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BRIDGE MEDICINE BUNDLE—Medicine bundles are tied to both ends of the swing bridge, the only link to Manitoulin Island from the mainland, offering protection for those who pass through. Although different communities have taken different approaches, they are all united in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Birch Island denies access to cottagers with leased lots

Protection against COVID-19 transmission

by Michael Erskine

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION—A flurry of notices delivered in mid-March to cottages and homes on leased shoreline property in Whitefish River First Nation heralded some very bad news for non-band members. This past week the axe fell and dozens of folks who expected to ride out the pandemic received notice to vacate within 24 hours. Large concrete blocks materialized near the entrance to Old Village Road, ready to enforce the blockade of summer residences with greater force should it prove necessary to do so.

The extraordinary move to update the band's trespass bylaw was taken by chief and council in the wake of growing concerns about the num-

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Wiiky has protocols in place to minimize community access

by Alicia McCutcheon

WIKWEMKOONG—Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, Manitoulin's largest community, is in its first week of living under a travel order and the community has come together to make its new reality work to help keep its citizens safe, says Ogimaa Duke Peltier.

Last Monday, April 6 Wiikwemkoong chief and council declared a state of emergency for its territory which also included a travel order, restricting all non-

essential travel by Wiikwemkoong residents and those coming into the territory. The travel order went into effect on Thursday, April 9 at 8 am.

"The traffic has virtually stopped," Ogimaa Peltier told The Expositor in a Monday interview, noting that the border checkpoint that was installed at the end of March saw a spike in traffic prior to the travel order as community members stocked up on supplies,

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Optimism in short supply among Island tourist operators in the time of pandemic

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The tourism industry on Manitoulin Island has seen its share of bumps in the road over the 50-odd years that Nancy Leeson, operator of The Wigwam Gift Shop and Motel in South Baymouth, has been in business, but this season is different. "It (the COVID-19 pandemic) hasn't really affected us yet," she said when contacted by The Expositor on Monday. "We don't normally start up until the ferry starts running. Now the ferry start is delayed and we don't really know when it will start up again, so everything is up in the air."

Ms. Leeson said that her store has already placed a hold on shipments from her suppliers. She said they have been very understanding. "There's no point in them shipping us stuff," she chuckled ruefully, "there won't be any money coming in to pay for it."

The ripple effect has cascaded through the local economy.

A number of events have already announced suspension, including a planned Great Lakes Cruising Club Rendezvous visit to Little Current in July. Rendezvous organizer Roland Aubé sent the following message to The Expositor on Monday. "The Great Lakes Cruising Club, in view of the coronavirus pandemic, has decided to cancel their boating rendezvous scheduled in Little Current July 11-15. We wish to thank those who have offered their services or otherwise made our members feel welcome in Little Current and on Manitoulin Island. We feel it would be too dangerous for everyone to risk this event in these difficult circumstances. GLCC'ers

have a close connection with Manitoulin Island and the North Channel. We hope everyone stays well. We will be back. Stay safe."

Last month, organizers of Bluegrass in the Country, the biggest fundraiser of the year for Manitoulin Special Olympics, also cancelled its June event.

Corey Stacinski, manager of the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current noted that they have already lost the better part of \$500,000 and are stripped down to a skeleton crew.

"Our restaurant and banquet facilities are shut down," he said. "The only thing keeping us going at all are essential workers and some construction crews. We normally would be ramping up with 78 staff getting ready for the summer season, instead we are operating with nine." Those nine staff have been trying to cope with drastically increased sterilizing regimes that include 72 hour pauses between occupancies and laundering of all soft materials in a room, as well as wiping down any common areas still in operation with sanitizers. Room occupancy has dropped to 14 rooms Monday to Thursday where "it should normally be closer to 35 or 40."

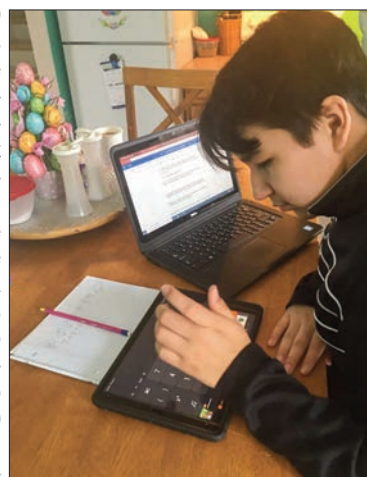
Environmental scientist Al Douglas may be more familiar to Islanders in that role now, but he is also a former chair of the Manitoulin Tourism Association and the owner of Kagawong's Hide Away Lodge—his take on the COVID-19 impact on the tourism business was succinct. "It's crazy," he said. "Of course for everyone the first concern is health and safety, but the economic impact will be insane."

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Wiikwemkoong Board of Education meets COVID-19 challenge head-on with online classes, access to computers

WIKWEMKOONG—The COVID-19 pandemic has emptied classrooms across the country. Students at the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education (WBE) may have left the classroom for the foreseeable future but they have not stopped communicating with their teachers online.

Many WBE staff members are working from home to ensure the children of Wiikwemkoong can still connect with their teachers and support staff. In order to help connect students with their teachers the board implemented a laptop distribution plan (all within 10 days) while maintaining the current physical distancing measures—no easy feat. WBE's information technology supervisor Josie Tober and systems principal



Grade 7 student Justice Manitowabi-Trudeau is hard at work from the safety of home.

Michael Staruck managed to coordinate and distribute an astonishing 306 laptops to students. These 306 devices, along with devices that parents may already have, will keep students in touch with their teachers.

Staff stepped up to the plate to meet the current challenges. Wiikwemkoong Pontiac School principal Mrs. Cheryl Miller-Martin says her staff have "undeterred and impressive vocation towards student learning."

Mr. Staruck has also adapted to a new way of delivering education. "Our leaders and supporting programs, as well as our dedicated educators, have been absolutely

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'Premie' baby's family stranded in London

Fundraising underway to help with unexpected costs

by Warren Schlote

LONDON—Premature childbirth is a stressful and often life-threatening experience that is made even more difficult when the best medical resources are far from home. Add on a global pandemic with numerous restrictions as part of public health safety measures and the challenging situation can be devastating for new parents.

That's exactly what happened to Manitoulin Island couple Sydney Hallett and Phil DeBruin this past month.

"It would have been Friday (March 27) at about 4:30 am. I was not feeling good so we went to the hospital

in Mindemoya and they figured out that I was in premature labour," said Ms. Hallett. "They were deciding whether to send me to Sudbury or to London, but they decided on London because I was only 25 weeks pregnant. Sudbury only takes people after 28 weeks."

The couple got ready with the help of paramedics as a plane took off from Timmins, bound for the Manitoulin East Municipal Airport. Ms. Hallett managed to be stabilized and her and Mr. DeBruin boarded their plane. Just 45 minutes later they were on the ground in London and taken to the hospital.

"The whole paramedic team was awesome

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Tourism marketers pull back during the age of COVID-19

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Most Manitoulin Island businesses depend heavily on the annual influx of summer residents and tourists who discover the Island to be a welcome haven from the hurly burly of the outside world and bringing awareness of what the Island has to offer is usually a welcome endeavour, but with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to discourage unnecessary travel, there have been some necessary adjustments made by those organizations whose focus is on marketing the Island.

There are few businesses more attuned to the fortunes of Manitoulin's tourism industry than that of Manitoulin Publishing Company Limited, the publishers of 'This is Manitoulin' and 'Manitoulin's Magazine,' the former a tourism lure magazine and the latter aimed at directing tourists to the events taking place on the Island once a tourist gets here.

Alicia McCutcheon, general manager of the Manitoulin Publishing Company Limited, spoke to The Expositor about the distribution of the 2020 issue of the tourism lure guide, 'This is Manitoulin.' (Ms.

McCutcheon is also the editor and publisher of this newspaper, also part of the Manitoulin Publishing Company family.)

"We're in an interesting position as the tourist trade, on Manitoulin and everywhere else, is on hold just now as everyone works together to eradicate the spread of COVID-19," Ms. McCutcheon observed.

"The 2020 edition of the 'This is Manitoulin' magazine was printed just before the middle of February and, fortunately, its only public distribution so far was a limited run in a Woodstock newspaper and 1,200 copies at a travel show just after the printing, handed out by Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) in Toronto where they represented destination cycling at a Northeastern Ontario Tourism display," Ms. McCutcheon said, adding that the feedback her office received from MICA president Maja Mielonen was that the publication's bold cover statement, 'Ontario's Island Retreat,' really hit home with showgoers who eagerly took the publication.

"'This is Manitoulin' is a really important part of the marketing of tourism for the Island," Ms. McCutcheon observed, adding that this year's is, ironically, the

60th annual edition "and there is a little story in the magazine this year that looks back at the tourism industry in 1960 and compares it with the current offering."

"But we have looked carefully at the magazine and its editorial and advertising content and its 57,000 press run will stand up just as well in 2021 as it would have this year," she explained. "As usual, we had sent out thousands of copies to major information centres (we solicit feedback from these centres annually so we know we're putting them in the right places and in the right numbers and make adjustments accordingly) but now we are calling them back and halting the rest of the planned distribution."

"It's a really solid publication. We want the advertisers, primarily Manitoulin resorts and municipal and First Nation partners, to benefit as usual from this part of their advertising budget and it's clear that this isn't going to be the case in 2020."

"Last spring, at the Manitoulin Trade Fair, the Manitoulin Publishing Company through 'This is Manitoulin' launched what has quickly become the Island's primary tourism website: ExploreMani-

toulin.com. Visitors to the website are now greeted with this 'popup' message: 'We're so happy you want to Explore Manitoulin, but now's not a good time! In the interest of keeping you and Manitoulin's communities safe during the COVID-19 health crisis, we ask that you plan your Manitoulin getaway for a time when it is safe to do so. For now, please browse our site and get ideas for your perfect Manitoulin Island holiday on "Ontario's Island Retreat"—we look forward to welcoming you when everything gets back to normal,' by way of a friendly reminder to potential tourist visitors," Ms. McCutcheon explained.

"As far as our other tourist publication 'Manitoulin's Magazine' goes, we will of course suspend its publication for 2020," Ms. McCutcheon said.

'Manitoulin's Magazine' has an annual press run and distribution of 25,000 copies, all on Manitoulin and aboard the Chicheemaun ferry.

"We were planning to erect a large billboard this spring on Highway 17 westbound. The site we have leased from the Ministry of Transportation is about five

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MHC offers in-home COVID-19 testing for new, worsening acute respiratory illness cases

Testing to increase across health unit service area, including MHC

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has partnered with Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services for an Island Paramedic Response Team to offer home-based COVID-19 testing for patients unable to visit a testing centre. The process for booking home appointments is the same as scheduling an in-person visit to a hospital-based testing centre.

Testing centres throughout the service area of Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) will be testing more people effectively immediately, as well as expanding their testing criteria to all symptoms possibly related to COVID-19.

"This means that people with even mild symptoms can make an appointment at an assessment centre for testing. I am encouraging people in our area—whether you think you have COVID-19 or not—to arrange for testing. This will help us understand and better control our local situation," said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, medical officer of health for PHSD.

Dr. Sutcliffe said the increased testing was a "time-limited opportunity," allowing the North to execute targeted surveillance to assess Northern Ontario's status regarding the virus and how public health measures have been impacting its spread.

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve and laboratory testing capacity has increased, Ontario

updated its provincial testing guidelines. As of Thursday, April 9, MHC has been testing new or worsening acute respiratory illness symptomatic person through its COVID-19 assessment centres. (The COVID-19 assessment centres are located at both sites of the hospital though not directly in the hospital building).

The centres' purpose is to assess and, only where appropriate, swab people who may be infected with COVID-19 with a goal of minimizing the significant number of patients presenting themselves to primary care or the emergency department at MHC. The COVID-19 assessment centre is by appointment only. For safety reasons, "walk in" appointments are strictly prohibited. Not everyone who attends the clinic will be swabbed.

Individuals must call MHC (Mindemoya 705-377-5311, Little Current 705-368-2300) and follow the telephone prompts to the COVID-19 assessment line. The assessment line will answer calls between 9 am and 5 pm daily (seven days a week). The COVID-19 assessment centres are open Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm.

MHC reminds the public of the importance of physical distancing and not gathering in groups to control the spread of the virus.

Ontario vows to provide COVID-19 support for Indigenous communities within province

by Warren Schlote

ONTARIO—The provincial government announced last week \$37.8 million in funding for First Nations in Ontario as part of its \$17 billion COVID-19 response plan.

The funds are divided into four sub-categories. First is a \$16.4 million injection into the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs to support emergency funds for items such as food, critical goods, household supplies, transportation and support and care. Funds are also earmarked for self-isolation facilities in remote and Northern communities, prevention and awareness initiatives and pandemic plan-

ning, as well as responsive services and supports for Indigenous people living in urban areas.

Some \$10 million will be directed to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, with those funds going to support Indigenous communities and family support agencies as they address the needs of vulnerable children, family and elders during COVID-19.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is getting \$7.4 million to help social service providers, charities and other non-profit organizations to deliver housing services to Indigenous people living off-reserve.

Finally, the Ministry of Transportation is getting \$4 million to spend on its Northern airports to ensure that remote communities still have access to much-needed goods and services, or to close airports if that is a community's wish.

Of the above funding, only the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services funding appears to apply to those living on-reserve on Manitoulin Island.

"We know the continuation of social services is critical to the unique needs of First Nations, Inuit, Métis and urban Indigenous communities. We're committed to responding to those needs now and as they continue to develop," said Todd Smith, minister of Children, Community and Social Services, in a news release announcing the funding.

Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier said he had seen the announcement but, as far as he knew, the province had yet to announce any specific details.

"I'm awaiting the details of what those spending commitments are going to be so we can access them when they become available," said Ogimaa Peltier. "Any supports that are made available will definitely be welcomed because we're doing our part here in the community, and we will

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Huron Sands Motel and Dining Room's Vera Kuminov now has a place for her guests to charge their electric vehicles, becoming the first of its kind on Manitoulin.

Huron Sands in Prov hosts first EV charger on Island

by Alicia McCutcheon

PROVIDENCE BAY—Providence Bay's Huron Sands Motel and Dining Room is the home to Manitoulin's very first electric vehicle (EV) charger and with it, Vera Kuminov hopes to encourage more Islanders to think about purchasing an electric or hybrid vehicle.

The Expositor spoke to the Huron Sands co-owner last week, just as she was logging on to the PlugShare website to get Providence Bay listed. PlugShare.com allows those with electric or hybrid vehicles to plan their routes according to charging stations and now Manitoulin is included on that map.

Ms. Kuminov got her hybrid Chevrolet Volt three years ago and she loves it. "I like the idea that I'm not fully dependent on the battery, but not on gas either."

Last year she had a guest stay at the motel who needed a charge, so she brought her home charger to the motel to help them out. It was then that she realized that this was a needed service and asked for a quote from Henderson Electric. This winter it was installed, which was almost a full-day process.

