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Island not-for-profit acquires historic Michael's Bay townsite



OUR ISLAND CLEANUP—Devon and Shawn Byers join their garbage collection in the back of cousin Carter's truck. The island-wide garbage collection effort spearheaded by Manitoulin Streams was a resounding success with more than 105 people volunteering their time to collect 180 bags of garbage, with some winning prizes for their efforts. The event was so successful that Manitoulin Streams is considering holding the event again next year. In the meantime, thanks to the efforts of volunteers like Devon and Shawn, everyone on Manitoulin is a winner. **See story and photos on Pages 16 and 17.**

Fire Marshal investigates alleged arson

Fire consumes Sheguiandah FN home, person-of-interest at large, sought by police

by **Michael Erskine**
SHEGUIANDAH—Alison Aguonie had a heartbreaking phone call to make last Wednesday morning after watching her

brother's Sheguiandah First Nation home burn to the ground. Her brother, Robert Manitowabi, is currently away at school but was due to return home for a few

days—now his home has been reduced to a pile of charred wood and blackened concrete.

"We are working on finding him a place to stay while he is home," said Ms. Aguonie. "He was quite emotional when I called him."

The home, which was not insured, was completely destroyed in the early morning blaze.

According to a press release from UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, on April 21 at approximately 3:45 am the fire occurred

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Federal budget's daycare support pleases Island family-help agencies

by **Michael Erskine**
OTTAWA—The federal budget has taken on a number of issues near and dear to the social services community and the reaction has been decidedly positive.

"The great news in the budget is the \$10 per day childcare," said Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board CAO Fern Dominelli. "I think the federal government realizes that provision of a high quality, affordable and accessible early learning and child care system across Canada is critical to the success of the economy and the perhaps will be a pillar in the economic recovery after the pandemic."

"There is reason for optimism which is definitely welcomed right now," said Marnie Hall, executive director of Manitoulin Family Resources. "The pandem-

ic has certainly highlighted and confirmed the needs of community members that have been longstanding and frequently voiced in the areas of childcare, women's

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Line 5, the Mackinac Straits and oil spill concerns

Tunnel option passes one Michigan hurdle, encounters two more

by **Michael Erskine**
MICHIGAN—The battle over the length of the Line 5 pipeline that runs along the lakebed through the Straits of Mackinac is heating up—with victories declared on each side.

The stakes are huge. Much of the heating fuel and propane on both sides of the borders in Eastern North America depends on the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline, with thousands of jobs on the line. On the other side of the ledger, the pipeline poses a potential threat to a huge swathe of the shorelines of Lake

Superior and Lake Huron, including a good portion of Manitoulin's south shore and West End.

Enbridge has refused to shut the pipeline down while it pursues an alternate route through a tunnel which would run far beneath the lakebed. That tunnel, which is slated to begin this year and would be totally privately financed at \$500 million, is planned for completion in 2024.

Enbridge was initially successful in moving the court battle from state to federal court, but that deci-

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Manitoulin's first large community, now a ghost town, provided first jobs for many pioneer Island families

by **Warren Schlote**

MICHAEL'S BAY—A major portion of the Michael's Bay saga came to a close last week when Michael's Bay Historical Society (MBHS) reached a deal with the federal government to purchase the former plot of the town, including burial sites within the area, the culmination of more than two decades of steady work by advocates seeking to preserve the history of the area.

"This was a big step forward," said MBHS president Ed Sagle. "Everybody is quite excited."

On April 21, MBHS formally closed the deal with the federal government, through Public Services and Procurement Canada.

The land is approximately 49 acres and surveyor Gord Keatley is doing the final work on the property boundaries.

"It's about 90 percent of what we asked for, because there was a little section on the west side we didn't get that's hooked into a bigger parcel of land. We got what we needed exactly, which is good," Mr. Sagle said.

When Tehkummah clerk-administrator Silvio Berti heard that MBHS had secured the land, his first reaction was simply "wow."

"Tehkummah council has always been in favour of (MBHS buying the land) and has supported it. That will be good news for the council and the township," he said.

Part of the township's interest in the lands stems from the burial sites present within the property; Tehkummah is required to maintain such registered sites and getting access to them is expected to be an easier task with the historical society's ownership.

