celebrations in Gore Bay.

photos by Tom Sasvari



One of the inflatable dinghy races included a blindfold race, in which one member of the cardboard boat crew steering the craft had to wear a blindfold.



The Ben Show featured a circus arts performer who incorporated several youngsters from the audience at his show.



Youngsters of all ages had the opportunity to climb behind the wheel of a fire truck at Harbour Days. The Gore Bay and Gordon/Barrie Island Volunteer Fire Department handed out plastic fire helmets, colouring books and many other items to the children as well as displaying fire equipment.



The band Chicks with Picks provided a live performance at Harbour Days.



Evansville singer Ellie Maxwell was one of many musicians who performed at Harbour Days.



A real classic! Ken Fleming displayed his 1938 Ford pick-up truck, that he and his grandson Robert Graham (both who reside on Manitoulin Island) built. The vehicle was one of 52 vehicles on display at the classic auto show.




Foam creatures! Kids of all ages had a blast at the foam party, one of the many kids and adult activities put on by Amaze N Fun.



Kids and adults enjoyed all the activities put on at the Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association booth.

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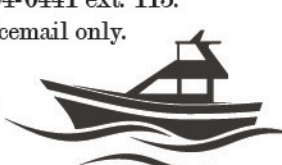
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# LCYC's 'WD 40 for the Mind' series featuring Capt. Seann O'Donoghue deemed the best yet

by Margery Frisch

LITTLE CURRENT—On Saturday, July 27 at the Anchor Inn, the Little Current Yacht Club (LCYC) presented Captain Seann O'Donoghue, speaking on commercial shipping on the Great Lakes, for their ongoing series 'WD 40 for the Mind.' If you had the slightest notion the subject matter would be a bore, you'd be wrong. Maybe it was the presenter who made it otherwise, but the talk Captain O'Donoghue gave was nothing less than fascinating.

Perhaps it had to do with the fact that Capt. O'Donoghue, who's been at sea for the past 40 years, loves what he does and loves to talk about it. "Basically, I thought ships were big and cool when I was a kid and I guess I still think that now," is how he began. In high school, he sailed on the brigantines. They sail with kids from the ages of 14 to 18, leaving from Toronto area and travelling all through the Great Lakes, always coming through Little Current and the North Channel. Capt. O'Donoghue did this from Grades 10-13, liking it so much he chose a career path that began at Georgian College. "A three-year marine program, and in those three years, you spend 12 months at sea, gaining sea time. So, when you've graduated, you've got work experience, chances are the ship you went on, freighters, usually, will hire you and you'll start your career from there."



So positive was the reception for Captain Sean O'Donoghue's lecture during last weekend's WD-40 for the Mind series was declared "the best yet." In photo are: Barb Proctor, Peter Cowan, Inga Rinne, Matt Cowan, Capt. Seann O'Donoghue and Commodore Bruce O'Hare.

Capt. O'Donoghue's talk was punctuated with photographs in a slide presentation, showing various tankers that travel the Great Lakes, showing the scrapes and patches of ships that have slipped and slid through the locks in various locations. He showed pictures of ships he had captained, always with an anecdote or two. "These ships are big," he said. "Standard length



WD-40 for the Mind lecture series presenter Captain Seann O'Donoghue and Little Current Yacht Club Commodore Bruce O'Hare pose at the Anchor Inn.

is 730 feet long; it will carry about 30,000 tonnes or so of cargo. So, you learn how to handle them empty, how to handle them light." He was referring to the simulators at Georgian College, where he's been teaching part-time for the past 24 years, through the winter months when the lakes freeze over and the ships are laid up.

Capt. O'Donoghue's talk became even more fascinating when he moved on from his career as captain to what he does now: piloting with the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority (GLPA), specializing in District 3, which includes Lakes Superior, Huron and Michigan. He's been a pilot with GLPA for the past nine years and is also the advisor for developing cruise shipping in the upper Great Lakes.

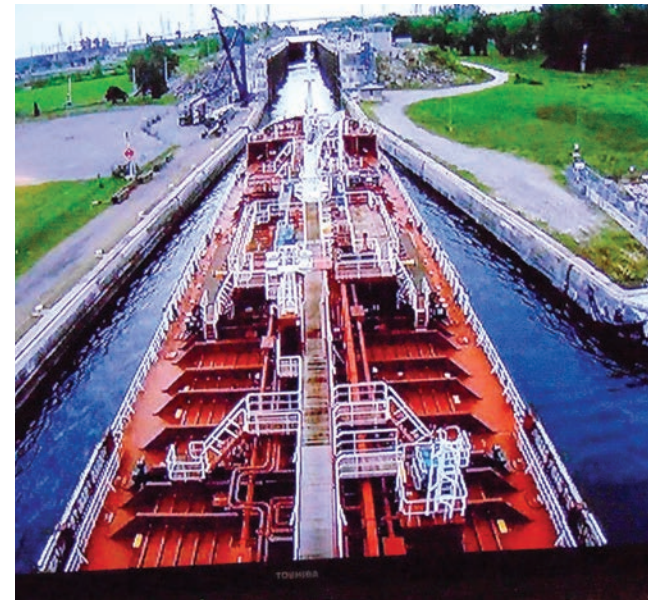
"Any foreign flag freighter coming into the Great



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Lakes must have a licenced pilot aboard. Domestic fleets, all the captains and deck officers have their pilotage, but a foreign flag ship, this captain can bring the ship around the planet, but by law, he's got to have a pilot aboard who knows the area, including the slang we use on the radio," Capt. O'Donoghue explained. He was also very knowledgeable about exported and imported products that moved through the Great Lakes on foreign ships.

As advisor for developing cruise shipping in the upper Great Lakes, Viking Cruise ships came to him and, giving him the beam of their ships (78 ft. wide), said they wanted to bring them through the locks, but they didn't want the paint scratched. The width of their ships left one foot on either side. But with three bow thrusters, two stern drives, and with 18,000 hp (an average laker has maybe 8,000 hp), they can do a lot to



Some vessels require a little more wiggle room than others as evidenced by this photo of a laker going through a canal.

control their ships. Still, a bit of research and a lot of simulation work helped to make the passage through the locks a little less stressful.

The entire presentation was knowledgeable, entertaining and thoroughly enhanced by the photographs that accompanied the talk. Capt. O'Donoghue is an engaging speaker who held his audience for well over an hour, in addition to answering many questions from avid sailors.

The yacht club's Commodore, Bruce O'Hare, in introducing Capt. O'Donoghue, explained, "We've brought back the WD 40 speaker series after 10 years, and I called Seann up, called in a favour, maybe several, and he made the trip up." Everyone was glad he did and though there are several interesting speakers yet to come this season, Commodore O'Hare stated that this, by far has been the best to date.

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“A girl working with us, Ingrid Madahbee, brought her little baby, ‘KC’ with her and Linda often helped to take care of KC who grew up to love the Strains. They often cared for her while her parents had other appointments. KC was married here at Bass Lake. Recently a former Espanola student, Jason Patreau, recognized Bill. Bill was in the Red Dog restaurant in Whitefish Falls so when he went to

pay his bill, he discovered Jason had paid it. “Kelly Strong, another former student worked in a gold mine in Northern Ontario and later became a vice president of International Nickel (Valle). Kelly later sent a letter thanking me for pointing him in the right direction.”