"I think it's an important statement to say, 'it's here, we're green'," Ms. Kuminov said.

While she's not sure that it will attract tourists, she hopes that Islanders might be moved to purchase an electric vehicle or hybrid of their own.

Ms. Kuminov was effusive in her praise of Jan McQuay who has encouraged electric or hybrid vehicles from the beginning. Ms. McQuay has been approaching Manitoulin municipal councils on behalf of the Great Lakes Islands Alliance Manitoulin group, encouraging them to create an EV charging space in their respective communities, so this is a win for her.

"I've been campaigning for a year to get Manitoulin 'on the map'," Ms. McQuay said. "Charging times vary depending on the vehicle's acceptance rate and battery size, but most hybrids will take only two to four hours to fully charge, just the right amount of time to have a meal and take a look around the village."

The Huron Sands EV charger is a Level 2 (240 volts) and takes between three and four hours to fully charge Ms. Kuminov's Volt.

"Inessa (Taibert, Huron Sands co-owner) and I are happy to provide this service," Ms. Kuminov added.

"For tourism these days, it's important to have charging stations to assure both hybrid and EV owners that they can recharge here and they don't have to dash between Tobermory and Espanola," Ms. McQuay added. "Providence Bay is a great place for a recharging station because it will encourage people to come and spend some time in one of the most beautiful spots on Manitoulin. I think Vera deserves lots of credit for leading the way."

"It is great to hear Huron Sands has installed an electric vehicle charging station," said Brad Wright, the first Islander to purchase a fully electric car, a Tesla, in 2018. "It will most certainly attract EV owners to Providence Bay. Personally, when travelling, my wife and I make a point to support businesses that have electric charging stations and would encourage more Manitoulin Island businesses to install them. Our tourism sector will only benefit from this initiative as EVs become more widespread."

Tehkummah declares First Response should be classed as essential service

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—Tehkummah council passed a motion at its April 7 meeting to deem its First Response team an essential service both during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Restrictions stemming from the mass lockdowns led to Tehkummah's First Response crew being asked to only attend 9-1-1 emergency calls if there was a cardiac-related incident, but both the First Response crew and town council were concerned about the long paramedic response times in their relatively remote area of Manitoulin Island.

Councillor Michael McKenzie said the township should go beyond the essential service proclamation and speak with the body that recommended the restrictions about Tehkummah's concerns.

Council voted unanimously to declare Tehkummah First Response an essential service to the township.

The First Response team is also taking over grocery and other needed supply deliveries to self-isolating individuals in the township.

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Pandemic's mental toll falls heavily on humble shoulders

Grocery store clerks have always been among the most essential of workers, although very rarely recognized as such. While doctors, nurses, paramedics and personal support workers (albeit the latter only recently as their numbers dwindled in the face of an aging baby boom) were readily recognized as essential workers (along with the police and firefighters) during calmer pre-COVID-19 days—and the acclaim of those on the firing line of the health services have risen even higher on the pedestal of public esteem since—it is those who keep the grocery store shelves stocked upon whom some of the heaviest mental burdens have fallen.

Health professionals deserve the countless accolades that pour down upon them as they gird themselves for the coming tide of nigh onto invisible foes, but that is arguably something that they signed up and are trained for, and with the notable exception of PSWs the remuneration of those professions reflect that esteem. Health professionals now conduct most of their interactions with the public via digital technology, separated from most of the public by a digital chasm that COVID-19 cannot span.

But consider the plight of the grocery store clerk. Going to work each day to face literally hundreds, if not thousands, of customers—each one a potentially loaded cylinder in a daily and deadly game of Russian roulette. That strain alone must be monumental. Most other essential workers deal with a much-reduced number of people during this modern plague—truck drivers lead a largely isolated existence even in normal times, newspaper reporters now do their work by telephone and telephoto lens. Not so the grocery store clerk. They wander the aisles, filling the shelves with that which each of us needs to sustain life, while countless customers pass them by, often within mere inches, even as they usually maintain a proper distance from other customers.

The volume of customers now processing through, even with the limits being placed on the numbers allowed to enter the store, is relentless. Largely in part because so many customers are forgoing their off-Island expeditions in favour of shopping local.

Add to this the mental stress of having to smile through those thin

plexiglass shields, only recently installed to protect the cashiers, while a customer they do not recognize (despite sometimes decades of working the cash at the local grocery store) piles frivolous purchases on the conveyor while complaining bitterly about the lack of toilet paper to be found on the shelves and the bounty that awaits in the fabled promised lands that lie across the swing bridge once the danger subsides.

It is utterly remarkable how rarely these ordinary and yet oh-so-incredible people, many of them very young, cracks and snaps back. But if one observes closely during the exchange, many of those smiles are brittle, the eyes darting with furtive nervousness, hands that reach out with the grocery bag filled with Doritos quivering ever-so-slightly. The strain is there to see for those who care to look.

Only during a major global war are so many very ordinary remarkable people called to serve on the front-lines, standing stoically in our defence as each day they must face down their fears, fears for themselves, fears for the loved ones they return to after each shift, so that we may continue to feed our own families and loved ones.

While those who travel to the grocery store bring along those same fears, we can limit our trips into the danger zone and are meeting a mere handful of the people with whom the grocery store clerk must interact closely with each and every hour. The grocery clerk stands in that zone every day for hours on end. How must our own concerns be magnified for them?

So, as you make your (hopefully rare) trips to our local grocery stores, please make an effort to be just a little more courteous and respectful, a little more understanding of those people who are manning the trenches on your behalf. Every day they must dodge potential bullets for you and your loved ones, placing their own families at risk for you and yours.

Most of us can effectively practice physical distancing and keep our personal interactions to a minimum, the front-line workers of your local grocery stores must face a very different reality, so please be kind. They deserve it.

letters

We all need to work together to keep the economy afloat

'Now is the time to reach out, not just ignore a payment'

To the Expositor:

For the most part, everyone (including the various elected officials) is trying to work together to help the people and the economy stay afloat during this unprecedented time. I suspect by the time this is posted that those eligible for it are already receiving their Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). This is a \$2,000 per month benefit, which may in many cases be close to what people already make while working, and others not. However, it is an income and will have come in the form of a back dated amount so most received more than expected.

I have received emails from Hydro One, LAMBAC, banks, car dealers etc. identifying that if people are experiencing financial difficulty to call and work with them so they can assist their customers in getting through this pandemic period. If you are having difficulty, then make

the calls to those you owe and together you can likely come to some arrangement, even if that arrangement is for a lesser amount, but what you can afford. Having to come out of this owing more is not the intent and it is our job as citizens who have been given credit, require services, or pay rent or a mortgage to do our best to try and keep up with what we can, not just let everything drop by the wayside to get hit later and use the pandemic as an excuse.

In my opinion, it is best if you work with your creditors, landlords, service people etc. as they too are in the same situation and will know what they can do to help. Now is the time to reach out, not just ignore a payment; you may be pleasantly surprised at the response you get.

Barb Baker
 Little Current

A brief history of the Mindemoya Old School

Help support Friends of the Old School before it's too late

To the Expositor:

The story of the Mindemoya Consolidated School is a good example of progress through controversy, the democratic system working for the benefit of all concerned.

The first settlers in this area of Carnarvon Township arrived in the early 1870s. The Loves, Vincers, McDonalds, Galbraiths, Elliotts, Hodgsons, Kings and Caddells all worked together to establish a thriving pioneer community. Recognizing the need for a school, School Section No. 1 Carnarvon was organized in the year 1876 and a log school house was built to the north of the main intersection (north of Jake's) the next year. When it burned to the ground, the decision was made to rebuild in the same place.

As the population increased and the school became crowded a dispute arose in 1893 to have the section divided with the dividing line being the 20th sideroad (Yonge St.) which runs north and south through the town of Mindemoya. This proposal was turned down by Carnarvon council and a new frame building was built, just west of the main intersection of the town (close to Maja's Garden).

However, by 1918 the population growth made it necessary to hire a second teacher and consider expansion. Again, there was discussion and controversy to divide the school section and build two schools. This time the movement was more successful. Council divided the school section, and two sets of trustees were elected with Mr. David Wyman acting as secretary for both boards. Plans were made for the building of two schools, one in the east and the other in the west end of the section, Yonge St. being the dividing line.

Again, a counter movement was established by some of the more progressive ratepayers with a plan to establish a consolidated school comprising sections one and four to serve all pupils from Grade 1 to Grade 12. This plan proved to be popular since it encompassed the improvement of high school education whereas previously some pupils took Grades 9 and 10 in the elementary school and others went to Owen Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, etc. for further education.

Plans were made, debentures were issued and the consolidated school was built, a solid brick and stone structure designed to last. This

was one of the first consolidated schools in Ontario where more than one school section was served and pupils from Grades 1 to 12 were educated in the same building.

With the opening of the consolidated school in 1921, another first in the Province of Ontario became necessary. The first school buses to operate under contract were established to bring the pupils from the far corners of the joint sections.

So, you can see how progressive our early settlers, our ancestors, were! The Old School building stands as a tribute to their dedication and determination. They worked together to make positive changes in our community. We now have the opportunity to follow in their footsteps.

Don't give up! Support the Friends of the Old School! Help them find a solution. Support the group any way you can before it is too late!

Can we look at this situation differently? Ask: What can we do to save this historic structure, instead of listing the reasons why it cannot be done!

"We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us." - Winston Churchill

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First Northern Ontario Women event held in Mindemoya

by Betty Bardswich

MINDEMOYA—Northern Ontario Women (NOW) held its first event at the Mindemoya community hall on March 10 and it was outstanding. From the elegant set-up of the hall to the guest speakers and the networking, this function ticked all the boxes for the almost 80 women who attended.

The NOW program is administered by LAMBAC and, as guest speaker Susan Whynott explained, this is only one of 25 such businesses assistance corporations located throughout Northern Ontario, each with its catchment area and each funded by FedNor.

Ms. Whynott began her talk by welcoming the participants and saying, "I would like to give thanks and acknowledge this meeting space as being on the traditional lands of the Ojibwe, the Odawa and the Potawatomi." She then said a big *chi-miigwetch* to Janice Abbott of Mindemoya who owns Eagle Owl Party Rentals and who did a superb job of decorating the hall.

Ms. Whynott went on to explain that the NOW program is two-fold with this initiative designed to assist female entrepreneurs who are starting or who have an existing business with accessing grant money and also to provide financial support to each of the 25 programs mentioned so that they can organize and implement events to promote women in business in their catchment area.

Ms. Whynott then told her audience that this brand-new program was initiated by Carolyn Campbell, the loans and business development officer at LAMBAC. "Ms. Campbell," she said, "wrote a proposal to FedNor under the Women Entrepreneur Strategy (WES) to develop and implement a new program called the Northern Ontario Women (NOW) program for the entire Northern Ontario region which geographically is humongous. We're talking from Moosonee, Red Lake, Atikokan areas, right down to and including the Muskoka, Parry Sound area. Carolyn's vision of the



Leslie McDermid was a guest speaker at the first Northern Ontario Women (NOW) event held recently at the Mindemoya community hall. Ms. McDermid is the owner of The Social Launch that teaches the ins and outs of social networking.

photos by Betty Bardswich



Susan Whynott, currently employed at LAMBAC was a guest speaker at the first Northern Ontario Women (NOW) event. She spoke of the nuts and bolts of this program, which is funded by FedNor. The occasion took place at the Mindemoya community hall.

NOW program was to assist Northern Ontario female entrepreneurs with costs, that often due to geography, are pretty hefty and her proposal asked FedNor to allow the NOW program to run for four years. Throughout these four years, there are seven intakes. Intakes are dates by which applications must be submitted in order to give equal consideration with all other applications for that particular period."

Mr. Whynott explained that the first intake in November saw 72 applications from all over the Northern region with 53 being successful in obtaining a grant, of which the majority was for \$5,000. Some of the grants were for legal costs obtaining a patent or incorporating, legal costs of having customer contracts and employee non-compete contracts created and costs associated with website development and an e-commerce platform. Other grants covered the costs associated with marketing strategy development, cost with setting up mentoring relationships and business coaching costs and accounting costs such as having a professional look over your

current system and streamline it so that it is more efficient.

Some of the projects or costs that are not eligible under the NOW program include capital costs of any kind such as business cards, laptops and furniture, educational courses, trade show and travel costs, wages and ongoing professional fees such as an accountant to do books every month or year-end.

Ms. Whynott asked that interested business entrepreneurs to reach out to Ms. Campbell or herself by email at now@lambac.org. Those interested in submitting a grant application can download the forms at the LAMBAC website.

The second guest speaker was Leslie McDermid, owner of The Social Launch, which helps entrepreneurs improve their online presence with social media, marketing and training. Ms. McDermid's topic was 'how to network' and she began her talk by speaking of the way social media is changing the way we can connect to others. "Use social media to grow your network and connect with potential customers," she said. Ms. McDermid had six topics on how to do

this, beginning with doing research. "Determine what platform your audience is on. When are they online? What types of posts do they like?" This was followed by ask simple questions which are a great way to connect with one's audience, gain valuable feedback and show that you are interested in them.

The third rule for social media networking had Ms. McDermid saying, "Ditch the pitch. Forget the sales pitch, stay informal and focus on building relationships. People are more likely to do business or give referrals to people they enjoy and respect, not a salesperson." She also emphasized for rule four that appearances matter. "Your overall branding," she emphasized, "how it looks, if it is consistent, your posts, et cetera, all matter. You consider what you wear to a networking event. Shouldn't you make sure your social media appearance looks great too?"

Rule number five is share the wealth. Ms. McDermid shows how important it is to give away your knowledge, share tips and industry updates. "Connecting people to other businesses they need," she pointed out, "or referring someone who may help that customer better is not just being a good person, it's good for business, as you become more valuable and a connector."

The final rule is the follow up where Ms. McDermid reminds people to not forget this step and to use social media messaging to follow up with good connections from social media.

Ms. McDermid also had nine rules of a social media conversationalist, starting with being genuinely interested in your audience. "Strive to learn more about them," she spelled out.

The second rule is to focus on the positives and opt for positive, meaningful topics while number three asks that you be true to yourself and number four talks of 50-50 sharing. "Share, but ask questions and pay attention to their answers. And converse, don't debate," she says for rule five. Rule six for having a social media conversation asks that one respects other's space and the right to their views while for rule seven, Ms. McDermid says, "Ask purposeful questions. Meaningful questions elicit meaningful answers and connections."

Ms. McDermid also encourages those having a conversation on social media to embrace differences while building on commonalities and to remember that the focus is your audience, not

you.

The NOW event was the perfect place for networking and The Expositor was fortunate to sit down with four enterprising women. Lanelle Pheasant is an outgoing young woman from Wiikwemkoong who was bubbling with excitement about her start-up business to be launched any day. Named Little Snack Shoppe, her enterprise is a pop-up venture that sells miniature snacks such as chocolate bars, cookies and chips as well as pop and water. She explained that it will be a mobile shop popping up in different spots. Ms. Pheasant also is just about ready to build, along with her husband, a tiny house.