"The Government of Canada is pleased to have reached an agreement with the Michael's Bay Historical Society for the sale of the former Michael's Bay townsite on Manitoulin Island," said PSPC spokesperson Michèle LaRose.

From boom to bust

Before the settler town roared to life in the mid-1800s, the area

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MHC has beds ready in case other regions need overflow support related to the pandemic

MANITOULIN—The health care team at Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is getting prepared in case hospital capacity overflows in Ontario's COVID-19 hot-spots, especially the Greater Toronto Area, and some non-severe patients have to move to smaller hospitals throughout the

province, although MHC has not yet received any patients through this push.

"Hospitals such as MHC have been asked to be prepared to accept patients outside our usual region to assist in this effort," the health centre stated in a press release.

Its aim is to both prepare for a surge locally, while also ensuring larger hospitals have the capacity to offer more-intensive care to Manitoulin's most critical patients, who need more support than they can get on-Island.

So far, the pressures on southern Ontario hospitals has not necessitated transferring many patients to rural, Northern hospitals like MHC. The newly announced plans are in place so the province can adapt if the surge worsens in the future.

In case Ontario needs to access MHC's resources to help provin-

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Shauna Pitawanakwat gets award from the Attorney General

by Warren Schlote
SIOUX LOOKOUT—Wiikwemkoong band member Shauna Pitawanakwat, who now lives in Sioux Lookout, is one of nine individuals whom the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) recently recognized with awards for their work in victim services, with Ms. Pitawanakwat getting honours for her work with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), their male counterparts and their families.

"I'm overwhelmed in a good way. This distinction is, I think, a reflection of the families and the people that I work with, and my belief in the support that they needed," Ms. Pitawanakwat told *The Expositor*, saying she shared this honour with both the families she serves and her former colleague who died last year.

"I don't accept it as something that was 'just me.' It was definitely a spiritual community effort and I share that with everyone," she said. "I'd also like to acknowledge the tremendous support of the Violence Action Awareness Committee in Sioux Lookout."

Ontario released the list of the 2020-2021 Victim Services Awards of Distinction recipients on April 14, celebrating nine individuals and six organizations for their work to support



Shauna Pitawanakwat stands at the MMIWG inquiry's report release event, next to a billboard featuring Sharon Johnson, whose sister Sandra was murdered in Thunder Bay. Ms. Pitawanakwat said many families affected by MMIWG are among the most courageous and kindest of people and are her heroes.

victims. Ms. Pitawanakwat's nomination came from Darlene Angeconeb of Equay-Wuk

Women's Group in her community. She said she was honoured to get a nomination from a partner organization, especially another First Nation group.

Ms. Pitawanakwat works in the family information liaison unit through MAG, after the ministry asked her to help start up its Sioux Lookout office for that unit in 2018. Her role addresses gaps in rural and remote communities, especially prevalent in the Northwestern Ontario area she serves.

This overlaps with a higher incident rate of cases of MMIWG in that part of the province, too.

The family information liaison unit helps families access information they need regarding their cases and the police investigation, coroner's reports, navigation through court proceedings and offering culturally appropriate family support during traumatic times.

The unit offers services through Indigenous centres as much as possible, as opposed to government buildings, hoping to make the process as easy for families as possible. The Sioux Lookout office covers a massive area including all 33 Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities and those individuals in Treaty 3 and Treaty 5 territory.

A press release from MAG highlighted the nine individual

award winners and celebrated Ms. Pitawanakwat's contributions.

"Shauna's persistence and attention to detail resulted in the reopening of an historic case involving the death of an Indige-

nous woman in Sioux Lookout. She has made a profound difference in the lives of people she has worked with and supported," stated Attorney General Doug

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Laurentian University's support still going strong

by Michael Erskine
SUDBURY—Support for Laurentian University continues to arrive from all quarters, with a group of retired professors and staff members penning a letter and federal NDP leader Jagmeet Singh calling for a moratorium on the ongoing creditor protection process, the first of its kind for a public institution. Now the Rainbow District School Board has stepped up, issuing a press release in which the board "reaffirmed its strong support for Laurentian University."

