



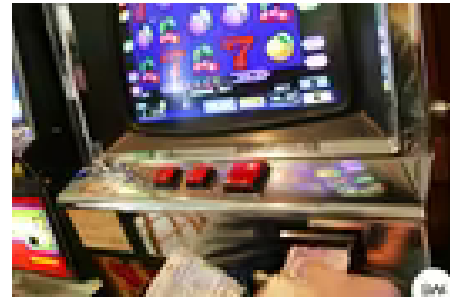
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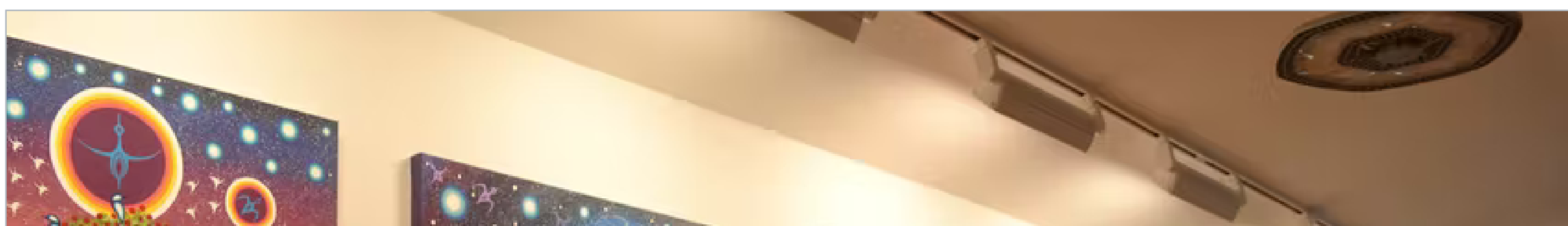


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Indigenous art to be on display at paramedic stations

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Friends United International Convention Centre displays Indigenous art from across the country including these pieces by Anishinaabe artist James Jacko. ARDELLE REYNOLDS/CAPE BRETON POST

SYDNEY, N.S. — The first installation of Indigenous artwork to be displayed at select paramedic stations across Nova Scotia will be unveiled today in Sydney.

A partnership between EHS Operations and Friends United will see some 60 Mi'kmaq artworks showcased at various locations across the province.

The Sydney event will mark Indigenous Peoples Day and feature works by two Cape Breton Mi'kmaq artists: Loretta Gould of Waycobah and Amanda Julian of Wagmatcook.

"We are incredibly grateful for the generous donation of Indigenous art by Friends United," said Elden MacDonald, EHS Operations regional manager for the eastern region, in a press release.

"We trust the addition of this art to select stations throughout the province will help strengthen our connection with the Indigenous communities we serve while simultaneously contributing to a more inclusive workspace."

Rolf Bouman, founder of Friends United that is based in Cleveland, Richmond County, and his son, Lucas, who is an EHS paramedic, view the partnership as benefiting both Indigenous artists and paramedics.

"One important goal of the Friends United Initiative is to give back to the community. It seemed clear that a simple way of doing this was to help the health-care professionals who work tirelessly to keep our communities safe," said Rolf Bouman.

"Speaking with the artists that are involved with the Friends United initiative, they are proud and happy to see their artwork at EHS facilities. It allows the important stories and messages of Indigenous people to be told and better understood," said Lucas Bouman.

Tuesday's unveiling will be at the EHS station on George Street.

Friends United provides seasoned and emerging Indigenous artists with the business skills, support and encouragement needed to become independent, self-sufficient entrepreneurs.

The aim is to eliminate misconceptions and prejudice and promote equality and mutual respect among all peoples by sharing the meaningful stories of First Nations artists.

Gould is a quilter/painter who loves bright and beautiful colours. She was born and raised in Waycobah First Nation and has become one of the leading Mi'kmaq artists in Nova Scotia. Her art has gained international interest, with her creations being displayed worldwide.

Amanda (Mandy) Julian hails from Wagmatcook and has developed a very unique painting style, inspiring many people with her artwork, including children.

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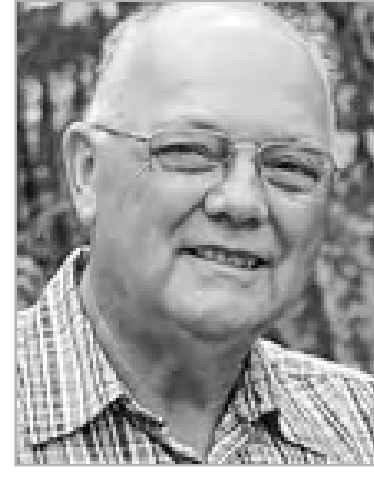
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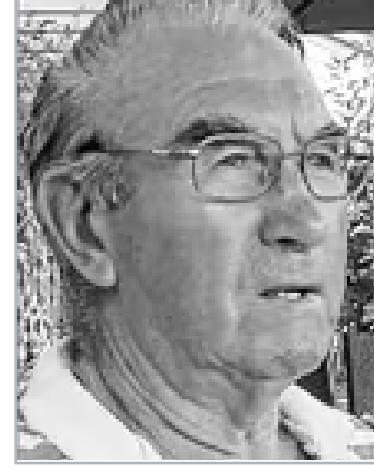
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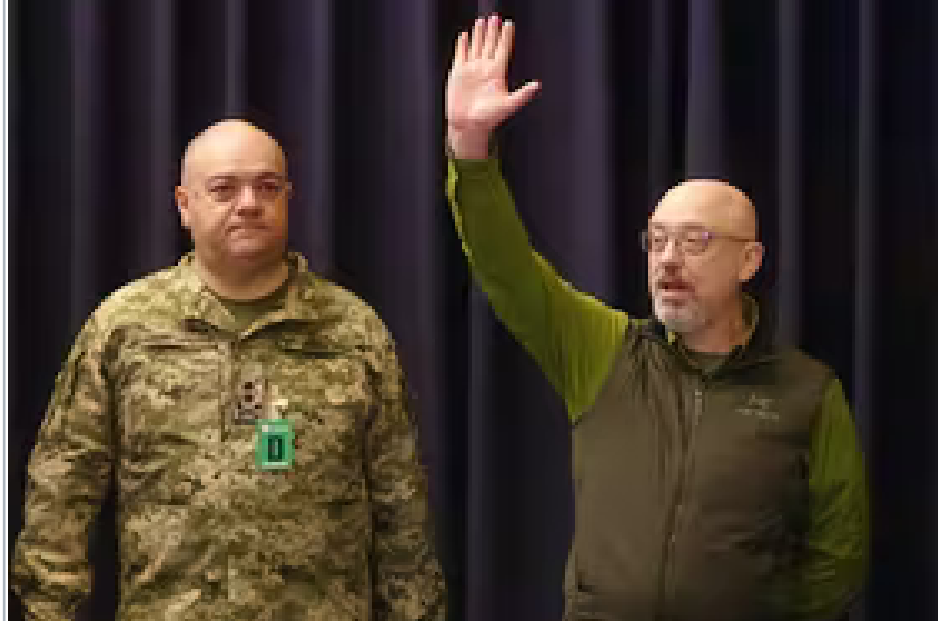
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