The couple has three children, Todd, Julie, and Laurie. Todd is a tool and die maker for Magna International. He lives in London with his wife Patti, a dental technician. They have two children, Will and Taylor, both of who are in university. Will is in finance at Western and Taylor is in business school. Daughter Julie is a pharmacist in Thunder Bay where she works with nursing homes. Her husband Tom is a civil engineer. They have two boys, Brett who finished college and is doing library work and Chase who is in his first year at the university in Thunder Bay. He wants to teach. Laurie manages the cancer clinic in the radiation department at



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Health Sciences North. Her husband Matt owns ‘MP Plumbing’ in Sudbury. They now own White Haven Cottages. They have three children, Ryan in his third year at Laurentian, Sean is an apprentice plumber and Ashley is in high school in Lively.

The Little Current Fish and Game Club start-

ed a program with the schoolkids and the principal Mrs. Stringer, at the Little Current Public School. “Now we are doing this education with nine schools.” Bill continues. “Seaija Deschene, in charge of Manitoulin Streams, has helped us out in the past with teaching the kids too. The Fish and Game Club has won

awards from the Rainbow and District School Board, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and NEMI council. Bill retired as president of the club two years ago. Lou and Julie Shortt have taken over the leadership role, with Julie assisting Lou as president. They are doing an excellent job.”

“We have a good relationship with the grandkids,” Linda adds, “They call me the Crazy Grandmother.” They often come up to me and pat my head saying, ‘I love you.’ I play with them, five boys and two girls. I enjoy their company so much. They often asked to come here for functions. Once, our invited grandchild, KC asked if they could dress here for the wedding. It was a fun day. On an earlier trip with three

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**Sammy**-I can't believe it's been 50 years! I think you would have made the world a better place. But though your life was too short, you made all of us better people for having known you. I will always love you Sam.  
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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS**  
**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**  
 34 Blake Street East  
**TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on **August 22, 2024** at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning amendment to Zoning By-law No. 2018-41, as amended for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C. P. 13. to amend the zoning 34 Blake Street East to Residential from Commercial.

This Commercial property has been vacant for the last three years and the owners feel the location is better suited for residential purposes.

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

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

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For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact Pam Myers, Clerk, Box 608, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0.

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An explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed By-law Amendment, describing the affected property, a Key Map showing the location of the affected property to which the proposed By-law Amendment applies, and a copy of the complete proposed By-law Amendment is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current.

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**NOTICE OF PASSING CONCERNING A PROPOSED NEW ZONING BY-LAW**  
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**TAKE NOTICE THAT:**  
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The Zoning By-law is a tool used to regulate the use of land, buildings, and structures; and the placement of buildings and structures within the Municipality.

Council authorized the passing of By-law # 2024-10 being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law on July 16, 2024 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.P.13 as amended.

The Comprehensive Zoning By-law # 2024-10 applies to all lands within the Township of Assignack, as a result, no key map has been provided. The Comprehensive Zoning By-law # 2024-10 repeals By-law # 80-20 and all amendments thereto and By-law # 80-21 and all amendments thereto of the Township of Assignack.

A Public Open House was previously held on March 27, 2024 to review the first draft of the new Zoning By-law. A Public Meeting was held on June 25, 2024. Revisions were incorporated into the Comprehensive Zoning By-law based on the comments provided throughout the process by the Public, Staff, District of Manitoulin Planning Board and Council. Council in making its decision on this matter took into consideration all written and oral comments received on the Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

**Purpose and Effect:**  
 The purpose and effect of Comprehensive Zoning By-law # 2024-10 is to regulate the use of land and the use and location of buildings and structures on lots within the Municipality.

**Appeal:**  
 Only a specified person, a public body or the registered owner of any land to which the by-law would apply that, before the by-law was passed, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of By-law # 2024-10 by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Assignack a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the Tribunal no later than August 6, 2024.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**Additional Information:**  
 Additional information relating to Comprehensive Zoning By-law # 2024-10 is available for inspection between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON. The proposed Zoning By-law is also available for inspection on the Municipality's website by visiting: <https://www.assignack.ca/homepage/2024-draft-zoning-by-law-update/>

Mrs. Heidi Ferguson, Municipal Clerk  
 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON  
 705-859-3196 email: [hferguson@assignack.ca](mailto:hferguson@assignack.ca)

Dated at the Township of Assignack this 17th day of July 2024.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS**  
**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**  
 296 Pepper Point Road,  
 Sheguiandah Concession 13, Lot 16  
**TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS**



TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on **August 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm** at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current. The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act for the property located on **Concession 13, Lot 16 - 296 PEPPER POINT ROAD** Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. The attached key map shows the affected property.

The effect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment special exception SR-33 is to allow for an oversized garage to a maximum size of 40' x 81' by site specific zoning amendment, with the following exceptions:  
 • This garage will only be used for personal use, no commercial activity will be permitted.

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

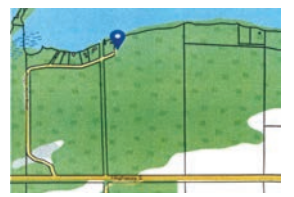
If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of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

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

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed By-law Amendment, describing the affected property, a Key Map showing the location of the affected property to which the proposed By-law Amendment applies, and a copy of the complete proposed By-law Amendment is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current.

DATED at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands on 2024-07-31

Ms. Pam Myers, Clerk  
 Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands  
 14 Water Street East, P.O. Box 608  
 Little Current, ON P0P 1 K0  
 Ph.: (705) 368-3500





## Death Notices

### GILBERT "GIL" LAPIERRE



In loving memory of Gilbert "Gil" Lapierre, 88 years, who passed away at the Mindemoya Hospital on July 18, 2024 with his loving wife Jackie at his side. Beloved husband of Jackie

(nee Deraiche). Loving father of Robert Lapierre (predeceased), Doug Lapierre of Sudbury, Billy Lapierre (Sandy) of Calgary and Vanessa (Shane) of Montreal. Treasured grandfather of six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Dear son of William "Bill" and Lillian Lapierre (both predeceased). Cherished brother of Dave (predeceased), Ernie (Nikki) and Joy Bengé (Doug). Will be sadly missed by nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Sadly missed by his fur animals Toby, Lucy and Max. Gil was a policeman in Sudbury for 32 years who also built his home, helped others and refinished antique furniture. Gil loved to tell jokes and make everyone laugh. He was a true storyteller and taught many life lessons. His memory and legacy will live on forever in the heart of many as he had many friends and family stories. He was a lover of classic cars and going to car shows. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing and being on the lake. He had a love of dancing. He loved his family with all his heart and he will be missed by all. A very special thank you to the nursing staff, kitchen staff and maintenance staff at the Mindemoya Hospital. Millions of thank you's to Dr. O'Connor for being with him everyday and his dedication and compassion. At Gil's request there will be no visitation or service. Donations in his memory can be made to Pet Save Manitoulin. Arrangements entrusted to the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home.