Ginger Cranston moved to Manitoulin a few years ago and she and her husband are off the grid. Ms. Cranston raises hens and quail and sells the eggs and has Nigerian dwarf goats. She is looking for something else to do and explained, "We have 150 acres of wood. We could use dead wood and utilize that. There is a definite need for this on the Island."

Nicole Murphy is a registered massage therapist and noted that there are only five such qualified people on Manitoulin. She set up practice in the previous credit union space in Mindemoya and will be moving May 15 to the Mutchmor Gallery in Providence Bay for the summer. Ms. Murphy does massage by appointment only and she also does women's groups if four or five women want to get together. She can be reached at the holisticlounge@hotmail.com or call 519-722-4768

Julie Morris is a yoga teacher, both at the recreation centre in Little Current and in private homes. She is currently taking a yoga therapy course and upon finishing will be able to teach yoga to people with disabilities. Ms. Morris has been practising for seven years. She also shared her experiences with the work-away program that has cultural exchanges, working holidays and volunteering in 170 countries and how grateful she was to find it. Not only did Ms. Morris get her garden finished, but she also learned the easiest way to give a cat a pill.

The NOW event is the first of many to be held throughout Northern Ontario and the female entrepreneurs enjoyed a great occasion that came complete with a delicious meal prepared by The Island Jar.

Assiginack Public Library Feature

by Debbie Robinson

Linden MacIntyre's new book, 'The Wake: The Deadly Legacy of a Newfoundland Tsunami' is the incredible true story of a disaster so destructive that it literally changed the destiny of the independent island of Newfoundland. An earthquake-related tsunami slammed into the coast at 100 kilometres per hour on November 18, 1929. It flooded dozens of communities, washing away entire houses out to sea. The disaster claimed 28 lives and left hundreds more destitute and without shelter in the midst of the Great Depression. The event forever altered the lives of the people of the fishing outposts along the Burin Peninsula. This is a well-researched and very personal account – MacIntyre is a Newfoundlander. His family witnessed the tsunami first hand and suffered loss of lives. He grew up in the aftermath. The people are tough and resilient and look after each other as well as strangers. This became very obvious from their assistance to hundreds of shipwrecks and the souls aboard them over many years. Their loving outreach to the thousands of terrified people who landed there after the events of 9/11 further document the tenacity and humanity of the people of the isle of Newfoundland. A terrific read!

Frank Abagnal's book, 'Scam Me If You Can: Simple Strategies to Outsmart Today's Rip-Off Artists' is a valuable tool in keeping your investments, insurances, securities, personal information and financial privacy out of the hands of scammers and hackers. Some examples of help to the reader: The best way to protect your phone from being hacked; the only time you should ever use a debit card; why your passwords aren't keeping you safe; and so much more. Abagnal will help

you protect yourself and your family from every scam out there. His book has high recommendation from a former assistant director of the FBI. The book is easy to understand and will open up your eyes to potential rip-offs and cons...and how to avoid them.

Karin Slaughter is a very popular novelist. Her book, 'The Last Widow,' sees the return of her character, Will Trent. When a series of explosions occur in Atlanta, there is the kidnapping of a disease control scientist and a medical examiner (Trent's girlfriend) is abducted. Trent must go undercover to prevent more deaths and get back the woman he loves. Caution readers: shocking surprise you won't be expecting!

Claire Lombardo is a former social worker who now teaches fiction writing. Her first novel, 'The Most Fun We Ever Had,' takes us on an almost 50-year journey through the trials, tribulations and triumphs of a family desperately trying to stay connected. This story contains an in-depth look at love, parenting, siblings and all the emotion that percolates in a family setting. A good read!

Young Adult Pick: 'The Unteachables' by Canadian author Gordon Korman.

DVD Pick: 'Saving Jaws.' Shark whisperer Ocean Ramsey and a team of biologists travel the globe trying to stop the looming extinction of this magnificent creature. Awesome underwater footage!

There is free wireless during library hours, so bring your device of choice and join us (we also have three public computers that are available). See you at the Library! Email us at aplgoodtomes@email.com.

M'Chigeeng launches Hwy 540 checkpoint at east entrance of community

M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION—On March 29, the chief and council of M'Chigeeng passed a Band Council Motion for the establishment of checkpoints in M'Chigeeng First Nation as a safety measure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"M'Chigeeng First Nation's priority is to do what is necessary to protect the elderly and vulnerable of the community which represents approximately 600 residents of its on-reserve population," Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige said in an April 9 press release.

M'Chigeeng First Nation has sought volunteers within the First Nation to assist in the planning, co-ordina-

tion and implementation of these checkpoints and has had discussions in collaboration with the UCCM Anishnaabe Police and is working to ensure all emergency services are informed of the checkpoint and are aware of their free passage through.

The first and inaugural checkpoint was established at the east entrance of M'Chigeeng First Nation, Hwy 540 within the territory of M'Chigeeng First Nation. The checkpoint commenced operation on Thursday, April 9 at 4 pm. Other checkpoints will gradually be set up at other entrances in the future.

The purpose of the checkpoint is to establish where people are coming

from and where they are going. Data will be collected including vehicle information and number of occupants. Travellers will be provided educational information as it relates to the COVID-19 virus including messaging from the chief and council, the premier of Ontario as well as information on precautionary measures.

"M'Chigeeng First Nation has taken steps to address the issue of cottagers and seasonal residents within the boundaries of M'Chigeeng First Nation; however, those who are going through to other areas and municipalities will be free to do so," Ogimaa-kwe Debassige added.

M'Chigeeng First Nation advises travellers coming through M'Chigeeng First Nation to be patient and to abide by the mandate of chief and council and to respect the front-line volunteers who are exercising their duty to protect the elderly and vulnerable.

"It is important that we take courageous steps to



Volunteers are busy operating the Highway 540 checkpoint, just before the hill leading into the community, on Monday afternoon.

photo by Andrew Corbiere

March 27 Island power outage caused by downed cross arm

MANITOULIN—On Friday, March 27, Hydro One customers experienced an outage on Hydro One's transmission system at approximately 6:54 pm, which affected approximately 16,019 Hydro One customers on Manitoulin Island and in the Greater Sudbury area.

"The cause was a broken cross arm on a transmission structure in the Greater Sudbury Area," Alicia Sayers, Hydro One media relations officer told The Expositor. "We know that any outage causes a disruption, especially as many of our customers are at home during this time." "Whenever an outage occurs, our priority is restore power as quickly and as safely possible," Ms. Sayers continued. "Our crews were able to restore customers during this time through staged restoration as we isolated this section of power line and all power was restored at approximately 12:05 am on Saturday, March 28."

On the following Monday, Hydro One crews were on-site making repairs to the equipment, which were expected to be completed that day.

"We would like to thank our customers for their patience as our crews worked to restore power," Ms. Sayers concluded.

JJ Enterprises gets Tehkummah road rehabilitation contract

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—Municipal council in the Township of Tehkummah awarded the contract for its 10th and 15th Sideroad and Sixth Concession rehabilitation work to JJ Enterprises at its April 7 council meeting at a total cost of \$2,499,955.50.

JJ Enterprises has completed a lot of road work on Manitoulin Island in recent years and Tehkummah's roads superintendent has previously worked for the company, telling the councillors at the meeting that they do good work.

Councillor Rick Gordon said he was happy to support the motion but added that Michael's Bay Road should be given priority in the future, given its rough condition during this year's spring thaw.



Law & Order

Manitoulin OPP lays charge for domestic assault

On April 12, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a domestic dispute in Silver Water.

Officers arrested and charged a 49-year-old from Silver Water with three counts of assault, spousal and forcible confinement.

The accused was released on an undertaking and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay.

Manitoulin OPP catch Country Fest creep

On Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 2:10 am, members of the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP and Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board paramedics responded to a report of a female with injuries at Country Fest in Little Current.

While police were investigating the initial incident they received a second complaint at the grounds regarding an assault on another female. Two additional victims reported assaults at the same location.

As a result of the ongoing investigation, on April 8, 2020 the Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit arrested and charged a 17-year-old youth from Whitefish River First Nation with: sexual assault with a weapon, sexual assault and assault with a weapon.

The identity of the young person charged in this investigation is protected under authority of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) and as such will not be released.

The accused was held in custody and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice bail court (video conferencing) in Gore Bay.

intensify our efforts in the battle against COVID-19," said

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige. "It is imperative we do our part to establish these necessary precautions in order to protect lives. I am proud of all our First Nation partners who are doing what they can to prevent the spread and limit movement within our areas. This checkpoint not only serves to benefit the people of M'Chigeeng but

by extension the neighbouring municipalities."

"We (First Nations and municipalities) all need to contribute to this effort in establishing creative and out-of-the-norm solutions to effectively combat this virus," the chief continued. "With First Nations and municipalities equally doing their part we have a better chance at protecting Manitoulin Island and those we love. Now more

than ever we all have to work together to do the right thing—lives depend on it."

For more information please contact the M'Chigeeng administration office at 705-377-5362 or email inquiries to the executive assistant to chief and council at melaniec@mchigeeng.ca.

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Manitoulin Sporting Life



Let's keep active together, apart!

The township of Assiginack has once again shown itself to provide new and interesting activities to their citizens! In this case anyone with a link to their Facebook page could have benefitted from their latest endeavour. They invited **Given Cortes**, fitness aficionado and registered massage therapist to give a talk on Facebook Live on how everyone can add more movement into their regular day's activities with little to no equipment required. During our COVID quarantines, one of Given's mantras was "motion is the lotion" and "movement is medicine" meaning that keeping active and being in motion more can be like a soothing lotion, and a medicinal effect on the body and mind.

The video is still available on the Township's Facebook feed and you can watch or re-watch at your own leisure. Given gives a lot of great advice for people of all ages and abilities. He is big on functional movement that will help people perform regular tasks that might sometimes lead to injury. He also stresses making your movement fun. One simple example is to simply tuck socks into your waste-band and then by moving your hip and torso enough to make them bounce. He says you don't have to be a professional belly dancer and there is no need to be embarrassed in the privacy of your own home.

Finally, he gives viewers a positive send-off message regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. He repeats that, "we are all in this together" and "we will come out the other side" and we all just need to stay vigilant and keep fighting. If you know of individuals or groups who are making sure they are staying active and healthy in these difficult time please drop me a note a chipstoquips@gmail.com.

Where are they now?

From the **Larry Leblanc** archive! The Grass keeps getting "Greener." We're talking hockey not lawns. Hockey aficionados on Manitoulin Island have been thrilled for many years by the stylish efforts of the local legend Green family of Little Current. When I moved to Manitoulin in the early '70s the exploits of **Roy "Squirt" Green** were well known. Squirt played for the Little Current squad in the erstwhile Island Senior League. His playmaking and goal-scoring were second to none.

Shortly after came the second "Squirt," son **Jeff**. Squirty No. 2 didn't disappoint. From the earliest years he could outplay, outscore and out-finesse his peer group. Along came the Panthers organization rep association for the best players from the entire Island. Jeff had an outstanding career with the Panthers culminating with an organization record in his last midget year. Centering the top line in the Nickel District League Squirt No. 2 notched an incredible 126 points playing on a line with Manitowaning's **Matt Case** and Mindemoya's **Scott Leblanc** (who had 88 and 99 points) for an association record 313 points for a forward line. The following year Jeff and Scott suited up for the NOJHL Jr A team in Espanola, the Screaming Eagles. "Greener" was an immediate success with the newly born team. He quickly became the top scorer of the team and on the top 10 in the entire League. He became well known quickly. On the first Espanola game in Timmins, Jeff was the cover story on their game program followed by a long bio in the magazine itself.

Currently Jeff continues to score and dazzle on the Sault St Marie's Men's League while doing some coaching in the Sault Major Hockey Association. But the Green beat goes on as son **Lucas** skates for the Soo Major Pee Wee AA Greyhounds This past season saw him and his teammates reach a new high. These Greyhounds won the triple crown of peewee hockey winning the Nickel District League title, the NOHA championship and picking up the silver at the All-Ontarios (OHF). Jeff topped that off by being the top scorer in the OHF tourney as well as earning the MVP award for the entire tournament. Can the "grass" get any "Greener?"

Islander drafted!

Congratulations to Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation's **Samuel Assinewai**. The young hockey phenom and his family have done everything to give Samuel a chance to take his hockey to the next level. One of the big sacrifices they made, included moving the family so Sam could play with the Detroit Compuware Bantams in the High Performance Hockey League, one of the top America development leagues for up-and-coming prospects.

Before that, Samuel began his hockey career on Manitoulin Island and then played for the Nickel City Sons Bantam AAA Sons in Sudbury. With that long pathway and a lot of hard work got him noticed by the Ontario Hockey League's scouts. At the recent OHL draft, Samuel was picked up by the Flint, Michigan Firebirds in the 13th round and 256th player overall selected.

In the Sudbury Star, Sam was quoted as saying that his strengths would most likely focus on his skating and playmaking abilities. Not yet 16, the now 5'11" 155-pounder will still be growing and becoming an even more powerful, power forward. Congratulations, Samuel!

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Scott squad secures second sequential syrup splendour

Sara Scott says sale success seems sweet, sentimental, supportive

by Warren Schlote

PROVIDENCE BAY—This year's Dewar Family Maple Syrup Shack virtual auction of the first litre of the 2020 syrup run drew strong support from Islanders, netting a donation total of \$2,000 for the Northern Cancer Foundation at Health Sciences North in Sudbury and keeping the title of the winning bidder within the Scott family for the second straight year.

"It was so exciting to hear I won," said Sara Scott, winner of this year's first litre of maple syrup with a \$500 donation bid.

For the last six years, the Dewar Family has auctioned off the precious first litre of syrup in each year's spring production run. The winning bidder's amount gets sent to Northern Cancer Foundation and they walk away with a sweet victory prize.

The auctions have always been held on the family's maple syrup Facebook page, meaning they were well positioned to transition to the newly enforced physical distancing directives.

"Our family was pretty excited considering all the stuff that was going on. We didn't expect the same sort of turnout but everybody pulled together in the end," said organizer Travis Dewar.

Last year's record winning bid of \$1,000 by Karlene, Rob and Sara Scott was untouchable for this year but the latter Ms. Scott came out fighting and stole the competition away with her \$500 winning bid.

"We're a competitive family," said Ms. Scott with a laugh.

The auction has taken on a new sentimental meaning for the Scott family. Last year Adam MacDonald, a cousin of Ms. Scott's father, Rob, was undergoing cancer treatments and put out a call to the public to out-bid him for this cause that directly impacted his life.

That led the Scott family to pool their resources together and lodge a record-setting \$1,000 bid to win the prize last year. They later took their winning



Sara Scott picked up the syrup this past weekend with a uniquely Canadian physical distancing twist: Travis, Finn and Eli Dewar make a hockey-stick-assisted handoff to winning bidder Ms. Scott and Ryker Fuller.

syrup to the hospital for a visit and shared some with Mr. McDonald over a pancake breakfast.

