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NORTHERN LIGHTS OVER THE NORTH CHANNEL—In the early morning hours of April 17, night owls across North America enjoyed a vibrant display of northern lights, as seen reflecting in the still waters of Lake Huron at the tip of Little Current's Low Island Park. Peak season is almost over but when the sun is willing to co-operate, good shows can still be had.

photo by Warren Schlote

Wiikwemkoong's youth will benefit from \$4 mil. grant

Board of Education secures funding to support students and their families

by Warren Schlote

WIKWEMKOONG—Students in Wiikwemkoong will soon benefit from Wiikwemkoong Board of Education (WBE)'s new Mino Bimaadiziwin (living the good way of life) program, which it is advancing through a nearly \$4 million investment from Public Safety Canada's Crime Prevention Action Fund.

Stay-at-home order will not affect start of Chi-Cheemaun

TOBERMORY—The new stay-at-home measures enacted by the province on Friday, April 16 will not impact the Chi-Cheemaun's spring schedule. The first ferry will arrive in South Baymouth on Friday, May 7.

"The impact is on the passengers who bear the responsibility of ensuring that their travel is in compliance with the provincial stay-at-home order for the duration of the order," Susan Schrempf, president and CEO of the Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC), told The

"(This program) will keep the students focused on positive things and keep them engaged with coming to school, but will also keep us connected to them 12 months a year instead of just 10," said WBE education director Mick Staruck.

WBE's Mino Bimaadiziwin program involves several initiatives to support students both in school and outside of instructional hours. These include youth group workshops during the school year, before and after school programs at Pontiac School, bringing in elders-in-residence at schools on a daily basis, counsellors and mental health workers, implementing cultural learning—especially Anishinaabemowin and land-based learning—and hiring mental health workers for all three schools for case management, which includes case workers to visit homes and parents to strengthen the parent-school relationship.

This grant will also support workshops throughout the year on topics such as family support and traditional cultures.

The funding of \$3,966,833 comes

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EDITORIAL

Laurentian needs support, not slash and burn

The second most significant feature of the debacle that defines the financial crisis in which Sudbury's Laurentian University finds itself is the obvious fact that recent boards of directors and senior administration at this important Northern Ontario institution enormously mismanaged the financial affairs of this critical regional asset. The institution is \$200 million in the red. The cost to the region of the layoffs and programs cuts is an estimated \$100 million annually, according to Lakehead University economist Livio DiMatteo.

The main feature, though, is the academic fallout—the slashing of programs and the associated termination of staff that will likely result. Laurentian will now assume the mantle of university of last resort.

Laurentian University was the dream, in the late 1950s, of a handful of visionary people in Sudbury who envisioned what the university could become. A friend of this writer began his undergraduate studies at Laurentian University 60 years ago, in 1961, and cheerfully reported at that time of taking his classes in a variety of loaned classrooms and storefronts in downtown Sudbury and even the Flour Mill area.

Start small and build a dream.

The late Dr. Stan Mullins, who spent his retirement years in the Kagawong area, was Laurentian's first president and held this office during the turbulent 1960s, simultaneously dealing with protesting student sit-ins in his administrative quarters while overseeing a great deal of the construction of the buildings on the Ramsey Lake Road campus that remain the institution's skyline, impressively visible from Paris Street, Bell Park and Science North.

The campus property on Ramsey Lake Road was donated to the university, providing a unique opportunity to make its presence from a lofty plateau.

These are small details, but indicate the university's early boards of directors and administrators had a sense that they were creating something important.

This visionary style flies in the face of the current decision by administration and the board—chopping programs that most universities would consider fundamental undergraduate study disciplines. Many post-grad studies have also been axed.

The list of cuts is long but as of now, a student can no longer pursue a degree in either physics or philosophy, mathematics or anthropology, music or ecology, environmental studies or midwifery, music studies or political science.

The list is depressingly long, cutting great swaths across the humanities, natural sciences, applied sciences and social sciences—programs many would consider germain education.

Over the decades Laurentian has carefully crafted a primary undergraduate institution in Northeastern Ontario. The wide variety of courses played a central role.

Laurentian, from its humble origins, took on an academic leadership role in Northeastern Ontario. What is now Nipissing University in North Bay morphed out of the old North Bay Teachers' College into full degree-granting university status by initially becoming a college campus of Laurentian University. Courses were offered and taken in North Bay but Laurentian awarded its degree. Nipissing University was granted independent degree-granting status in 1992.

Similarly, Algoma University in Sault Ste. Marie also has its origins as a college campus of Laurentian University beginning in 1965, continuing this relationship until it too became an independent

degree-granting university in 2008, with the blessing of Laurentian.

Professional schools at Laurentian University (the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, the McEwen School of Architecture, the Schulich School of Business, the School of Nursing, the Bharti School of Engineering) are largely left out of these cuts, with the exception of the civil engineering program where the first two years must now be taken at another institution and the Faculty of Education where junior and primary concurrent English BA and BSc and the French language BA intermediate and advanced teaching programs are eliminated.

Apparently, the School of Midwifery, a unique bilingual four-year health discipline, is not considered in the same professional status as the health disciplines—for it too met the axe.

Southwestern Ontario has Western University as its shining post-secondary institution. South-central Ontario has the University of Toronto, the University of Waterloo and McMaster University as top-tier institutions while eastern Ontario takes pride in Queen's University and the University of Ottawa (which is also bilingual.) Northwestern Ontario has Lakehead University (which continues to offer undergraduate degree programs in mathematics, physics, archeology and anthropology with post graduate degree programs to match).

Current and recent members of the Laurentian University board of directors and administration must be held accountable for letting things go so far as to become the first post-secondary institution in Canada to seek bankruptcy protection.

More importantly, Laurentian University is far too important to fail, or regulated to bush league status in this spectacular manner.

The provincial Minister of Colleges and Universities, Soo MPP Ross Romano and his department, have been conspicuously quiet on this file.

Minister Romano is a Northern Ontario minister, this is completely his area of responsibility and Laurentian University simply cannot afford to be allowed to flounder; it is far too important an institution to all of Northeastern Ontario.

Substantial Indigenous studies are at stake (although the university has committed to taking over some of them from the Université de Sudbury affiliated college where they had been offered).

This is a time for Minister Romano to show some leadership of his own and, as a Northerner, recognize that this institution needs bailing out right away.

Perhaps caps or reasonable minimal enrolments could be set for the programs scheduled for discontinuation. Perhaps midwifery could be offered exclusively in French or in English?

But the myriad of cancellations of programs, as it stands, certainly hollows out the spirit of Laurentian University and this is something that Ontario's Northeast region cannot afford.

A \$200 million debt is a big number but, in these pandemic days, we are getting used to funds flowing in the billions of dollars. Surly there is a path.

Timmins-James Bay MP Charlie Angus led a parliamentary debate in Ottawa last week, getting the Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, Melanie Joly's, attention in the process with a commitment to come to the assistance of Laurentian University, "as long as provincial partners come forward with solutions, and we will then be there to support them, through funding," Ms. Joly said during the emergency debate.

This may be all about politics but it is an offer that Minister Romano must seriously consider.

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Assiginack students design banners for township's 150th anniversary

by Warren Schlote

MANITOWANING—Students at Assiginack Public School (APS) have designed banners for the Township of Assiginack's 150th anniversary this year and four of them will appear publicly in Manitowaning for the sesquicentennial, offering a small commemoration of this year's significant anniversary until the full celebrations can take place once pandemic restrictions ease, hopefully in 2022.

Assiginack events co-ordinator Jackie White approached APS principal Heather Pennie to brainstorm ways to get students involved in celebrating the historic anniversary. Ms. White had spoken with Dave Smith of Assiginack Historical Society, which organized banners for Assiginack's 125th anniversary in partnership with APS.

"Assiginack Public School has always been a community school; we have very close ties with the community and lots of collaboration between us. We got talking about banners and (Ms. White)



Assiginack Public School students created posters to celebrate Assiginack's 150th anniversary. The above posters were chosen from student works from grades Kindergarten through Grade 8 and will be featured on special banners to hang throughout the community.

was wondering if the students might be interested in participating in a contest to have their artwork on banners. I sent the info to our staff and they thought it would be a wonderful way to have a little part of it," Ms. Pennie said. The response was strong and

swift—teachers did their best to integrate the project into their curricula and they received the top submissions from students between Kindergarten and Grade 8.

Ms. White and Ms. Pennie joined forces to review the sub-

missions and they landed on four options, chosen without looking at the students' names. They ended up choosing two girls and two boys from all across the grade spectrum.

"(The students) had some great ideas that the township liked; the ones we chose were pretty excited and surprised," Ms. Pennie said.

"Originally, I had thought maybe we could get a graphic designer to turn them into commercial artwork, but when we saw them they were so sweet, so good and Beacon Images was able to work with what we provided (as-is)," Ms. White said.

The four banners went up last week to celebrate the 2021 anniversary before next year's larger tentative plans. Those are all on hold this year in the hopes

that they can be larger next year, if the pandemic restrictions ease by then.

"We've had stuff in the works for pretty much every month (of the celebration year), big or small, but it's hard to plan right now just because we don't know what's going to happen and how we're going to carry that out," Ms. White said.

The township has a committee for the occasion and is in the midst of gathering historical photographs from residents, especially centenarian Jean McLennan who, "is a force, as usual."

Ms. White said the township looks forward to showing off its celebration plans as it gets ready for roll-out.

Long-time Assiginack councillor Hugh Moggy said the township has been planning for a year and a half but the unexpected global crisis meant delays to the project.

"It's sad, but there's not much we can do about it. Hopefully everybody gets vaccinated and that'll solve the problem," he said.

Tehkumma Township may be first Ontario township to use Starlink

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—The Township of Tehkumma in southeastern Manitoulin Island may become the first municipality in Ontario to begin using entrepreneur Elon Musk's Starlink satellite internet service when it received its equipment in early April, allowing the municipality to offer enhanced services for its residents and find new opportunities for efficiency.

"Down here at the end of the (DSL) line, we were lucky if we

would be getting four, five megabits per second. Especially with meetings going to Zoom and stuff it was impossible, even here in the office if we have more than one person searching for something," said Tehkumma clerk-administrator Silvio Berti.

That inspired the township to apply for Starlink's beta test service, which now has more than 10,000 users testing the service worldwide.

Starlink is a division of SpaceX, an extraterrestrial corporation

helmed by Tesla founder Elon Musk. It involves dozens of low-Earth-orbit satellites circling the globe, beaming high-speed internet down to earthbound receivers.

Its users have largely been individual households to date but some groups have also signed up, notably Pikangikum First Nation in Northwestern Ontario, a fly-in reserve that is now receiving community-wide connection speeds rivaling those of Northern cities.

Tehkumma signed up for the beta program and received the necessary hardware in early April. It worked with its computer support provider EncompassIT, of Sudbury, to hook up and manage the device.

"It's a little bit more money a month than Amtelecom (Tehkumma's existing provider) but you're getting what you're paying for in this one. It's still in the beta testing phase but we haven't noticed any drops or anything like that," Mr. Berti said. "I'd get it for my house if I could spare a few hundred dollars."



A small microwave dish atop the Tehkumma municipal office powers the building with much faster internet speeds. (Dish is circled.)

EncompassIT, based out of Sudbury, offers IT services to about 50 small municipalities in Northern and central Ontario. Sales director Mark Anderson said Tehkumma is its first client using the service (which the township initiated on its own) and the company is now recommending

its other municipalities to also sign up.

"It's such a dramatic change in speed that's available to rural municipalities ... it's a profound improvement, and long-awaited," said Mr. Anderson, noting that his company is not affiliated with

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Jason Quinlan has found an extended family in his role at Split Rail Brewing

Moving to Manitoulin Island was a family decision, and one that Jason Quinlan and his family are thankful for making.

Mr. Quinlan, who is originally from Oil Springs, Ontario and his family, which includes his wife Jennifer and their four children, Trystan, 22, Jaidyn, 20, Caleigh, 16 and Blaec, who is 14, moved to Manitoulin Island in 2016. "We will have been here five years this August," he told the Expositor.

"We were looking for new adventures," stated Mr. Quinlan, who was born in Sudbury. "My wife and I decided that we would like to move the family to northern Ontario."

"As a child I used to vacation here on Manitoulin with my family, visiting my grandparents (Grandma Verna Daub of Mindemoya just turned 100)," said Mr. Quinlan. "My wife and her family had also made a trip to the Island when she was young, and she had fond memories of her visit."

Jason and Jennifer didn't have jobs when they moved to the Island, specifically the community of Kagawong. However, it didn't take either one long to find employment. Jennifer got a job working for Manitoulin Transport. "I was fortunate to meet up with Andrea Smith and Eleanor Charlton in July 2016, and in August 2016 I began working for Split Rail Brewing Company."

"I've had the chance to see the business grow," said Mr. Quinlan, who was hired as assistant operations manager for Split Rail, then later moved into the



Jason Quinlan

operations manager role.

"Andrea and Eleanor are fantastic owners and they have been great to both myself and my family," said Mr. Quinlan. "This is a great team to be part of, and the job provides a great opportunity to share people's experiences on the Island and be part of a growing, thriving business."

"Our customers are fantastic," said Jason. "And through this position I've had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. I'm very grateful the support myself and my family have received."

"Family is what's best about Split Rail. Andrea and Eleanor have made my family and myself part of theirs. Our customers have made me feel like part of their family; it may be cliché, but it is true. Split Rail is like an extended family that is all part of this journey that makes being here so special."

Remember that when you shop locally, you're supporting friends and neighbours like Jason Quinlan.

Ont. gives COVID cash to Island fire departments

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—The Ontario government is providing municipal fire departments across the province with funding through the Ontario Fire Marshal to help offset costs and barriers associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I think it's great. It's been a long time since there's been any government funding for fire departments and so, for us, we're happy to get it," said Mike Addison, fire chief of the Gore Bay-Gordon/Barrie Island Joint Volunteer Fire Department.

Ontario created the Municipal Fire Protection Grant to offer support to municipalities in the 2020-2021 year to address pandemic-related issues, such as accessing

training, getting required equipment or other essential upgrades that can be used to facilitate tasks like virtual inspections.

"This is certainly something that will be helpful toward the day-to-day operation of fire departments, but there is a lot more that needs to be done like working toward updating and securing additional funding for fire departments for the increased costs they and other organizations have felt due to COVID. I will be aggressively pursuing that," said Algoma-Manitoulin NDP MPP Mike Mantha.

While a handful of MPPs from the ruling Progressive Conservative government issued releases about the funding, Mr. Mantha

said his colleagues across the aisle had not informed him of the funding before The Expositor's questions on the matter. This newspaper accessed the funding amounts through a request to the Ontario Fire Marshal.

"Am I displeased with not being involved? Absolutely. Am I surprised? Unfortunately, no I'm not," he said.

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Country 103 nominated for provincial award

LITTLE CURRENT—CHAW Country 103 Great Lakes Country has been nominated for a Country Music Association of Ontario award.

The radio station has been nominated for radio station of the year in the small market category for 2021.

Chaw Country 103 is one of five small radio stations nominated for the award in this category, including CFDC Country 105 in Shelburne, Pure Country 96.7 in Pembroke, Pure Country 106 CICX in Orillia and CJDI Country 1076.3 in Tilsonburg.

The awards will take place on May 30 at the Ancaster Fairgrounds.

Single vehicle fatal crash on 400 claims life of Gore Bay woman

GEORGIAN BAY TOWNSHIP—A single vehicle crash claimed the life of a Gore Bay woman Saturday.

Members of the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), along with Georgian Bay Fire Service and Muskoka Paramedic Service, responded to a report on April 17 of a car that had collided into a northbound rock face on Highway 400, one kilometre south of Crooked Bay Road.

The two occupants of the car were located at the scene and triaged by attending emergency services with a female occupant, identified as Brianne Thomson, 30, of Gore Bay, pronounced deceased at the scene while the male occupant was transported to hospital for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash.

The driver, a 26-year-old male, also of Gore Bay, was treated for minor injuries at a Muskoka area hospital.

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editorial

The need for volunteers continues despite COVID-19

While they may not have been as visible as they were back in those heady carefree pre-pandemic days (was that really only a few short months ago?), volunteers remain as important as ever, perhaps even more so.

So many of the roles fulfilled by volunteers and the needs they met have not abated; in fact, many have increased exponentially due to the impact of the pandemic. From Victim Services to hospital auxiliaries, meals on wheels for shut-ins and a host of other services that would not be met without the caring efforts of the many volunteers who give so unstintingly of their services.

While ceremonies recognizing those efforts may fall victim to the restrictions of the current war against the deadliest foe to face our Island in generations, the efforts of volunteers are still worthy of the gratitude of our communities, our province, the nation and the globe.

Without your efforts, this world would be a much darker place.

Today The Expositor tips its hat, and its editorial page, to those in our communities who give so generously of their time, their talents and their hearts to help lighten the gloom and lift the burden from countless shoulders.

There are two tiny words that seem so inadequate to express our sentiments, but those words can never, ever, be said enough. We will say them here and now.

To all of the many volunteers who offer their services to the community, to all those volunteers like sports coaches, choir conductors, referees and a host of others whose passions have been put on hold during this pandemic, to each and every one of you we say—thank you.

letters

A student's perspective on the Laurentian University debacle

The people responsible for this fiscal chaos must be held accountable

To the Expositor:

On the night of Thursday, April 1 at 10 pm, the student body at Laurentian University received news about the dissolution of the university's federacy with Thornloe University, Huntington University and University of Sudbury. Was this a sick April fool's joke by Laurentian University? Sadly no. Receiving this news the night before a long weekend has been difficult for most, but if we as students choose to email our deans out of concern for the future of our education, we may not receive a reply from them over the next few days.

We are amidst many uncertainties about the future of our education. Right now, as students, we are in the midst of finals: the deadlines for papers and exams started this week and continue through the end of April. As we know, the dissolution is in effect as of April 30, 2021. With the spring semester right around the corner, many students are registered to continue their hard-earned education. Now amidst a global pandemic and various other life stressing situations, students are left questioning if their credits will be useful towards the completion of their degree, or if they will even be able to continue with the remainder of their studies.

On a personal level, this issue has been felt on a very deep level, as I was already affected by the cuts towards the classes and programs available at Laurentian University in April of 2020. I decided to enroll at Laurentian University in September 2019 to study theatre, and work towards a Bachelor of Education. I chose to study at Laurentian University because Sudbury is where my family is, and I wanted to be close to home to nurture these connections, while working towards furthering my career prospects at the local university. In April 2020, shortly after we were placed into a national lockdown due to the global pandemic of COVID-19 and, whilst again in the middle of my finals, I learnt that Laurentian University would be cutting the theatre program from their budget. As a result, my degree would no longer be guaranteed, and I would need to change my course of study, with classes no longer being offered due to low enrollment. However, what the administration didn't take into account is that many of my fellow classmates moved to Sudbury to attend Laurentian University for the small class sizes, which

improved the student-teacher ratio and allowed for greater guidance from their professors. We are now learning that professors who are not responsible for the chaos of Laurentian University's insolvency are now losing their jobs, and some are being forced into retirement with a short four days' notice; professors who made my education much more enjoyable than I thought it ever could be.

Laurentian University has stated on numerous occasions that they have their students' best interest at heart, yet we are experiencing undue stress due to the financial irresponsibility of a select few. Last week, they sent out an email expressing to students that they will be staying true to their tri-cultural mandate as a University Federation, though last night we learnt that their words were only empty promises. With the dissolution of the federation between the four universities, we are experiencing this tri-cultural mandate fall through the cracks. This is especially tragic as we are in a time where we should be focusing on Truth and Reconciliation between Indigenous communities and all our relations. We are again seeing, however, that the verbal commitment to Truth and Reconciliation from Laurentian University is baseless.

What many people may not realize is that the repercussions of all the quickly changing events at Laurentian University and the federation of universities will have a major impact on Sudbury's greater local economy. I've been informed that Laurentian University currently affects 1/3 of Sudbury's local economy. The changes that are taking place should be concerning for all Sudbury residents and not only staff, students and faculty.

We as students deserve to have clarity about our choices in order to continue our education. Laurentian University is a publicly funded institution which should be receiving the support of the provincial and federal governments. Instead, staff, faculty and students are experiencing the brunt of the irresponsibility of a select few in administration. It is important that we hold the people who are responsible for having caused the current fiscal chaos at Laurentian University accountable.

**Kristen Lavallee
Sudbury**

Speaking the truth alienates too many these days

The Creator tells us to watch out for the good and the bad and be on guard

To the Expositor:

In today's society when somebody speaks the truth, they will get alienated with some people. When I was listening to the news this person was interviewed by the media and this is what he was experiencing. He spoke the truth and I have to agree with him because I'm experiencing the same thing, but when I see the truth I have to say something about it. That is how our creator wants us to live, to be honest and truthful, and it's not easy either.

When I was abusing alcohol, I came up with all kinds of lies just to get more money for my next bottle, but not anymore. When I'm speaking about the truth I do not beat around the bush either. I'm very direct because if I try to explain it, I know people will come up with smart answers. Why? It's because they are trying to deny the truth it's almost like I can read people's minds. Someday we will have to face our Creator

because God's wisdom is better than gold, that's the way I see it even though I do not like it. I'm religious, but the Creator is my support since there is nobody else in my life. It is a good feeling to have and I believe he is giving us this wisdom and its free for me to have because every day I do think about the Creator and I do believe my life is so well balanced too. I can tell between the good and the bad and to watch out for it. Be on guard because that's one of our Creator teachings too.