### MARCEL FORTINEAU MALLETTE

1943 - 2024



It is with sorrow that the family of Marcel Fortineau Mallette announce his passing on Thursday, July 11, 2024 in Manitowaning at the age of 80 years. Son of the late Roland Mallette and the late Yvette Mallette. Loving husband of Jane Marlene Mallette (Bray). Dear father of Jamie (Kerry) Mallette and Janet (Denis) Giroux. He will also be missed and

lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Aria Mallette (Wiki), Mark Ross (Alberta), Alan Ross (Alberta) and Michael Ross (Alberta); as well as by his great-grandchildren Brooklyn Ross, Joshua Ross and Lincoln Ross. Survived by his brothers Bob Mallette (British Columbia) and Ron Mallette (Carol); and his niece Jennifer. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

### JERRY D. MCMULLIN

October 15, 1941- July 24, 2024



In loving memory of Jerry D. McMullin, age 82, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at the Mindemoya Hospital. Jerry was born on October 15, 1941 in St. Catharines, Ontario to Gerald and Viola McMullin. He was employed by General Motors for 30 years then retired to Manitoulin

Island where he founded and owned JD's Garden Centre for 28 years. Jerry had a lifelong passion for antique cars, fishing, hunting and golf. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years Sharon and their children Karen (Eddie) and Dave (Cathy). He was grandfather to Hunter (Alex), Sean (Melissa), Erin (Cohen) and Parker (Sierra); great-grandfather to August. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. Donations can be made to the Mindemoya Hospital. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [www.islandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.islandfuneralhome.ca).

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### CARRIE ETHEL NESBITT

(TAYLOR)

October 5, 1937- July 19, 2024



Carrie Ethel Nesbitt watched her last beautiful Manitoulin sunset and is now singing with the angels. She passed away suddenly at her cottage on Friday, July 19, 2024. She leaves behind her best friend and caring husband Clint Nesbitt. She had three loving children Joanne (Cal) Potts, Jim (Heather) Nesbitt and the late Jeff (Sheena) Nesbitt.

She had eight adoring grandchildren and three beautiful great-grandchildren. She treasured her time with Kera (Erik) Potts-Smith, Kaleigh (Devin) Potts Tompkins, Emily (Myles) Nesbitt Coolen, Jenna (Kurtis) Nesbitt, Kyle (Kiersten) Potts, Mark Nesbitt, Skye Nesbitt and Scotia Nesbitt. She delighted in holding her little great-grand babies Leigha, Ellie and Lily. Carrie is now resting at peace alongside her beloved son Jeff Nesbitt, sister Marjorie (Clarence) Wadge, brother Lorne (Ida) Taylor and her parents Elmer and Ethel Taylor. Carrie loved life and the people who surrounded her every day. Her nieces Pat (Don) Beach, Dianne (Frank) Oberson and Shirley (Tony) Huleatt brought so much joy to her life and were more like her sisters. She considered Craig and Heather Graham as her own children and Laura (Spencer and Anna), Nicole (Braeden) and Jackson as her grandchildren. Christophe (Vanessa) Vicario was a treasured exchange student who also became family. Carrie was born on October 5, 1937 in New Liskeard, ON. She and Clint moved to many communities over their 62 years of marriage, including Sault Ste. Marie, Simcoe, Gore Bay, Elmvale, finally settling in Wasaga Beach in their sunset years. Wherever she lived, her friends became her family and she treasured each person. Carrie always immersed herself in community life wherever she lived. She loved birthdays and baking, campfires and parties, singing and storytelling, dancing and laughing, travelling and shopping, crafting and writing cards, reading and talking. Carrie loved working with children, volunteering as a dedicated leader within the Girl Guides of Canada organization, and also working as an Educational Assistant at Huronia Centennial Elementary School. She was a dedicated member and leader of the United Church Women, the Glen Rebekah Lodge, and was granted an Honourary Life Membership of the Centre Flos Women's Institute. Carrie's passion was always music, singing in many choirs throughout her life and including music in all of her activities. The family gathered to honour Carrie and visit on Thursday, July 25, 2024 from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm at the Lynn Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale. ON. Carrie's life was celebrated on Friday, July 26, 2024 at 11 am at the St. John's United Church in Elmvale. In Carrie's memory, donations may be made to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada, or a charity of your choice. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to [www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com](http://www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com).

### JOHN EDWIN ALFRED SKIPPEN

February 18, 1935 - July 19, 2024



In loving memory of John Edwin Alfred Skippen of Green Bay who died on July 19, 2024 at Manitoulin Health Centre at the age of 89. He was born on February 18, 1935 to Ross and Isabell Skippen. He married Rae Moggy on October 12, 1956 and they had one child, Paul. John was a kind, honest man who loved his family and anything with speed, the faster the better. He was proud of his farm and

enjoyed caring for his animals. John was an accomplished musician. His family band played many gatherings all over Manitoulin Island. John is survived by his wife Rae and his son Paul (Nancy McFarlane); grandchildren Madison Skippen, Courtney (Kevin) Pellerin, Holly (Jon) Valad and Preston Pellerin (predeceased); great-grandchildren Seth Pellerin, Miley, Brooklyn and Jack Valad. There was a private family service at the Island Funeral Home. Interment at Cold Springs Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Little Current United Church. Those who touch our lives stay in our hearts forever.

### ELIZABETH (LIZ) ANN

SCHWEITZER

(McPhee/Williamson)



Elizabeth (Liz) Ann Schweitzer (McPhee/Williamson), 89, of Harrison Twp Michigan passed away peacefully at her son's home in Mount Clemens, Michigan the 16th of July 2024. She was born June 23, 1935 to Stuart and Elizabeth McPhee (Williamson), both now deceased. She was also the younger sister of her brother

Stuart (Jr.) McPhee. Elizabeth was the wife of the late John Charles Schweitzer; loving mother of Charles (Chuck) Stuart Schweitzer (Tina); grandmother of Michael and Amanda Krim; great-grandmother of Ava and Michael Szymanski; dear aunt to Cindy Bruwier (Mike), Cathy Harmon-Adkins (William), Laurie Debets (Troy) and Jennifer Schuldt (Forest). She loved to be active. Liz bowled with her friends for decades before quitting in her 80s. She was the youngest on her team at the time. She participated in the Friends of the Fifth Precinct, helped with community events and N.E.A.R. North East Area Residence Group. She was also a member of the G.P. Ladies School of Government. Liz also enjoyed being part of the Jefferson Yacht Club for many years. She and her husband Jack had many good times down at Sindbads Restaurant on the river. The people were like family. Liz was born and raised in Manitowaning, Ontario. Manitowaning is a small town located on Manitoulin Island, located between Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. She went to high school in Vankleek Hill, Ontario, and then went to earn her Bachelor of Science degree from McGill University in Quebec (Class of 57). She then went on to become a teacher and ended up teaching high school in Windsor, Ontario. Elizabeth loved to spend her summers up at the cottage in Manitowaning Bay. Her aunts (Dorothy and Ann McPhee) who had the cottage built, spent their summers there as well, up into the 1990s. Liz loved to see her family and friends while up there. She always wanted to do day trips to the towns to see and learn the gossip of what was going on. Lots to catch up while being in Detroit over the winter months. She was able to get back to the Island every summer up until this year. Unfortunately, her health was weakening her and the spring trip didn't take place. She will be laid to rest with her family at Hilly Grove Cemetery, Assiginack. Visitation will be at the Island Funeral Home in Little Current. Please visit or call for times and burial.