"The Northern Cancer Foundation is very near and dear to our family," Ms. Scott said. "This year was similar to last year when we wanted to win it for him. I spent a lot of time with him this past year, especially when he got sick."

"It's great to know that somebody who truly appreciates where the dollars go is putting money forward for it. Adam was a good friend of mine and (the Scott) family as well, so it's good to see that somebody is giving back in that sort of way," said Mr. Dewar.

Ms. Scott said she had already made a plan for this year's syrupy prize winnings, but she chose to keep it a surprise at this time.

There were also non-bid donations this year of \$750, \$500, \$200 and \$50, bringing this year's total con-

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...Birch Island denies access to cottagers with leased lots

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ber of summer residents who were flocking to their properties, many returning from hot spots such as Florida and Toronto.

Ogimaa Shining Turtle bristled at the suggestion that the order to vacate was an eviction—pointing out that the leases governing the occupancy of those impacted properties clearly spelled out that the leases were not intended to be for year-round occupancy.

“Over the years, people pushed the limits and started to stay longer,” said Ogimaa Shining Turtle. “This is a process that is governed by our pandemic response and is in place to protect everyone.”

Residents who said they do not wish to be identified for fear of not being allowed to ever return assert that they were told that residing in their homes year-round was “okay,” pointing out band members were employed to clear the snow from driveways and there had been no issues before the pandemic began.

A number of the non-band residents point out that they have no other home to go to, that their houses in Whitefish River First Nation are their permanent residence and that they have been left scrambling to find alternate accommodation on 24 hours’ notice.

Ogimaa Shining Turtle noted that there was far more notice given than the residents imply. “We have a process,” he said. “Letters were sent out on March 18.”

The chief said that each of the leases in question list another residence as the lessee primary residence. “That is there in black and white,” he said. Ogimaa Shining Turtle said that he has received numerous calls from long-time residents requesting

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tribution to the cancer organization to an even \$2,000.

Special bonus side-prizes were also available to bidders who brought the highest bid past a certain amount. The late Mr. McDonald’s wife Angela McDonald took the first milestone prize for bringing the bids over \$157, Kevin Haines won the next milestone for passing \$232, Nicole Sykes took the next one by passing \$316 and Julie Girard took the final milestone when her bid exceeded \$409.

This year’s production run totalled 139 litres of maple syrup for the Dewar family. It was down a bit from last year’s total of 175 litres, though that might be expected given the back-to-back remarkable winters from opposite ends of the weather spectrum.

“Our entire family is looking forward to next year already. We really get excited about it; it’s such a small donation on our behalf but makes such a massive impact in the end. We appreciate everybody who bids and follows along to watch,” said Mr. Dewar.

an exemption.

“It’s hard,” he said. “This wasn’t an easy decision to make. Everyone seems to have a reason why this shouldn’t apply to them. My phone hasn’t stopped ringing. They tell me ‘we are doing this for our children.’ Well, whose children do we govern for? I don’t know why cottagers feel they are exempt from the rule.”

Ogimaa Shining Turtle pointed to the increasingly heavy decisions that the band has had to make as the pandemic showed up on Canada’s shores. “We cancelled Little NHL,” he said. For people who don’t live in a First Nation that step might seem a frivolous thing, and there was plenty of pushback within Indigenous communities due to the integral role that the annual tournament has for many, especially children, but with the true seriousness of the danger becoming apparent it was a decision that has since proven to be a wise course of action, even for those who pushed against it.

Whitefish River First Nation has held a united front in its pandemic response plans. “We have no school, no community gatherings, we lost a beloved member of the community and I had to go to the family and explain to them that there would be



Signs at each of Whitefish River First Nation’s roads warn visitors that they will be considered trespassers at this time.

no wake, no funeral, only 10 people,” said Ogimaa Shining Turtle. “I was related to her and I couldn’t go. There are usually 90 to 100 people who attend the wake, I had to tell that grieving family ‘pick 10.’”

Like communities across the nation, the list of cancelled events and gatherings in Whitefish River First Nation is extensive and exhaustive.

“There is no fishing, no smelting, no tobacco stores, no music, no events of any kind, it’s just a very long list of no’s we have to maintain for the safety of our community,” said Ogimaa Shining Turtle. “We even cancelled Easter!”

Keeping that list in place and adhered to requires discipline and understanding.

“If I make exceptions for non-band members, what authority does that leave me to impose restrictions on our own community members?”

It didn’t help matters that people were choosing to come to their cottages in Whitefish River First Nation in unprecedented numbers.

“I went down Old Village Road and there were dozens of cars at cottages where you wouldn’t see anyone for months yet,” he said. “There were people gathered around outdoor fires. I was talking to one group and another fire started up behind me. It was crazy.”

Ogimaa Shining Turtle pointed to the veritable tsunami of vehicles that appeared at the community’s smoke shops the day the Whitefish Lake First Nation in Naughton shut down their stores. “There were hundreds of people flocking in,” he said.

Ogimaa Shining Turtle explained that there were several phases to the Whitefish River First Nation pandemic response. He noted that the barriers seen by the road entrances are precautionary.

He pointed out that phase one of the response was signage, phase two was a letter informing cottagers that they could not access their seasonal dwellings and phase three was bringing in concrete

barriers to be placed in storage. He noted that the barriers need to be placed near where they would go up in case of phase four because

the band has limited resources. “I don’t have cranes, I have a backhoe,” he said. “So I ordered 12 of

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Harmony enjoys playing team sports because she likes the team environment and the competitiveness. Her favourite sport is hockey because it’s fast-paced and exciting. People are always moving and the game is never boring. She is looking forward to playing with the Mustangs again next year.

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...Tourism marketers pull back services in light of COVID-19 pandemic spread

...continued from page 3 kilometres east of where the four-lane section ends but we're also putting this on hold until next year: it will be an invitation to visit Ontario's Island Retreat with prominence given to this marketing slogan and to the ExploreManitoulin.com website but this would be inappropriate just now," Ms. McCutcheon stated, adding that she has had numerous conversations with individuals in the tourism business on Manitoulin and with officials from First Nations and municipalities who do not wish to encourage tourist visitors until the COVID-19 threat is resolved, in the interest of public health and safety, "and of course we want to be part of the local solution to this world-wide problem."

Manitoulin Publishing Company also operates the Manitoulin Salmon Classic, the month-long competition that was conceived of six years ago to enhance the tourism product on Manitoulin Island and attract a whole new and different class of tourists. "We are proud to say we've been successful in this endeavour. The event has caught on and people are coming to fish in the event and bring their families and spend money at all kinds of Island businesses. This year, we feel we were on track to break the 1,000 angler mark but we will make a decision, based on public health concerns, whether to proceed with this month-of-August event soon. Right now, it's day-by-day," Ms. McCutcheon explained.

On a happier note, Manitoulin Publishing said it was pleased that this year's edition of the Manitoulin Ice Showdown ice fishing

derby that took place in late February, not too long before the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic took over the news, was such a success.

"We partner on this event with Wikwemikong Tourism and, this year, more than 730 anglers responded to our joint marketing to come and fish Lake Manitou and Manitowaning Bay. It appears right now that this may well be the last major Manitoulin activity for the foreseeable future," Ms. McCutcheon observed.

"Our publishing business is an old one; in fact, along with Turners of Little Current, the oldest continually operating business on Manitoulin," Ms. McCutcheon concluded. "In the earliest issues of The Expositor from the late 1870s, there are references to people coming to Manitoulin to visit, to holiday, so this is also an old industry here and we have never been called on to record anything like this as it affects our tourist industry and our business will do its best to make sure it survives and thrives in the future."

Destination Northeastern Ontario executive director Rod Raycroft said that he has had many occupations through his life, but none of them have prepared him to confidently gauge what the future may hold at this point. "I have been reaching out to my mentors for guidance," he admitted. "Everybody is coming up with different assessments and possible solutions, there is no clear picture."

Not helping matters is the whack-a-mole game of trying to determine what the rules of the game will be going forward.

"One day we are being

advised that campgrounds will be allowed to open, then two days later we learn that they will not be allowed to open," he said. "Fishing lodges can be open, so you can fish, but then people are being advised not to engage in unnecessary travel, so is that essential?"

If he were to engage in any crystal ball gazing, Mr. Raycroft falls back on what he has heard from industry partners. "Golfing may be one of the first things that they ease up on," he said. "Our Golf Canada partners are telling us that courses are filling their holes and setting up games of closest to the hole to maintain safe distancing."

Lodge owners, like their counterparts in the hotel and motel industries are instituting much tougher hygienic regimes and putting in place social distancing measures in order to be better prepared for a much different future.

As for the industry itself, Mr. Raycroft said he anticipates that people will be much more likely to stick closer to home with their vacation plans for quite some time. "I think it will be harder for people to go to the larger centres," he said. "They will likely be looking for places where they can do social distancing easier." That, he suggests, provides an opportunity for Northeastern Ontario operators. "The North has always had that attribute," he said.

Contacted by The Expositor on the impact the pandemic has had on their marketing plans, Destination Manitoulin Island (DMI) replied that it prides itself on being the Island's non-profit "destination marketing organization, DMI has placed a larger banner on our Facebook page asking everyone to follow our DMI

'STOP + Think' campaign messages, which is in essence echoed by our tourism industry leaders and DMI partners such as Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO), Destination Northern Ontario and Northeastern Ontario Tourism, along with our official local, federal and provincial public health officials," replied DMI spokesperson Shelba Millette in a written statement. "We continue to communicate on a weekly, if not on a daily, basis with our industry partners mentioned above and closely monitor the situation as a collective in order to keep our membership, associates and travellers well informed based on industry facts."

Ms. Millette went on to write that "more optimistically, DMI is looking forward to the day we can all be fully opened for business and garnish both full health and financial prosperity."

As for those future plans, Ms. Millette wrote that "we have three DMI Island-wide tourism marketing scenario plans of action for the future and will make the appropriate DMI board chosen one(s) public when the time(s) arrives as we do not operate on the unknown COVID-19 end date or other speculations nor assumptions as your questions asked—we work from real-time facts."

Questioned as to whether DMI was suspending its marketing efforts for 2020 as requested by Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige, Ms. Millette responded, "regards to your reference to Chief Linda and her request to MMA about DMI, I never have or ever will speak on behalf of anyone or answer questions that should be directed to them."

Wikwemkoong Tourism manager Luke Wassegijig noted that the band's tourism products are currently staring down a 40 to

100 percent loss this season but are working on remaining upbeat and preparing for life after COVID-19.

"We are in a holding pattern right now," he said, adding that the Wikwemkoong Tourism efforts are limited to portraying a positive outlook and posting supportive messages on social media and online forums. "It's tough with so much uncertainty," he said. "We have already lost 40 percent of our revenue with the season and potentially 100 percent."

But the focus is now on building strong relationships with regional and national partners such as Indigenous Tourism Canada and Indigenous Tourism Ontario.

"We are strengthening our product development, increasing our training, refining our messaging with our websites and social media platforms, basically preparing ourselves for when this is all over," he said.

Remaining positive in

outlook is important, given that situation has come at a particularly bad time."

"We have been growing exponentially year after year until this happened to kind of stop us in our tracks," he said. "Our efforts have been showing increasing success so this hurts, yeah, but we will get through this and when we do we will be stronger than ever. We are staying focused on making that happen. The sun will shine tomorrow and we will be ready for it when it does."

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...Indigenous COVID-19 funding promised

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Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) Ogimaa-kwe Patsy Corbiere said her community has received some funding from the federal government but she was also not sure of when these provincial dollars would begin to flow.

"We've been getting prepared, updated our emergency response plan and made an influenza plan that we can use for COVID-19. We've been distributing that information to our

community for the last couple of weeks," said Ogimaa-kwe Corbiere.

A big portion of AOK's preparatory activities using the federal funds have been gathering food supplies, cold medication, diapers and other household essentials in case community members are in need if grocery store availability gets reduced in the future. It has also been giving grocery gift cards to households in the community so they can purchase what they need—purchasing limits at stores have eliminated

the ability for the community to do big bulk purchases of food itself.

"We're not acting in fear, we're just continuing in the stride of what we can do, which is to keep purchasing stuff for our communities, mostly food and sanitary supplies like soap," said Ogimaa-kwe Corbiere.

The press release also stated that Ontario is working with the Indigenous business community to find ways to address the economic impacts of COVID-19 on Indigenous economies and workers.



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MHC PPE drive gets community support, still seeks donations

by Warren Schlote
LITTLE CURRENT—The personal protective equipment (PPE) drive at Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has seen a positive community response to its call for donations, making the hospital appreciative of the gestures but still seeking more donations to bolster its supplies as it prepares for an influx of COVID-19 cases.

“I really want to say a heartfelt thanks to those who have contributed so far. If anyone knows of anything available or know of any resources that we might be able to use to obtain more stock, please pass that information along,” said MHC corporate support services manager Debbie Graham this past Monday.

MHC began this PPE drive in the latter half of March as the severity of COVID-19 became more apparent in Canada. Although the hospital has stocks of various types of



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PPE already on hand, it is impossible to predict the future demand for these items which are strongly sought-after across Canada. Conventional supply chains are able to fulfill some orders for these items but their supplies are extremely limited, leading numerous hospitals to issue calls to their community members for donations of PPE.

MHC is currently seeking nitrile or vinyl disposable gloves, face shields to cover the face and mouth, ear-loop masks rated L2 or greater, NIOSH-approved or CE0 N95 respirator masks and gowns rated L2 or greater.

“We’ve received sanitizers, gloves, surgical masks and dust masks, which are great in our maintenance and non-clinical areas. Many individuals and businesses have stepped up and contributed. It’s really heartwarming to see everybody want to contribute and help in some way,” said Ms. Graham.

The hospital is still in need of the N95 masks and gowns especially; however, the standard of N95 mask needed for the healthcare setting is something most people are less likely to have in their own homes, admitted Ms. Graham. They require masks that

can be fitted closely to the wearer’s face, as opposed to the dust mask that is more commonly available to consumers.

MHC continues to contact the Ministry of Health to advocate for more supplies for the hospital. It has to report its supply levels daily and send its requests for additional items.

“The (hospital) auxiliaries have been making cloth masks which are fantastic for our staff to wear at home and keep others safe when they’re in public,” said Ms. Graham.

MHC is also looking for a volunteer contingent from a variety of individuals to support its efforts, though

details of this push were not available by press time Monday.

“If you are looking for ways to support your community and offer assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic please reach out to Samantha Smockum, human resources director at Manitoulin Health Centre,” stated a brief press release.

The hospital is seeking registered nurses, registered practical nurses, personal support workers, housekeeping aides and general volunteers to help out in the community at this time. Anyone who fits one of those categories should contact Ms. Smock-

um at SSmockum@mhc.on.ca to inquire about volunteering with the effort.