I know with this pandemic its taking a toll on everybody but keep in mind the Creator is there for you and all you have to do is reach out to him and pray, just pray from the heart do not ask for anything because the Creator knows you better than yourself and if you do this he just may answer your prayers and be faithful when you pray.

**Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong**

The ability to fish should be viewed as a privilege

Privileges come with responsibilities

To the Expositor:

Re: March 24 article "Island program teaches kids to hunt and fish 'like the PROS,'" Page 7.

This initiative to mentor young people in Indigenous, land-based and conservation-based fishing and hunting practices warms my heart. My two adult children both love to fish, and our annual family fishing vacation on the Island takes advantage of its many different waterways, as well as fish species to learn about. Both children are conscientious fishers which I applaud. Not everyone is, though, and I've seen evidence of

this, for example people fishing out of season. Being able to fish should be viewed, in my opinion, as a privilege, one that brings with it responsibilities. It is not an entitlement.

Kudos to all those individuals, First Nations communities and organizations who are committed to teaching responsible practices to young people, giving them knowledge as well as first-hand experiences to cherish for the rest of their lives.

**Deborah McKellar
Neustadt, Ont.**

Founders of Gore Bay's Split Rail Brewery talk social

by Michael Erskine

GORE BAY—Split Rail Brewery is one of a new breed of socially conscious enterprises that looks beyond the bottom line toward helping to create a better world.

As previously reported, Split Rail Brewery was the recipient of a \$26,117 funding grant through the Government of Canada's Investment Readiness Program (IRP) to assist its development as a social purpose business and its move toward gaining B Corp certification. But even though The Expositor chatted with Split Rail Brewery co-founder Andrea Smith (who started the business along with Eleanor Charlton in 2012—officially launched following a kick-starter campaign in 2015) and board chair Susan Snelling about the “social” part of founding and operating a brewery and what the IRP funding means to furthering the company's community and environmentally conscious goals.

“Split Rail is using the IRP funding to bring in expertise in business optimization, to ensure that every aspect of our business is moving us toward increased sustainability and reducing our environmental impact, while still building and growing our

business,” said Ms. Smith. “As a women-owned brewery, we were different from the norm in this industry when we started in 2012, although we are increasingly seeing women in every aspect of brewing. We're continuing to look for new ways of doing things that put our values first, by working with local suppliers when we can, creating year-round jobs here on the Island, and engaging with Manitoulin communities.”

“The IRP recognizes that businesses can contribute to the social and environmental well-being of a community,” added Ms. Snelling. “We're thrilled and grateful that the program recognized Split Rail as a business that exists to make a difference. The funding will allow us to develop our social purpose even further, and pursue B Corp certification as a standard for our values-based business.”

What that means in practical terms is more about continuing the trajectory that has been part of the Split Rail Brewery story from its inception. “The IRP funding will accentuate the things we have been doing all along,” said Ms. Smith. Largely, that means paying close attention to how the business impacts the environment, its



As part of its commitment to social consciousness, Split Rail Brewery offers a variety of non-alcoholic beverages in addition to traditional brewery fair.

employees and the customers the brewery serves.

“The environment is especially important,” noted Ms. Smith, referencing the water. “Brewing involves a lot of water and it is important that we respect how we interact with water.”

The alignment of the focus of the IRP funding with Split Rail's own approach to the value the brewery places on social responsibility was fundamental to their application.

“We are constantly reviewing how we can do better,” said Ms. Smith,

who noted that the company employs local residents and provides a truly made-on-Manitoulin suite of products with a strong focus on lowering environmental impacts, even as the production facility expands.

“Social responsibility might seem like something of a paradox,” said Ms. Smith, “but there are many ways of being socially responsible.” Those include respect for employees, providing living wages and removing systemic barriers to employment.

On the production side of things, the company strives to improve its environmental systems, including the addition of a canning line, with a close eye to its greenhouse gas emissions. Instead of hiring an outside entity to do the canning of its products, Split Rail is bringing that production into its own facility. “Having it brought in-house allows us to reduce our carbon footprint and provide local employment,” pointed out Ms. Snelling. “We are always looking for ways to be more efficient—it's an ongoing process.”

Important in the process going forward is to not do anything that would reverse the steps they have already taken, such as providing living wages and reduced impacts on the

environment, noted the duo. “We have to be really clear on what we want to accomplish,” said Ms. Smith.

Part of that process is ensuring that everyone in the company understands those goals and what needs to be done to accomplish them. The IRP funding will assist the company in clearly defining and enhancing those goals.

The other aspect of social responsibility is awareness of the community and the brewery's place within that matrix. “In Europe the pub is a public space, a community hub,” said Ms. Snelling. “We are not so much a business as a part of the community.”

Another unique aspect of Split Rail Brewery is that it is 100 percent owned by women and 100 percent run by women. “That is very different than most of the industry,” said Ms. Smith. “We bring a different perspective than has been the norm.”

Part of that responsibility to the community is to provide a safe and responsible environment in their food and beverage patio. The atmosphere encouraged in that part of the business includes children, with non-alcoholic beverages on hand and overconsumption strongly discouraged.

more letters

A heartfelt thanks to all of those who spend their time to clean our ditches

To those who litter: leave your trash in your vehicles

To the Expositor:

Way to go, congratulations and thank you. I would like to thank the people who took the initiative to clean the ditch from White's Point towards Little Current on Saturday, April 17. An impressive job, well done.

I counted over 15 bags of garbage and numerous piles of

garbage collected. Once again, thank you for the effort to help clean up the horrible mess our ditches have become. Leave the trash in your vehicles, instead of the ditches. I think people need to learn not to litter. God's Island is going to smother under all the garbage. May God bless everyone.

Yours truly,

B. Scott Orr
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God's Island World House of Worship
of Truth of Jesus Christ and God

An alternative view to The Expositor's "Indigenous favourable" articles

The Robinson-Huron annuities case will damage already fragile government revenues

To the Expositor:

The Expositor had some very interesting articles about the Restoule (Robinson-Huron Treaty annuities) case in its April 13 edition, all favourable to the Indigenous side of it. I offer an alternative view.

In December 2018, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice released the Restoule decision rendering Canada and Ontario equally liable to pay the 21 Robinson Treaties bands their “fair” share of all Crown revenue received from sales, leases and licenses, less expenses, derived from Robinson Treaties-surrendered lands (covering basically the entire Lakes Huron and Superior watershed), retroactive to 1850. The bands court winnings will likely amount to hundreds of millions of dollars, maybe more, which the already hard-pressed Ontario taxpayers will have to come up with.

The Court concluded that Canada and Ontario acted dishonorably by in effect unknowingly short-changing the Treaties bands of entitlements owed to them.

The bands' court winnings will be in addition to the already substantial voluntary, “Honour of the Crown,” non-treaty payments and benefits regularly paid by Canadian taxpayers to them, and the bands show no inclination to voluntarily reduce their winnings by the amount (in the billions of dollars over the past 100 years) of these non-treaty payments and benefits received.

There will then be a form of double recovery, which the law usually regards as unfair. Ontario taxpayers will no doubt regard this as unfair as well when they realize what it's going to cost them in additional taxes that will have to be paid.

This ruling is, with respect, ill founded. Ontario has appealed the decision, and the appeal is being argued now, but the federal government, to the harm of Crown sovereignty, Canadian social unity and the Canadian taxpayer, has not appealed.

The 1850 Treaties clearly state that the bands “freely and voluntarily” cede to the Crown all Treaties lands. The Treaties neither grant the bands a share of proceeds of the subsequent Crown disposition of lands nor of the resources within them. There was no evidence before the

court that since the Treaties were signed either the Crown or the bands acted as though the Treaties were more than what they were—“one-time agreements”—providing, in exchange for the full and final surrender of the lands, a fixed annual annuity (set at \$4 per year in 1875), lands for reserves, and the right to hunt and fish year-round on the surrendered lands.

Relying upon recent Supreme Court of Canada decisions very favorable to Indigenous interests, the bands argued that a proper re-interpretation of the long-ago Treaties was that they had only agreed to “share” the lands. They sought a retroactive share of Crown revenues from them. The court agreed.

The court found that, according to the “Anishinaabe perspective and worldview,” the bands purportedly thought they were entering into a nation to nation-type “alliance”—“a reciprocal relationship between independent entities” involving “shared spaces and resources.” Accordingly, as the court ruled, the surrender of the Treaties lands in 1850 was really a “gift” to the Crown, given with the “cultural expectation of equal reciprocity”—that being the sharing of the future proceeds of the Crown development of the land.

The court further ruled that, properly re-interpreted, the Treaties were not “one-time agreements” after all. They were actually “future oriented agreements situated within an ongoing relationship” that needed to be “reviewed” and “renewed” as circumstances change, and that the “augmentation clause,” which on its face is entirely discretionary in the Crown's favour, should be re-interpreted to meet that end. The virtual absence of complaints by the bands until only very recently about not getting their “fair share of the lands” since 1850—about not getting their \$4 per year augmented—should not, the court held, because of the “honour of the Crown” doctrine, be held against them.

With respect, it defies common sense and historical knowledge to think that in the midst of all the cultural mixing and borrowing that had taken place between Europeans and aboriginals in the 200-year period before 1850—including all the “cultural appropriation” of Euro-Canadi-

an ways and means by the Anishinaabe—that the Indian band signatories did not understand the Treaties in the same way as the Crown did. And the court's decision ignored and overturned over 150 years of conduct on the part of both Treaties parties that confirmed their common intention that it was indeed a one-time agreement and that the Crown had no obligation to augment the \$4 per year annuity payment. The economic development of Northern Ontario has been and remains based on this conduct. Rights and interests, public and private, have been based on it.

This ruling, if it stands, will damage the already fragile government revenue, (Ontario is basically insolvent now), further destabilize the Ontario economy and further erode Crown sovereignty, already dangerously weakened by earlier Supreme Court Indigenous law decisions. When Ontario taxpayers are told that their taxes will have to go up to pay for the Indigenous court winnings, there will be resentment. Social division, the opposite of reconciliation, will occur.

This ruling prevents the anachronistic Robinson treaties from ever becoming civically vestigial. It contemplates an infinite, never stable, ever-changing, race-based relationship between non-Indigenous and Indigenous Northern Ontarians. It is demoralizing for all Canadians who believe in a true, civic coming-together of all Canadians, regardless of race.

Ontario should pursue its appeal with vigor, and if it loses in the Court of Appeal, appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Our politicians, in fact all of us, should start thinking along Nelson Mandela's goal and vision of “one set of laws for all” to better bind Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians together, instead of, as this decision will do if upheld, further bankrupt and socially divide us.

(A lengthy analysis by me of this profoundly consequential Restoule trial decision can be found at thereisnodifference.ca).

Sincerely,

Peter Best, lawyer
Sudbury

Assiginack Public Library Feature

by Debbie Robinson

'The Dance Cure: The Surprising Science to Being Smarter, Stronger, Happier' by Dr. Peter Lovatt is a wonderful book. Dr. Lovatt is the founder of the Dance Psychology Lab and Movement in Practice Academy. He is also a former professional dancer. Dr. Lovatt's dedicated investigation into the benefits of dance as a tool to change people's lives for the better is an easy read. It has plenty of actual examples and let's face it—doesn't letting yourself dance whenever you want or need to sound a whole lot more enjoyable than taking more medications and tests? Lovatt has discovered that dance can give those suffering from diseases (such as

Parkinson's and Dementia) real joy. It also helps with the reduction of anyone's depression and has shown increases in self-esteem and happier levels of social bonding between people of all ages. The author really wants us all to get moving and get happier. Cha-cha, polka, swing, line-dancing, macarena, ballet, hip-hop, waltz and so many more options—just dance folks!

Sudbury born Alex Trebek left us on November 8, 2020 after a courageous struggle with cancer. Alex began his career with the CBC. He then went on to host several successful game shows. He was the much loved and respected host of 'Jeopardy' for 36 years! Alex never planned

on writing a book until he was diagnosed with cancer. He decided that he wanted to thank the people who have been praying for him and supporting him throughout his treatments. His book, entitled, 'The Answer Is...Reflections on My Life' is a personal memoir from a talented and charming man who earned and deserved the respect of his peers and the public. Alex was also an incredible humanitarian, travelling and working with World Vision for 40 years. Alex will be greatly missed by his family, fans world-wide and the industry to which he gave his all. May he rest in peace.

'The Pull of the Stars' by Canadian author Emma

Donoghue is a story set in Dublin, Ireland over a period of three days in the year 1918. Three women from very diverse backgrounds come together to make a difference. This is an inspiring tale of hope and endurance. Donoghue's novel speaks to the reader of a sad, dark time in human history, brought back into the light by the unselfish dedication, extraordinary efforts and tender care of truly remarkable individuals. This story situation is a reflection of the days and times we are currently living in. It is a very timely book and one of my favourite reads in the last year!

'A Town Called Solace' by

bestselling author Mary Lawson is a terrific novel. The story is set in a small Northern community and as the tale unfolds a mystery from years before starts to resurface and unravel. The book is full of suspense, humour, sorrow and has a cast of memorable characters. A great read!

Young Adult Read: 'The Ickabog' by J.K. Rowling has the reader joining in on a great adventure with two best friends as they try to defend and save their homeland from a sinister monster.

DVD Pick: 'Dolittle' starring Robert Downey, Antonio Banderas and Michael Sheen—an epic adventure for the whole family.

Downey was born to be Dr. Dolittle! Never a dull moment in this film.

The library is continuing to provide curbside pickup service. You can access the library's book and DVD collection on the Township of Assiginack homepage under 'Library.' The instructions on how to use the curbside service is also there, or you can call the library on Tuesdays or Saturdays (705-859-2110) between 10 am and 3 pm for help or assistance. The library wireless internet is always on and can be accessed outside the building and from the parking lot. The password is on the front door of the Library.

Stay safe and well!



Law & Order

Man crashes tractor into neighbour's home in West End dispute

On April 14, shortly after 7:30 pm, members from the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a neighbour dispute on 7th Line Road near the Town of Gore Bay.

Investigation determined a neighbour attended the complainant's residence and used a tractor that was on the property to cause damage to the complainant's residence. The neighbour then left in his vehicle. On April 16, at approximately 9 am, members from the OPP's Emergency Response Team, with the assistance of the Manitoulin Crime Unit, attended the neighbour's residence where an arrest was made.

As a result, William Fogal, 43 years of age, from Gore Bay, was charged with: possession of weapon for dangerous purpose; operation while prohibited under the Criminal Code; operation while prohibited - legal restriction from any other Act of Parliament or Provincial Law; failure to comply with release order; other than to attend court; and with mischief, interfere with lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property under \$5,000.

The accused appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice video bail in Gore Bay on April 19, 2021 and was remanded into custody.

OPP outlines enforcement under stay-at-home order

The OPP is requesting that Ontarians voluntarily comply with the new emergency orders as it does its part to support the Government of Ontario's health emergency declaration to limit transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

OPP officers will enforce the Stay-at-Home Order, under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, and the Reopening Ontario Act by focusing on non-compliance in businesses and restaurants, complaints from the public and unlawful public gatherings. Officers can disperse and ticket individuals found to be non-compliant resulting in a \$750 fine.

The new emergency orders include outdoor events/gatherings are now prohibited unless all parties are from the same household or one other person from outside that household who lives alone or is a caregiver for any member of the household.

All retail stores that are permitted to be open must limit the number of persons to 25 percent capacity of the store.

The following outdoor recreational amenities shall be closed: all outdoor sports facilities and multi-use fields including baseball diamonds, soccer fields, frisbee golf locations, tennis, platform tennis, table tennis, pickleball courts, basketball courts, BMX parks and skate parks; all portions of park and recreation areas containing outdoor fitness equipment; and all picnic sites and picnic tables in park and recreation areas.

An outdoor recreational amenity that is an off-leash dog area or park bench may be open and used if physical distancing is maintained and playgrounds, a place specifically designed to enable children to play there, may be open and used.

Consistent with the new emergency orders, OPP officers will not arbitrarily stop an individual or a vehicle, or enter a dwelling for the singular purpose of checking compliance with the order. Individuals are not expected to provide proof of essential work. Officers who believe an individual may be participating in a gathering that is prohibited may require the individual to provide information to determine whether or not they are in compliance.

For all non-emergency police matters, including allegations of COVID-19 restrictions non-compliance, contact your municipal bylaw office, call the OPP non-emergency number at 1-888-310-1122, or contact your local detachment. Please reserve 911 for life-threatening emergencies.

The OPP will continue to provide public safety services to the communities we serve and support the efforts of federal, provincial and local health authorities.

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Ontario NDPs calls for ed. minister to resign

Federal NDP accuse feds of “passing the buck” call for sacking LU admin and board

by Michael Erskine

SUDBURY—The unfolding debacle that is the restructuring of Laurentian University as the first-ever public education institution to enter bankruptcy protection has led to the loss of over 60 programs, including a large number of unique francophone and Indigenous programs.

In a press conference held through video conference on Wednesday, April 13, Sudbury NDP MPP Jamie West and Nickel Belt MPP France Gélinas hosted a virtual press conference Wednesday afternoon in which they called on Premier Doug Ford to remove Colleges and Universities Minister Ross Romano.

The NDP MPPs were joined on the panel by Guy Bourgouin, NDP critic for francophone affairs, Mario McLean, a third year géographie/histoire/éducation student at Laurentian and political science professor Nadia Verrelli. Laura Mae Lindo, NDP critic for colleges and universities was to be on the call, but was not present on the panel.

During the hour-and-a-half press conference, the panel reviewed the challenges and immense stress that the program cuts and layoffs have placed on the Laurentian community and Sudbury in general.

Mr. West referenced the impact of the announcements on the roughly 6,000 Laurentian students and how the cuts are an affront to the university’s francophone students. He pointed out that the crisis developed under the watch of Mr. Romano and yet the minister has been absent from the issue. “Minister Romano did nothing to protect, Minister Romano chose to do nothing,” he said, pointing to the loss of 70 programs and 100 employees. Mr. West went on to call for Ontario Premier Doug Ford to remove Mr. Romano from his portfolio.

Ms. Gélinas spoke at length en français, reiterating much of what Mr. West had pointed out.

Ms. Verrelli, for her part, noted that she has been employed since 2014 at Laurentian and gave illustration of the brutality of the means by which her employment was truncated. She was given barely a few days to turn in her laptop and other university material, leaving her to scramble to transfer the book she has been writing and the work she has been peer reviewing onto another system, but those challenges pale in comparison to the emotional impact the sudden loss of employment and the impact the course cancellations have on her students.

Mr. McLean noted that the lack of communication from the university was challenging in the first instance, but the assurances that he would be able complete his studies rang hollow when the options were reviewed. In any event, coming in the midst of exams left him struggling to put his best foot forward on those exams.

In the days following the provincial NDP virtual press conference, the federal NDP proved they were not to be left behind on the issue, with NDP MP for Timmins-James Bay Charlie Angus calling for an emergency debate on Wednesday, April 14. The five-hour evening debate saw Mr. Angus lambasting the Laurentian University cuts and restructuring in no uncertain terms.

“What we heard on Monday was a shocking attack on education on programs, on opportunities, slash, slash, slash, slash, slash,” said Mr. Angus during the debate, going on to assert that Parliament needs to study the issue and come up with solutions.

Mr. Angus said he is concerned other provinces will use Laurentian as a precedent, allowing them to go into creditor protection. “And if nothing’s done, this could spell the beginning of the end for publicly-funded post-secondary education,” he said.

“I mean, Doug Ford and his buddies probably don’t think it’s a problem that if you’re in Kapuskasing or Hearst, well just go down to Toronto, just go down to Guelph,” he said. “Laurentian makes it possible. Laurentian removed the barriers for so many people in a region that has suffered such youth outmigration year in, year out.”

While his provincial counterparts called for the head of Mr. Romano, Mr. Angus went further to say that Laurentian needs to get rid of the university president and board of governors who set the creditor protection process in motion.

“Because if you look at what they put on their plan, this isn’t a restructuring, this is an act of intellectual vandalism,” said Mr. Angus. “That is without precedent.”

“It’s hard to understand,” said Sudbury Liberal MP Paul Lefebvre. “We have many questions, there are many concerns. I am very worried—I’m worried for the mental health of teachers, students and their families. They don’t know what’s going on. There’s a lot of uncertainty—there’s not much communication.”

Mr. Lefebvre has introduced a private member’s bill to prevent universities from seeking creditor protection.

“The government has admitted that French is declining in Quebec and elsewhere in Canada and now the government needs to put its money where its mouth is,” Mr. Lefebvre said. Mr. Lefebvre has announced that he will not be running for office in the next federal election.

“The minister has a duty to act and that’s what we expect, Mr. Chair, in this case we expect action on Laurentian University,” said Steven Blaney, a Quebec Conservative MP, during the debate.

“The government has admitted that French is declining in Quebec and elsewhere in Canada, and now the government needs to put its money where its mouth is,” said the Bloc Quebecois’ Mario Beaulieu.