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### STEVE DAVIES

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life for Steve Davies on Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 1 to 3 pm at the Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall, 14 Townline Road, corner of Townline Road and Highway 6, Sheguiandah. A light lunch will be served.

# ...Now and Then: Bill and Linda Strain

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grandsons climbing up Frazer Bay Mountain, Bill explained there might be bears there, so don't panic, stay together. Soon after he heard a few chuckles, and 'Don't worry guys, we can all outrun grandpa.'"

Were you named after anyone? Linda "Marguerite" after my mother. My grandfather Lindsay may be where 'Linda' came from. Bill: 'Johnson' is my middle name, after my grandfather." Most important event? "Getting educated and having our family with strong lasting connections." Favourite pets? "Taz and Max, our Shih-tzus. Max is the last of five Shih-tzus." Responsibilities as a child? Linda: "Making porridge while mum was in the barn. I wasn't good at it, and it was often lumpy. Bill: taking ice to the cabins and taking out the garbage."

Favourite season? "Summer, no schoolwork and meeting lots of people visiting the camp, no snow, new life." Favourite collections? "Fossils and rocks for Bill and Royal Doulton figurines starting at my 16th birthday with a gift from Mr. Currie." Favourite book? "Manitoulin History books and western novels like Louis Lamour for Bill and Gone with the Wind for Linda." Television shows: "Everybody Loves Raymond and the Big Bang Theory." Linda also



Bill Strain with a massive walleye as the Little Current Fish and Game Club members harvest eggs and sperm for the hatchery. Club member Gary Green is in the background.

enjoys watching curling, which she used to do herself before the kids were born." What are you most proud of? Bill: "Our children, grandchildren, and Linda." Linda adds that they have personally had a good life so far and that she is 'proud of Bill' too."

First hourly wage? Linda: "\$5 a week at the drug store and \$1100 a year at the bank in Little Current." "Awards? Bill: "Fish and Game Club and the Larry Wallace Memorial in 2013." Strengths? Both are hard workers. Linda enjoys cooking and baking. Bill was a good teacher and helped with

the administration of the Fish and Games Club with a group of good supporting people. "I am enormously proud of the Fish and Game Club members; we have a great team spirit. Our many accomplishments include: initiation of a night river watch program to protect spawning walleye; construction of several spawning beds for walleye, rainbow and salmon; construction of a viewing stand over the fish ladder for the trout and salmon to migrate to the Bass Like Stream; and an award-winning educational program for grade four students."

Linda and Bill are very both community-orientated, helping with fundraisers. Bill: plowing 18 driveways in the winter. "If they insist on paying, I simply ask them to send a cheque to the LCF & G Club so we can buy rods and reels for the grade four classes on Manitoulin." Both make friends easily. "Is there anything you would do differently if you could go back in time? Both: "No" Anyone who inspired you? Bill: "My supportive father bought me a Volkswagen when I went to Haileybury. Also Mrs. Andrews, my teacher, and Eldridge Meyers a handyman and farmer, a fantastic worker and good friend who helped us at White Haven." Lastly your recipe for happiness? "Ride along easy and stay positive."

"We love the Island. We have been to a lot of interesting places, but this is the best one. People here are fantastic, and we enjoy a great environment. We have seen some significant poverty in places like Arizona and we appreciate what we have here. Big cities and highways don't feel safe anymore. We spent 12 winters in

Florida and have enjoyed some cruises, but we feel this is still the absolute best place. We built this retirement house in Sheguiandah five years ago. We are comfortable with good neighbours and plan to stay here in our Manitoulin paradise for the duration."

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# Sheguiandah Summer Stories for kids, by kids, with lots of Guidance and Support

by Margery Frisch

SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION—'Express yourself' might have been the theme for the four days of workshops offered to youth at the community hall in Sheguiandah First Nation. There was opportunity to draw, paint, create masks (for use in theatre), write and/or perform in those four days available to them.

"Technically, this is an independent program—we're independent workers through an art grant," said Shelba Deer, cultural director of the program. "In the past, we've been able to get a National Arts grant for 10 days of workshops and performance, but this year we were only able to get a provincial grant, and that gave us four days to do what we would normally do in 10."

With the help of Shelba Deer and Lisa Hamalainen, artistic director, and the support of the Ontario Arts Council, 4elements Living Arts, Right to Play, the Sheguiandah Health Centre and MGE, the workshops culminated in a performance of stories created by the children on Wednesday, July 24.

Susan Snelling, chair of the board at 4elements, came to watch the performance. "We sponsored the art workshop by Mark Seabrook," Ms. Snelling said, "but we're just generally happy to support Sheguiandah Summer



Loz Picody-Barnaby displays his masks replicating anger and sadness and a red and green freestyle mask.

The program began with an introduction by Ms. Deer. "The theme this year is all about visions, dreams and storytelling," she said, crediting Ms. Hamalainen, the artistic director of the program, for coming up with the idea of introducing the performing arts to the youth, making it land based and asking Ms. Deer for help with the cultural aspect. "Helping our youth become empowered and become their true selves in who they are," Ms. Deer said. "The work we have done for the children, has taken on a life of its own, because they are the creators, they are the ones that wrote these stories and did the artwork we have on display, and they've been doing that for the last four years," she added.

Jake Agoneh opened the program with a prayer, but more than that, it was, for him, an opportunity to teach the youth as much as to pray with them. He told them of his early years, of becoming a healer; he told them they are half land and half spirit. Everything has spirit, he said. "There's lots to learn about life and it never stops," Mr. Agoneh told them. He taught them how to pray, to always be thankful. His prayer was offered in his own language as everyone bowed their heads.

Ann Cummings drummed the opening to the show and Ashton Towegishig welcomed the audience as MC. "All our stories were written and created by the youth of this summer program. We just finished our stories yesterday, so there will be some improv," the MC explained.

Each story was brief, some amusing some with an important message and all were enhanced by the drumming, the costumes and the makeup. "It's ok to not be alike," the Spirit instructed three amigos in one of the short skits. "There have to be differences in our life or there won't be balance." Creative storytelling with each of the presentations, the words of youth making an impact.

A dance performance by dance artist Curtis Kagige (Bboy Redsky) was a special feature of the program, and he too offered a bit of teaching. "When you do this dance, it's like your inner child coming out to play. That's why we call ourselves bboys, even though I'm 42," he said. Then he went through his dance again, explaining the cultural meaning of each step. Mr. Kagige works with several different health services around the province.

Ms. Deer concluded the program with thanks to various people and organizations, including Jaden Francis for all her catering throughout the program, making breakfast, snacks and lunch for all four days. She also thanked the summer students/event assistants: Jaymes Simon, Tyler Groulx and Xavier Agonie-Fox. As all good things do, this event ended with a feast, a potluck meal, for everyone to enjoy.



The three amigos—Dream, Conan and Kobe provide an entertaining skit.



Hip-hop dance artist dance artist Curtis Kagige (Bboy Redsky) was a special feature of the program. Mr. Kagige had his own teachings to impart to the participants.








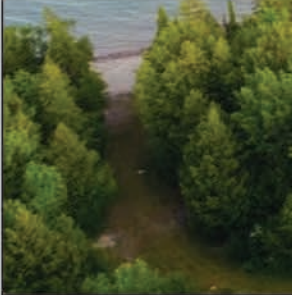

Stories. I'm looking forward to seeing what comes out of it today."