During the regular RDSB meeting held on Tuesday, April 20, trustees emphasized that Laurentian is "an important partner in education that deserves a prominent place in the postsecondary sector." The release goes on to note that "many students, both locally and beyond, have pursued their studies at Laurentian University. They have earned degrees in

highly respected programs, and achieved success in their chosen fields. Laurentian University has also supported the educational journey of students in Rainbow Schools through on-site fairs, lectures, special presentations and athletic opportunities. Laurentian University has grown to become a truly unique Northern institution offering English, French and First Nations programming."

"Members of the board feel very strongly and spoke with deep passion about the immeasurable value of Laurentian University as partners in education and as an integral part of our community," said Board Chair Doreen Dewar. "Trustees indicated that Laurentian University has not only provided access to higher education; more importantly, it has nurtured critical thinkers, built good citizens, contributed to the betterment of society,

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Manitoulin Family Resources gets boost from District Services Board social services funds

by Alicia McCutcheon
MANITOULIN—Last week, the business case for phase three of funding through the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) was shared with members of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) with good news for Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR), which will be the beneficiary of \$331,405 of the \$1 million pot of money.

MFR will be receiving \$50,000

through the SSRF for a renovation for its community kitchen located within the food bank building.

Marnie Hall, MFR executive director, said that while they are still in the early stages of figuring out a plan of action for its community kitchen, virtual programming, such as EarlyON cooking nights or cooking classes through the food bank, are some options that are being investigated. The

funds will be used to retrofit the current kitchen and for upgrades to the kitchen's water system.

MFR is also receiving \$100,000 through the SSRF to continue its COVID-19 supportive isolation centre.

Ms. Hall explained that the centre, located in Mindemoya, provides people with a place to self-isolate after contracting COVID-19 if they can't do so safely at home. She noted that Manitoulin has got things covered if there's a surge or outbreak through the field hospital located at the Northeast Town recreation centre, but that these funds are a stop-gap measure for those isolated COVID-19 events.

"In light of the variants and rate of transmission, they extended the envelope of money because we just don't know what's coming," Ms. Hall noted. The SSRF has previously funded homelessness supports during the pandemic, which will continue, the executive director added.

Lastly, MFR received \$181,405 through SSRF to partner with the DSB to hire a transitional housing support person as well as a mental health and addictions worker for one year who will work in tandem to support vulnerable persons.

Ms. Hall said that, while ultimately additional housing units would be great to see, until that happens, these new hires will help individuals secure and maintain housing. The housing support worker will help people find housing while the mental health and addictions workers will aid in helping with treatment and access to other supports.

"This is a new branch for us, but it ties in with all of our programs," Ms. Hall shared, adding that ensuring that people are safe and housed is of the utmost importance.

"We've been extremely fortunate to have received as much funding as we have from our local DSB," the executive director added. "These are the supports we need to better support our community."

Expositor nabs three awards in Better Newspapers Competition

MANITOULIN—Your community newspaper has done it again! On Friday, April 23, *The Manitoulin Expositor* nabbed three Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) Better Newspapers Competition awards.

The Expositor took first place honours for the Community Service Award for its annual Harvest Glory Days inter-community decorating friendly autumn competition.

"What a wonderful way to engage the entire community in a feel-good exercise during a year of upheaval," wrote judge Jackie Jardine, editor of the *Pictou Advance*. "The fact that the program has grown every year since its inception is a testament to the value readers place on it. There is not a person, business or organization that does not have access to participating and this inclusivity is admirable, particularly during a worldwide health pandemic. It clearly takes a lot of work photographing and judging the event and that work stands out! The dedication to the print paper as well as the social media sites is commendable. Congratulations on a job executed wonderfully!"

Manitoulin Expositor publisher Alicia McCutcheon noted that, although the Harvest Glory Days initiative has been operating for eight years each fall drawing communities together through themed outdoor decorating, "this was the only time we had thought of mak-

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Gore Bay farmer celebrates his \$100,000 Encore lotto ticket win

GORE BAY—Saying "yes" to Encore paid off for James Martin of Gore Bay. He matched the last six of seven Encore numbers in exact order in the February 23 LOTTO MAX draw to win \$100,000!