“We are not China,” Sudbury MP Paul Lefebvre said, pointing out that there are challenges in the way of government intervention. “We are not Russia. Politicians do not stop an independent judicial process. I know that’s frustrating. If we could, we would, and we don’t agree with it. But that’s not how a democracy that we live in works.”

The responsibility for education lies squarely (and constitutionally) in the provincial realm.

“I am ready to work with them and have many discussions to come, but our provincial partners need to come forward with solutions, and we will then be there to support them, through funding,” said Mélanie Joly, minister of economic development and official languages. “We need to support language rights, which, of course, is a federal jurisdiction, but the work needs to be done on the ground by the province.”



Special Olympics poster girl

Sally Marshall is all smiles after wandering into an Island store to discover her granddaughter Alma Loken is the poster child for Special Olympics across Ontario. “She is the sweetest little girl,” said Ms. Marshall. Known as a sweet and fun-loving girl who loves to sing and dance, Alma, together with her mother Melanie Coté Loken, has launched a social enterprise company called Do Good Donuts and has appeared on Dragon’s Den with the project.

photo by Michael Erskine

Move afoot to allow N. Ontario Medical School to grant degrees

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Former Progressive Conservative MPP and Sudbury mayor Jim Gordon, former Liberal MP Thunder Bay mayor Ken Boschoff and Order of Ontario recipient and Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) board member Angèle Brunelle joined forces in a letter to the editor published in the April 14 edition of The Expositor, ‘It is time to grant Northern Ontario School of Medicine freestanding degree-granting status,’ to call on the provincial government to grant independent, standalone degree-granting institution status. Concern over the impact the dissolution and financial fiasco that is Laurentian University could have on NOSM brought those somewhat unlikely bedfellows together to reach out to the provincial government. Each of those signatories has been a stalwart champion since before the school’s inception.

Their collaborative effort appears to have borne fruit, as the Ontario government introduced proposed legislation to establish NOSM and Université de Hearst (Hearst) as independent, standalone degree-granting institutions. If passed, the legislation would formally recognize the integral role these institutions play in providing students with access to medical training and French-language studies in Northern Ontario.

“NOSM and Hearst provide specialized and important educational opportunities in Northeastern Ontario. They are ready to take the next step in their development and maturity as institutions,” said Ross Romano, minister of colleges and universities, in a press release. “This new independence will ensure that each institution has the autonomy to grow in ways that more effectively support the access to quality education for students and communities in the region. Hearst will become Ontario’s second stand-alone French language university, joining the Université de l’Ontario français. NOSM will

become more agile and nimble to the changing needs of students as they help tackle the need for doctors and other health human resources in Northern Ontario.”

As affiliated postsecondary institutions, NOSM and Hearst already operate largely independently from Laurentian. Both institutions are unique compared to other affiliates across Ontario as they already receive direct funding from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. The proposed legislation, if passed, would provide the institutions with independent governance and administration, and will empower them to expand and explore offering more programs in new communities across Northern Ontario. It would also provide a pathway for the institutions to grant their own degrees, and the government intends to engage the expert guidance of the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board in moving toward this milestone.

“This legislative proposal is an important milestone for the Université de Hearst and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Operating as independent institutions with the ability to make choices about future partnerships and growth would allow them to better meet the needs and aspirations of their student population,” said Caroline Mulroney, minister of francophone affairs. “With the Université de Hearst, Ontario now boasts two French-language universities, run by and for francophones, which will undoubtedly strengthen the opportunities for Ontarians to learn, live and thrive in the language of their choice.”

Both Mr. Gordon and Mr. Boschoff declined comment on the move, for the time being. Mr. Boschoff noted that the legislation had not yet made it to the legislative floor by press time and said he would reserve comment until he saw the outcome of the move.



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Options exist to reduce Island delivery costs

Part III of a series

by Warren Schlote

EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin Island businesses and consumers have often raised concerns over the relatively high cost of shipping goods to the Island, especially when compared to farther distances on mainland. This series will explore why and what can be done.

MANITOU LIN—Delivering products to Manitoulin Island can be a hassle for those not coming in this direction already, something that Derek McKenzie knows well.

"I've worked in this business for 13 years. Everybody loses money on Manitoulin," said Mr. McKenzie, co-owner of Sudbury-based IAW Courier Service, which services Manitoulin Island. Mr. McKenzie said if shipments are not needed immediately, some couriers will offer a better rate if they can hold the package until a few more Island-bound deliveries pile up. Otherwise, making a whole trip to Manitoulin for one rush delivery would be extremely cost prohibitive for the end consumer.

"The problem with the Island and most areas outside Sudbury, it's sparsely populated and covers a very big area," said Mr. McKenzie.

He gave the example that paying a driver a day's wages would likely be around \$140 after the various taxes and deductions. Adding \$60 in fuel costs brings the trip's total to \$200, so even with a load of eight packages at a rate of \$25 each, the run would only break even.

That figure does not account for the additional costs of insurance, maintenance and the purchase of replacement vehicles.

Jeff Bebonang of Island-based Jeff's Taxi said a lot of his business involves same-day deliveries from Sudbury.

"Every day, Monday to Friday, myself or another guy go to Sudbury early in the morning and make our way back just before noon," he said. "If someone on Manitoulin calls me by 10 am, they'll get their parcel by that afternoon. That's what we base our delivery service on."

He started the delivery portion of the business using a cube van, but that soon drew the attention of would-be competitors. At one time, said Mr. Bebonang, he had five competitors that were all pricing their services aggressively to secure business.

However, after downsizing the vehicle back to a minivan and keeping the taxi work alive, he has found stability.

"I'd say I always have seven or eight customers that call daily, sometimes more. Most of the stuff we bring back is automotive parts—there probably isn't a garage on Manitoulin that doesn't use us for that service," he said, adding that municipal works departments are another big user.

The advantage for paying the same-day delivery charge of up to \$40 through Jeff's Taxi is that sending an employee from a garage or municipality would cost far more than the delivery charge.

"In all my 19 years of doing it, I've only had two people complain about the costs," said Mr. Bebonang.

One aspect of the courier business has been a major help for Mr. McKenzie and IAW Courier—he has an affiliation with both Greyhound and Ontario Northland, bus transportation lines that also offer parcel delivery services.

His company offers customers delivery of their packages to these bus lines for their further distribution, as well as the option of collecting parcels from the companies' Sudbury terminals and taking them to their final destinations.

It was relatively little-known that when Ontario Northland decided to run a bus service to Manitoulin Island, its Bus Parcel Express delivery service came along for the ride. Through it, packages could be dropped off at any of the communities that hosted bus stops.

Ontario Northland offers a unique pricing option that it calls ONvelopes. Within a standard-sized box, shippers can fill the box as much or as little as needed and will be charged based on its weight.

For instance, a box weighing 10 pounds would cost just \$12 to transport from Sudbury to Manitoulin, far less than a comparable courier service. Increasing the origin distance to North Bay only brings the price up to \$16. For Sudbury deliver-

ies of 30 pounds, the cost is \$18 and for a 50-pound shipment the cost would be \$23.

Islanders will remember that the short-lived Ontario Northland bus service to Manitoulin was discontinued in November 2019 after having started in April of 2018. The service was replaced with a taxi-based shuttle from Espanola to Little Current, with connections available to points farther onto the Island.

All In One Taxi assumed operations of the shuttle service this past November and owner Ken Niles said the transportation service is still business-as-usual—including parcel deliveries. Full details about using Bus Parcel Express can be found at OntarioNorthland.ca.

Ontario Northland is not the only delivery company to offer designated community parcel hubs. Purolator spokesperson Courtney Reistetter told The Expositor that the company provides its best shipping rates through partnerships with Purolator authorized shipping agents.

These agents "are local companies that accept deliveries for our customers to pick up from the company's location in a single spot," she said.

She listed the six Island partners: Robinson Auto Supply in Gore Bay, Bridal Veil Esso in Kagawong, Manitowaning Guardian Pharmacy, Buie's Grocery in Spring Bay, Ward's General Store in Tehkummah

and Andy's Shell in Wiikwemkoong.

"We would like to have a shipping agent partner in Little Current, though there are not any local businesses in Little Current interested at this time," she concluded.

There are also web-based shipping search tools such as ShipTime.com which help businesses find the best-available rates, though not all options may be listed, such as local small-business couriers.

For long-time Islanders, the notion of having to pay more for goods and services because of the costs of bringing them to Manitoulin is an understood reality of Island life. Despite the temptation to shop off-Island for cheaper sticker, the economics often work out rather poorly when considering time and transportation costs.

"I don't really know what we could do otherwise. We decided to live here, and these are the expenses we incur for making that decision," said Andy Campbell of Campbell's Heating, a company that does a lot of business with small Island courier businesses.

"I think it's important to recognize the local guys to do it here," he said. "I know they're not making fistfuls of money doing this, as far as having a person driving a van to make deliveries. They deserve appreciation from the locals."



Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Zoe Redmond

Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association

CONGRATULATIONS, LANDON!



LANDON HARE



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Landon Hare is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and academics. He is a Grade 10 student, who certainly keeps himself busy. When he isn't busy with practices and school, he can be found taking part in archery, hunting, fishing and hiking.

During his years at Central Manitoulin Public School, he participated in different sports such as soccer and 3-pitch. Landon began his skating experience at the age of nine. He played with the Mindemoya Thunder till currently in midget. Landon also played for the M'Chigeeng Thunderbirds at LNHL in his Bantam year. He also takes part in organized sports outside of school such as 3on3 hockey and baseball. He also runs in his free time.

Throughout Landon's sports experience he has achieved a lot, and is especially well rounded when it comes to both sports and life skills. Throughout Landon's hockey experience he and his team have won various tournaments and divisions. Specifically an accomplishment for him was how far he has come in building his goalie skills. Over the years Landon has put a large amount of time and effort into being the best goalie that he can be and constantly strives to improve. He often looks forward to practices because there is always something to improve on, and it's a good opportunity to analyze what he can do better for next time. Landon would like to start playing golf. He says that it would be a change in pace from hockey and a fun hobby for the summer.

Throughout Landon's sports season, he is encouraging and kind towards his teammates. His positive attitude and determination never fails to keep him and his team from conquering the ice. He continued to play sports outside of high school, however, he hopes to play some of the schools sports as soon as he is able to. Landon is certainly excited for the hockey season to come again, and is very much hoping that Covid does not intervene. He also is interested in joining the cross country team.

Landon loves to play hockey because it's his favourite sport. Hockey is also very fast paced and keeps him on his toes. For Landon he also enjoys the team aspects of hockey such as the collaboration and friends he has created. Landon certainly shows that he loves the game, as he is always eager to play new teams and to travel to tournaments. He likes playing sports because they are a fun way to stay in shape while learning new skills and improving on others. Sports allow him to be able to spend time with teammates who soon become good friends. For Landon being able to take part in physical activity with friends makes it that much more enjoyable. Landon's determination never fails to push those around him, whether it's his teammates, coaches or friends.

In school, Landon's favourite subject is anything to do with science. He highly enjoys science because it teaches problem-solving skills and he is also able to learn a lot of interesting new things. When Landon finishes high school, he hopes to become a police officer. He often likes to reflect on what went wrong during a game, and what he could have done better to prevent it from happening, then keeping that in mind for next time.

Landon is one of many great Mustangs, and with his dedication, kindness and perseverance he is sure to represent MSS well. Have an awesome year, and keep up the super work Landon !!

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...Wiiky youth will benefit from \$4 mil. grant

...continued from page 1 from the National Crime Prevention Centre within Public Safety Canada, with a goal of reducing the risks of young people getting involved in criminal activity and having better, healthier outcomes in life.

"The project is based on preventative approaches so our kids stay on the good path; that's what the investment is. From any community, when a young person gets involved in the legal system, it's not good for them and it's expensive too. These are preventative measures so they don't get involved in that system," Mr. Staruck said.

While the holistic approach offered through this program will help many achieve those goals through wraparound supports in all aspects of community life, the program also includes components on anti-gang information, violence and drug awareness workshops and bullying prevention, among others.

Mr. Staruck described the broad approach as culturally adaptive interventions to help meet students' needs of identity, purpose, independence and spirituality. It aims to make students feel appreciated, accepted and loved within their community and learn about their Anishinaabe heritage, to build on strengths and celebrate their successes, to set goals for personal growth and work toward them, and to acknowledge the Creator and live the good way of life (bimaadiziwin) in every part of their lives.

Mino Bimaadiziwin will run year-round, meaning there will be opportunities for summer day camps focused on Anishinaabemowin, leadership and peer skills. Mr. Staruck said he

is working with community partners including the youth centre to develop opportunities for that purpose.

WBE has been working toward this program for more than two years, a process begun with former education director Fay Zoccole, who sought ways for youth to grow communication, social, problem-solv-

and awards, insurance and training costs in addition to covering salaries and the costs of the various programs themselves.

"Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has always been committed to meeting the needs of our citizens. This funding announcement will place the resources needed in our education system to ensure

based holistic support programs in other communities.

In history, the development of young Anishinaabek has been a community-centric undertaking, a practice that changed abruptly with the introduction of colonial residential and day schools. This model shifts the paradigm closer to traditional methodology.

"Our goal is to have the community embedded in what we do in schools. What it should be, post-COVID, is if you saw someone from Wiikwemkoong Heritage Organization or the department of lands or prevention services in the school, it wouldn't be an anomaly. Those are our community partners and that's how we want it to be," Mr. Staruck said.

In addition, regular access to elders for support may fill gaps in young people's lives if they do not have grandparents of their own to seek support. Nearly all of these elders are fluent Anishinaabemowin speakers, further supporting connecting with culture, language and identity.

Mr. Staruck hinted that this program was part of "fundamental shifts" coming to WBE's education system next year, grounded in community cultural pedagogy.



Wiikwemkoong Junior School students will be among those receiving extra support from mental health professionals in their schools.

ing and resiliency skills. Mino Bimaadiziwin's grant is spread over a five-year time horizon through the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

The school board will soon hire a project manager for this undertaking, who will report to the systems principal to ensure a direct connection to the board's three schools.

That individual will build a team of five people to run and develop the core services during Mino Bimaadiziwin's first year. In following years there will be a permanent roster of eight people, followed by an additional six to 15 jobs each year to help run initiatives like camps and before/after school programs.

Public Safety Canada's funding will cover administration, honouraria for elders and knowledge keepers, refreshments, incentives

mental health supports are available to students in all of our schools. Cultivating Mino Bimaadiziwin in our students will help build a better future for themselves, their families and, most of all, Wiikwemkoong," said the community's Ogimaa Duke Peltier.

WBE designed the program through community consultation and a recognition that, despite the beautiful place Wiikwemkoong is, some young people make poor choices, stray from their education and become involved with harmful activities.

"If they don't fill their time with a lot of positive things, particularly cultural activities that tie them to their identities, they will find other ways to fill their time," Mr. Staruck said, adding that he does not know of any similar school-

...Chi-Cheemaun sails on during COVID

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Ms. Schrempf explained that OSTC will continue to operate the Chi-Cheemaun in accordance with Transport Canada's interim order No. 5 'Respecting Passenger Vessel Restrictions Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).' That means the 2021 ferry service will carry the same restrictions as in 2020: Total passenger numbers per trip are restricted per interim order No. 5; all passengers must have a reservation - reservations are cut off four hours prior to each departure; passengers are required to truthfully respond to health screening questions; no food or beverage services are available, and passengers are not permitted to bring food or beverages on board; passengers may bring one bottle of water per person for consumption on board; passengers are required to bring and wear a facemask at all times both inside and on outer decks of the ship; passengers are required to maintain a two-metre phys-

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Tehkummah boosts building permit fees

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—The costs of building in Tehkummah are increasing to be closer to other Island municipalities after council approved an increase to the price of building permits from \$8 per thousand dollars of project value to \$10, bringing it in line with the existing fee in Assiginack but below that of the Northeast Town and the higher prices off-Island.

The township also doubled its formula to estimate the value of a project from \$100 per square foot to \$200 per square foot, meaning a 1,000 square-foot home in the township would be expected to cost \$200,000 to build. This is lower than actual estimated construction costs of \$300 per square foot, to account for situations in which people perform some work themselves to reduce their building costs.

Previously, landowners would submit an estimated project cost to determine project fees. A standardized rate structure is aimed at reducing abuse of the system by people who underestimate their project values.

Tehkummah held a special public meeting Tuesday, April 13 before the regular council meeting, allowing members of the public to attend and share their opinions on the proposed changes.

Chief building official Gerry Strong offered information on the changes he proposed, noting that



Tehkummah has adjusted its building permit fees to align closer to those of other municipalities.

Tehkummah's prices have not changed in more than a decade. In addition to the cost-estimate formula and the price levied against such estimated value, Tehkummah also tripled its minimum building permit fee to \$300 from the existing \$100 for homes or non-accessory buildings.

For accessory buildings, such as sheds or other structures incidental to the main building on a property, minimum fees will rest at \$200.

Councillor Michael McKenzie asked if there was a maximum permit amount; Mr. Strong replied in the negative, but said he would be surprised if the township would ever bring enough permit income to surpass the budget of running the building department. Fees are only intended to neutralize that cost.

Councillor Rick Gordon asked if the price per square foot accounted for

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the higher cost of building supplies over the past year; Mr. Strong said that the \$300 per square foot number was a longer-term estimate and he figured actual building costs would be closer to \$400 per square foot today.

Mr. Strong noted that the township's building bylaw cannot supersede the Ontario building code and must work within its parameters.

The Township of Assiginack was also looking at increasing its building permit fees at the time of the meeting, to \$12 per thousand in construction value from its current \$10. Mr. Strong recommended that Tehkummah also go to \$12 but councillors opted to go to \$10 instead.

As an example, Mr. Strong said a 1,000-square-foot house building permit would cost \$2,000 based on an estimated construction value of \$200,000.

"That sounds high but when you start looking at the cost of me and the office, we're not making money on it. Comparing the same permit in NEMI would be about an extra 50 percent on top of that," Mr. Strong said.

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...Tehkummah may be first to use Starlink

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Mr. Anderson ran a remote speed test on Tehkummah's network during the interview and found the connection pushing speeds of 158 Mbps (megabits per second; a megabit is one-eighth the size of a megabyte and internet speeds use Mbps as their metric) download, and about 30 Mbps upload.

On the previous connection, Tehkummah would only see speeds in the low-single range of Mbps for downloads and less than one Mbps for uploads. Zoom, the popular video conferencing platform that has become the home for council meetings during the pandemic, requires a consistent minimum speed of about five Mbps in order to fully function.

When more than one person uses a single connection, as would happen in a shared space like a municipal office, the available speed drops significantly.

Mr. Anderson said there has been considerable interest among the townships EncompassIT serves, particularly along the North Shore of Lake Huron, with some later submitting applications to join the beta program after Tehkummah's early successes.

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) endorsed Starlink in September 2020 as the best solution currently available to many rural and Northern communities. President Danny Whalen was unsure if Tehkummah was the first municipality to sign up.

FSET, the Kenora-based company that set up Pikangikum's Starlink connection, has been working with more than 100 First Nations and a handful of municipal governments to launch Starlink services for their operations, as well as transitioning them to cloud-based models for their systems.

"This allows for an agile and scalable work-from-home/work-from-anywhere model that helps navigate the challenges of COVID while also delivering a higher degree of risk mitigation and business continuity going forward," CEO Dave Brown told The Expositor.

The program is not cheap—Tehkummah spent \$806.82 in buying the hardware and will pay \$145.77 monthly to access the service, which is a relatively small increase from the monthly costs of its previous provider, though the speeds are incomparable.

The move to Starlink comes as a coalition of municipalities on Manitoulin Island and the North Shore are

exploring a community-owned fibre optic internet project to deliver fibre-optic backed broadband connections to all interested homes in the area.

That project remains in active development while Starlink was able to get Tehkummah online nearly immediately.

"We're still talking about, long-term, bringing fibre optics, but when is that going to happen? We can always cancel (Starlink) for something better and cheaper when that comes," Mr. Berti said. "If (the Huron Shores-Manitoulin community-owned fibre network) comes through, then we will hook up to that and end this, but that could be years."

The new connection will benefit more than just the core municipal services through making more services available online, Mr. Berti said. The township can expand its connection to the adjacent fire hall and into the public library, which is a crucial internet access point for many community members who don't own computers or cannot get sufficient internet at their homes.

"People do sometimes sit in our driveway and use the library connection and with the number of people that come in to the library (in non-restricted times), it's definitely going to be helpful for the whole community," Mr. Berti said.

Council committee wrestles with Zoom etiquette

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The business of conducting municipal committee work, like much of the working world around the globe, has been trans-

formed dramatically by the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Much of the work being done at the municipal committee and council level is now conducted through digital con-

nections, most commonly the platform Zoom. Those digital connections bring their own challenges.

One of those challenges arose during a recent roads committee meeting in

which an observer allegedly interjected to the proceedings repeatedly.

The incident was brought up at the Thursday, April 8 meeting of council by Councillor Dale Scott, who had learned of the incident through conversation with another councillor.

"I understand there was a bit of turmoil," said Councillor Scott, who noted that although he had received a "good update" from the other councillor, he found "what happened really upset me."

"I found that Councillor Derek (Stephens) handled it quite efficiently," said Mayor Richard Stephens, who noted that he had attended the meeting in

...COVID cash to Island fire departments

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document about the funding, it could help fire departments "to train more staff, purchase much-needed equipment to allow them to adapt and respond to COVID-19 related risks in their communities in a way that ensures both community and personnel safety."