An ongoing sacred fire was burning, the fire keeper, Lyman Agonie, making sure it burned throughout the program. "It's a direct link to the spirit world, to make sure everything goes smoothly," Ms. Deer explained.

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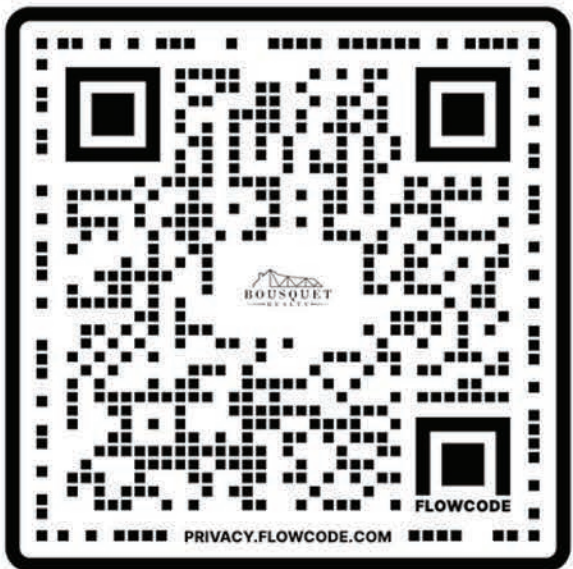
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## Manor Auxiliary members hang painting honouring late volunteer

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—A group of Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary volunteers gathered at the Manor in Little Current recently to remember a longtime friend and associate volunteer whose lifelong contributions had made a significant contribution to the health and wellbeing of Manor residents.

In a fitting tribute, the auxiliary purchased a watercolour painting print, 'The Garden Angel,' by Trisha Romance

and was always ready to lend a hand to whatever needed to be done.

"She used to come and volunteer all the time," said Ms. Wuksinic. "She would come and help decorate for special events, help out with the birthday parties at the Manor and dance."

"We all knew her," said auxiliary member Linda Bowerman, who was also known to tap a light fantastic along with Ms. Leeson to entertain the residence with a bit of clogging/stepdance action.



Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary members Donna Wuksinic, Linda Bowerman, Gail Griffin and Gisele Ferro join Manor activities coordinator Julie Omnet in front of the painting 'Garden Angel' which the auxiliary has hung in memory of longtime Manor volunteer Gail Leeson.

photo by Michael Erskine

to honour Gail Leeson and the painting now hangs in the hallway of the Manor.

Auxiliary member Donna Wuksinic explained that Ms. Leeson, although not an official auxiliary member herself, was a perennial volunteer at the Manor,

Ms. Leeson will be missed, but her memory will live on in the hallways of the Manor in the form of the 'Garden Angel.'

"She was an angel, for sure," said Ms. Bowerman.

## First time winners capture mens

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—The James Beaudin and Roger Beaudin Jr. team won the championship flight at the Manitoulin Golf men's annual open tournament!

The Beaudin team, which took the title for the first time, posted a 36-hole score of 131 (66-65) to win the tournament, held July 21-22 by four strokes. Finishing second was the father-son duo of Warren and Justice Corbiere and the team of Josh Bigras and Yves Pourier who tied for second. Both teams had a total score of 135.

In the first flight, the father-son team of Brian and Matt Bainborough were first with a score of 141.

The second flight saw the team of Ryan Tamaru and Jamie Camillo post a score of 146 to take first place.

In the third flight the Craig Rogerson and Dan



The James Beaudin and Roger Beaudin Jr. team won the championship flight at the annual Manitoulin Golf Men's golf tournament. The team is shown in photo with Cheryl Deeg, clubhouse manager at Manitoulin Golf.

Lefebvre were first with a score of 149, while the fourth flight was won by Ray Bodson and Leon M. The fifth flight was won by Dennis McCann and Jeff McLauren.

One-hundred and twenty golfers took part in the tournament.

"We would like to thank everyone for taking part in the tournament and

we hope you had a great weekend," stated clubhouse manager Cheryl Deeg. "I would also like to thank the kitchen and clubhouse staff who worked very long hours this weekend, the course crew and Dan (Marois, who kept track of all scores) for all his help."

## Manitoulin Sporting Life

### Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



#### Aurel's on it!

Wiikwemkoong's Aurel Fox-Recollet continues to train hard and that has led to another win! Recently, he won the Conquer the Crater 10k race by a couple of minutes! Aurel says he has been taking it easy but is obviously having success. He's been maintaining steady mileage, with the occasional faster run. Next up, Aurel is part of the defending team at the unique, annual Beaton Classic quadrathlon! He was scouted to run to do a 7.5km trail run leg last year and they won so they are looking to repeat on Aug. 13th!

#### Track and Fielders!

A quartet of track athletes from the island competed in the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Championships the weekend of July 11-13 at York University in Toronto. M'Chigeeng's Ava Corbiere competed in the 1500m and the 2000m Steeplechase, setting a personal best (pb) in the steeplechase. Jack Carter of Little Current competed in the 100m, the long jump and the triple jump. Mindemoya's Sadie Bridgeman competed in the long jump and beat her pb by a whopping 11 cm, good enough for 4th place, and Jonah Balfe of Newby's Bay competed in to discuss and the javelin throw, added an astounding 4m to his pb in javelin, for a 3rd place finish!

came from behind to win 13-12! In the title match, the locals played the team from Winneway, Quebec who handed them their only loss on the weekend which made their 15 - 8 win even sweeter.

Kudos to players: Lilly Kanasawe, Taiya Gonawabi, Breeze Osawamick, Taydym Gonawabi, Memphis Conlin, Damian Dell, Koda Peltier, Luka Manitowabi, Arlo McGregor, Brooklyn Toulouse, Evander Shawana, Brayson McGregor, Jacen Simon, Treilyn Gonawabi and Logan Peltier. Coaches: Kyle Baibomcowai, Ralph Gonawabi and Lyle Baibomcowai.

The U18 boys lost to the Mush Cuppers while the Wiky Sons of Pitches men lost to Moose Factory tribe in the semis also. Congratulations to everyone involved!

#### Pickleball Points

The team from Espanola prevailed at the inaugural North Shore Pickleball Tournament held in Blind River, last week on the 24th. The (ahem!) 'Espanola' team of 17 was made up of 10 players from the Manitoulin Pickleball Club! Congratulations to: Jean Rance, Bud Hebner, Nolan Lafleur, Glen Boisvert, Megan Boisvert, Jim Veitch, Darry Resmer, Phil Candelaria, John Rance and Dan Leger!



The team from Espanola prevailed at the inaugural North Shore Pickleball Tournament held in Blind River, July 24. The Espanola team of 17 was made up of 10 players from the Manitoulin Pickleball Club. (Jean Rance, Bud Hebner, Nolan Lafleur, Glen Boisvert, Megan Boisvert, Jim Veitch, Darry Resmer, Phil Candelaria, John Rance and Dan Leger.) Congrats.

#### Sons of Pitches!

Gerard Baibomcowai not only organizes events in Wiky he even gets teams together for road trips. This past weekend he put together some Island kids to attend the second annual, Mush Golden Glove tourney in Timmins with three teams!