Mr. Martin, a beef farmer, says he is not a regular lottery player. "I play about six times a year," he shared. "I'll play LOTTO 6/49 and LOTTO MAX when the jackpots are high."

When Mr. Martin checked his ticket, "I didn't know what the winning amount was, and I knew the \$70 million ticket was won recently in my area, so I didn't know what to expect," shared the 49-year-old. "When I found out I won \$100,000, I had a smile on my face that wouldn't go away!"

Mr. Martin called his wife Birgit right away to tell her about his big win. "She was surprised!"

He plans to take the next few months to decide what to do with his win. "As a farmer, there are lots of things I can spend it on,"

he said. "I don't want to rush my decisions. When we're allowed to travel again, I'll plan a big family get together!"

"I feel very lucky. This win is a gift and I'm grateful," Mr. Martin concluded.

The winning ticket was purchased at H&M Mini Mart on Highway 540 in Gore Bay.



Jim Martin



Sarah Anderson has a love of Harleys and oral health too

Sarah Anderson has been working as a dental assistant at Casson Dentistry in Little Current for almost 19 years, receiving on-the-job training from Dr. Bryn Casson.



Sarah Anderson

Some may also recall Sarah from her time behind the chair at Hair Trends in Little Current. A licenced hairstylist, Sarah would work at Hair Trends Fridays and Saturdays, but once Casson Dentistry began to offer dental services Fridays, the dental assistant hung up her scissors to focus on teeth full-time. Now, if her family is looking for a trim, she gets their gift certificates to Hair Trends, she laughs.

When she's not hard at work, Sarah can often be found cruising the highways and byways on her Harley Davison with husband off 11 years, Cory, by her side.

Sarah has been riding for 24 years and has had four 'hogs' in that time. A mini camper trailer follows along behind her ride to give the couple a comfortable place to sleep while taking part in their second favourite thing—camping.

Some of Sarah's favourite motorcycle trips include a trip to Milwaukee for Harley Davidson's 100th anniversary and a trip to the Mecca of motorcycle enthusiasts—Sturgis, North Dakota.

Nineteen years in, Sarah said she continues to enjoy her work. "I'm a dental assistant, but I'm more like a clinical assistant, and my schooling has been on-the-job. I've always been interested in the health care field. I like to think I've played a small hand in caring for people's oral health."

Remember that when you support local businesses like Casson Dentistry, you're supporting friends and neighbours like Sarah Anderson.

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editorial

Manitoulin Island's cleanup crew deserves recognition

Manitoulin Island's roadways have been swept clear of a massive amount of garbage thanks to the efforts of an amazing group of community-minded people—not all of them residents. Both year-round Islanders and a good portion of summer residents banded together (well, in socially distanced and bubbled households) to gather up an incredible pile of junk.

We may all hold Manitoulin dear in our hearts, but the folks who participated in the Island-wide Garbage Cleanup, both young and old, truly placed their hearts on their rolled up sleeves and put their backs into it. We all owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

It is not unusual at any time of the year to see individuals taking the time and making the effort to clean up garbage on the side of the road, and those individuals are also heroes that should be recognized and definitely appreciated for their work.

Kudos to Manitoulin Streams for helping to organize this effort and to the organizations such as Kairos who stepped up to help make a difference and to keep our Island clean.

It has been said before, but we shall say it again, and again, to those who walk that extra mile—thank you.

letters

A mother's thoughts on National Day of Mourning

A time to honour all workers and loved ones who have become a workplace statistic

To the Expositor:

This is a day we honour all workers and loved ones who have become a workplace statistic, be it by a fatality, a life-altering injury or occupational disease. The declaration of April 28 as the Day of Mourning began here in Canada. In 1984, unions in Sudbury, Ontario, adopted the day as one to publicly acknowledge workplace injuries, illnesses and deaths. The Canadian Labour Congress held its first day of remembrance in 1986. The date of April 28 was chosen to reflect the anniversary of the day Ontario passed the Workers' Compensation Act in 1914. It is a day where flags fly at half-mast, and we hold ceremonies across the country to recognize the lives needlessly lost, and the tremendous suffering of those left in the wake of workplace tragedy. In the years since, more than 100 other countries have also adopted the observance known widely as Workers' Memorial Day.