In the District of Manitoulin, the following municipalities will be receiving funding: Assiginack, \$4,800; Billings, \$4,700; Burpee and Mills, \$4,600; Central Manitoulin, \$5,100; Gore Bay, \$4,800; Killarney, \$4,600; Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, \$5,200; and Tehkummah, \$4,700.

Tehkummah fire chief Jeff Wilson told The Expositor that his volunteer force will be using the funds to support online training activities now that Ontario Fire College is closing down and much more education will have to take place virtually.

This includes purchasing laptops for department use and signing members up for additional online training.

"It's fantastic. We definitely could use some support and the government seems to be coming through," Mr. Wilson said.

To the west, Mr. Addison said part of the funds would go toward a larger television for the training room so more people could watch visual training courses, as well as invest-

ing in first-responder courses.

"I'm training some of my team to be first responders so we can deal with any patients at a scene or, more than anything, dealing with our own people if anything should happen," he said. "Fortunately, all of our departments on the Island were able to take advantage of this; it's very welcome. We have limited budgets so we're happy to receive it."

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Following Hope's Path: Part XXI of a series

Chemotherapy begins for an upbeat Mary Buie

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 2013 retired nurse and midwife Mary Buie approached *The Expositor* with a mission. She had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and was wondering whether this newspaper would be interested in following her journey as she battled the disease. It was with some trepidation that this paper agreed as the eventual outcome was far from certain to be positive. What followed was an engaging series that leavened a very serious health issue with Ms. Buie's irrepressible personality. Ms. Buie recently informed *The Expositor* that she would once again be facing down cancer. *The Expositor* is restarting the series 'Following Hope's Path' to continue relaying the story of her journey.

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG—Mary Buie sits back in her recliner, snuggled beneath a warm blanket and wearing comfy socks, while poison courses through her veins. It's chemo time and Ms. Buie has some time to chat with *The Expositor* as she continues her journey, 'Following Hope's Path.'

"I am wearing llama socks in the chemo room," she laughs. "I asked my family to send me fun crazy socks to get me through this chapter of my life, so here I am having some fun in the chemo room with crazy socks."

Ms. Buie enjoyed a chemo holiday last week, having just completed a three-week stint. "It's three weeks on and one week off to let my body adapt," she said when *The Expositor* checked in with her. "So I've a lot of energy this week as the taxol moves out of my system."

Taxol, she explains, is an anti-cancer (an antineoplastic or cytotoxic in scientist speak) chemotherapy drug. Taxol is a taxan and an antimicrotubule agent (which basically means the drug stops cells from dividing). It's also extremely poisonous.

"You have to be very careful when you are going to the bathroom or anything you touch," she said.

Some of the side effects Ms. Buie experiences while undergoing chemotherapy can be quite alarming in these days of pandemic—particularly the loss of taste, a common experience from COVID-19. "I can taste," she

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question. "I hope that didn't bite into the issues."

The challenge of maintaining public access to open meetings through digital platforms is limited by the tools that are available in that program, it was noted.

"Ruth, is it not possible for the administrator to mute the microphone?" asked Councillor Scott.

In the instance being described, it proved to not be possible to shut down the offending participant's microphone.

CAO/clerk Ruth Frawley noted that she had researched the matter following the incident and checked with the municipality's technical support and was unable to find a solution in the software currently being used to hold meetings.

"There are other softwares out there," said Ms. Frawley, adding "Google Meet also might be an option."

The question of banning participants from attending meetings did not gain any traction with the council, with Mayor Stephens noting the need for meetings to be accessible to members of the public.

The municipal staff will be exploring options to allow the chair of a municipal meeting better control of the proceedings, whether that might mean utilizing a different platform or some other option.

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Laurentian cancels fully-funded innovative midwifery program

University cites low enrollment despite provincial seat cap

by **Michael Erskine**
 SUDBURY—The cancellation of the innovative midwifery program based at Laurentian University came as a thunderbolt out of the blue for Manitoulin Midwifery and Island midwives.

“The announcement was quite shocking, we thought the program was safe,” said Christina Therrien, registered midwife with Manitoulin Midwifery. They had good reason for that confidence. Not only was the program the only bilingual one of its kind in Canada, according to Ms. Therrien, the program was also 100 percent funded.

She noted that there is currently a petition circulating calling on the government to step in and rescind the move to cancel the program.

The midwifery program at Laurentian also had a strong Indigenous uptake and perspective included in its curriculum—an important aspect of reconciliation that has now been consigned to the dustbin of the creditor protection process.

“It is a decision that simply doesn’t make sense,” said Ms. Therrien. “The only reason that was given was the low enrollment.” But that begs the question, as the only reason enrollment was that low is that the province places a cap on enrollment of 100 percent. “There are over 300 applicants, but the program can only take 30 because of the ministry caps. It’s most upsetting.”

Ms. Therrien is a midwifery graduate of the class of 2006.

“This program is so very important,” she said. “If someone takes the program in the North, they tend to stay in the North. There is a huge demand for midwives, especially in the Indigenous and Francophone communities.”

All of the placement students Ms. Therrien has hosted at Manitoulin Midwifery have come from the Laurentian program. “These are students who

are interested in practicing in rural communities,” she said.

Although she was not part of the Laurentian program, longtime Island midwife Mary Buie expressed dismay at the news. “It’s totally not fair,” she said. “Midwifery is a valued program and it has taken midwives a long time to become recognized for their value. To be taken down by this misguided decision is simply wrong. The North is going to be affected by this in a very negative way.”

A draft letter circulating among the Manitoulin Health Centre staff addressed to Ross Romano, minister of colleges and universities reads:

“We strenuously object to the cancellation of the midwifery program at Laurentian University.

“Midwives in Northern Ontario provide an essential service that allow the women of Northern Ontario to deliver closer to home, allowing them to have better care and better outcomes while maintaining crucial family support.

“The Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada has published a Guideline on Rural Maternity Care which includes the following: ‘Women who reside in rural and remote communities in Canada should receive high-quality maternity care as close to home as possible.’

“While local access to surgical and anaesthetic services is desirable, there is evidence that good outcomes can be sustained within an integrated perinatal care system without local access to operative delivery. There is evidence that the outcomes are better when women do not have to travel far from their communities. Access to an integrated perinatal care system should be provided for all women.

“Training of rural maternity health care providers should include collaborative practice as well as the necessary clinical skills and competen-

cies. Sites must be developed and supported to train midwives, nurses, and physicians and provide them with the skills necessary for rural maternity care. Training in rural and Northern settings must be supported.”

The letter continues, “NOSM has demonstrated that the only way to establish and retain health professionals in Northern communities is by training them in the North. The cancellation of the midwifery program will have a devastating impact on provision of rural maternity care in Northern communities by reducing the pool of appropriately trained midwives to deliver rural maternity care. Women from Northern communities will again have to travel for maternity care, leaving their home communities and family support systems, with worse outcomes anticipated. The cancellation of this program will have particularly negative consequences on Indigenous women and their families from Northern Ontario communities.

“We strongly recommend the Senate of Laurentian University and The Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities work together to reinstate the midwifery program at Laurentian University.”



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Verna Daub celebrates 100 years

Mindemoya’s Verna Daub celebrated her 100th birthday on April 1 surrounded by family and with a special outdoor visit from her friends at Our Lady of Canada Catholic Church. Ms. Daub’s family credits her strong Catholic faith as a key element to her longevity, that and a love of family, excellent care and, of course, Farquhar’s ice cream as a treat every night. Living out her later years on Manitoulin is a dream come true for Ms. Daub, who spent many summers vacationing on Manitoulin and who always felt a deep connection to this place. Many happy returns, Ms. Daub!

...Following Hope's Path: Chemotherapy begins for an upbeat Mary Buie

...continued from page 12 shared during her week off, "but I can't when it is in my system. So right now I am celebrating the fact that I can taste." There is nothing quite like enduring rounds of chemotherapy to make you appreciate the little things in life.

For someone who is facing down a life-threatening cancer for the second time in her life, Ms. Buie remains her upbeat self. "I am enjoying this chapter in my life," she admits. "I don't have many side effects like so many people."

Those side effects (from Taxol) include low blood counts as your white and red blood cells and platelets may temporarily decrease, putting you at increased risk for infection, anemia and/or bleeding; arthralgias and myalgias (more scientist speak, that basically means pain in the joints and muscles. Usually temporary occurring two to three days after Taxol, but should resolve within a few days). Peripheral neuropathy, that's numbness and tingling of the hands and feet, nausea and vomiting (usually mild), diarrhea, mouth sores and hypersensitivity reaction, ie) fever, facial flushing, chills, shortness of breath, and/or hives. The majority of those reactions occur within the first 10 minutes of the infusion.

"I am starting to experience the hair loss," admitted Ms. Buie. "I haven't lost much yet, but it is starting." She is also experiencing some of the neuropathy, but it is mild.

"It's just a bit of tingling in my fingers and toes," she said. "But I am not sick. When you go for chemotherapy you can look sick, but while I may have the enemy within, I am not sick."

But when The Expositor caught up with her in the chemo room, Ms. Buie admitted to feeling "a bit tipsy." It seems one of the side effects of the chemotherapy is "chemo fog. I feel tipsy most of the time."

Ms. Buie said that she enjoys interacting with the staff in the chemotherapy room. "They are such a wonderful, caring group of people," she said. "There are 21 chairs in the chemo room, so there are a lot of older people here. I see a lot of older people, a lot of sick people who are undergoing chemotherapy or immunotherapy." Since she is definitely not sick, Ms. Buie said that she is happy to travel to Sudbury for her treatments. "Let the sick people use the one in Mindemoya so they don't have to travel."

Still, Ms. Buie wasn't all that unhappy to learn that she will be able to take her next course of chemotherapy in Mindemoya. Just don't call her sick!

Ms. Buie wore her bunny ears during her last course of treatment in Sudbury. "The staff were

all upset they didn't have their bunny ears on," she laughed. "Bunny ears and crazy socks, I like to make people happy."

Ms. Buie had high praise for the army of volunteers who help make the chemo

can make sleeping a bit of a challenge. But Ms. Buie is grateful she does not require a PICC line. A PICC line is a thin, soft, long catheter (tube) that is inserted into a vein in the arm, leg or neck. The tip of

very toxic," she said. "The nurses have to be extremely careful, with gowns and gloves, they wear eye protection and when you go to the bathroom you have to double flush with the seat down. You don't want spillage."

Speaking of hair loss, those aforementioned volunteers also bring caps and hats.

Ms. Buie takes her chemotherapy very personally. "I talk to my Taxol," she laughs. "I am expecting it to eliminate this cancer in me, so it's 'Taxol dear, take away the fear, defeat this cancer here, as you are my cheer.' Its job is to get rid of that."

Three more chemotherapy sessions remain in the future, with radiation to

follow in order to tackle the cancer that has migrated to her bones.

In the meantime, Ms. Buie said she is grateful to have her children taking turns to come home and help look after her. She has had her COVID-19 vaccinations and her son has also had his first.



Sporting her jolly llama socks, Mary Buie settles in for a round of chemotherapy at the Mindemoya site of Manitoulin Health Centre.

room at Health Sciences North a warm and inviting atmosphere. "You get served by the volunteers," she said, "they bring the warm blankets (intravenous injections can make you quite cold) and cookies." There's television to distract and keep a patient's attention occupied as well.

Warm pads over the injection site also helps. The pads are there to help soften the veins where the intravenous tubes are placed. "They give you prednisone to help the chemotherapy work," she noted. "It's more effective."

One of the common side effects from the chemotherapy sessions are what is called "jumpy legs" that

the catheter is positioned in a large vein that carries blood into the heart. The PICC line is used for long-term intravenous antibiotics, nutrition or medications and for blood draws. In chemotherapy there are a lot of intravenous treatments.

"After the chemotherapy there is saline to clear the system," she said.

Her actual chemotherapy session is once a day, for about an hour or so, but the whole process takes from two-and-a-half to three hours. "For some people it is longer," she said.

In any event, for 48 hours following the treatment Ms. Buie must be very careful. "This stuff is



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photos by Alicia McCutcheon



Nokomis Mona Oshkabewisens took her grandchildren, from left, Emalee Wemigwans and Liam and Karson Oshkabewisens out for a morning of roadside cleanup during the community event held April 17—a task the little ones took very seriously!

MIDDLE PHOTO: Kara, Jorja, Joanne and Jamie Peltier are hard at work, clearing the ditches of Wikwemikong Way near their home during the Wiikwemkoong roadside and streams cleanup.

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Manitoulin rescuers save, release injured porcupine, Sarah Juniper

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Rescued porcupine Sarah Juniper (a name that her rescuers later gave her) has returned to her Manitoulin Island home from a stint in medical rehabilitation as a healthy, young rodent who is enjoying being back in the familiar forests of her youth.

Sarah Juniper had a tough start in life. In her first year, she became entangled in wiring and got stuck in a fence, where a concerned Kagawong resident reported her dire straits to Rainbow Rescue's Bleu Fisher in October of 2020.

Ms. Fisher captured the prickly critter and brought her to Island Animal Hospital to address her immediate medical needs.

Veterinarian Janice Mitchell removed the wire, which had cut so deeply into her body that her esophagus was visible. The vet administered pain medication and antibiotics, as well as Dr. Mitchell's own raw natural honey, which she said had medicinal qualities in that application.

"Bleu's our only contact for wildlife (rescues); we don't have anybody else," she said.

Dr. Mitchell featured Sarah Juniper's story in her November 18, 2020 Paws for Thought column in this newspaper.

They soon determined that Sarah Juniper would



After a winter of rehabilitation, Sarah Juniper is released into the forests of Manitoulin to once again climb trees and roam free.

need longer-term support to make a full recovery, so they first consulted with Gloria Morissette at Turtle Pond Wildlife Centre in Sudbury, who suggested they take Sarah Juniper directly to Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Rosseau.

Wildlife animal care supervisor Paolina Lloren said Sarah Juniper was a welcome addition and got along well with another porcupine in rehab over the winter.

"She first went through an intake exam and then we made sure she didn't have any parasites. Then, we gave her some medicine for her wounds as she had some extensive lacerations across the abdomen," Ms. Lloren said.

The stint in Rosseau offered Sarah Juniper the thing she needed most to recover—time.

"She was a pretty good

patient; relatively easy as far as porcupines go. Their really sweet, docile temperaments make them good to work with," said Ms. Lloren.

The costs to rehab Sarah Juniper were somewhat average, she said, but were pushed because she required a specialized leaf-eater diet that involved a variety of foods to ensure she would not become nutrient deficient.

In addition, her rehabbers had to spend time scouting and taking her to locations of natural growth that would match her natural diet, so her reintroduction back in the wild would be less stressful and more comfortable.

That can add up to a significant cost burden for centres such as Turtle Pond and Aspen Valley, which rely on donations and volunteer efforts to survive.

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Ms. Lloren encouraged anyone who has the ability to donate either their time or some funds to help support the operation to do so through Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary's website.

"These sanctuaries, they need more publicity. They need help," Dr. Mitchell said of the volunteer groups that provide important medical care to rescued creatures of all kinds.

"(Turtle Pond is) the only centre north of Parry

"We do rely on donations and volunteers like Bleu to keep operating because we don't get any funding from sources other than the general public that want to help us out," she said.

Last week, Ms. Fisher and Ms. Mitchell picked up Sarah Juniper and brought her on a road trip home to the Island, where they released her into a woodland away from farm or residential properties.

"They wanted her to come back to her original place; plus, there's a lot

of porcupines' quills are only a defence mechanism if another creature gets too close and touches them so they fall off and sometimes get stuck in the attacker.

"(Quills are) their defence mechanism. Once you get rid of that, they're screwed, and they will only do that if they're absolutely threatened," Ms. Fisher said.

Dr. Mitchell emphasized that they lack the ability to shoot their quills, contrary to an urban legend, and Ms. Fisher said people can

packed safely among a carload of beekeeping supplies and a small dog up front.

One-year-old Sarah Juniper's new home is also home to another young porcupine, so the rescuers

hope she will hit it off.

Ms. Fisher urged anyone who finds injured wildlife to contact her through Rainbow Rescue. She serves as the first contact in the care journey to provide

basic assistance and filter referrals to avoid overwhelming the intensive support centres like Turtle Pond.

To reach her, search 'Bleu Fisher' on Facebook.



Rainbow Rescue's Bleu Fisher, left, and Dr. Janice Mitchell pose for a photo with Sarah Juniper before her release.

photo by Warren Schlote

Sound, except for one that just opened in Thunder Bay," said Ms. Morissette. "To try to serve an area of Northern Ontario that large, we rely on people in different areas to help with transport or help with at least connecting with me."

Ms. Morissette credited Ms. Fisher for being the Island's co-ordinator for rescuing animals and helping to triage the requests that come into the centre to avoid it becoming overwhelmed.

more cottagers down there so she's actually safer here," Dr. Mitchell said, adding that they took time to find a good location away from where people live.

Porcupines sometimes carry a negative reputation, which Ms. Lloren attributed partly to times when they get into fights with dogs.

"They're not aggressive at all and don't go after people or animals; they just sit in trees and eat all day," she said, adding that porcu-

pine—even pet captive porcupines—but only in one direction.

Ms. Mitchell explained that porcupines tend to avoid conflicts because it takes a long time to regrow their quills, during which period they lack appropriate defences.

Sarah Juniper's shyness was on full display when Dr. Mitchell and Ms. Fisher returned across the swing bridge with her in a small crate in the back hatch of the vet's car—



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With a song in her heart, Holly Scott volunteers her free time

by Betty Bardswich

MINDEMOYA—The residents of Mindemoya have seen a lot of hard work done by volunteers over the years and know that Holly Scott is certainly a member of that group.

Ms. Scott was raised in Woodstock and went to school there and at Guelph University where she was enrolled in the applied science program. Guelph was also where she met her future husband. “Dale and I starting courting while there,” Ms. Scott told The Expositor. She went on to add that Mr. Scott came to the Island in 1976 and she followed two years later after graduating and marrying her sweetheart.

The Scotts went on to start a veterinarian business in Mindemoya and have four daughters.

One daughter, Sarah, is married to Dr. Ben Quackenbush and they recently became the proud owners of Breakaway Sports in Little Current. Daughter Heather lives in Kagawong and works for Manitoulin Transport while Bethany is a potter who lives in Orillia. Leah is a Doctor of Dermatology and resides in Halifax.

Ms. Scott did some volunteer work when a teenager, but explained that she could not do a lot while helping with the business and looking after the children. Since then, she has certainly made up for lost time.

Ms. Scott is the treasurer for Manitoulin Pet Rescue, an organization she and Kathy Jewell started with Julie McDermid coming on board shortly after.

“At that time,” Ms. Scott explained, “people had to go to Sudbury to find pets.” She believed that the Island had to be responsi-

ble for its own pets. “I felt that we should provide services for our pets locally,” she emphasized. “In the beginning, the rescue organization looked after dogs only as there were already people looking after cats, although that did change because, you know, cats.

Every year, Islanders see beautiful flowers in the bed at the four corners in Mindemoya. Each member of Central Manitoulin’s Beautification Committee looks after a flower bed and that one is Ms. Scott’s responsibility. She loves doing this gardening and being out in the fresh air.

One of Ms. Scott’s favourite volunteer efforts takes place in Little Current.

“I do the mending for the Manor,” she said. “I love doing this and visiting. It is really fun.” Now, of course, Ms. Scott has to take the mending home and even though protocols are in place to keep everything safe, it is not the same as talking with the residents and Ms. Scott can hardly wait to go back to the visiting as well as the mending.

Ms. Scott is a member of the Mindemoya Missionary Church congregation and sits on the church board. She is also the treasurer. She was happy to see that her church is serving as the site for the vaccinations to halt the spread of COVID-19. “The church is offering the hall for free and it is meaningful to me to have this help to bring the pandemic to an end,” Ms. Scott said. She is one of the many volunteers at this clinic who are ensuring that the vaccination process is well run and safe.

“It is such a happy place,” Ms. Scott said,

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Holly Scott



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Jamie-lee Oshkabewisens

Jamie-lee Oshkabewisens' mother taught him the value of helping the community

by Warren Schlote

WIKWEMKOONG—If there's a community effort underway in Wiikwemkoong, chances are good that Jamie-lee Oshkabewisens has had a part in it.

The young man's contributions surface in many ways in the community, including a time when he gathered a few friends to clean up trash in Bayview. Chief and council heard about their project and donated gloves and garbage bags, with which they cleaned up more than two-dozen bags of garbage.

Some young kids in the neighbourhood saw them working and offered to join in and another neighbour, Gerard, bought them pizza to commemorate their efforts and celebrate getting even more people involved in taking care of their community.

For Mr. Oshkabewisens, giving back comes naturally through his mother, who passed in October and was always finding ways to improve her community.

She was a foster parent to a young girl, Lilianna, and Mr. Oshkabewisens, a 28-year-old, decided to leave his job at Wiikwemkoong Board of Education to prepare his home and take on full-time care responsibilities as her new foster father.

"I approached Kina (Gbezhgomi) to say I didn't want her to go anywhere. She was like a sister to me, so I started caring for her. Since then, we've been doing the little things my mom taught me," he said.