The U-13 team is now 2024 champions! The team was in second place after four round robin games. In the semis, Sunday morning vs. the Moose Factory Red Sox

#### Mud Run

A proud papa needs to report that my daughter, Hailey Leblanc participated in Ottawa's Mudgirl event and I can hear her eyes rolling from here!

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Welcome to this month's collection of readers' mystical stories. From an apparition's image captured on a home security camera—to a phantom telephone transmitting a warning to a worried mother—to witnessing the wonder of nature, the tales show us once again that experiences such as these can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time.

by Dorah L. Williams

### Smile for the camera

"We installed a couple of security cameras on our property after coming home to find stuff out of place, vandalized, and even vanished. Nothing major but still odd, like chairs, rearranged on the front porch, the wood pile scattered about, flowers pulled out of the garden, and our "welcome" mat and front door wreath went missing, to name a few.

Fortunately, there have been no further incidents since installing the cameras, and we have never caught anything unusual on the motion-triggered video clips. That is, until the last time we were away when my nephew volunteered to "house-sit" for us as he was coming to town and needed a place to stay.

He sent a text when he arrived at our home, and we planned on seeing him there when we returned in a couple of days.

By the following day, though, when I finally checked my phone's messages again, there were a few very odd texts from him, such as: "Who else is in this house?!" and "This isn't funny!!" His last message said, "That's it. I'm out of here!"

We didn't understand what he meant, and he wasn't answering my messages.

We cut our trip short and got home later that day and found him gone, but his cell phone was still on the kitchen counter. No wonder he wasn't answering. When he left the house in a rush, he had forgotten his cell phone, but why hadn't he returned to retrieve it?

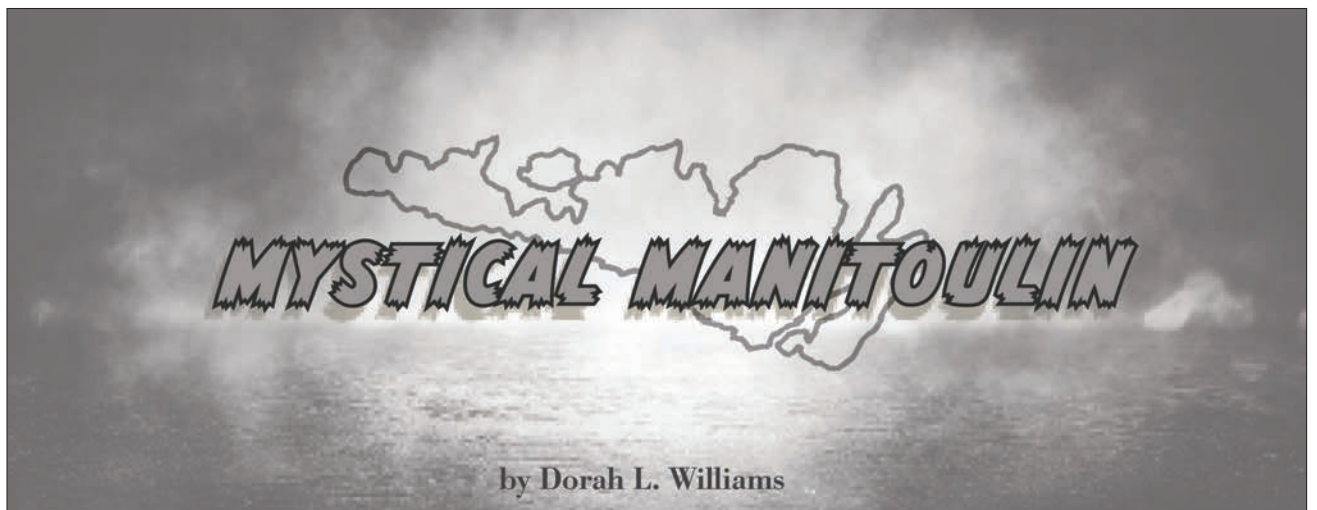
He explained what had happened when we finally tracked him down at another relative's place.

His first day and night were uneventful. But by the next morning, he said, "the "energy" in the house had totally changed. He swore that someone kept walking right up behind him, following him around the house. He could sense them there and heard their footsteps on the hardwood floors throughout the house. At first, he thought it was a prank.

We checked the archived camera captures on my phone's app from that weekend to see if anything like what he described could be seen in one of the clips.

We only have exterior cameras, but once my nephew opened the front door, heading to his car to leave, the security camera on the front porch, triggered by that motion, recorded not just him but also clearly caught the gray figure of an older lady, standing right behind him in the foyer by the front door.

There definitely was someone else there! In spirit



form, at least. He never saw the apparition, only heard it. But the camera clearly captured that image.

Since then, nothing else unusual has been captured on our security camera, and we don't feel uncomfortable living here, but every once in a while, when I'm alone, I feel like someone is watching me, too."

### A ringing in the closet

"In 1934, a gold mine opened in northwestern Quebec, miles from all amenities. Young couples who had experienced the Depression and were desperate for work applied for the numerous jobs being advertised. My parents were one of them. The town was called Belle-tiere (beautiful land) and was a true frontier-type town.

In October 1949, my youngest brother took sick. The closest we had for a doctor was a first aid man from the mine. In the meantime, my father was gone on the traditional moose hunt for two weeks. Mother was on her own. The first aid man diagnosed my brother with a case of the flu.

His fever did not go down, and he became lethargic. It seemed every twenty minutes he wanted to know what time it was. That night, as Mother got ready for bed, a telephone started to ring in her closet, but she knew that was impossible. There was no phone in her closet. The phone was in the living room. So, she went to the living room and picked up the phone, and as she did, she could still hear the phone ringing in her closet.

So back she went to her bedroom where the phone was ringing in her closet. She opened the closet door, and the ringing stopped. She closed the door, and it started again. Something was trying to tell her that she should hurry and it clicked that it concerned her son.

She threw on her coat and ran to the mine manager's house and explained to him about her sick son and the ringing in the closet. He did not hesitate to call the company plane, and got my mother to bundle up my

brother and herself, and drove her to the dock, as it was a floatplane.

A few hours later, at the hospital, the doctor told Mother that her son's appendix had perforated and that he was a very sick boy. He suggested that she go to the chapel and pray.

Between prayer and sulphur, he came out of his coma a few days later."

### Birds of a feather

"My story isn't paranormal but shows how mystical nature can be.

Last summer, while I was in our kitchen, a female cardinal made a beeline for the window beside me. She flew right up to it, looked directly at me, and started chirping and flapping her wings frantically. If birds can become hysterical, that is what she was.

She was trying to communicate something very important to her. I stood there frozen, not knowing what to make of her strange behaviour, and she left after a few seconds, flying off towards the back of our property.

We have an old carriage house back there, which is now just used for storage. It has a loft and a high beamed ceiling. Later that afternoon, I was out poking around in the loft, looking for something I had stored up there. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw something darting up to a ceiling beam.

It was a juvenile cardinal, and it looked frightened. I didn't know how it got in there, as all the windows have been painted shut for decades, and we are rarely out there. So, I didn't know how long it had been trapped inside. Seeing the piles of walnut shells scattered about the loft, I thought it may have entered the same way the squirrels evidently did.