For the foreseeable future, since nobody knows what the days ahead will hold for this virus, MHC continues to seek donations of sealed, non-expired PPE from Manitoulin residents.

“The community has really stepped up and contributed several items that have really been useful,” said Ms. Graham. “Together, we’ll make it through this.”

To offer supplies for donation, email Debbie Graham at DAGraham@mhc.on.ca.

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Jordyn Fitzgerald
Bay Estates

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I called Henry last week and he told me that his wife is getting soft with age. He said he could remember when she could stay mad at him for three weeks. But nowadays she can’t seem to stay mad at him for a week.

Henry says when his wife and mother-in-law are together it’s like two wolves and a sheep voting on what’s for dinner.

Keep smiling,

Dave Draper
Little Current

...Optimism in short supply for operators

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Mr. Douglas noted that while Hide Away Lodge, a business that caters to short- and long-term summer vacationers, has yet to decide whether they will be opening at any time in the near future, his prognosis was grim. “We are 90 percent, no, make that 95 percent certain with what we are being told by health authorities and the government; I don’t see us being able to open in time to salvage the business.” (Note: for scientists the 95 percentile is the Holy Grail of certainty.)

“When you look at the way that people mix when they are at the lodge, everything that they do at the lodge, you can’t effectively censure that,” he said. “As to when this is all

over, will people come rushing back? We don’t know.”

The challenge will be severe for an industry that typically needs to make it or break it in a short season. “We have to support 12 months of bills with a three-month window to bring in revenue,” he said.

Still, Mr. Douglas said that he understands the need for distancing and he hopes that all resorts will work together on this.

“From my perspective we need to all be on the same page,” he said. “We don’t need one or two mavericks deciding to open up before

it is safe in the hopes of cashing in on a sudden rush of demand.”

Mr. Douglas noted that the health of the entire Island’s business community largely depends on the tourism industry. “All of our businesses are going to suffer,” he said. “Not just those that are in lodging. People need to think really hard about how we are going to tackle this challenge going forward. It’s really important we all put our heads together and listen.”

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Local food gatherings bring a sense of community into the kitchen

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—This year's local food gatherings, hosted by Noojmowin Teg's Manitoulin Community Fresh Food Initiative and the Child Poverty Task Force, drew an impressive number of food lovers and people looking to learn new kitchen skills and recipes alike from some of Manitoulin Island's most prominent food producers at events on March 3 and 4.

"This is our third year of running these events. Last year we did cook some food, but the main focus was presentation; the cooking demo style was very popular last year so we wanted to focus on that this year. We have so much access to local experts doing different things," said Kristin Bickell, project manager of Local Food Manitoulin.

Local food gatherings are events at which people can socialize, learn about the traditional foods in the area, meet Island producers of edible goods and connect with food in personal ways. There are often cooking demonstrations with take-home recipes to share. More than 150 people took part in this year's two days of events.

"These are mostly about getting together, networking, visiting and eating. There's so many people making connections, learning new techniques and connecting with each other," said Ms. Bickell.

This year's event spanned two days, an evening affair in Whitefish River First Nation on March 3 and another central gathering the following morning in Minde-moya.

"We're really excited to welcome Joe Pitawanakwat from last night and Hiawatha Osawamick, and especially Arlene (Jung-Meekis) from Sioux Lookout; she drove 21 hours to be here," said Ms. Bickell.

Mr. Pitawanakwat's specialty is traditional teas and medicines using plants native to Northern Ontario, Ms. Osawamick runs the booming Hiawatha's Catering business that is set to open a restaurant location in Sudbury and Ms. Jung-Meekis led a workshop on pressure canning.

There was a wide variety of offerings at the two events. Noojmowin Teg child nutrition co-ordinator Cody Leeson prepared beef rillettes, Connor Davis and Shane O'Donnell prepared a hearty mushroom soup on Wednesday morning, Danielle Bourgault offered samples and information about her elderberry syrup, Valerie Beaudin prepared mocktails and cedar tea, Ms. Osawamick prepared a wild rice dish and Erica Hare whipped up whitefish pie.

On the Tuesday evening, Gail Jacko led apple cider pressing and on Wednesday morning Maja Mielonen whipped up butternut squash flan, with samples for all.

Throughout the event there was also an interactive corner for all ages but designed with young ones in mind where they could make herb potions and 'smelly art,' while in the process learning all about fragrant flora and its uses in the kitchen.

"Our vision was to move more to hands-on, interactive demos, promoting local experts and our new website (LocalFood-Manitoulin.com)," said Courtney Kurek, Indigenous foods co-ordinator at Noojmowin Teg and a co-organizer of the event.

As part of a new push this year to draw more people of all ages, Ms. Kurek reached out to her sister Rebecka Abotossaway, who works as an aboriginal support worker alongside Thomas Trudeau at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS).

"We've got different students from all grades and classes and they're all here through the Three Fires classroom," said Ms. Abotossaway, who was helping to supervise a group of 14 MSS students at the event. "We're hoping they can get some cultural teachings about food."

These events have also served as a way of connecting new people to the area with each other. Ms. Kurek said she was talking with a few people who had just moved to Manitoulin and were using these events as ways to meet other Islanders. It's especially useful in the off-season when there are no farmers' markets and fewer outdoor gatherings, so these indoor events can serve an important social role as well.



Arlene Jung-Meekis travelled from Sioux Lookout to offer a workshop on pressure canning during the two days of events held at the beginning of March, long before physical distancing measures were enacted.



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...‘Premie’ baby’s Manitoulin family stranded in London

...continued from page 1 through the entire thing. They did a great job,” said Mr. DeBruin.

Ms. Hallett’s labour was on hold after she had been stabilized which allowed London doctors to give her magnesium and steroid treatments to foster more rapid growth over the next two days. On Sunday at about 2 am, Blake Stuart DeBruin emerged into the world, weighing just one pound and 10 ounces (737 grams) and measuring 32 centimetres or a foot in length.

Breathing was a chal-

lenge for little Blake. He was put on a CPAP machine at the start to help him take breaths, but soon had to be intubated on a ventilator. Blake also has a feeding tube and a catheter and is watched closely in the neonatal intensive care unit at the hospital.

Due to public health policies, the facilities where parents would normally stay were unavailable so Ms. Hallett and Mr. DeBruin have been set up in a small hotel room, with those costs covered. With premature babies, however, parents can expect them to

stay within hospital care until at least their original due date—in this case, July at the very earliest.

The travel restrictions, especially with Blake’s fragile condition, means that his parents cannot travel except for necessities to ensure they minimize their risk of contracting COVID-19. They left Manitoulin with just the clothes on their backs and have had to purchase new clothes as well as with their baby son Blake, born prematurely.



all of their own food. The hotel room only hosts a mini-fridge and a microwave so their options for cooking are rather limited.

Further to the restrictions, only one parent is allowed in the hospital every 24 hours and they must go through extensive screening steps just to get inside. This combined with the other stipulations means even immediate family members cannot travel to visit and support the new parents or

see little Blake in the hospital. It is a very isolating time, especially following a premature birth which can be very traumatic for new parents and their families.

“It’s been so hard with everyone, all our family, back on the Island,” said Ms. Hallett, adding that only being able to see her son every other day is very difficult. “It’s hard but when I’m not there I know Phil’s there, so it’s not as bad.”

Ms. Hallett has been producing milk for Blake but due to the virus she has to

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the barriers and placed them in view.”

Ogimaa Shining Turtle said that he was trying to find a balance that would work to protect his community, but that no measures that have been put in place were done with any malice.

“I get it,” he said. “People don’t want to be in Sudbury, Toronto or Hamilton while this is going on. But the question you have to ask yourself, ‘is this essential?’”

As for the speed with which things have been happening, Ogimaa Shining Turtle noted that it has been very uncharacteristic for an Anishinaabe community that seeks consensus for almost every decision.

“We didn’t get a chance to have public meetings, to consult everyone on what we do going forward, what do we do about cottagers,” he said. “There wasn’t the time for a lengthy debate to find the absolutely perfect solution.”

Meanwhile, those whose permanent residences are now located within Whitefish River First Nation, for whatever reason, are now scrambling to find alternative accommodations—an effort Ogimaa Shining Turtle said WRFN will try to assist.

M’Chigeeng First Nation is also restricting access to its territory to anyone who is not a permanent resident. This includes those not rostered in the First Nation, those with permanent addresses not in M’Chigeeng and ‘week-enders.’



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“Smelt fishing on shoreline road allowances and public property will not be permitted this year. It will be enforced by the Ontario Provincial Police, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and municipal bylaw officers.”

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...continued from page 1 which was anticipated, he added.

Essential workers working outside of Wiikwemkoong as well as those working in the community can enter, as can residents who need to travel for medical appointments or for medical emergencies.

When asked if there were any concerns regarding Wiikwemkoong's supply chain, the ogimaa explained that it is business as usual for the Mnis IDA located in the mini mall and for those residents who use either the Manitowaning or Little Current Guardian pharmacies, which are supplying daily deliveries to the Wiikwemkoong Health Centre. Drivers then deliver prescriptions directly to residents' doorsteps.

Andy's has also been granted large grocery store status, Ogimaa Peltier explained. Prior to that Andy's was deemed small and not prioritized in terms of shipping. "Now, there is no guesswork," Ogimaa Peltier said.



Heat Security's Noah Peltier, left, and Evanson Peltier, right, flank Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service Constable Taylor Peltier at Wiikwemkoong's border checkpoint.

photo by Warren Schlote

"Whatever they order is now delivered. There was partly an assumption there that there are other grocery stores within a five-mile radius."

For those living with alcohol dependency issues, special arrangements have been made to ensure that no one becomes ill from withdrawal which would in turn create an unnecessary burden on the Island's health system. For those with substance use disorder, Wiikwemkoong's Sun-

rise Clinic is also open for business.

The ogimaa said most people are complying with the order.

"By us limiting our travel to within the community, if they are dealing with cabin fever and need to get out for a ride, we're fortunate to have a lot of roads," the chief continued, adding that he hopes those odd trips are few and far between. "We are asking people to stay home."

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undertake extensive sanitizing procedures for the pump equipment, no easy task in a small hotel room.

To help the family with the stresses and pressures of their situation, Ms. Hallett's aunt Rebecca Poulin organized a GoFundMe page to help them with their living expenses over the next few months and to help afford supplies for the baby.

The original goal was set at \$3,000. As of press time Monday, well over double the original goal had been raised and more donations were still coming in.

"I'm so amazed by the support, I don't even know what to say," said Ms. Hallett, a

Mindemoya resident. "All the support from family and friends and even people that I don't know but are from the Island—it's amazing."

"Thank you for all the support. It means so much. It's going to help us a lot; we still need a lot of stuff," said Mr. DeBruin, whose home is in Kagawong.

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...Wiikwemkoong Board of Ed meets COVID-19 challenge head-on

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astounding in their dedication to plan for our students," he said. "We are doing everything we can to keep our students connected to their actual teachers and move forward with continuous learning to the best of our abilities that is authentic, relevant and connected to the curriculum, and also keep them connected regularly to their actual teachers, educational assistants, early childhood educators, special education resource teachers, guidance counselors, student wellness navigators and rotary teachers."



Sterling Pangowish gives a big thumbs up while doing schoolwork from his room.

All WBE educators are at a varying level of technological know-how and the ones who are technology savvy have provided leadership, guidance and support to those staff who need a little bit more support, a press release from the WBE explained. "They have uploaded videos that show how to set up an online learning environment. Some teachers have had live classroom sessions with over 16 students participating and interacting. Students in the K-3 grades still have access to online learning opportunities and also have one of the 250 learning packages that

were delivered a few days after the March Break."

Education Director Fay Zoccole says her staff were prepared to meet the challenge. "The Wiikwemkoong Board of Education has supported students and families as teachers planned to meet the needs of all students attending Junior School, Pontiac School and Wiikwemkoong High School. Many staff began to prepare for students learning from home during their March Break." She went on to say, "I am pleased with the efforts of staff that have been tasked with teaching students at

home. Some teachers have distributed paper-based learning while others forge forward with online learning at home. We are all learning together as we manage Microsoft Teams and have connected via online meetings to support each other."

Learning is taking place at all grade levels. Principal of the Wiikwemkoong Junior School, Harold Fox, says his staff are ready to meet this challenge. "It has been a unique learning curve for everyone here at the Wiik-

wemkoong Junior School. We have set up 'office hours' for teachers so that we are available from 8:15 am to 3:45 pm to communicate with teachers, families and students to support their learning (online, messaging platforms, email, virtual face-to-face, etc.). We have come to understand that many families may have different forms of communication. We are learning that the online platforms are getting people to become more comfortable with whatever tool of choice they prefer. We also learned that it is more important to be supportive of the different ways that the families will choose and what makes the most sense for them."

Grade 3 teacher Leslie Campbell says she is working more closely with students' parents. "I have really enjoyed collaborating and connecting with parents/grandparents these last few weeks. We have been working together to best support their child/grandchild in this unique virtual learning environment."

Grade 1 Teacher Zoe McGrath is glad to be a comfort to her students during these uncertain times. "I suppose on a more positive note, having a virtual space for learning has helped students feel connected during a

stressful and often scary time."

Many students were scared that their school year would be in jeopardy. Wiikwemkoong High School principal praises her staff for being prepared. "The Wiikwemkoong High School staff have gone above and beyond to ensure our students continue to receive

teachings, guidance and support. Many of our teachers are proficient in Microsoft Teams and have easily transitioned to this virtual learning space. In addition to teachers, our guidance counsellor, student wellness navigator, special education resource teachers and educational assistants have been reach-

ing out and supporting both the academic and mental health needs of our students."

The WBE would like to thank all staff for their dedication to the students and the community. "It has taken an incredible group of leaders and educators to make this online learning opportunity a success," the press release concludes.

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Chief and council also reached out to neighbours Assiginack Township to see if the border could be temporarily moved from Buzwah to Highway 6 and Meredith Street in Manitowaning in the interest of keeping some economy flowing between the two communities.

Assiginack council discussed Wiikwemkoong's ask at its first virtual meeting on April 7. It was noted that this move would require Assiginack to place barricades at three of its streets. Mayor and council agreed that an answer would have to come from the province, which so far is saying very little in response.

"I think the current situation helps them, but moving the checkpoint would affect Manitowaning," said Councillor Christianna Jones. "I would hesitate to do something."

"I think we have to wait and see what happens at Queen's Park and also the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)," said Mayor Dave Ham.

"I am also concerned we have no right to put up construction barricades," CAO Alton Hobbs added. "I never really like breaking the law. We've had silence from the OPP, solicitor general and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, which to me shows that they're still trying to figure out what to do."

Ogimaa Peltier said he remains hopeful that Assiginack and the province "see an opportunity for the communities to work together to protect their citizens and allow for some economic activi-

ty," noting that the area is already "economically depressed."

"We're just waiting for them," Ogimaa Peltier said, "if (Assiginack) council decides to work with us."