His mom and stepfather once got permission to use a man's sugar camp in Kaboni to make syrup a couple of years ago and they surprised the man by revitalizing the space and bringing lights and a generator to the property as a way of saying thanks.

This past year, he found his mother's old pails and spigots and got permission to tap a South Bay tree lot with Lilianna. The two collected about 100 gallons of sap and worked as a pair to transfer the buckets and haul the full loads back to their car—affectionately called 'Lilianna's Limo.'

"It was our first time doing it too. I was always told by my mom that when elders showed me things I've learned over the years, when you learn something new you're supposed to share what you've learned with somebody else. That way, you'll be better at it the next time," he said.

Mr. Oshkabewisens needed some repairs to keep his car running so they could use it to travel for appointments, volunteering and necessary trips. He figured he could sell the syrup to cover some of those costs, but then he saw a post that Wikwemikong Nursing Home was looking for

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The Board and Staff of MFR would like to sincerely thank everyone who has volunteered to assist us in this past year. It's been an exceptional year and we could not have done it without you! To our volunteers who have had to remain away due to closures, we miss you, stay safe, and we hope to see you soon.

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Volunteer Appreciation Week 2021



Bill Strain's basement is a treasure trove of artifacts and memorabilia from a lifetime of devotion to all things conservation.

Bill Strain reflects on his years of serving LC Fish and Game Club

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—One of Manitoulin's greatest conservation champions, Bill Strain, returned to the role of Little Current Fish and Game Club (LCFGC) president on a temporary basis in 2005. This past week he announced he would once again be stepping down from the role he had held for several years in the 1990s.

"I agreed to be president around 2005 when Rick Gjos stepped down, it was only supposed to be for six months," he laughed.

The Expositor sat down with the former educator and now retired owner-operator of Sheguiandah's White Haven Cottages at his home nestled on the shores of Bass Lake to chat about his tenure at the helm of LCFGC and the changes he has seen over the many decades he has been involved in Island conservation efforts.

Mr. Strain grew up guiding fishermen (usually American) on the waters of Mani-

toulin, but found his main vocation to be in the classroom, even as his passion included the family's fishing resort his father founded on the shores of Sheguiandah Bay. His daughter and son-in-law continue to operate White Haven Cottages as the third generation.

So, it is not surprising that in 2006, shortly after he resumed the reins of LCFGC, Mr. Strain decided to approach the then principal of Little Current Public School Margaret Stringer (current Rainbow District School Board Manitoulin trustee) with a novel idea.

"I asked her if she would be interested in bringing the school kids out when we were harvesting the eggs for the walleye hatchery," he recalled.

Mr. Strain had a fair bit of experience organizing fields trips, beginning with his own experiences as a student at the fabled

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Volunteer Appreciation Week 2021

Hugh Moggy grew up in a family of volunteers

by Warren Schlote

MANITOWANING—Hugh Moggy has long been a fixture in community events in the Manitowaning and Assiginack area and the 86-year-old said he finds his motivation through a love for helping others and seeing his community grow and prosper.

“There’s been lots of things that I have certainly appreciated being able to help accomplish,” he said.

His introduction to volunteer organizations began as a young child when he joined the 4-H club. The Moggy family had a farmstead just five miles north of Manitowaning on Bidwell Road and this lifestyle introduced him into the club—and volunteerism in the broader sense.

He stuck with 4-H until he had climbed the ranks and became the president of the Assiginack chapter of the youth agricultural society.

“My mom and dad were quite involved in the community, too,” he said, noting that his father served as reeve of Assiginack Township for some time.

In his teenage years he joined the Manitowaning Agricultural Society; Mr. Moggy still plays an active role in helping to organize and run events for the group such as the popular annual Manitowaning Fall Fair, Northern Ontario’s longest-running community fall fair. He served as president of that organization for some time, too.

From there, he further contributed during a six-year stint with the school board in Assiginack.

His main focus as he reflects, however, began in his mid-40s when Mr. Moggy followed in his father’s footsteps to join the municipal council in Assiginack. He still serves as a councillor to this day.

“I’ve been there as reeve and a councillor for 46 years,” he said. “I had good coun-

cillors over the years when I was reeve.”

He used that team to advance several major projects for Manitowaning and Assiginack.

“I guess the biggest one was getting water and sewer here in Manitowaning,” he said. “Then there was us putting in the artificial ice (at the arena); going back a long ways, we did accomplish an awful lot.”



Hugh Moggy

The Haweater has been proud to call Manitowaning his home and this has given him a sense of pride in place. He was born and raised on the Island for nearly his whole life.

“I went to work for Bell for six weeks off-Island but I didn’t like it so I came back,” he said with a laugh.

Mr. Moggy has also been an active member within the horticultural society, where he currently serves as treasurer. Although he has never been a Lion, he regularly offers his support to Lions Club events and other initiatives whenever he is able to contribute.

As someone who has spent a lifetime of volunteering, he said he hoped the next generations would find inspiration to carry forward the proud tradition of giving back.

“I’d like to see a lot more young people get involved in the community; I think they would be an asset. I’ve been around too long now,” he said with a laugh.

“Anybody that wants to become more involved should get involved; they certainly would find great gratitude.”

Much of Mr. Moggy’s planning efforts over the coming year will be spent on Assiginack’s 150th anniversary. It officially falls this year, 2021, but the pandemic has made organizers rethink many of their ideas for how they can mark the occasion.

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The Little Current United Church is a labour of love for the Edwards

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—While Betty Edwards had been volunteering her time with the Girl Guides of Canada before the family's move to Little Current in 1989, she and her husband Ivan began a major foray into volunteerism once they landed on Manitoulin and have loved every minute of it.

This Volunteer Week interview takes place in the hall of the Little Current United Church, a place that factors heavily into the couple's daily lives, especially of late.

When Ms. Edwards was invited to join the afternoon curling group at the Little Current Curling Club, it quickly escalated to the wearing of many hats for the couple.

"We did everything," she laughed. The Edwards cleaned, cooked meals, tended bar, organized the afternoon curling and, well, curled. Mr. Edwards was also the treasurer. (Readers will start to see a trend forming—cooking and money management).

"Betty was also quite involved in the summer bonspiels," her husband noted.

Following Mr. Edwards' retirement from Hydro One, he joined the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) board of directors where he served for 12 years, two years of which he was a member of the board of directors of the then-Sudbury and District Health Unit. Currently, Mr. Edwards also acts as the volunteer patient advisory representative, reporting to the MHC board.

During one Sunday service, past Little Current United Church (LCUC) minister Faye Stevens encouraged her flock to invite friends and neighbours to come to church. Barb Cranston did just that and invited the Edwards, her next-door neighbours, to church. They have been attending ever since.

Once Ms. Edwards began attending the church, it wasn't long before the United Church Women (UCW) swooped her up with Ms. Edwards volunteering whenever she could with the women, eventually becoming a member.

What she most loved about being in the UCW is working alongside an incredible group of women. Sadly, with an aging membership, the UCW disbanded as of March 1, but they continue as the 'fellowship group,' helping with church events and outreach whenever they can and as COVID restrictions allow.



Ivan and Betty Edwards

Ms. Edwards and some of her fellow church members have also organized a 'mini meals' (meals on wheels-type) program for some of their shut-in congregation members, which is greatly appreciated by those they serve.

Ms. Edwards currently also holds the title of envelope steward, meaning she organizes the weekly offerings for the work of the church and for national and international work, and is also in charge of charitable receipts.

Mr. Edwards acts as the treasurer of five different aspects of the LCUC, many of which were supposed to be on an interim basis, he laughed. Mr. Edwards modestly said it's not that he's particularly good at money management, but rather a fact that no one ever seems to want to take the treasurer's job.

Before the pandemic, the couple also took great joy in helping with the church's Fri-

day night open mic sessions featuring George Williamson and friends. "George is patiently waiting," Ms. Edwards said of the days when open mic nights can begin again. Freewill collections at these events are sent to the Manitoulin Food Bank.

To top it all off, the Edwards also volunteered with the Good Food Box program, which sees its distribution system run from the church hall, before COVID-19 restrictions saw an end to this volunteer role, for now. (The Good Food Box program continues, but uses its agency's staff during the pandemic.)

Volunteerism is in the blood, it seems, as daughter Lori also lends a hand to the church through uploading the Sunday services (which can be viewed on Facebook Live) every Sunday morning and then, in the afternoon, Lori archives each service on the church's website.

"If somebody asks, we're there," Ms. Edwards sums up the couple's view of vol-

unteering.

"My feeling is, no matter what age you are, if you can volunteer, volunteer," she continued. "Otherwise, you'd be at home sitting on your butt growing old. It keeps you active."

The Edwards spoke of the many people volunteering has brought into their lives.

Mr. Edwards admits that while growing up and into adulthood, volunteering wasn't part of his life, but after he retired he felt the need to give back of his time. "I have met so many nice people," he added.

"It's a good feeling that you're, in some small way, helping," Mr. Edwards continued.

"Any of these things I'm involved with, I'm not doing it on my own, there's others working with me, and that's what I miss the most right now," Ms. Edwards said, adding that she's looking forward to the day when the pandemic ends and she can work alongside her friends once more.

Peggy Morrison helps to keep Meldrum Bay vibrant

by Warren Schlote

MELDRUM BAY—The smallest communities are a reminder of centuries ago when settlements only survived through the tireless, collective efforts of all neighbours supporting one another. In Meldrum Bay, near the western tip of Manitoulin Island, Peggy Morrison lives that life daily and helps to make the hamlet a vibrant part of the Island community.

"I'm a firm believer in supporting local so I feel that because we're a small community, everybody needs to take a share of keeping it going. You have to give of your time because there's so few of us," Ms. Morrison told The Expositor.

Ms. Morrison, originally from Ennismore, near Peterborough, moved to the Island to teach about 50 years ago. She ultimately moved to just outside Meldrum Bay, a community of fewer than 50 people, where she has served on the Dawson Citizens Improvement Association for nearly 20 years.

Dawson Township is unincorporated, so the volunteer contingent in that association takes care of the business of the community, similar to a small-scale version of a township or municipal council.

She served some time as the harbourmas-

ter, managed by the community group, and also supports the board of the community hall.

Ms. Morrison grew up Catholic and is active in the Roman Catholic churches of Sheshegwaning and Gore Bay (pandemic willing), but she has also recently started supporting her neighbours through Meldrum Bay's St. Andrew's United Church.

She has been known to help with lunches, helping to organize events and fundraisers.

"About six years ago I decided there was no reason not to go to our little United Church here and support them with my presence," she said, adding that she could often attend the local service and still catch a Catholic mass in Sheshegwaning or Gore Bay on Sunday afternoons.

Through St. Andrew's and her friend Jan Joyce, Meldrum Bay has been running an annual project with Mennonite Central Committee—a group that helps address basic human needs, especially in times of crisis like natural disasters, and advocates peace and justice for all.

Each year, Meldrum Bay residents assemble personal hygiene kits and school supply kits for young people in need.

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Ingrid Madahbee believes in fostering a strong sense of community

by Michael Erskine

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Small communities depend on their volunteers to help improve the quality of life of their residents and making Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation a great place to live lies in the forefront of Ingrid Madahbee's motivation



Ingrid and Duke Madahbee beside their take-out stand in Aundeck Omni Kaning.

for her volunteer work.

"I don't do as much as I used to," claims Ms. Madahbee. If that's the case, in her heyday Ms. Madahbee must have been a virtual whirlwind of activity, as she still steps up whenever she is approached to put her shoulder to the wheel of a worthy community cause.

"Different people ask me to arrange fundraisers to help out families who need assistance," admitted Ms. Madahbee. 'No,' doesn't seem to be in her dictionary when it comes to helping out.

"We have a mini-lotto that makes about \$1,000 for their projects," said Ms. Madahbee. "It brings in about \$1,000 for the cause and pays out around \$1,000."

Those causes often arise from medical emergencies and health issues. "When a family member needs help with something like travel costs because they have to travel off-Island for medical appointments," said Ms. Madahbee of the kind of thing that can trigger the effort. "With so many cutbacks, there are a lot of expenses that aren't covered, especially for family members to go

with them." All it takes is some time and some tickets to make all the difference, she notes.

"If someone needs a headstone for a family member, we just helped with one, things like that," she said.

Then there is the annual (pre-pandemic) pilgrimage to the Little NHL, the seminal hockey tournament for Indigenous youth that has become increasingly challenging for some families to send their children to due to it now being held in large southern Ontario communities. "It's important to the health of the community to encourage healthy living in our children," she said. "Kids spend too much time sitting in front of a screen these days, they need to get out in the fresh air and get some exercise if they are going to lead healthy lives."

But it isn't all sitting back and letting it happen. Ms. Madahbee is a strong believer in helping others to help themselves. "It's not just sitting back and getting money," she said. "The families have to put up some effort themselves."

With the advent of the pandemic, Little NHL is on hiatus, but the needs in the community have not abated, if anything, they have increased.

"We put together food boxes for the community," said Ms. Madahbee. "In a small community you know everybody and everybody knows you. A community needs to be self-reliant. If we volunteer our time, be part of the community, we create a community that is better for everyone. You have to put your community first."

Volunteering is its own reward, notes Ms. Madahbee. "I think people would enjoy it. I know that the people I work with on projects have a lot of fun while we are doing it."

Many hands make light work, but they often have a great time doing it. Ms. Madahbee noted that her husband Duke (a well-known member of the Little Current Fish and Game Club too) is often by her side, helping out in the community as well. The couple operates a popular fish and chip trailer in the community that takes up a lot of their time, but they still manage to volunteer. "I plan to take a bit of time away from the stand this season," said Ms. Madahbee, noting it's time for younger

hands to take a turn. "I have a lot of younger family members," she laughs.

"It isn't all fun, though," said Ms. Madahbee, using the example of distributing gift cards to the community. "A lot of the time there are rules involved that you don't have any control over. Sometimes you have to say no, and that isn't easy, but it isn't up to us to

make those decisions."

Chief and council are part of that decision making process, she notes, "they put together the letters."

Still, volunteering in the community is something Ms. Madahbee said she would recommend to anyone.

Keeping the Billings community vibrant

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG—It was 1993 when Sharon Alkenbrack first moved to the Island and it didn't take long until the redoubtable Austin Hunt recruited her volunteer efforts.



Sharon Alkenbrack

"Aussie asked me if I would join the economic development committee," she recalled. "I joined the committee and I'm still there," she laughed.

Ms. Alkenbrack soon found herself working closely with then public works manager Gary Miller.

"We set out to make Billings a destination place," she said. Soon a maze sprang from the fertile imagination of Ms. Alkenbrack and into reality. "My husband Doug designed the maze, and Koki and Dick Maloney were an amazing help."

But it wasn't all that long before Ms. Alkenbrack discovered there was a slight unforeseen flaw in the maze concept. "It frightened little children," she said. Undaunted, Ms. Alkenbrack and her posse set about creating new, more kid-friendly,

attractions. "The idea of a rock maze for the little people was made possible thanks to Randy Noble, who donated the rock for the project," she said. The Corbiere Brothers in M'Chigeeng also provided help.

Then there is the giant game board which provides hours of diversion for families of all ages.

Ms. Alkenbrack served three terms on the Manitoulin Tourism Association where she was able to make great contributions to tourism promotion and help build up one of the Island's key economic drivers.

The economic development mavin casts a wide net in her interests, she is also one of the co-founders of the Manitoulin Art Tour along with The Expositor's own the late Ruth Mohamed. This summer will see the institution of a Storytelling Festival in conjunction with a larger art-focused event.

Ms. Alkenbrack said wanting to be an active part of the community was a huge motivator when she came to Manitoulin Island. "(Volunteerism) was just something I enjoyed doing and it was a great way to meet people and became part of the community," she said. It helped to have a community mentor that recognized her skills and encouraged her to put them to work. "Aussie (Austin Hunt) was always asking 'can we do something here?'," she laughed.

"I encourage anyone who wants to become part of a community to volunteer," said Ms. Alkenbrack. "I loved the community so much and wanted to be part of it. What better way than to do something I loved doing?"

"Manitoulin is such an awesome place to live and much of that is thanks to all of the amazing people who lend their hands, time and effort to make this Island what it is," she said.



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Ruth Eadie, centre, has been an avid Legion member for over 20 years on the Island.

The Legion is Ruth Eadie's passion

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Royal Canadian Legion Little Current Branch 177 president Ruth Eadie became involved with the Legion over two decades ago, first becoming acquainted with the veteran support organization while hanging out with her sister Joyce who worked there.

"It's a good organization," she said of the Legion, "it does a lot of good for the community. We have a great volunteer team."

With the advent of COVID-19 and the restrictions that came with the pandemic, that team has shrunk a bit, but teamwork and the atmosphere makes all the difference. "There are only about five of us right now," said Ms. Eadie of the core volunteer team. "It's great working with a team when you get along with everybody."

Like many Islanders, Ms. Eadie yearns for the days when dances and other entertainment were a major part of the organization's day-to-day operations. "It's a great opportunity to meet people in the community," she said.

Ms. Eadie said that she found working to provide assistance to members of the community very rewarding. "When someone needs help so their kid can play hockey or ice skating, the Legion is there to help them out," she said. "Sometimes it's fire victims or someone who has some other kind of emergency."

The Legion's fundraising efforts are wide and varied. "Before the restrictions, we held a taco dinner that raised \$1,300 to help a family," she said. "I don't mind helping out with that kind of thing, it's a way to give back to the community."

The Legion "community" stretches far beyond the boundaries of Little Current, noted Ms. Eadie. "We support CanSkate, people from West Bay, Wiikwemkoong, all across the Island."

The Legion has been running a very popular and well-received wing night on alternate Thursdays, but Ms. Eadie said that she was thinking it was time to change things up. "Maybe a whitefish dinner, or cold salads."

Ms. Eadie said that the Legion is always on the lookout for new members and she encourages anyone to consider joining the organization. "We do some things to encourage people to join," she said. "When we hold an event like a dance, admission is \$10 but we drop it to \$5 for members to come to the event, for instance. It's a way to show appreciation to the members who support us. We do little things to encourage people to come out."

Ms. Eadie said that she is very proud of the work the Legion does in the community and the sense of community that comes from being part of such a wonderful team.

...Holly Scott has songs in her heart

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"and really contributing to the community, and making a real difference. Supportive and happy. Whole stores would come in with all their employees. It is very steady and always full."

Over the years, Ms. Scott studied music, first at Laurentian University and then earning a master's degree in music from a university in California. Her volunteer music work brought joy to Manitoulin as she arranged for Toronto's Tafelmusik

Baroque Orchestra, an ensemble seen worldwide, to come to play twice at the high school. "There were other concerts that I organized as well," said Ms. Scott, "including Janina Fialkowska, Jon Kimura Parker and other virtuoso pianists. The concerts were wonderful." She also enjoyed accompanying the Island Singers, that harmonious choir, for 25 years.

Martin Luther King once said, "Everybody can be great. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." That is Ms. Holly Scott.

...Jamie-lee helps in Wiikwemkoong

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syrup donations for its residents.

He consulted with Lilianna about whether they should donate their bounty instead and they agreed it was the right thing to do. He has also given his syrup to elders who haven't been able to harvest on their own anymore and to those who have helped him in the past.

The nursing home was an important benefactor personally because he grew up close by and spent many days visiting elders, playing the home's piano and helping to decorate and provide meals during the holidays. He said he valued the way the home was a part of the community and how the community came into the home.

Mr. Oshkabewisens has also volunteered to get the powwow grounds ready for the cultural festival and helped out at the fall fair and other small Anishinaabe traditions. He sells some of his artisanal cakes and baking through Jamie's Kitchen in Wiikwemkoong.

"I don't really go out of my way to tell people the things I do. I just offer my help wherever I can," he said. "If I have more than I should need, I just want to share that surplus with others. Hopefully they would

see that gratitude and whenever you're struggling or need a helping hand, they will offer their help at a later date."

Leaving his job at the school board was a tough decision but he said it was worth it for the sake of his foster daughter, now eight years old.

"I wanted to make sure my state of mind, my mental health was okay, and I'm fit to be the parent, the stepdad I think I could be," he said. "Losing both our mom and our stepdad this past year has really been a toll on us, for me and Lilianna."



Jamie-lee Oshkabewisens is spending much of his time being a father figure and teaching fair and other small Anishinaabe traditions.

Instead, he is trying to remember the teachings he got from his own mother and stepfather and pass that knowledge down to her, with the hopes that she can do the same with her children someday.

"It's been a rough couple of months and we take it day-by-day, but whenever the opportunity arises to help out, we do," he

said.

Mr. Oshkabewisens is already dreaming of plans for the coming year and the teachings he will share with Lilianna. He plans to teach her how to fish and hopes they can fillet their first catch and give it to an elder or family member.



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...Bill Strain reflects on his years of service with Little Current Fish and Game Club

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Haileybury School of Mines. "We would go out on a lot of geology field trips," he said. When he began teaching in Espanola, Mr. Strain became the go-to guy for trips onto the land.

The trips to the hatchery operations were an instant hit. "Then Manitoulin Streams jumped in and we took things to the next level," recalled Mr. Strain.

Thanks to donations and support, including that of Ramakko's Source for Adventure, a Sudbury-based outdoor and sporting goods company whose owner is a long-time member of the LCFGC, the club was able to provide each Grade 4 student in the school with their very own fishing rod. When the effort expanded to include students from Lakeview School, C.C. McLean and Assiginack Public School, those students also received the rods.