I hoped it would eventually exit the only way it could,

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- Knowledge of sanitation and safety regulations to maintain all cooking, food prep surfaces and equipment areas as to health and safety standards
- Prep healthy snacks for youth and camp instructors and guests
- Verify that prepared foods meet requirements for quality and quantity
- Assist in preparation of food for cooking and distribution
- Operate large-volume cooking equipment – Outdoor grill, BBQ and deep fryer
- dishes after every meal
- Work around youth and adults as well as members of authority with respect

**Qualifications:**

- Food handler's certificate an asset
- Clear Vulnerable Sector Check
- Culinary experience in cooking for large groups would be an asset
- Help with occasional shopping of food supplies
- Experience in working with youth
- Willingness to work full days 7 am to 7 pm with breaks for the week

Please send in your letter of application and resume by **noon - August 7th, 2024** to:

**UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service**  
**Oshki Makwa Niigaaniwizh Gabishiwin**  
**c/o Ann Ziegler, Office Administrator/Camp Coordinator**  
**5926 Hwy 540, P.O. Box 332**  
**M'Chigeeng, ON**  
**POP 1G0**

The following is a report of 2023-24 MHC Auxiliary activities.

President Dawn Orr gave the president's report at our annual meeting in May. Here are some of her comments. "It's been an eventful year full of traditions and new adventures. We have continued with the high school bursaries, both for Wikwemikong and MSS for continued education in a health-related field. Fundraising has been very successful with the cookie

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walk, Rockathon and the ham dinner. We were so successful we were able to provide a cheque to the hospital for the life signs monitor. Thank you to all the conveners who did

awesome jobs and to all members who went out of their way to support the auxiliary and to the executive who were always there with their support and hard work and made

it all happen. I just want to say thank you!"

Thank you, Dawn for your report and the dedication you show in all matters pertaining to the Auxiliary.

Elections were held at the annual meeting. The slate of officers remains the same. Dawn Orr is president, Carole Labelle is vice-president, Debbie Heise is secretary and Marilee Hore is treasurer. There will probably

be some unique fundraising activities in the year ahead.

The tuck cart and rip-it tickets are closed for the month of August. Dental bags, care bags and headsets will continue to be distributed. You can still support our efforts to raise money for patient services. Donations are accepted at admitting for the auxiliary, the In Memoriam Fund (specify auxiliary) the showcase

is open; coin boxes are in many businesses; and book sales continue at our space at the NEMI Farmers' Market.

Volunteerism is waning in many organizations. Groups everywhere are being challenged to recruit new members to give of their time and talents to benefit others. The Auxiliary, now in its 79th year would appreciate new volunteers to continue a tradition of caring that has touched hundreds of lives.

Our next regular meeting is at 7 pm on September 16 at the United Church in Little Current. Come and join us.

Sincere wishes for a happy, healthy summer!

Don't forget the sunscreen!

**The Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team is recruiting a Registered Practical Nurse**  
**Part-time with benefits starting as soon as possible**

**APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:**

- A current College of Nurses of Ontario Certificate of Competence
- Experience in a primary health care setting or hospital, preferably in a medical office
- Current registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Current CPR and First Aid
- Experience working with babies and young children
- Experience immunizing patients
- Excellent assessment, problem solving, analytical, interpersonal and communication skills
- Strong computer skills, familiarity with Office 365 and electronic medical records
- Work independently on programs and health services

**In addition, the successful candidate will be expected to:**

- Create a positive teaching and learning environment for patients and students
- Function as an effective team member

Applications for the above position, including resume and references, will be accepted until  
**Friday, August 2, 2024**

Only applicants selected for an interview will be notified.

Apply To:  
Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team  
Attention: Judy Miller  
P.O Box 549  
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0  
OR  
Email: [jmiller@nemfht.ca](mailto:jmiller@nemfht.ca)

Manitoulin Hotel  Conference Centre


**Now Hiring!**

Food & Beverage Servers  
Bartenders  
Laundry Attendant  
Housekeeping  
Line Cooks

**Please apply in person at the front desk with a resumé and be prepared for an interview.**

**Wages are negotiable.**

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre  
66 Meredith St. E.  
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0



## JOB POSTING

### Teacher for 2024-2025 school year

**Full-Time: Monday-Friday (35 hours/week)**

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The ideal candidate will be passionate for the job with an ability to reach out to each student and create a positive relationship of mutual respect, trust and honesty. We are seeking a teacher to assist students with class assignments, review subject material, prepare for tests and advocate on their behalf. This individual must possess a degree in education or equivalency. Experience working with secondary students in a classroom environment. Knowledge and understanding of Google operating systems, iPads, Chrome Books, Smart Boards and educational applications is required for this position. Knowledge and understanding of the Ojibwe language and its peoples are assets for this job.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Assist students to learn and understand concepts, assist with completion of homework and ensuring their work has been handed into the teacher;
- Work directly with students from Grades 9-12 at Manitoulin Secondary School;
- Work in collaboration with students, parents and teachers at M.S.S., AOKFN Education Counsellor, Band Manager and Chief & Council;
- Provide knowledge and instruction to each student advocating for the implementation of IEPs (if applicable);
- Working knowledge of the Ministry of Education updated curriculum guidelines;
- Access and record students' progress and provide weekly updates, monthly reports and feedback to Education Counsellor;
- Collaborate with teachers and principal from M.S.S. regarding AOKFN students' needs, challenges and strengths;
- Participate in meetings as directed with teachers, parents, AOKFN Education, Band Manager, and Chief and Council;
- Observe and understand students' psyche and report suspicions of child abuse and neglect following AOKFN protocol;
- Understanding of First Nations' history, culture and Ojibwe language skills an asset;
- Must possess a valid 'G' licence, First-aid, and CPR training up-to-date.

Interested applicants, who meet the qualifications as listed above, must submit a SIGNED cover letter, current resume, photocopy of degree/diploma, credentials and three (3) references with phone numbers to:

**Attention: AOKFN Teacher**  
13 Hill Street  
LITTLE CURRENT, ON  
P0P 1K0

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The successful candidate will be asked to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

**DEADLINE DATE: August 16, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.**

### Police Services Board Members needed

The Manitoulin Police Services Board 1 is currently looking for two community representatives and two provincial representatives to sit on the board. Members should be active members of their community and have a general knowledge of OPP Detachment board duties and community safety issues.





The appointment of members to the board is on a 4-year term, in line with the term of municipal council. Manitoulin Police Services Board 1 meetings will be held at a minimum of four times per year.





The Key Responsibilities of the Board include:

- Consult with the Commissioner regarding the selection of a detachment commander and otherwise participate in accordance with the regulations in the selection of the Detachment Commander
- Determine objectives and priorities for the detachment
- Advise the Detachment Commander with respect to policing provided
- Monitor the performance of the Detachment Commander
- Review reports from the Detachment Commander regarding policing provided by the detachment
- On or before June 30 in each year, provide an annual report to the municipalities regarding the policing provided by the detachment in their municipalities

Anyone wishing to submit their name as a candidate to sit on the board as a **Community Representative** are welcomed to do so at their respective municipal office, the deadline for submissions is August 14, 2024.

Anyone wishing to submit their name as a candidate to sit on the board as a **provincial representative** are welcomed to do so by going to the provincial appointment website at <https://www.pas.gov.on.ca/>. There are currently two vacant positions; once the positions are advertised, apply by following the steps outlined.