Both Zhiibaahaasing and Sheshegwaning have also enacted travel orders. In Sheshegwaning First Nation, only a handful of community members (as approved by the chief) are able to leave the community for pharmacy and grocery store runs while Zhiibaahaasing First Nation is seeing supplies shipped directly to the community, allowing for all unnecessary travel to cease.

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Tehkummah Talk and Times

Day 22: Lord thank you for the spring-like temperatures as we watch the spring bulbs force their stems to the warming days and for our luck to live in one of the most beautiful spots that you have created, Manitoulin Island.

“Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway.” John Wayne.

A phone chat with Loretta Mucha in the evening and I find her sister Eleanor is in the hospital again. Get well soon!

Day 23: Tuesday, a morning phone chat with Susan. She had a hot cross bun delivery while we were on the phone and the

same lady delivered to my door before we got off the phone. Thanks Pauline, they are good!

I am keeping Canada Post in business, I have sent 18 pieces of mail this week, so far. As long as my hand doesn't wear out that business should last a while! My average is about 12 a week anyway. I've been trying to organize some of my poetry, but I have to quit writing to catch up! It just doesn't happen.

And shouldn't my column be skimpier? Did I miss Earth Day?

I started Day 24 after the usual start by

singing happy birthday to Ginger. She assisted by singing with me.

It's 6:30 am and I have one cup of coffee gone. I watched the news, I prefer to be an ostrich, even though they say they don't really bury their head in the sand. I yelled happy birthday to the girl next door!

Well, I did get the birthday cupcakes made, the boiled icing took forever to make, then my decorating bag broke so I had to ice them the hard way.

Skylar seemed pleased with the tray full of kitty faces. I haven't given Ginger hers yet! I'm sure she'll be impressed. I am prob-

ably eating better, I did another vegetable mixed pot tonight for supper (meatless).

What a wonderful surprise this evening when Mary O'Neil called and a nice long and long-distance visit.

Day 25: Why does social distancing feel so anti-social? A phone talk with Kim and Kathy in Meaford. He's talking garden and the hugest snowflakes are falling outside my window and turning the ground white, looks stormy. This week's total sent, 32. I told Diana I'm keeping Canada Post in business single handed! Margaret Case stops at

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Day 26: "If you look at the world you'll be distressed. If you look within you'll be depressed. If you look at God, you'll be at rest." Carrie Ten Boom.

We are all fighting a war and we have no idea where the enemy stands. So really, there is nowhere to turn. And no one can hide. But, we are trying by keeping the distance but Lord it feels strange. And it is so difficult to help or be kind when we are confined, right? Imagination.

When I was up in the night it was snowing like crazy. The wind is still wild this morning. Joan phones around 7 am. She sounds good. It will be strange without a Good Friday service. But indoors my Amaryllis is opening up and a beautiful Christmas cactus and my shamrock have all added to life indoors this week. And I see a little tomato plant up this morning, new birth! As well, start the hot cross buns, the call will come when hands are doughy, four morning calls. When Tara came for some "hot" hot cross buns she told me my neighbour Klaus had passed away a couple days before. Sympathy to the family. This isolation business, we don't know what's going on right next door.

I get my spice shelves re-organized as well, I know I shouldn't be climbing, even on a little step stool, but I got 'er done! I saw Tim Conway on a show this morning, I had to call Susan. She compared me to him/his shuffle years ago, but now I'm definitely in the right category! A long phone chat with Derek and Jodi, he says it is finally warming up out there in British Columbia.

Day 27: It will be one of the strangest Easter weekends for so many people who are used to family gatherings here on the Island, the first time the city and country come together and it kind of opens up the "social season" after our winter. Which in retrospect, really wasn't so bad compared to April?

Ginger is birdwatching this morning. There seems to be a good showing in the back yard. The small blue scilla are starting to greet spring too. A walk around the yard later in the day after a short rest on the sunny bench. The neighbour headed for the camp, they are cutting trails. I made more hot cross buns not so hot! I think I killed the yeast and today I forgot the milk, yesterday they were short on cinnamon. I should just use a recipe at least for a reminder. A nice phone chat with Lori.

Day 28: I wake early, ordinarily I would be headed for Fossil Hill and the sunrise service. It doesn't look very sunrise. It will be a TV series.

I will do Easter bunny by painting/drying eggs. So, I finished with three dozen! The colours are pretty, not so much the artistry. It's always been once I get started. (Borrowed Skylar's crayons.)

"Because he loves" I can face tomorrows, Pauline played it for me with Ramona's singing Sunday via phone. She says I really should have a computer. Then Sherry played Lori's song, the "Quarantine COVID-19", I guess it was on Sudbury news Friday evening. Had I known I could have listened.

I had been missing/craving French fries and Lorrie Lee came to my door today with a hamburger, fries and a delicious dessert from Earl and Liz too, thanks loads! I was communing with nature. My God Church! The cardinal was singing the anthems and raising his voice in prayer and praise!

The deer have been feasting on crocus. There must be six different "shoe sizes" and one is really tiny. A late fawn? At least they leave some fertilizer for me.

Well, what a wonderful surprise the Easter bunny sent. A phone call from my number one grandson. Hey guys, he's not my fave, but he was the first! Tory from Ottawa. I have five grandsons and one granddaughter. The regular

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FOOD SERVICES AIDE

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires a Food Services Aide to work on a casual basis at its Mindemoya site.

QUALIFICATIONS: (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure)
Required:

- Partial secondary school (Grade 10)
- Food Handling certificate
- Computer experience

Preferred:


- Previous experience in a food services environment

Please e-mail a cover letter, resume and three references to the attention of:

Human Resources
E-mail: recruitment@mhc.on.ca
Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

 **help wanted**

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Calling all RNs, RPNs, PSWs, Housekeeping Aides and Volunteers!


If you are looking for ways to support your community and offer assistance during the COVID-19 Pandemic, please reach out to Samantha Smockum, HR Director at the Manitoulin Health Centre.

MHC is looking for individuals who may be able to offer assistance in a variety of ways! If you fall into any of the categories below please contact us.

- RNs
- RPNs
- PSWs
- Housekeeping Aides
- Volunteers


We greatly appreciate your support, especially during this difficult time.

Samantha Smockum
ssmockum@mhc.on.ca
705-368-2300 ext 2507

 **notice**

CALL FOR PPE and SUPPLIES— The Northern Ontario School of Medicine and Ontario Medical Association are looking for donations of personal protective equipment and sanitization supplies as part of an effort to help protect our local frontline healthcare workers. If you are able to donate any supplies to our frontline workers or have any questions, please contact one of our volunteers for the Manitoulin region at: manitoulinppe@gmail.com.


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 **notice**

Food Cupboard—The Gore Bay United Church is continuing this service during the Covid-19 outbreak with some changes. They will be open noon to 3 pm on Thursdays. Come to the side door (facing McQuarrie Motors) and knock. Food will be packed and passed outside to you. If you have questions, call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



COVID-19 UPDATES

Municipality of Central Manitoulin

as of April 6, 2020

These measures should be considered "until further notice" due to the evolving nature of the situation. Federal, Provincial and Municipal measures can and may be extended.

For real-time updates: Federal www.canada.ca
Provincial www.ontario.ca & Municipal www.centralmanitoulin.ca

Municipal Office, Indoor & Outdoor Facilities Closed
All libraries, halls, arenas, parks, beaches, playgrounds, sports fields and all other recreational amenities are closed to all events. The office is closed to in-person visits. Staff are still there to help you by email or phone at 705-377-5726. Drop box available at front door.

Municipal Meetings - Council and Committees
Meetings will be held on regular dates, but times are all 1:30 p.m. by video/teleconference. Email centralaa@amtelecom.net or phone 705-377-5726 to get access to listen to specific meetings.

Garbage Pickup & Landfills Are Operating as Normal
For the safety of sanitation workers you must tie all bags and no tissues, wipes or paper towels in recycling. Landfills are open on their regular schedule.

Water and Sewer System - Wipes Clog Pipes!
Nothing but toilet paper into your toilet. No gloves, rags, flushable wipes, paper towels, tissues, cleaning wipes, baby wipes or personal hygiene products in the toilet. Water service is operating.

Roads & Maintenance
Both departments operating as normal with staff precautions.

Hospitals & Public Health
Municipal staff are on daily calls with Public Health Sudbury & Districts and Local Health Professionals assessing and planning for COVID-19. Council approved a donation of \$10,000.00 to Manitoulin Health Centre - Mindemoya site for whatever may be needed to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Provincial Laws and Orders (visit ontario.ca for full details)
The current Provincial laws in Ontario under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) states:

- **Gatherings**
No gatherings over five (5) people, large families and other exclusions are permitted.
- **No Outside Fires**
In an effort to mitigate resource strain the Ontario Provincial Government has implemented a Province-wide Restricted Fire Zone. The Fire Ban is effective April 3, 2020.
- **Non-essential Workplace's & Closures**
Seasonal Campgrounds have been added to the list recently. The closures are part of a Provincial Order, which can be viewed at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces>
- **Outdoor Recreation Facilities Closed**
By Provincial order, all Municipal outdoor facilities are closed to the public including the beaches and trails. Caution tape and signs have been posted. Under this law using a closed outdoor facility during the closure is now an offence and a fine could be issued.
- **Reporting Provincial Issues**
To report gatherings of more than 5 people, operation of a non-essential business as per the EMCPA, please call your police service of jurisdiction. If that is the OPP, call 1-888-310-1122.

New Federal Laws (visit canada.ca for full details)
The Canadian Government has enacted a law in which returning travellers to Canada must self-isolate for at least 14 days. To report non-compliance of the Quarantine Act (e.g. due to recent travel outside of Canada or at the direction of a health official), contact Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).

Business in Central Manitoulin
A COVID-19 Business Impact Study is being conducted. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CMBusinessImpact> Email Marcus at centralecddev@amtelecom.net or call 705-377-5726 to be added to the business resource email list.


Central Manitoulin Community Helpline
Our 1-888 number is currently experiencing technical difficulties. Please use the number below for the time being. Backup email is centralmanitoulinhelp@gmail.com

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Questions that have come up are how to make bread without using yeast, and can you make yeast? The answer is yes to both. The best advice I can give on both accounts is to look on Google and YouTube. The best is YouTube because of the hands on explanation you can watch.

I make a sourdough Polish spelt and rye flour bread (this of course does not require yeast) that only I and my husband eat! The family joke is you can use the loaf as a weapon or a door stop. I am okay with that—more for us. If you would like the recipe email me and I can send it to you.

For people that can't eat bread and if you would like a change, the two recipes this week are very different but healthy.

Seed and Nut Bread

In this recipe please note there are a lot of substitutions. Instead of writing them down here I just put them beside each ingredient. The really important part of the recipe is to make sure your nuts and seeds are chopped—too big and the bread will crumble when you slice it. The loaf is great toasted.

- 1 cup almonds, walnuts or pecans chopped
- 3/4 cup buckwheat, millet or quinoa
- 1/4 cup chia seeds
- 1/2 cup psyllium husks or ground flax seeds
- 1/2 cup sesame seeds or hemp seeds
- 3/4 cup sunflower seeds
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1/4 cup melted coconut oil
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup quinoa or short grain rice
- 1 cup extra water to cook the rice or quinoa

**You can refrigerate seed-ed bread for up to seven days.*

Dosa

Another recipe to let sit overnight and will keep in your refrigerator for up to five days. I have kept this recipe simple. To spruce it up with different spices check out more of the same recipes online. You can make them thin or thick but you need to fry them in a generous amount of good oil.

- 1 1/2 cup long grain rice
 - 1/2 cup black lentils or red or green
 - 3 quarts water
- Place the rice and lentils in a separate bowl and cover them with water. Let them sit for 6 hours.

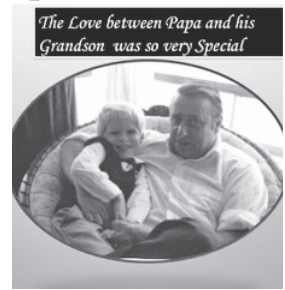
Drain the rice and lentils and place them in a blender. Add 1 cup of water at a time until you have a pancake batter. Add salt and pepper to taste and place in a bowl. Cover the bowl and let them sit overnight on the counter. In the morning you can see where the mixture has started to bubble, a little.

Give it a stir and add some more water if you think the batter is too thick. Place some oil in the frying pan and heat until a drop of the batter will sizzle. You can now make one large pancake or some small ones. Don't be shy with the oil. They need to be crispy and brown.

You can cook them all at once or just a few. The batter will keep easily up to five days in the fridge.

I use them instead of bread and also will make a dinner with them. Top the Dosa with refried beans, guacamole and salsa. Serve with a salad or roasted vegetables.

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ELLIOTT — In loving memory of our father and papa, Gerald Elliott. Dad it is hard to believe three years have come and gone.

You left us so peacefully the night of April 12, 2017. That morning your doctor had come to see you, He informed you the Nursing Home was soon to be. You felt to stay at home with mom was where you belonged.

Your repeated wish was to be with her at home throughout the final scene. With the nursing home looming, I believe your hopes and dreams became few. Verbally you agreed, but in your heart and mind you did not agree.

I feel you became disillusioned and your spirit was broken. You wished for me to take you for a drive that day, Thinking there was a tomorrow, I said we would do it the next day and you said okay. This is my big regret and I admit this with great dismay. The reality is that we take life and everything in it for granted, But not always is there going to be a tomorrow. Today Brent would be forty-three.

I found a picture from many years back of Brent sitting on your knee. The love he had for you was very easy to see. We definitely miss you, But we knew your quality of life was slipping away from you.

I believe you chose that day, Brent's birthday, to go. You and mom had remained in your own home just as you did desire. Mom resting close by you as you slept peacefully away. What more could one ask for, nothing else did you require.

We miss you Dad, Papa, Jiggy (as Mom sometimes called you). We miss your many stories. Oh how I wish I had taped those stories. Certainly not all true as we certainly knew, Especially about being born under Bridal Veil Falls in January. LOL Repetitious as they sometimes were they always made us laugh. Know that you are, and always will be, forever in our hearts.

Love Joanne, a special little one, Chrissy and Aaron, Laura, Scott, Jaida and Chase
Xoxox

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FOGAL — In memory of Graham Fogal who passed away on April 20, 2019. Always loved, Never forgotten, Always missed. Sheila, Darren, David and families

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FERGUSON — In loving memory of Mike Ferguson, August 28, 1952 to April 17, 2019.