Although last year's students missed out on the opportunity to visit the hatchery and egg-harvesting efforts, Mr. Strain and his fellow club members made sure they received their rods.

"It is one of the greatest feelings," he said, recounting the moment he saw a young man coming up from the docks at the Port of Little Current proudly carrying a good-sized walleye that he had just caught. "He was carrying a four-five pound walleye and one of the fishing rods we gave out."

That story highlights one of the major accomplishments of the LCFGC and one of the things Mr. Strain is most proud of having been a part of during his tenure.

"When I was younger, you didn't catch walleye around here anymore," he said. "I grew up at that stream and when I was eight, nine, 10 years old I observed what was happening. Smelts had disappeared; overfishing, commercial fishing and netting, the walleye had pretty much disappeared."

So when the LCFGC set out to revive the walleye fishery around 1986, Mr. Strain and other club members like Kevin Hutchinson, Doug Hore and Bob MacDonald jumped on board, taking courses and learning how to set up a hatchery and fish ponds.

"We made just about every mistake there was to make," laughed Mr. Strain. "The Ministry of Natural Resources told us it would probably take about 10 to 15 years to see any impact." Undaunted, the club set out to raise the required funds and supply the vital volunteer elbow grease needed to pull the project off.

Ten years later, around the year 2000, Mr. Strain described the feeling of awe he felt when his flashlight played out across the bay at the mouth of Bass Creek one spring night while on shoreline patrol. Reflecting back at him were the luminescent eyes of literally thousands of walleye, spreading out across the waters of the bay like the stars hanging in the night sky—they had returned to their birthplace to spawn.

"We couldn't have done it without the support of busi-



One of Mr. Strain's proudest initiatives has been the Sheguiandah walleye hatchery. Even his kitty, Willow, approves.

photos by Michael Erskine

nesses, who have been wonderful to the club every year, or the incredible work of our volunteers," said Mr. Strain. "The guys have been amazing. Every year they come out. You put out the call that we need to get the nets out, or we have to harvest the fry at the ponds, and everybody shows up in the early morning."

It is vital to pull the fry from the ponds around 40-45 days, before they get too large. "They turn cannibalistic, you could lose most of the crop in a matter of days," he said.

Many of the club members are getting older these days and Mr. Strain said they need to see a bit more new blood

...Peggy Morrison helps in her Meldrum Bay community

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"We wanted it to be a community project and we volunteer our time and our money, but we also take donations through the United Church," she said. "The next year, we decided that we could make quilts. They had a pattern online that they used and I'm a sewer-quilter and had all kinds of extra material, so I said 'let's run with this and see what we can do.'"

Last year, the group made 25 quilts and they already have 13 completed so far this year.

The effort draws people from across Western Manitoulin for a day of crafting and socializing, though this has switched to a virtual effort as of late.

Ms. Morrison also ensures her neighbour is well taken care of, assisting in processing firewood, laundry and maple syrup production, an activity that earned much praise from Western Manitoulin Pastoral Charge's Reverend Janice Frame.

"It's not a big deal, he's just my closest neighbour," Ms. Morrison said, again chalking up her contributions as sim-

ply the way of life in a small community.

Although it is perhaps not as acute as life in Meldrum Bay itself, Ms. Morrison said she gets a similar feeling of community all across Manitoulin. She said knowing there are others available for support is perhaps more important in the present time than ever before.

"It would be nice if everybody could get that same good out of being in a small community where you can rely on your neighbours if you need something," she said.

A favourite part of being so involved in her community is helping visitors make the most out of their West End visits.

"Sometimes you'll see someone walking through town and you can suggest they visit a certain spot or walk up another road to a field where there's usually deer. As a member (of the Citizens Improvement Association) you're always trying to boost the community," she said.

Despite all these contributions, Ms. Morrison doesn't rush to use the 'volunteer' label to describe her efforts.

"It's just a part of life," she said.



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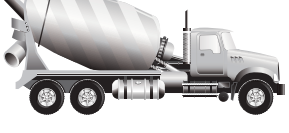
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Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.aa.org/manitoulin or call 705-674-6217 for more info.

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. To receive adult or youth/parent information on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, more commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or to volunteer with our Association, please contact: The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario. Tel: 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-6682 (outside GTA) or write to: Ste. 402, 170 Donway West, Toronto, ON M3C 2G3. Please visit our web site at: www.meao.ca.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group. For those affected by the disease and their caregivers, meetings will be the third Thursday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Mindemoya Public Library (at the Municipal office building), Mindemoya. Call Marilyn at 705-368-0756, Ext 238 if there are any questions. All welcome.

Manitoulin Family Resources offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Early ON Child and Family Centre, Little Current Child Care, Mindemoya Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Thrift Shop & Food Bank 705-368-3400; Administration 705-368-3400.

Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Alon Group: Thursdays at 7 pm in the library room at the Missionary Church, 51 Young Street, Mindemoya, 705-377-4892/705-377-5138. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595.

Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. No appointment necessary. 705-368-2744.

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Halters, snaps, ropes and more.
Also, need any heavy sewing done?
Call us at 249-497-4000 ext 113.
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Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.

Codependents Anonymous Manitoulin for information, email codamanitoulin@gmail.com or visit Facebook [codamanitoulin](https://www.facebook.com/codamanitoulin). No meetings running at present.

for sale

Post pounder, work saver, model HDP/16, \$1,000; log trailer, Anderson M/90, \$5,000; chipper, 3-point KOTO/Sasmo, \$500; backhoe, Wallenstein GX600, \$4,000; stump grinder, Vermeer Wisconsin V4, \$1,000. Call 705-282-8279. 48-49c

26" Athadasca mountain bike, gently used, \$100. Call/text 705-690-9892. 49c

wanted

Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289. 17tfn

Deadline for text ads, like this, as well as boxed ads is Friday at 4 pm.

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Sea Cadet Events

Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps weekly parade is Monday nights at Mindemoya Community Centre (Hwy 542, beside Mindemoya municipal office) beginning at 6 pm. For enquiries, please contact 705-805-0350. tfn

Legion Events

Renew your legion membership or join as a new legion member. Just contact Judy Miller by emailing jmiller@nemfht.ca or call 705-968-0091. The cost of a membership is \$55. Thank you for your support to our local Branch 177, Little Current. 27tfn

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Wing Night, Thursday, April 22, 4 to 8 pm. Wings, \$1 each (sauces for wings: salt and pepper, sweet chili, sweet and sour, honey garlic, first, second and third degree, parmesan cheese and pepper and Cajun); cheese balls, two for \$1; Jalapeno poppers, \$1 each; cheese sticks, \$1 each; mushroom caps, nine for \$3. Take-out only, pick up at the Legion. To pre-order call or text 705-348-0123. Delivery within town limits, Little Current. 49p

coming events

The Township of Assiginack is hosting **5 FREE VIRTUAL DANCE SESSIONS** for kids and adults.

No dance experience necessary. This is to have fun and get some exercise in your own home. Visit Assiginack.ca to register.




Lyons Memorial United Church has invited the Canadian Mental Health Association and Sudbury/Manitoulin Mental Health and Addiction Services to offer three one-hour lunch and learn education sessions in April via Microsoft Teams. These sessions are open to anyone who is interested. Please send an email to the church at lyonsmuc@bellnet.ca and the links to these will be forwarded to you. Wednesday, April 21, 12 pm to 1 pm, supporting your Mental Health during COVID-19 (tips that will help participants cope with the pandemic). Wednesday, April 28, 12 pm to 1 pm, Understanding Your Care Options - (this session will specifically address those care options and supports that are available for people who live on Manitoulin). 47-50p

Want a reprint of a photo you've seen in the Expositor?

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JOB OPPORTUNITY



We are currently looking to hire a Licenced Automotive Service Technician.

The available position is full-time:
Monday to Friday from 8am - 5pm
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Competitive Wages
Applications/Resumes with References included are being accepted in person, by mail or email.

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Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper
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Successful applicants must be capable of writing both news and feature stories. Some stories will be assigned, others may be self-generated in consultation with the paper's editor. Photos to illustrate news and feature stories are an expectation.

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Have had experience in journalism
- Can demonstrate the ability to work to a firm deadline
- Can demonstrate a good knowledge of Manitoulin Island, or at least the area of it in which they live
- Have a class G driver's licence and access to a vehicle

If you feel you meet these minimum requirements and would like to join a team of professionals dedicated to telling the interesting stories of this unique place, please send your resume, including writing samples to: editor@manitoulin.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

HELP WANTED

Chef/head cook needed now.

Email:
codmotherscatering@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently accepting resumes for HVAC technicians, G2 gas fitters, sheet metal apprentice.

If you are looking to learn and grow in your trade, reach out to me: brian@669-heat.com.

Part-time positions available

is seeking individuals with layout/pagination/desktop publishing skills and a knack for design and demonstrable skills in the use of

- Quark Express
- Adobe InDesign

The newspaper has part-time positions available to assist in the paper's Monday night layout in preparation for printing. (In the event of holiday Mondays and other occasions, newspaper layout will sometimes occur on Fridays.)

Please send your resume and relevant details to: editor@manitoulin.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Experienced Officer/Police Constable
1 Year Contract

Position: First Nations Police Constable (2)
Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications from police officers who have served or are serving with a Canadian police agency. Experienced applicants must have completed a probationary period. Applicants may also be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary by the Ontario Police College as a condition of employment.

Summary:
The First Nations Police Constable will be responsible to the Chief of Police and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting to establish peace and harmony within and around the Wikwemikong Territory.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Ability to work shift work, comprised of both day and evening shifts, weekends.
- Preserving the peace.
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist WTPS Officers with community policing and safety concerns.
- Respond to routine and emergency calls, assisting crime or accident investigations with WTPS officers.
- Assist with vehicle patrol operations as directed.
- Assist with the containment and preservation of crime scenes as directed, and assisting with the determination of the extent of personal injuries, identifying victims, witnesses and the extent of damage, documenting evidence; assisting to ensure that the safety of officers and the public is maintained at all times;
- Assist WTPS members in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units.
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.
- Such other duties, not inconsistent with the above, as the Police Chief should direct.

Basic Requirements:

- Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position, and proof of current fitness test.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a **MUST**.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character, no criminal record and must pass background check.
- Must provide a signed WTPS Consent to Security Clearance Investigation Form.
- Employment application packages are available and can be picked up at WTPS office.
- Salary and merit level are open for discussion.

Interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three work-related references to:

Attn: Acting Chief of Police, Gregory Mishibinjima
Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service
2074 Wikwemikong Way, P.O. Box 27
Wikwemikong, Ontario
POP 2J0

Posting Deadline: April 30, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Please note, applications will be screened. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider an experienced officer for hire. The candidate will also be required to successfully complete psychological, medical, vision and hearing examinations. The best qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation. The candidate will be notified before any contact is made with their current police service.

Members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service participate in the Ontario Pension Board (OPB) pension plan. It is compulsory for members to contribute to the plan. Experienced officers who have contributed to another pension plan may contact their current plan administrator to determine if their plan is transferable.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Gwekwaadziwin – Land-Based Treatment Counsellor - External Posting

Position Description:

The Land-Based Treatment Counsellor is a unique position that combines the skills of an outdoor experiential learning leader with that of a treatment counsellor. Staff in this position will be living and working in outdoor settings with participants and will have a weekly rotational schedule. Staff in this position will be responsible for delivering a wholistic treatment program with a significant focus on Anishinabek culture and the land.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Reporting to the Director of Operations
- Responsible for taking direction from the Team Leader and Clinical Director and implementing it within the program
- Continue to develop and implement model of care
- To deliver a treatment focused outdoor experiential learning program; ensure group safety, teach wilderness skills, solidify course logistics, and maintain focus on the Anishinabek Culture and the therapeutic elements of the program
- Assist in development of client-centred wholistic treatment plans
- Assist with transition of participants to the live in or community aftercare programs
- Assist in implementation of research projects
- Other related duties to support the needs of the organization across all three phases of the program

Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement is a diploma in a human service field or in outdoor leadership
- Mental health and addictions training
- Preference given to an individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Proven experience with management, program development, research and outcome measurement
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field
- Experience working with at-risk youth and young adults in a wilderness setting
- WFR or Adv WFA with experience managing backcountry medical issues
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Able to participate in outdoor and athletic programming
- Mature individual who is able to work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

- Possesses a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle, able to obtain a class 'F' Driver's licence with a preference given to those who already hold a class 'F' driver's licence
- Ability to work outside normal business hours as required
- Must have a relevant diploma – with a preference for a designation with a regulatory college

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications

Closing Date: May 12, 2021 at 4:00 pm

To Apply: Please submit a letter of application and resume.

Complete applications must be emailed to mattm@gwek.ca.
Please reference email: Land-Based Treatment Counsellor - Application

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



**Manitoulin
Family Resources**

P.O. Box 181
Mindemoya, ON
POP 1S0
t: 705.368.3400

Housing Support Worker – Temporary Contract, 1 Year

Manitoulin Family Resources is seeking individuals to fill our new Housing Support Worker positions in the Manitoulin LaCloche region. The Housing Support Worker (HSW) will help clients locate and/or keep housing by supporting them to address their issues with mental illness, substance use, physical health and life skills with a goal of securing permanent housing. This position will work closely with the Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor, and other agency staff.

Responsibilities will include

- Outreach, intake, building rapport, and case management with those who engage in the program
- Support in accessing and connecting clients to appropriate community resources in an effort to help them obtain and maintain housing
- System navigation, crisis intervention, telephone support, referrals, intakes and documentation
- Work with individuals to resolve issues related to barriers to securing/keeping housing
- Completion of client documentation and case notes

The successful candidates will have

- Post-secondary college diploma or university degree in human services or a related field;
- At least three years of experience with the homeless in an Outreach or Shelter setting;
- Demonstrated skills in performing assessments and on the spot risk assessments;
- Knowledge of the Residential Tenancies Act;
- Understanding of Homelessness and the Housing First Philosophy;
- Demonstrated understanding and experience working with the people who are homeless and living with mental illness;
- Strong engagement, conflict resolution and advocacy skills;
- Ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary organization;
- Knowledge of community resources and excellent communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and independently as well;
- Proficient in the use of computers and software including Microsoft Word;
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification; ASIST Training an asset;
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS and insurable driver's abstract are all requirements of the position and ongoing conditions of hire.

This position is a temporary contract and outside the bargaining unit. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the program, with the position averaging 35 hours per week. The housing support worker delivers client services within the catchment of Manitoulin Island and the north-east shore of Lake Huron. The position is based out of the main administration office, however, there will be periods of remote work assignments due to the pandemic, with travel being a component of the position as required.

Deadline for applications: April 30, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Please forward applications to: Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mfresources.net

*Violence Against Women Prevention - Haven House Shelter & Outreach Counselling
Children's Services - Manitoulin Early ON Child and Family Centre, Centre based & Home Childcare
Help Centre - Food Bank and Thrift Shop*



GREAT LAKES DIVISION
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Employment Opportunity Millwright

Overview

Reporting to the Maintenance Supervisor, you will be expected to provide mechanical services to the fixed equipment to ensure safety and production goals are met.

Utilizing your millwright experiences, you will be focused on all of the maintenance requirements for stationary equipment at Lafarge Canada's Meldrum Bay Quarry.

Responsibilities

- Comply and assist all co-workers with all Health & Safety Requirements and Environmental Practices established by Lafarge Canada Inc.
- Ensure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is worn where and when required.
- Ensure a safe, clean work environment for all employees.
- Ensure compliance to the preventive maintenance schedule.
- Complete efficient, reliable and safe mechanical repairs on all stationary equipment throughout the quarry.
- Perform tasks including installing, maintaining and repairing equipment.
- Work shift rotations.

Qualifications

Education:

- Valid Interprovincial Journeyman Millwright.
- Minimum five years of experience in a heavy/mining/quarry environment.
- Grade 12 Diploma
- Valid Drivers licence.

Experience and Skill Set:

- Communicates effectively by expressing thoughts clearly both verbally and in writing.
- Displays excellent work ethics, leadership skills, and be extremely organized.
- Work safely while recognizing the need for doing thorough and complete work within the confines of a schedule.
- Must meet the physical demands of the position.
- Demonstrates initiative; while working independently or within a team.
- A strong commitment to continuous improvement.
- Results driven and self motivated.

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Pre-employment medical including drug & alcohol testing and a criminal record check may be required.



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Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor: Housing, Temporary Contract, 1 year

Manitoulin Family Resources is seeking an individual to fill our new Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor: Housing position in the Manitoulin LaCloche region. The MH&A Counsellor will provide services in the areas of prevention, assessment, counselling, referral and follow-up services to those engaged in our Housing Support Program. The individual will support clients in addressing issues of mental health and substance use, while working closely with the client's Housing Support Worker and other community-based resources, in an effort to provide best service delivery and support.

Responsibilities will include

- Client assessments, treatment planning and care, and counselling
- Health promotion, harm reduction and recovery, including an individualized service plan
- Team participation and case leadership to the Housing Support Workers assigned to client caseloads
- Community referrals and advocacy

The successful candidates will have

- BSW or other human services degree, and registration and authorization to perform psychosocial interventions from their applicable professional college;
- At least three years of experience working with the homeless or those with concurrent disorders;
- Demonstrated skills in performing assessments and on the spot risk assessments;
- Knowledge of the Residential Tenancies Act;
- Understanding of Homelessness and the Housing First Philosophy;
- Strong engagement, conflict resolution and advocacy skills;
- Ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary organization;
- Knowledge of community resources and excellent communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and independently as well;
- Proficient in the use of computers and software including Microsoft Word;
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This position is a temporary contract and outside the bargaining unit. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the program, with the position averaging 35 hours per week. The MH&A Counsellor will deliver services within the catchment of Manitoulin Island and the north-east shore of Lake Huron. The position is based out of the main administration office, however, there will be periods of remote work assignments due to the pandemic, with travel being a component of the position as required.

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**The Town of Gore Bay
Employment Opportunity**

The Town of Gore Bay is hiring a Temporary Part-time Custodian to commence immediately.

For a copy of the job description go to www.gorebay.ca or contact the undersigned.

Please submit your resume to the undersigned no later than **April 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk
Town of Gore Bay
15 Water Street, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0
Tel: 705-282-2420

For further information contact Stasia Carr as per above or via email as follows:

Email: scarr@gorebay.ca

All applicants are thanked for their interest. Only the candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of candidate selection.

The Town of Gore Bay is committed to an inclusive, barrier-free environment. Accommodation will be provided in all steps of the hiring process. Please advise the Town of Gore Bay if you require any accommodations to ensure that you can participate fully and equally during the recruitment and selection process.

Help Wanted

Providence Bay Trailer Park is looking for a mature park attendant. Also hiring a front desk guest attendant. Must have good people skills. Will be responsible for registration and other park duties.

Resumes and reference can be mailed to P.O. Box 66, Providence Bay, Ontario POP 1T0.



Sheppard Custom Building Limited

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HELP WANTED

Sheppard Custom Building (SCB) is looking to hire CONSTRUCTION/CARPENTRY employees.

Qualifications:

- Commercial & Residential Construction
- Good Leadership Skills
- Valid Drivers Licence
- Minimum of 3 - 5 Years' Experience

Please email resume to sheppardscb@gmail.com



**Township of Burpee & Mills
Requires a Summer Student**

Duties to include:

Daily care and maintenance of outdoor recreation facilities including grass cutting.

Applicants who are at least 16 years old with a valid G-2 Driver's Licence are invited to submit resumes.

In addition, applicants must have been registered full-time students during the previous academic year and have no other full-time job.

**Deadline for applications:
June 11, 2021**

Email: burpeemills@vianet.ca

Or
Fax: 705-282-0624

Accommodations for job applicants with disabilities are available on request.

**Burt Farm Country Meats
Employment Opportunity**



We are looking for a mature and energetic person to assist with all the duties required in producing food to a full retail level. If you want to be part of a local food production system, we might be what you are looking for.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Ability to work either alone or as a team member
- Be able to follow directions or procedures specifically
- Have a valid driver's licence
- Ability to work with livestock and operate machinery an asset
- Meat processing experience also an asset
- Wages will be determined based on qualifications and abilities

The two sides to this business, includes both food production and food processing.

If your interests are in one, the other, or both, we would like to hear from you.

Call Max at 705-282-0328.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



HOUSING MANAGER

Department: Housing Department
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time

Classification Level: M'Chigeeng First Nation Salary Grid – Department Managers

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking an individual with a First Nation Housing Certification, with knowledge of Federal Labour standards, the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Occupational Health and Safety section of the Canada Labour Code.

If you have the experience and good analytical, problem solving, and conflict resolution and excellent communication skills, then you may be a great fit for this position.

Reporting Relationship

The Housing Manager reports directly to the Enaagdenjged. Maintains cooperative communication with Band Council via the Enaagdenjged. Internal working relationships are maintained with all other departments through attendance and participation in bi-weekly meetings and other meetings as required for keeping abreast of evolving issues.

Position Summary: The Housing Manager performs a variety of roles to support the M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN) Housing Department to ensure that housing projects, maintenance and renovations are coordinated, assigned and implemented within the established guidelines and standards of the MFN and meet the requirements of the MFN.