# ...Mystical Manitoulin: Mystical experiences can happen any time or place

...continued from page 2A so I kept the door wide open for the remainder of the day when I left. My husband accompanied me to the carriage house that evening to ensure the bird had flown out and to close it up again. But it was still there, perched on the same ceiling beam, chirping weakly.

Though we kept the door open, hoping it would use it, the poor little cardinal remained on that beam, high above the loft, well into the next day. It refused to budge. Outside, however, a male and female cardinal perched on the loft window sill and chirped back to the juvenile inside. They remained on that window sill the whole day, and I assumed it was the same female cardinal who swooped to our kitchen window and chirped so frantically at me the day before.

We didn't know how to get it out of there. It wasn't possible to reach it way up on that beam, and since it refused to move, my husband borrowed a large net with a long handle from a neighbour up the road. After many attempts, he somehow managed to get it into the net and carefully carried it outside.

Then, the most amazing thing occurred.

He gently placed the little cardinal on a nearby log, and it quickly flew up onto a tree limb. The two adult cardinals, who had never left that loft win-

dowsill until their baby was freed, swooped to the tree limb to join it, all three chirping loudly.

And then, incredibly, a huge flock of cardinals suddenly appeared in the sky over our yard and flew in unison around

our property, just above the rooftops, again and again. I'd never seen more than one or two cardinals at a time, but suddenly, there were dozens of them. They all appeared instantaneously as soon as the little one was safe.

They seemed to be rejoicing in his freedom (which may sound silly, but I can't think of any other way to describe it). It was a remarkable sight, and I felt lucky to witness it."

\*Many thanks to those

who shared their stories for this column of Mystical Manitoulin! Do you also have a tale to tell? Whether you've experienced a haunting, a mysterious cryptid sighting, or a brush with the inexplicable, please share it with

Canadian author Dorah L. Williams at [dorahlwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:dorahlwilliams@gmail.com)

Your story, too, could be featured in an upcoming column of Mystical Manitoulin!



**3 COWS & A CONE IS LOOKING FOR**  
Year-Round, Full-Time Cooks,  
Kitchen Help & Mature Counter Staff  
**Come join our team**

For further information send resume to:  
[staff3cows@hotmail.com](mailto:staff3cows@hotmail.com)

or call the store at 705-368-3524 and ask to speak to a Manager.



**MANAGER WANTED!**

3 Cows & A Cone, located on Manitoulin Island is a fast-paced restaurant/dairy bar that has an opening for a full-time, year-round, 40-hr a week **Hands-On Manager**.

We not only serve ice-cream, but burgers, fries, pizza and other fast foods.

We are looking for a forward-thinking person with experience in the business or a recent graduate of a restaurant/hospitality program.

You should be able to supervise staff of up to 30 young individuals, work independently and be able to make basic business decisions while following company policies.

You will report to the General Manager.

The salary shown is solely based on experience and is subject to review with the right candidate.

If you are interested in working on Manitoulin Island, please send your resumé to [pantry3cow@hotmail.com](mailto:pantry3cow@hotmail.com) to be considered for an interview.

If you wish to find out more, you can also call 705-282-7753.

**Annual Salary:**  
\$45,000 - \$60,000 (based on experience).



**KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services**

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCF) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCF honours and supports our families' and community's inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs. **Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates, please self-identify in your application.**

**We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:**

**Manitoulin:**

Team Assistant: Closes August 9, 2024  
Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator: Closes August 9, 2024  
Post Majority Support Worker: Closes August 9, 2024

**Sudbury:**

After Hours - Contract: Closes August 9, 2024  
Youth Cultural Outreach Worker: August 9, 2024

**Sudbury or Manitoulin:**

Property Officer — Contract: Closes August 9, 2024  
(4) Youth Cultural Support Worker: Closes August 9, 2024  
(4) Youth Connection Worker: Closes August 9, 2024  
Volunteer Driver: Open Recruitment

**\*All postings close at 4 pm EST\***

To apply, kindly send your application to our Human Resources department at [hr@kgcfs.org](mailto:hr@kgcfs.org), ensuring to specify the position title in the subject line. For comprehensive job descriptions and to access the postings, please visit our website at:

[www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities)

*At KGCF, we are steadfast in our dedication to fostering a work environment that is accessible to all, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Should you require any accommodations during the recruitment process, please do not hesitate to request them. We sincerely appreciate your interest in joining the team; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.*

*As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to provide the following documents: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (dated within 3 months of the application date), Driver's Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.*

**Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.**



**GWEKWAADZIWIN MIIKAN  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**



**Aftercare Support Worker  
(Multiple casual positions available)**

**Position Description:**

A part-time position; responsible for the implementation of participant treatment plans, monitoring participant wellness, monitoring the facility, cleaning the facility, program laundry and other duties as required.

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Responsible for implementing direction in the Live-in Aftercare Program
- Responsible for monitoring the facility; facility upkeep and cleaning
- Responsible for maintaining IPAC Best Practices
- Responsible for inputting case notes to the EMR Database
- Responsible for reporting to the Aftercare Team Leader
- Responsible for monitoring participant wellness and whereabouts
- Continue to develop and implement model of care
- Assist program participants in continuing their recovery via life skills, education, therapeutic interventions
- Other duties as required

**Qualifications:**

- Entry level position (training provided) with preference given to a diploma in social service work, or related field with mental health and addictions training, or combination of education and relevant work experience.
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Able to participate in outdoor and athletic programming
- Mature individual who can work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

**Requirements:**

- Possesses a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle, able to obtain an 'F' class driver's licence with a preference given to those who already hold a class 'F' driver's licence
- Vulnerable Sector Check
- Ability to work outside normal business hours and weekends and on call as required
- Must have a relevant diploma and work experience

**Compensation: Starting at \$20/hour**

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

**To Apply: Please complete the application online at [gwek.bamboohr.com/careers](http://gwek.bamboohr.com/careers)  
Contact [mmaracle@gwek.ca](mailto:mmaracle@gwek.ca) with any questions.**

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



**GWEKWAADZIWIN MIIKAN  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**



**Withdrawal Management/Harm Reduction Support Worker  
(Multiple positions available)**

**Position Description:**

A full-time contract position, responsible for the development and implementation of acute withdrawal, distribution of Harm Reduction supplies, safe/flex beds and Opioid Agonist Tapering services as part of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan continuum of services.

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Reporting to the Withdrawal Management/Harm Reduction Team Leader
- Program development and implementation
- Responsible for supporting the intake of program participants
- Electronic file and paper file management
- Communicate with participants and their families about the program
- Supporting referrals to external organizations
- Responsible for liaising with community organizations
- Group and one-to-one interactions
- Assist in implementation of research and outcome measurement projects
- Various administrative duties as needed

**Qualifications:**

- Minimum requirement is a degree in social services, nursing, or other related human service diploma with mental health and addictions training
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Proven experience with office administration and electronic medical records
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field
- Experience working in the Withdrawal Management sector and knowledge of best practices
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Mature individual who can work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

**Requirements:**

- Possess a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle, able to obtain an 'F' class driver's licence with a preference given to those who already hold a class 'F' driver's licence
- Ability to work outside normal business hours and weekends and on call as required
- Must have a relevant diploma and work experience

**Salary: Starting at \$54,000/annual**

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

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