I lost my son Brent Wade, 22 years of age, to a workplace fatality on Tuesday, November 9, 1999.

Two policemen that I knew met with me. It was so very difficult for them to deliver the message that no parent ever wants to hear: I was totally unprepared for the news I received that day. It was sudden and unexpected. My world as I knew it came crashing down around me. A voice inside me was yelling out, "This cannot be true! You have the wrong person!" Why him not me? A parent is to go before their child. He was coming home on Friday bringing his new girlfriend home for his sisters and I to meet. This cannot be happening. You just want it to be a bad dream that you will wake up from and everything will be as it was. But no, the reality was quick to sink in with family and friends surrounding my girls and I to support us, with funeral arrangements to be made and then his funeral and his burial. Then eventually everyone went back to their daily routines and I was left alone with my reality that my son went to work one day and did not return home. The cost of a job should not be your life.

The emptiness, the heart-wrenching pain is beyond what anyone can imagine unless they have travelled the same road. The rollercoaster ride of emotions, the weakness and vulnerability I felt, the lack of ability to concentrate, the lack of purpose, the lack of hope were all intertwined in the initial part of my grief journey. The question 'why?' will never be answered but one thing for certain I will do whatever I can to validate Brent's life and to honor him by telling his story surrounding how he became a workplace statistic. When I do public presentations through the wonderful organization I belong to, The Threads of Life, I hope to raise awareness of the extreme importance of workplace safety. Even if only one or two people "get" the message and become more diligent, then Brent's death has not been for nothing. Near misses need to be looked at as a high potential for death or life altering injury, or illness, they need to be reported to management and then followed up to ensure the danger no longer exists.

The incidence of young workers being killed or injured on the job

during their first few months on a job is still far too high. One, is one too many. Our young adults entering the work force need to be reminded to be aware of their workplace surroundings, the risks and hazards of the job, to ask questions if they are uncertain about anything and most of all that they have the right to refuse unsafe work. Anything I can do to help prevent someone else from being on this grief journey, I will do. Brent was to be part of our future for many years to come, he was to be married and have a family, he was to be there to walk my girls down the aisle for their weddings. Now this is just a "should have been," "would have been" and "could have been," if only the almost misses had of been attended to. It took Brent's death plus three others to bring about changes at the site of his death. Why?

These losses I am talking about with a fatality also happen with those living with life-altering injuries and or occupational diseases. There is such a loss of quality of life, along with financial changes which inadvertently bring about social and economic changes. Their world has drastically changed as well. Roles of family members have to change to accommodate what the injured person can no longer do.

Workplace tragedies, be it a fatality, life-altering injury or occupational disease, have a life long rippling affect on families and the family dynamics. One workplace tragedy affects the family as a whole. No one's lives are the same, they are forever changed and everyone has to find a new normal.

Our workers are the back bone of society. They are our future. They are our happiness as a family.

It is difficult for us to realize how vital each and every family member is to one another to give us the totality of a family until one is missing. We take so much for granted and think it will never happen to us. But remember, it can happen to you. It happened to me.

It is through faith, hope and the support of many that I was able to grow and continue to grow as I go through my forever grief journey.

It is through the loss of our loved ones, through workplace tragedies, that recommendations and changes have been made. These recommendations have been made so the living can live and work in safer workplaces. Know that your losses have hopefully not been for nothing.

As the poem states: "I could have saved a life that day, but I chose to look the other way."

The life you save could be your own or the life of a loved one. Health and safety is everyone's responsibility.

On April 28, join one of the hundreds of ceremonies across the country, or light your own candle in honour and reflection of the thousands of lives forever changed, and renew your commitment to workplace health and safety and ending such needless suffering.

You will be remembered and are forever in our hearts.