If we could have a lifetime wish, A dream that would come true. We'd pray to God with all our hearts, For yesterday and you. A thousand words can't bring you back, We know because we've tried. You left behind our broken hearts, And happy memories too. But we never wanted memories, We only wanted you. With much love, Dorothy, Ellen, Bill, Russ, Cheryl, Sabrina, Josh, Spencer, Madison, Ava, Cameron and Bella

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Mom,
I heard your voice in the wind today
And I turned to see your face;
The warmth of the wind caressed me
As I stood silently in place.
I felt your touch in the sun today
As its warmth filled the sky;
I closed my eyes for your embrace
And my spirit soared high.
I saw your eyes in the window pane
As I watched the falling rain;
It seemed as each raindrop fell
It quietly said your name.
I held you close in my heart today
It made me feel complete;
You may have died, but you are not gone
You will always be a part of me.
As long as the sun shines
The wind blows
The rain falls
You will live on inside of me forever
For that is all my heart knows.
Love Lori

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spirituality

Spiritual Communion Prayer: Dear Jesus, You are in my heart at this moment, as I know You have me in Your heart. I receive Your spiritual guidance and love knowing that you are with me in this spiritual food for the journey. The gift of the Eucharist today is Your spirit that I receive spiritually. Lord I am not worthy to receive You but only say the Word and I shall be healed. My Jesus I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Message for Holy Thursday: To see the Holy Eucharist as food for the journey. At this time we receive the food spiritually. Now we move on to celebrate the sacrificial meal Jesus has left us. Then we will carry the Body of Christ to the altar of repose spiritually as we do at this time. There we can spend time reflecting on the wondrous gift we have received and the journey with Jesus that lies ahead of us.

Good Friday: As we come to Good Friday is to know in a deep and intimate way that the suffering and death of Jesus has redeemed the world. What brings us back each year to the rituals that commemorate Good Friday. Jesus left us the Eucharist as a pledge that He has not abandoned us to the forces of evil. Good Friday reminds us of our darkness.

Easter: To commit to being a life-giver as Jesus was. It is neither either to believe in anyone rising from the dead, even ourselves, nor to live the helpful joy giving life of a Christian—let us pay an even closer attention to the words of the liturgy of the Eucharist today and to allow these words to speak Easter joy to our hearts minds and actions. At Easter it is the resurrection, it is new life, and we pray and we hope that the dark times we are in today we will see the light. To see the light we need hope, we need faith and we need wisdom.

Amen

A message from Father George Gardner and St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church

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Death Notices

RODNEY ALVIN STONE

March 16, 1960 - March 10, 2020



Association are appreciated.

In loving memory of Rodney Alvin Stone, who died in Leduc, Alberta, Canada on March 10, 2020. Husband of Jo-Anne (Armstrong) Stone. Will be missed dearly by his naptime fur buddies Sam and Jules. Arrangements to be announced at a later date. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Association or Diabetic

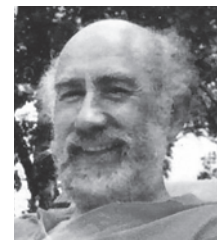
EUGENE ALFRED PELTIER (ESHKIBAGAWA)



Eugene, also known as Etuk by his siblings, entered the spirit world on April 10, 2020 at the age of 95. Eugene was the eldest of six children. He was born in Wikwemikong, Ontario to Thomas Peltier and Anne Shawanda; grandson of Joseph Peltier and Sophie De Lamorandiere (of Killarney). Eugene was predeceased in death by his wife Stella (nee Recollet). Children Ron (Beatrice), Glenn (pre-deceased), Brian (Catherine), Linda (Byron) and Arlene. Predeceased by his second wife Honorine (nee Corbiere). Children Warren (Nikky) and Wayne. Eugene had 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren who will miss him dearly. Eugene will be joining his siblings in the spirit world: Robert, Rosemary, Yvonne, Wilfred and Tom. He will be remembered fondly by his godson Roland Bebamikawe and many friends, family, in-laws and by his dog Dobey. Eugene was a Canadian veteran of WWII in which he fought in the Italian Campaign in the Battle of Ortona. He worked in the U.S. as a Great Lakes seaman and also as a service technician and moved to Ontario to retire where he built his home. Eugene dedicated his longevity life to the fresh clean mountain air, healthy eating, and was well-known for his vitamin and Omega-3 regimen. He was an avid reader, loved classical music, had a great sense of humour and loved telling jokes. He was interested in world news, politics, stock market and trading. He loved the outdoors, nature and feeding the birds. He never liked to cook and would rather be working outside on his various projects. He always appreciated visits from family and friends. Due to COVID-19 and funeral restrictions, a private service will be held. A Celebration of his Life will be held once hugs are allowed again. In lieu of flowers or donations, Eugene would have appreciated you feeding the birds. He will remain in our hearts forever!

CLAUS DIETER PROBST

March 20, 1929 – April 7, 2020



Claus Probst embarked on his journey to the spirit world on April 7, 2020. Now he has joined his wife Gisela and his twin sister Jutta, whom he missed so dearly. He leaves behind his sons Joachim (Sandra), André (Ulrike) and Peter (Elaine); grandchildren Sonya, Lukas (Kailey), Paul (Kelly), Jordan, Matthew, and Leah; great-grandchildren Emmee, Maeve, Lyla and Sophia; plus extended family in Germany, Christian (Beate), Anne, Markus, Elizabeth and Coco (Monika), Wanja, Sascha and Michael; and in Canada, Lisa, Denice and Terry. Claus was born in Berlin, Germany and lived through the war on the outskirts of the city. He emigrated to Canada in 1953. A licenced Journeyman Electrician, Claus worked for Transport Canada at the Toronto International Airport, eventually supervising all trades in the maintenance operations of Canada's busiest airport before retiring in 1988. In his retirement years, Claus visited the Island frequently until moving to Tehkummah permanently in 2017. Claus' generous heart and gentle disposition touched the lives of all who knew him. He was the pillar of strength for his entire family. He will be sadly missed. The family wishes to thank all of the personal support workers and his family doctor, Dr. Maryna Harelnikava, for the outstanding service and care provided in his last years on the Island. We also thank all of the friends and neighbours who have shared their kindness and compassion. A Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date. Donations in memory of Claus can be made to Manitoulin Pet Save or the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary and may be made through www.SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

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

...Tehkummah Talk and Times

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kinds, as I have four great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter, you do see the trend here! Or possible problems? Anyway, it sounds like they are abiding by the rules. Tory is working from home, he and Amelia keep busy, three young boys. Saw a cute girl with hair colour to match her shirt, Easter colour too!

My neighbours to the south are nice dancing! I saw four trucks go by in two hours today, busy or what? I just finished a slice of warm homemade bread. Sherry brought it in along with my clean laundry!

Another nice surprise, a call from Lyle and Sharon Dewar. They were talking about an Easter bunny around towns cheering folks up and their good neigh-

bours too.

It seems this is bringing out the best in folks. All these things help to cheer when one is isolated. Kim and Kathy called, Kim baked all morning then he and Kathy delivered to their family and near neighbours down Meaford way (Kathy was working.)

A phone call from Judy Blue a while ago. She got a surprise, she said. Love is good medicine. It eases pain, dissolves anxiety and boosts immunity.

When I walked into my park where thousands of snowdrops are in bloom it was all raked and branches picked up. Gratitude.

"It is one of those beautiful compensations of this life. That no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." Ralph Waldo Emerson



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LAKE MANITOU COTTAGE on level lot w/60 ft. Rockville Road waterfrontage, sandy beach, good dock & sand bottom swimming. Bungalow 754 sq. ft. w/deck across water side has 2 bedrooms, 4 pc. bath, open kitchen dining living area w/propane stove fireplace. Recent upgrades of windows, doors, siding, shingles, fascia, soffit. Most contents including newer washer, refrigerator, stove. \$149,000 (1431)

<p>VACANT WATERFRONT LOTS & ACREAGES COOK'S BAY via Cook's Dock Rd. 980.46 ft. 5.87 ac. \$99,000 (MLS 2081814); LAKE HURON via Cedar Tree Tr. 150 ft. 5.3 ac. \$45,000 (MLS 2083984); ICE LAKE via Ice Lake Dr. 192 ft. 13.21 ac. \$39,000 (MLS 2079212); LAKE KAGAWONG via Zullich Dr. 163 ft. 1.0 ac. \$99,500 (MLS 2084337); LAKE KAGAWONG 291 ft. 4.1 ac. via Mud Creek Rd. \$79,000 (MLS 2060462); LAKE MINDEMOYA 150 ft. 1.0 ac. via Monument Rd. \$99,000 (MLS 2083784).</p> <p>TOWN LOTS & ACREAGES GORE BAY residential via Doc Strain Dr. 3.21 ac. & services \$42,000 (MLS 2083985); GORE BAY rural & residential via Fraser St. 3.0 ac. & services \$43,500 (MLS 2062357); GORE BAY residential via Hall St. 66 x 164 ft. & services \$25,000 (MLS 2093356).</p> <p>COUNTRY LOTS & ACREAGES BURPEE TOWNSHIP via 1.4 km east of Misery Bay Rd. 25 ac, \$17,900; GORDON TOWNSHIP via Fourth Line 2.0 ac. 120 x 725 ft. \$10,900 (MLS 2084638); ALLAN TOWNSHIP via Scotland Rd. 200 ac. \$149,500</p> <p>SILVER WATER house on corner via Hwy540, 990 sq. ft. on lot 150 x 130 ft. 2 1/2 bath, 3 beds, bath \$59,000 (MLS 209065)</p>	<p>COUNTRY PROPERTIES DAWSON TOWNSHIP surveyed 1.0 ac. w/camp from portable classroom, operating hydro on site \$49,000 (MLS 2077148); MILLS TOWNSHIP via Union Rd. 100 ac. w/off grid chalet cottage or home, sauna, drilled well & more. \$209,000 (MLS 2075613).</p> <p>WATERFRONT PROPERTIES LOON LAKE CAMP via Hwy540 391 ft. 23 ac. site cleared, 2 small cabins, privy, treated lake water, services at lot line \$97,000 (MLS 2083649); ICE LAKE COTTAGE via Ice Lake Dr. 200 ft & services, 2.67 ac., bed, bunkie, part bath \$119,000 (MLS 2084155); LAKE KAGAWONG via Mud Creek Rd. 347 ft. 2.45 ac. 200 sq. ft. off grid, think private tiny camp \$172,000 (MLS 2084570) LAKE MANITOU COTTAGE via Rockville Rd. 60 ft. & services, 754 sq. ft. 2 beds, bath \$149,000 (MLS 2084039).</p> <p>TOWN PROPERTIES MELDRUM BAY 2 cottages, could be homes on same lot, w/875 sq. ft & w/750 sq. ft. septic, drilled well, services \$89,500 (MLS 2077147); GORE BAY via Meredith St. income building 4320 sq. ft. over 2 floors w/garage, retail space, 2 apartments on Blacksmith Corner \$119,000 (MLS 2084336).</p>
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LOG CABIN ON LAKE MANITOU! - On secluded exceptional lot with 197 ft frontage on lake & approx. 1 acre land, mature cedar trees. Great view of Cup and Saucer, gentle slope to water. Clean shoreline. Recent approval for septic and fieldbed. Renovated log cabin, plus older log barn for storage. Private maintained year round road. Reduced to \$210,000. Call Al Frank Sales Person @ 705-859-3297 for more info. MLS#2081904



SOUTH BAY MOUTH - For Sale Huron Motor Lodge - turnkey operation. Family owned business since 1932. Located directly across from Chi Cheemaun ferry dock. 21 rooms, large in-ground pool, coffee shop, plus specialty gift shop. Also included in sale is a home for new owner's residence. All buildings are well maintained, great financial statements. Best location on Manitoulin Island for accommodation, gift and coffee shop. Asking \$1,400,000. Call Sales Person Al Frank @ 705-859-3297. MLS#2075494



SOUTH BAYMOUTH - Beautiful 2300 sqft home plus chalet & separate 30x40 heated building on almost 10 acres of land for sale. 1 km to Marina for access to Lake Huron for boating & salmon fishing (or other fish). Great potential for B&B or other business. Home has large sunroom with hot tub facing backyard with small pond, trees & gazebo. All buildings are in excellent condition & shows owner's pride. Very reasonably priced at \$374,000. Please call Sales Person Al Frank @ 705-859-3297. MLS#2074279



BIRD LOVER'S PARADISE - 3.93 acre view lot with municipal water available. Uniquely different lot, well treed with mature hardwood setting & exceptional lake view. Stream running through lot. Very private property with lots of possibilities, close to Little Current. Priced to sell at \$69,000. MLS#2084048



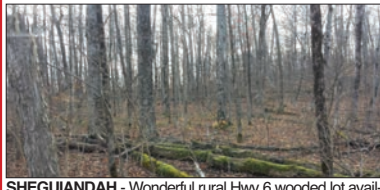
'SANDY COVE' COTTAGE - with year round road access on Maple Point, Manitoulin Island. The three bedroom, one full and one-half bath cottage has an open concept kitchen, dining, & living room that includes a wood stove. Enjoy wonderful North Channel views from the cottage & private level water front lot that has 260 ft frontage, & just over 2.5 acres of well treed mixed bush made up of mostly cedar & poplar. The beautiful sandy shallow beach is ideal for children swimming in a calm protected cove. Minutes from Bridal Veil Falls & the village of Kagawong. This 925 sq ft recreational cottage with separate laundry room & 24 x 32 ft garage is ideal for 3 seasons. Mudge Bay offers good fishing & boating. Call today to view. MLS#2084487



YEAR ROUND VICEROY WATERFRONT HOME ON LAKE MANITOU - Built in 1994, this R2000 home features an open concept main floor with numerous windows allowing for an abundance of natural light, and a wonderful view of the lake. Home has a large deck along two sides, as well as access from the Master Bedroom. In addition, the home has a partially finished basement that provides the extra space needed when family and friends visit, an insulated 24 x 28 detached garage, a concrete dock, and a boat launch at the waterfront. Lake Manitou offers great fishing all year round. Call Now! Asking \$349,000. MLS#2075885



READY TO BUILD LOT IN SUNSITE ESTATES ON MANITOU LIN ISLAND - Lot has a new 60 ft driveway & the \$5200 water levy has been paid in full. Lot backs onto a park area & is only steps to the water. View the beauty of this lot now. Asking \$23,900. MLS#2066908



SHEGUIANDAH - Wonderful rural Hwy 6 wooded lot available to build your country retreat! Year round road, plus hydro & telephone is available at the road. Located only 12 mins from the amenities of the town of Little Current including hospital, schools, grocery stores & several marinas. Don't overlook this charming building site. Please call for full details! Asking \$17,500. MLS#2051556



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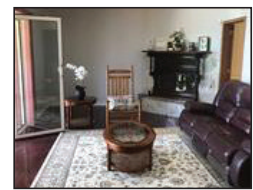
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INCREDIBLE VISTA - One of a kind building lot on municipal water overlooking Strawberry Channel. 426.51 ft frontage with south east exposure on a year round road. 8 km from Little Current. Call for details. MLS#2077530

MILLS ROAD ACREAGE - 200 acre site with mature forest and heavy tree cover. Good road access, excellent location and a great spot to get away from it all. Great price at only \$119,900. Please call for full details. MLS#2084127