Qualifications and Requirements

Preferred

- First Nation Housing Certificate or equivalent combination of post-secondary education and experience.
- Three (3) years' First Nation Housing experience.
- Experience and certification in Project Management / Property Management are highly desirable.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Possess a valid Ontario driver's licence.
- Good analytical, problem solving and conflict resolution skills.
- Advanced Computer skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Access, Outlook, Internet, Adobe Acrobat Pro

Minimum

- Knowledge of federal labour standards, the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Occupational Health and Safety section of the Canada Labour Code.
- Minimum three (3) years of supervisory experience and supervisory training.
- Understand the CMHC program, as well as construction experience.
- Excellent public relations, oral and written; Interpersonal and leadership skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment with minimal supervision.
- Ability to exercise discretion in handling confidential subject matter.
- Willingness to learn new skills and upgrade qualifications.
- Ability to work in various weather conditions (conduct field assessments).

The successful candidate will be contacted and required to submit a current thirty (30) day CRC; and an offer of employment is contingent upon the receipt of a satisfactory CRC record.

Criminal Reference Check (CRC) Rationale: M'Chigeeng First Nation is in a position of trust to its band members and is committed to providing a safe and secure work environment. Applicants must have record clear and/or dated of convictions relating to fraud, drugs, assault and theft. The CRC must be current (30 days) and must be an original.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (two work-related references from a direct supervisor/manager and one-character reference) and education certifications addressed to:

Housing Manager
c/o Art Jacko, Enaagdenjged
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

Application deadline: April 30, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Only Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. For job description, please contact Marlene Debassige at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or email marlened@mchigeeng.ca.



Financial Analyst

At Rainbow District School Board we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. We bring learning to life, enabling students to fulfill their aspirations.

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a Financial Analyst.

For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit www.rainbowschools.ca/about/employment.

Interested candidates should apply by **3 pm Friday May 7, 2021** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Doreen Dewar
Board Chair

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education

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Meatcutter/Butcher

We are looking for a skilled individual to provide high-quality meats and services to our customers. Perform quality inspections, use meat grinders, knives, saws, and other tools to cut meat down into smaller portions, weigh, price, and package cuts. You will also be required to keep work areas and equipment clean and sanitized.

Requirements:

Education of food preparation or meat cutting experience.
Ability to use hand tools, stand or walk for extended periods, lift heavy items, and work in cold environments.
Ability to operate equipment, such as meat and cheese slicers, scales, cash registers, etc.
Knowledge of meat preparation techniques and cuts.
Strong communication, task management, and customer service skills.
Ability to comprehend and follow all company procedures and regulations regarding food handling and sanitation.
Courteous and efficient approach to handling customer requests, questions, and complaints.

Cashier/Deli - Summer Student

We are looking for a Summer Student to fill the position of Cashier/Deli Clerk. The individual must be courteous, customer-focused and committed to providing customers with the best service possible. Cashier/Deli Clerks will be required to clean and sanitize work areas, equipment and displays, answer questions and respond to customer requests, and provide information to clients to ensure that they select the products that best fit their needs.

Requirements:

Deli counter or food preparation experience preferred but not required.
Ability to operate equipment, such as meat and cheese slicers, scales, cash registers, etc.
Excellent customer service, communication, and math skills.
Ability to comprehend and follow all company procedures and regulations regarding food handling and sanitation.
Courteous and efficient approach to handling customer requests, questions, and complaints.

Please submit your resume to TJ at tj@meatboss.ca.



Township of
BILLINGS
REPOSTING

Billings Township is looking for a **part-time cleaning person.**

This person will be responsible to provide cleaning services for the various municipal buildings. This position requires evening and weekend work and may include on-call work.

During the winter months the job will include snow removal from entrance ways of certain municipal buildings.

Hours vary averaging about 40 hours per month during the winter months and possibly in excess of 80 hours per month from June – October.

Pay Range \$15.20 - 17.69/hr.
Criminal Reference Check will be required.

Please send resumes by
April 30, 2021
in person, by mail at
15 Old Mill Road, Kagawong, ON POP 1J0
or by email to kmcdonald@billingswp.ca.

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office.dcia@gmail.com

Closing date for applications is 30th April, 2021

DAWSON CITIZENS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

notice

**Notice to Creditors
and Claimants**

All claims against the Estate of Gary Roque Debassige, late of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin in the province of Ontario, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 31st day of July 2021. After which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the administrator then shall have notice.

Dated at the City of Greater Sudbury
this 13th day of April, 2021.

Renee Debassige, Estate Trustee
Estate of Gary Roque Debassige
66 Morrison Ave
Sudbury, ON P3C 3G6

**The Cutoff for Boxed
Display Ads is Friday**

notice



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Permanent full-time
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Extended health, dental and vision benefits
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DUTIES

- Provide child and youth services in schools, homes and the community
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- Observe and study children's behaviour
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- Record data in client charts

QUALIFICATIONS

- Child and Youth Worker college diploma or Native Child & Family Services Worker Diploma
- Two years of experience with children and youth, including those in conflict with the law
- Knowledge of conflict resolution methods and social and mental health issues facing children and their families
- Strong computer skills including Client Management Services
- Local travel required and must have a valid Ontario Class G driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle
- Ability to demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills
- Must provide a satisfactory Police Vulnerable Sector Check

Submit cover letter and résumé no later than April 30, 2021 to hr@compassne.ca

www.compassne.ca

Compass values inclusivity and diversity in the workplace. We encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds, and are committed to providing accessible employment practices that are in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). If contacted regarding this competition, please advise human resources of the accommodation measures which must be taken to enable you to be assessed in a fair and equitable manner. We wish to thank all applicants; however, only applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

Community Notification

**Vianet Inc. Tower Site: Part of North East 1/4 Section 32
Hwy. 637, Geographic Township of Rutherford
Municipality of Killarney, ON**

The proposed site of the tower is at Part of North East 1/4, Section 32, Geographic Township of Rutherford - Municipality of Killarney, ON. The geographic coordinates for the tower base are: Latitude 45.981673°, Longitude -81.501809°

Vianet is proposing a 85.34m guyed tower to provide data services via fixed wireless in your area. Vianet proposes to install antenna equipment to provide high speed Internet services to the surrounding area of the proposed site. No suitable existing tower structures exist in the immediate area. Tower structure will be professionally designed to CSA-S37-18 specifications. The driveway access point will be on Hwy 637.

General information from ISED:
<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/antenna>

Health Canada's Safety Code 6:
Health Canada has established electromagnetic exposure guidelines, known as Safety Code 6. Vianet is in compliance with all requirements of the Code. <http://www.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/smt-gst.nsf/en/sf05990e.html>

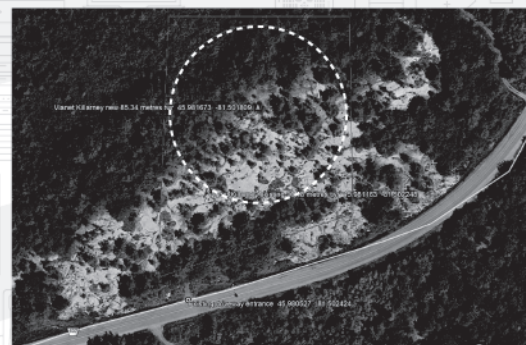
Vianet Inc. also attests that the radio antenna system described in this notification package will comply with Transport Canada and NAV Canada aeronautical safety requirements.

How do I get involved?

Vianet Inc. is committed to effective public consultation. You are invited to provide comments to ISED (former Industry Canada), Municipality of Killarney and/or Vianet Inc. about this proposal by mail, electronic mail or fax. To ensure your mailed, e-mailed or facsimiled comments are considered, you must respond by close of business on May 17, 2021.

Your Vianet Inc. contact:
Vianet Inc. attention Regulatory Department
128 Larch St. Suite 502, Sudbury, ON P3E 5J8
Email: regulatory@vianet.ca

Vianet Inc. will respond to relevant and reasonable concerns and will provide copies of all written responses received to ISED and the Municipality of Killarney.



What About The Environment?

Vianet Inc. attests that the radio antenna system described in this notification package will comply with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, as this facility is excluded from assessment.

Your ISED (former Industry Canada) contact:

Tower issue Hwy 637 Vianet site,
Municipality of Killarney, ON
Spectrum Management
ISED Eastern & Northern Ontario District Office
2 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 1Y3
Tel: 1-855-465-6307 Fax: 705-941-4607
Email: ic.spectrumnod-spectredeno.ic@canada.ca

Your Local Land Use Authority contact:

Candy Beauvais - Clerk Treasurer
Tel: 705-287-2424 ext. 203
Email: cbeauvais@municipalityofkillarney.ca



Building Connections

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TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: Proposed Road Closure and Sale

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to By-law #18-28, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack has declared that the original road allowance between Lots 25 and 26, Concession 8, Township of Sheguiandah to be surplus to its needs and at its meeting on May 4th, 2021 intends to pass a by-law to stop up and close that part of the road allowance and authorize its sale to the adjacent property owner.

A pdf of the reference plan showing that part of the road allowance to be stopped up and closed is on file and can be sent to anyone making a request by telephone or electronic communication.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that at the said meeting, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims his or her land would be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard. Such hearing shall be by way of the Zoom format.

If you have any questions about the subject property, please contact the undersigned.

Persons interested in making depositions on this matter are requested to contact the Clerk at 705 859 3196 or by email to ahobbs@assiginack.ca.

Dated at Manitowaning, Ontario, this 16th day of April, 2021.

Alton Hobbs, CAO/Clerk
Township of Assiginack
705 859 3196



TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: Proposed Road Closure and Sale

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to By-law #18-28, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack has declared that part of the original road allowance adjacent to Part 2, Plan 31R-2197 in Concession 2, Lot 5 of the Township of Assiginack to be surplus to its needs and at its meeting on May 4th, 2021 intends to pass a by-law to stop up and close that part of the road allowance and authorize its sale to the adjacent property owner.

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TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

PUBLIC NOTICE

2021 BUILDING FEES CONSIDERATION

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack will consider the 2021 Building Permit Fees as part of By-law #2021-04, at its meeting scheduled for May 4, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Alton Hobbs CAO, Clerk
Township of Assiginack
705 859 3196
ahobbs@assiginack.ca

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. Tfn

Private classified word ads, like this, are \$8 for up to 25 words and 10 cents for every additional word, per week, plus HST. Pre-payment (VISA, MasterCard, cheque or cash) is required. Private sales only. Call 705-368-2744 to book your ad.

Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. **No appointment necessary.** 705-368-2744.



TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

2021 BUDGET CONSIDERATION

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack will consider the 2021 Operating and Capital Budget at its meeting scheduled for May 4, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

A budget summary is available on www.Assiginack.ca. Questions may be directed to the undersigned.

Deb MacDonald, Treasurer
Township of Assiginack
705 859 3196
dmacdonald@assiginack.ca

FUEL OIL TENDER

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor invites tenders for the supply of heating fuel oil to 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, commencing June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. Fuel consumption is approximately 100,000 litres.

All bidding companies must complete a Contract Bid Form which can be mailed or emailed. Tenders must be received at the administration office by May 15th, 2021 before 1600 hours and must be in a sealed envelope marked "Fuel Tender."

Forward tenders to:
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
Attn: Board of Management
Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0

For further information contact:
Tamara Beam at
(705) 368-2710 Ext. 312

Death Notices

AUDREY MAY HARPER



Audrey May Harper, nee Matheson, passed away April 15, 2021, peacefully in her sleep, in her 100th year, with her daughter at her side, at Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay, Ontario. Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Audrey is survived by her children Douglas Harper (wife Elaine) of Mildmay, Mildred Harper of Barrie, Linda Anne Harper-Porter (late Rob Porter) of Gore Bay and Lorna James (husband Gary) of Silver Water. Sisters-in law Merle Haaksman- Mills (late Delbert Mills), Edith Clark (late Jim) and brother-in-law Dale Harper (late Nancy). Predeceased by husband Howard Harper, son Floyd Harper (Fern McNalty Harper Weadows), daughter Sharon Harper, parents Bertha (Morden) and Norman Matheson, granddaughter Lana Vermaire and great-grandson David Brush. Sisters Vera (Arden) Falls, Anne (Murray) Hopkins, Rhea (Alex Huntington and Harry Watts). Brothers Irving (as a toddler), Charlie Matheson (Myrtle), Matt (Ollie) Matheson, in-laws Lenora and Bill Gardiner, Wilda and Len Montgomery, Annie and Bun Williton, Ellis Harper, Russell (Velma) Harper, dad's twin sister Stella (Ivan) Baxter. Audrey worked as a custodian at SS No 1 Robinson in Silver Water until it closed. Audrey will be remembered for her love of family, great cookies and cakes, her many craft projects and zucchini relish, her love of cats and the home-knitted socks at Christmas time. Pictures adorned every available surface of her apartment. She knew all the birthdays and sent cards every year. In 1980, Audrey moved to Sault Ste. Marie. While in the Sault she rejoined TOPS and was proud of her KOPS status, which she maintained for almost 20 years. She was a proud member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 (her husband Howard was a founding member). Due to declining health Audrey entered the Manitoulin Lodge in 2008. She was an avid Bingo player and looked forward to each new session. She enjoyed the musical entertainers and when "The Harper Orchestra" entertained she was in the front row. Memorial donations, if desired, can be made to Angel Bus or Silver Water United Church. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be no funeral service at this time. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a future date. Tentative date, March 10, 2022. She so wanted to celebrate her 100th birthday, that if possible, I feel that would be a great time to get family together to remember and pay homage to the matriarch of our family.

LLOYD FRANKLIN THOMAS

July 10, 1942 to April 14, 2021



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Lloyd Franklin Thomas on April 14, 2021 at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current. Lloyd was born and raised in Sandfield, Ontario and worked for INCO for close to 30 years before retiring in 1994 and moving back to Sandfield. Lloyd was predeceased by his parents George and Dorothy Thomas, and sister Nola (Latif) Kassam. He is survived by his wife Lois, daughter Sharon (Jeff) and son Brian (Tina), as well as his sisters Beatrice (Blaine, predeceased), Norma (Rick) and Wilda, as well as many nieces and nephews. He will be fondly missed by his two grandchildren Owen and Zoe Gliese-Thomas. He loved the outdoors and will be remembered for his friendly, outgoing personality and sense of humour. Lloyd will be cremated and laid to rest at Hilly Grove Cemetery on Manitoulin Island. A grave-side service and memorial lunch will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Manitoulin Health Centre, dialysis unit or auxiliary at P.O. Box 549, 11 Meredith Street West, Little Current, Ontario POP1K0.

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, POP 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, POP 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0.

Billings, Central Manitoulin climate change survey results are in

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

KAGAWONG—Climate survey results are in for Billings Township and Central Manitoulin, but the reports are still under review by climate action committees, municipal staff and councils of both municipalities. The tentative plan is to release the survey results and complete the draws for the posters for those who participated on Earth Day, April 22.

From February 4 to 28, the municipalities utilized an online carbon emission survey powered by Ethelo to gather public feedback on preferred climate solutions for responding to and mitigating climate change in the communities. This provided residents with a say on which solutions should be implemented and assists with community buy-in into the process.

Community engagement is an important part of the development of climate action plans, called CEEPs (community energy and emissions plan) for both communities, a process that is being overseen by Kim Neale, shared climate action co-ordinator, with input from both municipalities' Climate Action Com-

mittees as well as municipal staff and councillors. Climate action is crucial at the municipal level as urban areas are the largest place-based source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at 71 to 76 percent of global emissions. Local governments have control of over 52 percent of emissions that occur within their municipalities, according to researchers at the University of Waterloo.

Ms. Neale represents Billings and Central Manitoulin in the Transition 2050 initiative that is funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and participates in a Community Energy Planning Integrated Network (CEPIN) working group. Each month about 30 people in similar sustainability/climate change planning roles from across Ontario attend along with funding agencies such as FCM and government ministries as well as energy utility partners. The goal is to help each other and learn from existing examples, Ms. Neale said.

At a recent meeting, University of Waterloo Professor Amelia Clarke and her research team presented their research in progress on what is working and what is not in Canadian

cities that are making climate change plans such as the CEEPs currently in development at Billings and Central Manitoulin. Ms. Neale participated in an interview with researcher and PhD student Ying Zhou in September 2020. Ms. Zhou's research "aims to adopt an institutional lens on identifying the local decarbonization pathways and strategies, actors and governance arrangements for stimulating community wide changes and achieving the 2050 Paris Agreement targets." In 2018, the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a special report that stated decarbonization of the planet by the year 2050 is essential in order to limit global warming to 1.5°C and stabilize the climate.

"Our role is to provide an overarching view looking at how municipalities are moving toward reaching the 2050 climate targets," explained Ms. Zhou. "Our research is broader. We use the interviews to look at the state of decarbonization planning and implementation among Canadian municipalities that participate in this program."

There are definitely challenges among all municipalities, Ms. Zhou said.

"Smaller municipalities share similar challenges, but especially with staffing and resource capacity to implement some of the actions in their plan. There are opportunities for smaller municipalities to move quicker because they're small. There may be less bureaucracy or they may have more cooperation within the local government but they're also more connected with their citizens."

Governance can be tricky when there are multiple partners involved. On Manitoulin Island there is the Manitoulin Municipal Association, the Manitoulin Planning Board and various other collaborative boards, committees and approaches along with the municipalities and First Nations. A key barrier is bringing enough communities together to accomplish some of the bigger projects that could lead to carbon neutrality.

There are examples of municipalities working cooperatively with other municipalities and/or third parties, such as the climate action partnership that exists between Billings and Central Manitoulin. "There are many actors that contribute to the emissions within a

municipality that are beyond the control of local government, so partnerships and collaboration are definitely useful to implementing some of the initiatives and reaching those targets," Ms. Zhou said.

"There are opportunities Kim might be able to explore further," noted Ms. Zhou. "For smaller municipalities as on Manitoulin Island, there are probably communities that are interconnected and a collaborative approach might be a beneficial way of approaching transportation planning in the region, for example. Within many of the larger or medium-size municipalities, transportation is often planned at a regional level so it makes sense to proceed in that

direction."

The desired outcome of community participation via the online climate surveys is community support of the municipal CEEPs and climate actions that are most supported by the communities and that highlight each community's most pressing climate concern. Once the CEEPs are completed and approved by council, the next step is implementation of the chosen actions while navigating the challenges of available resources, governance structures and strategies.

† in memoriam

FERGUSON—In memory of Mike Ferguson.

So many things have happened,
Since you were called away,
So many things to share with you,
Had you been left to stay,
Every day in some small way,
Memories of you come our way,
Though absent, you are ever near,
Still missed, loved, and always dear.
Dorothy and family

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🌸 thank you

I would like to say a huge big thank you to all my family, relatives and everyone else who took the time to send me beautiful birthday greetings and sentiments. It was very touching and meant so much to me. Thank you and may God bless.

Sincerely, Elaine Peck

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Death Notices

SHIRLEY SUSAN VAILLANT (FOX)

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



Our family mourns the unexpected passing of our strong, beautiful Anishnaabe kwe, mother, Nokomis (grandma), sister, auntie, cousin and friend, Shirley Susan Vaillant (Fox). She was a long-time resident of Little Current, ON, and a proud member of Wiikwemkoong. She began her journey to the spirit world on Saturday,

April 17, 2021. Shirley leaves behind her husband Lou. She will forever be remembered with love by her children Allan, Donna, Jennifer (Clark), Heidi and Aaron (Alicia). Her memory will be cherished by her grandchildren Trent, Brett, Holly, Cole, Kaitlin, Kristin, Sophia and Aria; her great-granddaughter Arianna and her step-daughter Carol. She will be missed by her siblings Donna, Bonita, Doug, Wilma, John, Yvonne, Jean and Vickie and her best friend Megan. Predeceased by her mom Stella Cooper, her dad Raymond Fox, her brother Alex, her son Todd Genereux and beloved grandson Todd Eaglechild-Genereux. We know the reunion must be sweet and beautiful on the other side. Mom loved to gaze at the stars and search for paranormal activity. She relished hearing and telling ghost stories, and to this day, the back bedrooms of her house are rarely slept in without at least thinking of her haunting tales. Always, she was the number one fan at her granddaughters' hockey games. She was the godmother of Mother's Taxi. She loved her tea, treats, gospel and country music, and was the wearer of many hats. She was dedicated to her Catholic faith, but also her Anishnaabe roots. She was a fluent speaker of Anishinaabemowin and a residential school survivor. She loved spending time at camp at South Bay, Wiikwemkoong and attending pow wows. She worked at the Manitoulin Health Centre for over 30 years, and, for a time, she served on the board for the Noojmowin Teg Health Centre. She was welcoming to everyone and will be remembered as a kind and beautiful person to so many. Family and friends will gather at St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kaboni on Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 11 am to 4 pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 4 pm with cremation to follow. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be a limit of 10 people in the church at any given time. All safety protocols must be followed. Contributions in her memory can be made to the First Nation Hockey Equipment Drive at <https://fhed.theiropportunity.com>. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled for a future date. Baamaapii Mom. Dzaagin. We will see you again. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at Islandfuneralhome.ca.