Joanne Wade
Sheguiandah

Neo-colonial corporate priorities versus Indigenous values

Time for non-Indigenous voters to wake up

To the Expositor:

It's about time non-Indigenous voters woke up to the fact that, like their Indigenous kin, they've been royally screwed by both the Liberal and Conservative federal and provincial governments for a long time. Self-evident to me that both the lack of support for educational, health-care institutions, search and rescue, affordable housing, small businesses and transportation infrastructure has much in common with the continuing neo-colonial government efforts to perpetuate genocide or assimilation and endless breaking of promises to First Nations people. The current lack of government support for Sudbury's Laurentian University is a prime example. "It's a failure of government in the long term to provide stable public funding for post-secondary institutions, especially those in the North, who face some extra challenges."

There's great irony in the recent letter to the editor by the Sudbury lawyer Peter Best, in the April 21 issue, as he spends most of his rant explaining the federal government's acquiescence to the reasonable Restoule decision by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to cough up the long disputed outstanding revenue to the 21 Robinson-Huron Treaty bands, retroactive to 1850. "The Court concluded that Canada and Ontario acted dishonourably by in effect short-changing the Treaties

bands of entitlements owed to them."

Seems Mr. Best is outraged the Feds aren't continuing to fight this decision, like Doug Ford's Conservative government, as if the First Nations had been militarily conquered, rather than simply agree to share the land and be partners in Confederation. Such a nerve these many Northern Ontario First Nations, who's original territory includes "the entire Lake Superior and Lake Huron watershed," should want to finally collect what they've been promised, apparently, "to the harm of Crown sovereignty, Canadian social unity and the Canadian taxpayer." I am at a loss that this conscientious lawyer has no problem with the billions the Ontario government yearly squanders on propping up banks and foreign corporations, rather than maintaining stewardship of the land and its people. If the Ontario government is actually so insolvent, might be time to toss Doug Ford and his corrupt cronies out of office for mismanagement. Too many have drunk the Kool-Aid about the evils of socialism and accepted the capitalist propaganda that corporate profit at the world's expense must be the ultimate priority.

D.S. McPhail
Mindemoya

**Dorothy Kennedy
Wassegijig**

By her gentle demeanour and her clear concern for others, it is clear that Dorothy Kennedy Wassegijig is a 'people person' who gets a lot of strength from her faith. She has worked at several helping professions over the years. She enjoys the satisfaction her clients achieve when they regain their balance of life's forces and move back into their chosen path. She has achieved a keen understanding of her Anishinaabe clients of all ages, through education and a lot of research. A physical equilibrium achieved with a combination of traditional and mainstream approaches further enhances this understanding. "I thank the Creator, 'Miigwetch for this day' and I smudge on a regular basis. As a child I spent many hours in the woods, often falling asleep under cedar trees and I still feel a strong connection with cedar medicine in particular."

"My maternal grandparents are Josephine (Osawabine) and John Fox Jr. Josephine was a homemaker and farmer with her husband, John. Grandfather was on council and he was one of the few owners of a vehicle. They had eight children, and Georgina Marguerite (Margaret), my mother, was the oldest. The others are Paul, Thomas, Dominic, Mary, Ida, Lloyd and Edward. I saw mum's side of the family quite often."

"Paternal grandparents are Ralph and Catherine (Mandamin) Wassegijig. Catherine died when my dad was just a boy, so I never knew her. Dad's siblings were good, contributing, community members. Their children were Lawrence (my dad), David, Victoria, Peggy, Valentine and Allen, known as 'Echo'. Grandfather Ralph lived in the States for quite a while. He was older when he came back to the reserve and he moved into the nursing home. My Dad died at 58. To my young eyes, he seemed quite old, but now, I see that he wasn't old when he died."

"Aunt Victoria was a well-known elder. She was resourceful, a talented craft-maker who fashioned beautiful quill baskets. She died in her 80s. Uncle Valentine worked hard in construction, building many houses in Wiky. Uncle Echo worked for Andy's driving the backhoe. He was one of the first to operate this big machine, so people called him as 'Backhoe.' He would dig foundations for houses, trenches for pipes, and graves when needed. He was known for his cheerful personality and good humour."