TEHKUMMAH AGRICULTURAL ACREAGE - Spectacular 104 acre agricultural site located in one of Manitoulin Islands best agricultural areas includes year round access and Black Creek frontage. Excellent combination of mixed lands with majority being crop lands but also including mature hardwood forest, some escarpment ridge, hydro available at road and very well fenced in lands. Ideal location for residential, recreational and/or farming uses!! Call for details! MLS#2084126

EXCEPTIONAL ACREAGE SITE - with great lake views. Includes mix of tillable farm lands and rural acreage located within 2 km of Little Current. Year round accessible with 400 meters highway frontage, approx. 700 meters on White's Point Road. North-South ridge runs through the acreage with fine lake and mountain views. Ideal building location! Only \$99,900. MLS#2083992

EXCEPTIONAL WATERFRONT ACREAGE - 62 acres with 1,931 ft frontage on Manitowaning Bay at High Falls. This exceptional property features include mature hardwood forest, great beach area, hydro, access road to site & a tremendous setting for waterfront development. Only \$390,000. MLS#2084627

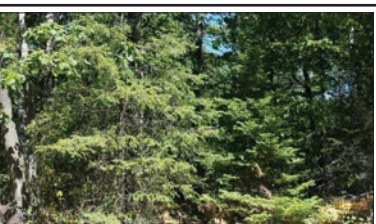
LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Demand the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Mixed forest with mature hardwood, cedar & pine. Great access off East Road in the Sandfield area with 34.03 acres & 669.09 ft frontage on Lake Manitou. Includes on site, personal use limestone quarry. Asking \$249,900. MLS#2084165

DOUBLE WATERVIEW LOT - across from Spider Bay Marina on Water Street West in Little Current. This residential building lot has 134.64' of frontage, municipal water/sewer, and is ready for you to build your new or recreational home! Asking \$164,500. You may want a single lot at 67.32' frontage - Asking \$85,000. MLS#2083639

LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Demand the best of the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Mixed forest includes mature hardwood, pine & cedar. Great access, close to amenities in Mindemoya, close to the ferry access at South Baymouth & ideal for privacy & quality construction with over 33 acres & 627 ft shoreline on Lake Manitou. Asking \$249,000. MLS#2083315



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HUNTING ACREAGE IN SPRING BAY AREA - 100 acres. Prime land in Central Manitoulin with seasonal road access off extended Evergreen Drive in Campbell Township, and about 25 minutes from Gore Bay. Listed at \$79,000. Call now and be ready for fall. MLS#2062725



BUILDING LOT - Level building lot in Little Current. Great location on quiet street. 35.66 x 150. Asking \$13,000. MLS#2079127



COUNTRY CHARMER! - This 4 bedroom home with lots of unique touches, has plenty of room for the growing family or even a B&B! Detached double garage provides lots of storage. Beautiful fenced yard. Roof 2018; Furnace 2017. Priced to sell quickly at \$133,900. MLS#2083519



WHITE'S POINT! - Waterfront building lot in desirable prime residential waterfront community within minutes of Little Current & all of its amenities. Driveway access started at roadway - telephone & hydro service available. White's Point Road is on a year round road, & on the school bus route. Lake Huron's Strawberry Channel, & the North Channel boast great fishing, boating & sailing. Wonderful location to build your dream home! Asking \$88,000. Call Now! MLS#2074129



HIDDEN GEM ON MANITOU LIN ISLAND - This Lakeshore Log Home has almost 2 acres of total privacy, & 620 ft of frontage on Lake Huron!! Spend Romantic evenings curled up in front of the huge stone fireplace. Sand beach perfect for swimming. You also have your own harbour for your boat or plane! There is a 1200 sq ft Guest house with 2 bdms, full kitchen, bathroom & large screened in porch. There is also a 1300 sq ft workshop, and a large carport for storing lots of toys. Stunning panoramic views, including view of Scotch Mtn. The possibilities are endless with this unique property. Don't wait...Your Island retreat is calling you!! MLS#2083416



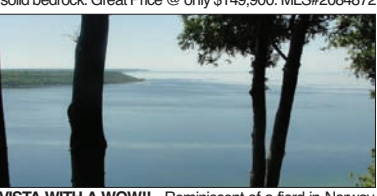
EXCEPTIONAL PRICE - WATERFRONT COTTAGE - Spacious waterfront cottage with over 1,400 sq ft of livable area & a lovely location with expansive views to the east & south. Flat limestone & whitewashed cobblestone shoreline adds to appeal. Built in 2000 and nicely upgraded with vinyl siding and metal roofing in 2018. Full concrete foundation on solid bedrock. Great Price @ only \$149,900. MLS#2084872



DOUBLE LOT FOR SALE IN PROVIDENCE BAY - Walking distance to Providence Bay Beach this double lot already comes with a well, driveway, shed, trailer and cleared building site. Both lots have separate entrances, lots of trees in between which allows for privacy. The trailer on one lot is in good condition, all inspected and used in the summer of 2019 and the roof was triple painted with a rubber sealant. There is a new 10 x 10 shed on one of the other lot allowing for extra storage. Providence bay is a family oriented community known for its superb dining, gorgeous sand beach and boardwalk. Build your get-away on this beautiful property. Asking \$65,000. MLS#2082178



MANHATTAN STYLE WITH PARK LIKE SETTING - Located on quiet cul de sac and backing onto municipal park lands, this show piece home offers unparalleled privacy within walking distance to Cambrian College, Lasalle Secondary School, Norcat and Timberwolf golf. Professionally re-done interior, interlock drive, attached garage, central air, finished basement and large trex deck leading to a heated pool cover all the extras one might desire. Attractively priced and ready for new owners! MLS#2084874



VISTA WITH A WOW!! - Reminiscent of a fjord in Norway or the rugged British Columbia coast line, this property sits 450 ft above the town of Gore Bay, overlooking the town & harbour from the top of the East Bluff at the mouth of the bay & facing directly west for beautiful Caribbean style sunsets & the famous La Cloche Mountains in the distance across Lake Huron's North Channel. This one acre property is located on a site that has one of Ontario's prettiest cliff views. This nicely manicured acre of property comes with a magnificent 4 bdrm executive-style manufactured log home accented with a centerpiece stone fireplace, granite counter tops with matching table, in-floor heating, highest of quality built-in appliances, great flooring & a 5 piece ensuite with a Jacuzzi and a large steam bath/shower. The double garage which is fed with 200 amps of hydro & comes with an attached ATV garage & an exercise room with a bathroom & sauna & the floors in this building are also heated. This property has a layout which would be very conducive to a high-end bed & breakfast. A steal of a deal at \$799,000! MLS#2077446



SOUTH BAY WATERFRONT LOT - located in the Slash. East facing with beautiful view and sunrise, this is a great location for a summer getaway or a permanent home. It is located on a private road but very close to a year round road with hydro at the edge of the lot. The property is fully treed with a mixture of deciduous and evergreens. MLS#2075664



EXCEPTIONAL WATERFRONT ESTATE - One of Manitoulin Island's finest homes featuring 12 rooms, 4850 square feet finished in quality plus full unfinished basement, 6 baths, 4 fireplaces, 9 foot ceilings and attached grannie suite all constructed to the very highest standards of quality and appeal. Also included is a double attached garage plus a huge detached garage with 3 bays with 8 foot doors plus 1 drive-through with 10 foot doors. Extras include two full kitchens, two wells, two furnaces, two built in safes, generator back up, etc., etc. to cover almost all eventualities. Other extras include built in appliances, central air & vacuum and spacious maintenance free Trex sun decks overlooking the waterfront. Over the top lakefront on 100 acres with trout stream & ravine running through property plus three separate oversized lakefront lots serviced with hydro and lane way access adding considerably to overall appeal. East end Manitoulin Island and only 4 km from Manitoulin East Airport. Priced to move! Please call for full details. MLS#2084832



EAST MANITOU LIN WATERFRONT HOME - Well laid out three-bedroom home with spacious room sizes, large deck, detached double garage, propane fireplace, exceptional landscaping, all appliances and most furnishings. Features exceptional location and views, close proximity to shopping and great swimming and fishing opportunities. Also features 2 bath, great privacy, lovely landscaped property and great year-round location. Please call for complete details. MLS#2084540



LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME - Located on Maple Lane close to the Town of Mindemoya and featuring mature hardwood forest on one of the finest lots in the area. Spacious 2 bdrm dwelling with relatively low maintenance, detached garage, sauna & small harbor area make this a perfect spot on the lake. Exceptional landscaping & mainly level lot for enjoying fine Manitoulin summer days. New Price! Please call for complete details. MLS#2084161



WHITE'S POINT WATERFRONT HOME - Very well laid out, architecturally designed home with spacious room sizes, large deck, attached garage, gas fireplace and several outbuildings. Features exceptional location and views, close proximity to schools & shopping plus a great area for swimming and fishing opportunities. Also features 2.5 baths, a lovely landscaped property and great year-round location. Please call for complete details. MLS#2084076



STUNNING NORTH CHANNEL WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Large, heavily treed waterfront acreage situated on a very protected bay on the North Channel of Lake Huron. Extremely appealing location on Hotham Island located immediately north of the famous Benjamin Islands. Sheltered boat access from McBean Harbour, great location for boat dockage and ideal for cottage construction surrounded by mature White Pine and Red Oak forest plus outstanding views to enjoy. 20 acres with 1,300 feet frontage! ONLY \$127,900!!! MLS#2084416



FANTASTIC BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!! - Known as Sandfield General Store, this very large commercial building is currently a gift shop, a restaurant & a corner store. It has plenty of parking, storage areas & land. Along with this business is a 2 storey, 5 bdrm, 2 bath home that would make a great little bed & breakfast. Lake Manitou is a stone's throw away & this location is quite central & very much needed as the competition is mainly 20 mins or more away in every direction. There is a resort trailer park directly behind this great commercial business, & its huge untapped potential. Reduced to \$300,000 MLS#2062704



LOWER SLASH - A wonderful 3.06 acre building and/or recreational lot that is close to the water in South Baymouth. This well treed lot with a small cleared section is on the Lower Slash Road, and also has access via Indian Point Road. This lot is only 20 minutes to the golf courses and grocery store in Manitowaning. Call Now! Asking \$24,900. MLS#2083576



NORTH CHANNEL WATERFRONT COTTAGE - Outstanding recreational retreat with spacious cottage on over 200 feet of great shoreline in a spectacular location that offers exceptional lake, mountain and sunset views. Situated close to amenities in Little Current with potential to convert to a home. Additional features include several outbuildings, all appliances, air tight wood stove and full west, north and east views to take your breath away. Very attractive, mainly level lot and very low maintenance with this exceptional offering! MLS#2084711



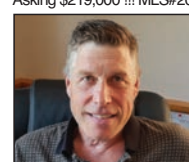
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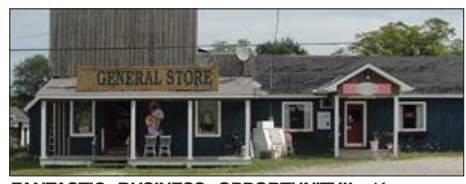
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ELEVATED SUNRISE VIEW OVER BEAUTIFUL LAKE MINDEMOYA!!

Large 2 1/2 acre lot with almost 150 ft of shoreline, a dock & a (grandfathered-in) boathouse. A quick flight of stairs brings you from the dock & fantastic deep water shoreline to the top of the flat bluff where you find a 3 bdrm cottage with an eye catching view! The golf course, hospital, restaurants, shopping are only 15 mins away. Only \$195,000!!! MLS#2074433



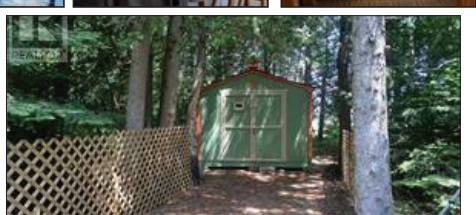
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SUCCESSFUL AUTO REPAIR AND BODY SHOP BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN GORE BAY!! - Known as Jewell's Collision, the large 7200 square foot building is newly renovated and maintenance free. The building is currently housing an auto repair shop in the back half of the building and an auto body shop in the front half. The business has grown every year for the 19 years it has existed and continues to grow with plenty of opportunity to expand and grow especially with spin-off type business such as used car sales/rentals, small motor repairs, car detailing and the list goes on and on. The seller is willing to undergo an environmental audit and had a clean bill of health on one that was done when the seller took over the building. The building could be converted into other uses as well, also rent to own may be a possibility. Asking just \$489,000. MLS#2080433



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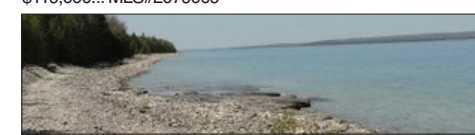
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EXTREMELY HIGH QUALITY 3 BDRM HOME WITH NICE VIEW OVER LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - This beautiful home with its hardwood floors & vaulted ceilings comes with a magnificent kitchen with cherry stained maple cabinets, 3 baths including the en-suite in the huge 600 sq ft master bdrm found at the top of a spectacular oak stair case. The manicured lot comes adorned with a variety of mature trees which nicely outline the property, amazing concrete driveway & huge sidewalks leading to 2 large decks of which one is a covered verandah. Also on the lot is a 10 x 12 storage shed & a heated completely finished & insulated double size garage. Asking \$370,000. MLS#2074309



2+1 BDRM COUNTRY HOME - With Large Double Garage On 3.7 Acres Of Land In The Quaint Town Of Silver Water. This beautiful home located close to Silver Lake which is good fishing for Walleye & Bass has many upgrades including hardwood flooring, propane furnace and new windows. The 3.77 acre lot comes with two driveways and a 31 X 24 foot garage with storage loft. Many other great fishing lakes are close by and the amenities of the Town of Gore Bay are just 30 minutes away. Asking \$169,000. MLS#2079265



LARGE WATERFRONT ACREAGE!! - Approximately 133 Acres of mixed forest with some small meadows and about a half mile of shoreline along the Mississagi Strait of Lake Huron located at the west end of Manitoulin close to the town of Meldrum Bay. The property is accessible by truck and the beautiful shoreline has many great building sites. There are atv trails on the property with lots of mature trees as well as many deer and small game. The lake itself has great fishing for most fresh water species, especially salmon, rainbow, lake trout, and musky. Asking \$199,000. MLS#2083525



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LACLOCHE MOUNTAIN RESORT ON CHARLTON LAKE IN WHITEFISH FALLS!! - Settled in the Majestic Mountain Range of white quartz of Willisville where they filmed the series Rainbow Country, these spectacular mountains and waterways were made famous in paintings by the group of seven. This resort known as Bearskin Lodge and Outfitters comes turnkey with 9 rustic two and three bedroom log cabins as well as an owners' residence and another cabin they allow friends and workers to stay. The housekeeping cottages each have their own hydro panels and each have their own bathrooms and appliances that are relatively new with upgraded wiring. Charlton Lake is really one of many lakes accessible in the area and is renowned for its great walleye and bass fishing. Asking \$975,000. MLS#2077603