WILLIAM "BILL" DOWDELL

1932 - 2021



It is with deep sorrow that the family announce the passing of Bill, my beloved husband and father. Bill's good humour, and his ceaseless optimism, will be long remembered. He will be missed by his wife Agnes, his son Kirk (Monica) of Coquitlam, B.C. and by his many friends and colleagues, and by the students who he worked with. He was

born and raised in Windsor, Ontario and is predeceased by his parents Evelyn and Howard (1995), his son Aaron (1983), his daughter Kimberly (2006) and his brother Robert (2008). He is survived by his four grandchildren, Gavin and Ashley Dowdell, Taly and Emily Toppings. Bill began his career in public education as a teacher at the Mindemoya High School on Manitoulin Island and later served as principal for several years. He also taught at Pickering College in Newmarket, Ontario and was vice principal at the Walkerton Secondary School. In 1966 he was appointed principal of the Dunnville S.S. where he remained until 1983 when he was appointed principal of the Cayuga Secondary School. In retirement, Bill continued his involvement in many community activities and groups. He worked with the Stoney Creek Flag Day Committee, was an active member of the Dunnville Little Theatre and a member of the First Hamilton Unitarian Church. He assisted at the Eva Rothwell Community Centre with the breakfast program and for a short time was a member of the Church Finance Committee. Over the years he served in several volunteer capacities with Scouts Canada and was the recipient of an Award of Merit. As a member of Stoney Creek Optimist Club he was involved with the Annual Peach Festival. Both he and Agnes participated in the Omega discussion group. In June of 1992, Agnes and Bill started out on a four-month driving and camping trip that took them across the western United States, through British Columbia, Alaska, the Yukon, and then across Northern Canada, arriving home the end of September. It was a memorable trip. As per Bill's wishes, cremation has taken place. Due to the current circumstances with the pandemic, there will be no formal time for visitations or a formal funeral service. Friends are invited to send cards or notes of condolences. If desired, a donation to a charity of your choice in Bill's memory would be appreciated. The assistance of Markey-Dermody Funeral Home has been appreciated. Online condolences can be left at MarkeyDermody.com.

EDITH IRENE LOGAN (CAMPBELL, BRACKEN)

August 12, 1942 - April 14, 2021



In loving memory of Edith Irene Logan (Campbell, Bracken), who passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family on April 14, 2021, in her 79th year.

Survived by her loving husband Douglas, son Brad Bracken (Laurie) of Nairn Centre, daughter Tammy Ashe (Jamie) of Lively, step-sons John and David Logan of Scotland, grandchildren Sheena and Chad Bracken, Kristen and Erica Ashe, and great-grandchildren Kienna, Damian, Allie, Xavier, Titan and Octavia. Also survived by her brother Keith Campbell (Joan) of Espanola and sister-in-law Jean Campbell of Sudbury. Predeceased by her parents Norman Russell and Mildred Irene (Lewis) Campbell, brother Asa, sister Bernice, brother Maurice, sister Myrna, brother Ivan, brother Blaine, brothers-in-law Burton and Hubert and sisters-in-law Glenda and Jean. Sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. Born August 12, 1942 in Spring Bay on Manitoulin Island on the family farm, Edith lived there until relocating to Sudbury in 1960. Edith spent many years travelling the world with husband Doug, visiting countries all across Europe and through the United States, including a trip to Hawaii with a few of her siblings. Along with her passion for travelling, Edith was gifted with the incredible talent of painting. Doug spent countless hours handcrafting wooden designs for Edith to paint and building frames for her many pieces of artwork. We need not forget her ability to cook up a great meal. No matter the occasion, Edith was quick to welcome friends and family into their home, where she would cook enough food to feed the whole neighbourhood. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the nurses and PSWs from Bayshore for the tremendous care and compassion they've shown over the past few weeks, in caring for Edith. In keeping with her wishes, cremation will take place with a Celebration of Life to be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary as expressions of sympathy. Arrangements entrusted to the Loughheed Funeral Home, LoughheedFuneralHomes.com.

Assiginack Council Notes

Clover Valley schoolhouse declared surplus

Assiginack council passed resolution 062-04-2021 which declared the Clover Valley schoolhouse, Concession 7, part lot 28, as surplus to its needs and to advertise it for sale. The property is expected to be listed with a real estate broker this week.

Water system financial plan

Council reviewed the Township of Assiginack water system financial plan as prepared by DFA Infrastructure International Inc., a requirement for the township's water system licence renewal application (set to expire September 14, 2021) for both the Manitowaning and Sunsite water treatment plants.

The query, "what plans does the ministry have for systems that are demonstrably not (financially) viable?" was raised following the review, which included more projected year-over-year deficits.

Cheque register

Council passed the following accounts for payment: general, \$220,783.61; and payroll, \$63,578.23.

Application for consent

Council received an application for consent from the Manitoulin Planning Board from Harold and Dorothy Faye Clarke who are requesting the creation of a new 800 square metre lot at 14 LeCourt Street.

Council stated it had no objection to the consent application.

Fire Department funds

Council passed Bylaw 21-05 to enter into an agreement with the Ontario Fire Marshal for funding in the amount of \$4,800 to be used for training and equipment as per the intended purpose of the Fire Safety grant Program.



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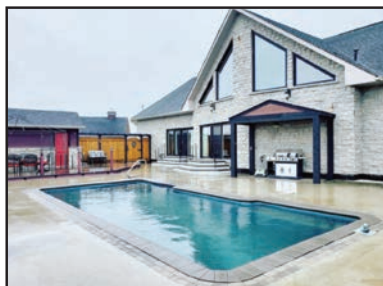
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- Little Current **SOLD** - Asking \$119,000 MLS#2087986
- Large Gore Bay **SOLD** Lot - Asking \$29,900 MLS#2088116
- Meldrum Bay **SOLD** Lot with an old schoolhouse - Asking \$22,000 MLS#2088164
- Little Current Waterfront Lot, Asking \$129,900
- Manitowaning Waterfront Lot. Asking \$69,900 MLS# 2092531
- 32 acres on Highway 540. Asking \$119,000 MLS# 2092298

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ASKING
\$1,195,000
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KITCHEN

LIVING AREA

APARTMENT

APARTMENT

ABOUT THE PROPERTY

Looking for an investment property on Manitoulin Island, look no further! This commercial and residential building in Kagawong is home to the very popular Main Street cafe! This quaint little restaurant has taken the COVID-19 lockdown in stride and opened up a very popular drive-through window in order to continue to serve their clientele! The original part of the building where the cafe is located was built in 1903 and was originally the Old School House. In 1963, the addition to the school was added, which now boasts 3 large apartments (2-2 Bedroom, 1-3 Bedrooms). The apartments have all been renovated as well as many upgrades to the building including electrical, some plumbing, and boiler system. Great income potential!

FEATURE HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 Unit Building with Commercial Front
- 1.21 Acres
- 2-2 Bedrooms, 1-3 Bedrooms

VIRTUAL TOUR AVAILABLE



1.6 Acres in Deerfoot Subdivision
MLS®#: 2094211, \$129,000



2.1 Acres in Deerfoot Subdivision
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NEW

Executive Home in Gore Bay
MLS®#: 2094209, \$519,000



NEW

Evansville Waterfront on 17 Acres
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NEW

Little Current Gem
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300 Acres in Tehkummah
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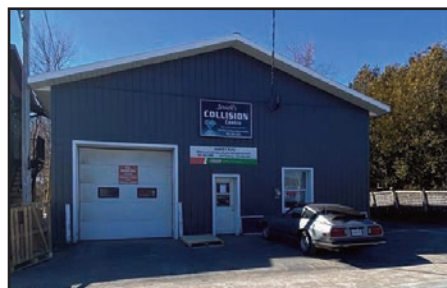
Building Lot in Gore Bay
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Building Lot in Gore Bay
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Bay Estates Waterfront
MLS®#: 2092725, \$821,000



Auto Body Repair Business + Building
MLS®#: 2092721, \$499,000



Mindemoya Building Lot
MLS®#: 2092521, \$69,000



Double Building Lot in Mindemoya
MLS®#: 2092303, \$125,000



27 Acres on Manitou River
MLS®#: 2090869, \$169,000



600 Acres of Rural Land
MLS®#: 2088587, \$649,000



Prime Spring Bay One-Stop-Shop
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NEW

Manitowaning Bungalow
MLS®#: 2094362, \$229,000

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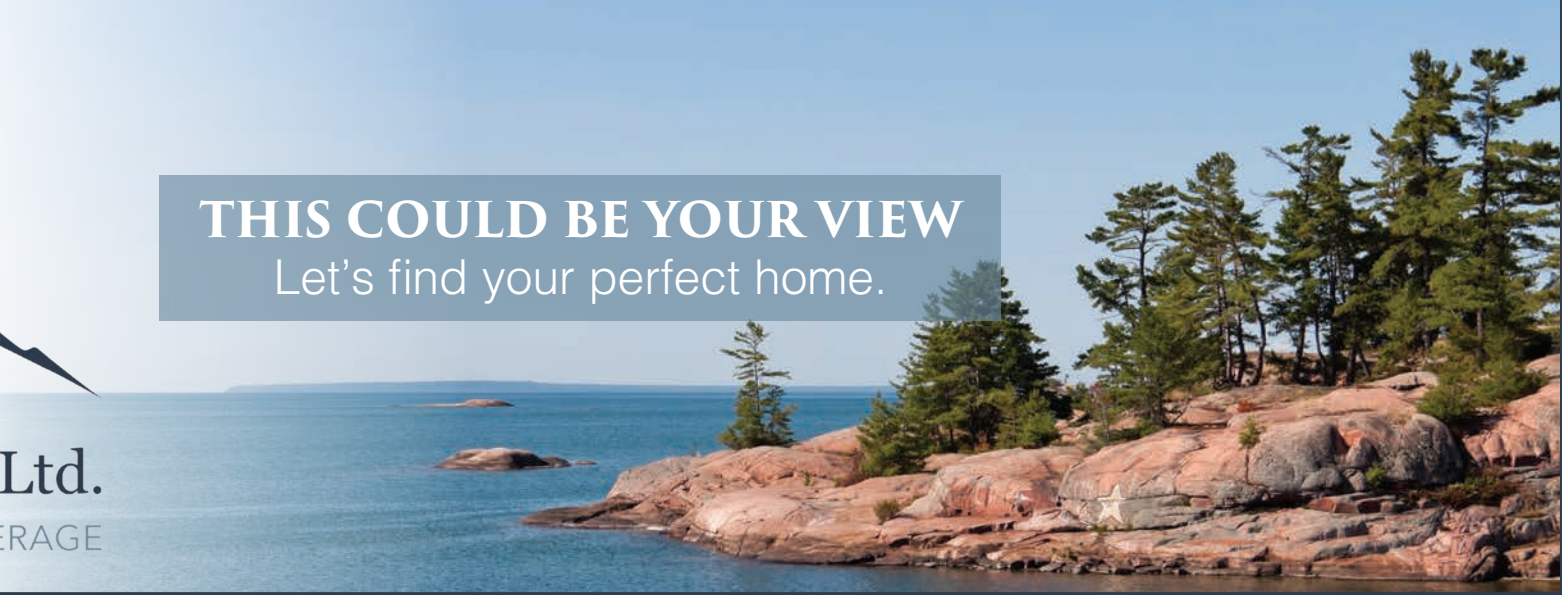
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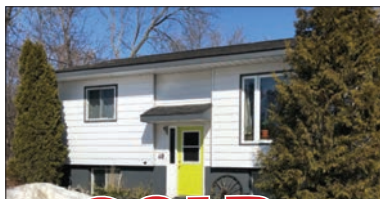
LACLOCHE MOUNTAIN RESORT ON CHARLTON LAKE IN WHITEFISH FALLS!!!! - This resort known as Bearskin Lodge and Outfitters comes turnkey with 9 rustic 2 & 3 bdrm log cabins as well as an owners' residence & another cabin, they allow friends & workers to stay. The housekeeping cottages each have their own hydro panels & each have their own bathrooms & appliances that are relatively new with upgraded wiring. Asking \$975,000. MLS#2077603



NORTH CHANNEL LAKE-FRONT ON BAY OF ISLANDS DR. - Building lot in desirable prime residential waterfront community within minutes of Whitefish Falls, ON. Features a driveway, telephone & hydro services available. Year-round road. Enjoy world class boating & sailing. Build your dream home or cottage! MLS#2087533



SOUTH BAYMOUTH BUSINESS - Huron Motor Lodge - turnkey operation. Located directly across from ferry dock. Great financial statements. Asking \$1,400,000. MLS#2085430



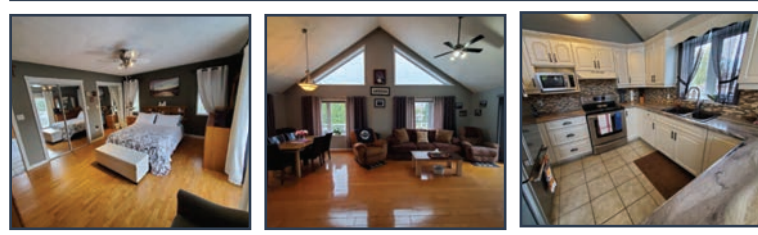
ADORABLE HOME SOLD - This home has a great layout for first time home-owners or even retirees! Many upgrades already done, but still room for the buyers to make it their own. Large and private corner lot. Full basement with partial finish has another bedroom and a half bath. Walking distance to school, hospital and downtown amenities. Call today before it's gone! MLS#2092657

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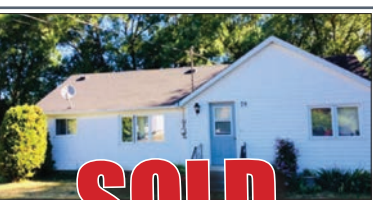
This Little Current home is one of kind! Enjoy your morning coffee on the wrap around veranda, while breakfast is cooking in the chef-worthy kitchen. With 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, your family will have lots of room to grow. Cathedral ceilings in the living room give a feeling of grander. Superior, worry free construction and in-floor heating. Once the kids are asleep, you can retreat to the hot tub for some relaxation after a hard day of exploring the Island. Don't wait, call today to book your viewing...before it's gone!! MLS#2094485



AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE OVER AN ESTABLISHED EGG GRADING OPERATION - The house has a small orchard out front & has seen continuous upgrades including Geothermal. Two drilled wells provide good potable water. Pasture 70 acres, bush 28 acres, several outbuildings. Owner is prepared to assist in the transition of licence. Properties are separately deeded, farm & chattels can be purchased separately. MLS#2092616



TERRIFIC BUILD LOT - This double town lot in Manitowaning is close to shopping, the marina, and beaches. Build your dream home with room for a huge back yard! Frontage on Walcot, Napier and Howe Street. Municipal Water and Sewer at lot line. Only \$26,900. MLS#2094483



SOLD - Cozy bungalow is perfect investment or retirement home. Lovely double lot with bright sunny spots as well as cool shady places to sit on a hot summer day. Large laundry room, good sized bedrooms and good sized eat-in-kitchen. A short walk to all amenities. Call now to view. \$149,999. MLS#2090967



BAY OF ISLANDS WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Three island building sites situated very central to the Bay of Islands & comprising most of Island TP 2708. Each parcel includes hydro & complete septic systems in place, exceptional south & westerly views in a mature Pine Forest setting, safe dockage locations & an appeal level over the top! Ideal for family compound uses with ability to obtain three principal dwelling building permits. Please call for complete details! MLS#2092237



AFFORDABLE TURNKEY 4 SEASON COTTAGE!!!! - This affordable turnkey 3 bdrm cottage on leased land is fully insulated, less than 10 years old & can be used year-round. The very large corner lot comes with large decks, many storage sheds & 2 driveways. Access to the sand bottom lake is a very short walk. Almost all contents including pullout couch, quality furnishings, dishes, etc. are included at a price of only \$139,000!!!! MLS#2087348



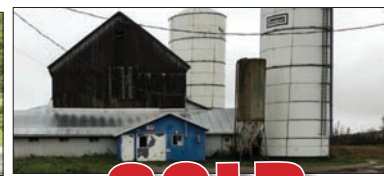
SOLD - Not for you? Check out this great town lot, close to everything Manitowaning has to offer. Municipal Water and Sewer at lot line. Only \$24,900! MLS#2094287



ACREAGE WITH LAKE VIEW - Located within a 10 minute drive to Little Current, this 13 acre site is ideal for home or cottage construction with year round access, very nicely treed property plus small water course. North south running ridge through site offers lake views to the east. Great location with close access to public beach and boat launch in Sheguiandah as well as shopping amenities and hospital in Little Current. Great price! MLS#2094215



950 SQ. FT. 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!!!! - This cottage located in a park setting at the north end of Mindemoya Lake is just a short walk to the nice sand bottom waterfront access which is very kid-friendly. The cottage features a large deck, a forced-air electric furnace as well as a propane free standing metal stove for heating. Asking \$115,000. MLS#2085649



WATERFRONT ACREAGE SOLD - This home is in a beautiful Pleasant Valley Farms, 310 acres of Pasture, cleared workable land (80 acres), & wooded areas perfect for hunting. Plenty of deer!! Property also has 2500 ft frontage of private sand beach on Lake Kagawong! Call today!! MLS#2090204



LAKE MINDEMOYA WATERFRONT - Exceptional waterfront property located a short drive from the Town of Mindemoya offers a landscaped building site ready for your home or cottage. Outstanding views to the north and east and sandy gradual sloping lake is perfect for swimming! This is an outstanding area to keep your fishing boat and a highly sought after central Manitoulin location. MLS#2094216

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PRIME LOCATION 3 BED, 2 BATH
HOME IN LITTLE CURRENT
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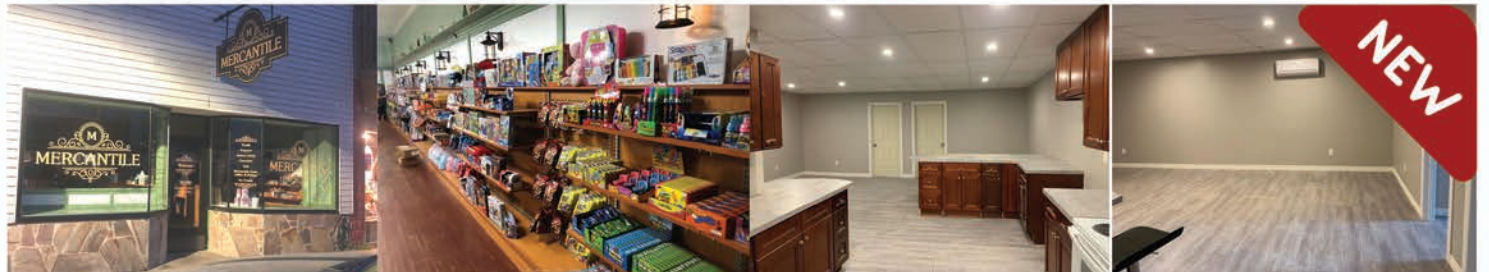
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SELLING YOUR HOME IN A SELLERS MARKET

If you are lucky enough to be selling your home in a sellers market, it is indeed a fantastic time to sell. Marketing time tends to be much shorter and sale prices much higher in this type of market. Many people assume its simply a matter of placing a sign on the front lawn to sell in a sellers market. Here are some tips for doing much better than average when selling in a Sellers market:

- 1. Prepare your home for sale.** This may or may not include staging but it absolutely includes cleaning the home from top to bottom. Buyers will overlook small defects in a seller's market because there are not enough homes to choose from.
- 2. Friday is generally the best day to post new listings.** A good strategy is to set listings to «go live» on Thursday night at midnight so buyers will discover them among the new listings when they get up Friday morning and then book showings over the weekend. Be sure all photos are color-corrected and perfected to make the online presentation sizzle.
- 3. If you set the price just a fraction under its true value, this will attract more buyers.** It also will leave some wiggle room for buyers to begin bidding over the asking price. It isn't necessary, but it is a strategy that works well in a sellers market. In a strong sellers market, if your home is worth more than its listed for and properly promoted, it will sell for above asking!
- 4. Set a date for offer presentation.** This allows for must buyers to view and have time to properly draft offers and generally leads to multiple offers to review on the presentation date. Be aware, some buyers may not want to be involved in a bidding war, so this strategy has positive and negative benefits. Bully offers may come into play and professional advise is strongly recommended. Options upon review of your offers on presentation day options may include:
 - Accept the offer you like the best
 - Issue a counter to one buyer
 - Ask all buyers to resubmit their highest and best offers
 - Adjust the sales price and look for more offers
 - Be aware Sellers are in the drivers seat in a Sellers market.
- 5. Use a Realtor!!!** Historical studies show properties listed through MLS sell for substantially more than privately sold homes. Generally speaking, a good agent will often get you enough extra to more than pay the cost of their services. In addition they can bring a wealth of information including in depth knowledge of market values, negotiating skills and professional understanding of contract law! It pays to utilize the services of an experienced realtor.



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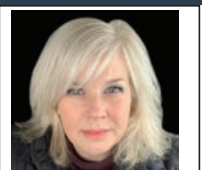
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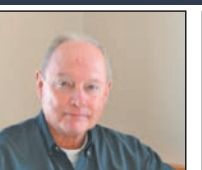
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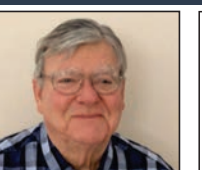
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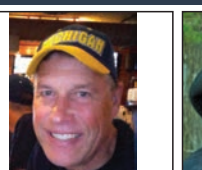
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