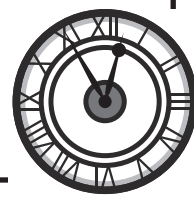
"When my parents got married, dad purchased a log house and moved it to the outskirts of town. Now it's right in town. I was born on December 28, 1956. My dad had to shovel the snow from his long driveway so mother could get to the hospital in Manitowaning. Mother was a strong stabilizing force in our family, and I had a good childhood."

My siblings are Harvey, Frank, Helen and Colleen. Before Harvey died, he worked for a transportation company called Steamship, near the Toronto docks. Frank is retired. He was a residential counsellor for 'Nameres,' a Native men's residence. Helen teaches language and fine arts in Middle School in Minnesota. Colleen lives in Wiky and runs the LDM, Local Development Mechanism, partnering with the Wiky Development Commission. She oversees the training of community workers, acquiring skills for their jobs, on and off the reserve."

"Mother was an excellent cook, making nutritious, tasty meals on a wood stove from just a few items available to her. In the summer, we had a big vegetable garden which father reigned over. He grew potatoes, beans, cucumbers, tomatoes and more. During the cold season, these would be kept



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A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Dorothy and her mom.



Dorothy poses with her lifetime achievement award.



Wedding day.



A young Dorothy.

in a storage area dug into the side of a hill. We didn't have a fridge. Items were also kept cool in a well, supplied by a stream running through the property. You could keep butter cool at the very bottom of the well. In winter, we were warmed by a wood stove."

"Dad always kept a colourful flower garden in front of our log home on Willow Street. Mother made crafts, mostly with birch bark and sweet grass, teaching us as she worked. Finished items were sold and the money went to buy items from the catalogue, like coats and boots for us. The family allowance was the only other cash mother got each month."

"Early memories are mostly centered around being alone outside. Occasionally a neighbour girl would come over. Darkness was our only curfew. In winter, I walked to school on huge snow drifts that came close to touching the hydro lines and I skated on the back pond. There was no plow, only a grader. I was never afraid of being lost or being alone outside, often under the cedar trees in summer. My strong relationship with cedar was begun and strengthened at this time."

"'Baby class', or Kindergarten is a vivid memory because I spent only one day there with Mrs. Erickson, the teacher from Cape Croker. I was transferred to Grade 1 a day later. From that time on, we were encouraged to speak English, and we were punished for using our language. We had to sit in the corner for hours and the black strap was a daily occurrence. Grades 1 and 2 were held at several places, the Youth Centre, Murray Hill and Kaboni. Grade 3 was in the church at Buzwah. For Grade 4, I attended the new school which became known as 'Kateri Tekakwitha.'"

"Being bullied by other kids in the early grades was not unusual. There were always some kids in the community expressing this form of violence to other kids, especially on the school bus. Sometimes a boy would threaten me, but I could bribe him with a bit of food like a fruit that I would say I would bring tomorrow. By

then he had usually forgotten all about it. Nevertheless, it wasn't until Grade 4, when we started at the new school, that I felt discrimination for the first time. There was a lot of power and control expressed by the teachers. Seeing all this bullying is where I learned my street smarts."

"At high school in West Bay (M'Chigeeng), I remember two hours on the bus for four years, coming to and from the reserve each day. I enjoyed learning and did not experience any discrimination there, but I did see our Wiky kids centered out. My daughter shared with me that she also experienced some of this prejudice at the high school."

"Generally, school was a good place to be, but history lessons were restricted to European History. I was always inquisitive and thus would find Native leaders as a focus for school projects. After an introduction to Anishinaabe history, I was compelled to learn more about my own people."

Dorothy left the reserve in 1975, at age 18 and attended Mohawk College in Hamilton. "I took communication arts, with the goal of being a writer. Creative writing would allow me to paint a picture with words. It was a three-year course, but I had to leave after a year because our father was sick. I would be spending more time helping at home and so transferred to a shorter program at Sheridan College in Oakville enrolling in photography, a two-year course."

Dad died in 1976. I tried to return to Sheridan College, but I was too far behind. I decided to apply for a full-time job as a field worker for a children's program, Ahbenoojeyug, in Toronto. I was 19 and for two years I was happily matching children with Anishinaabe 'big brothers and sisters' in the city. It was very satisfying work, and I am proud to share that some of these partnerships are still active today."

"In 1978, mother had a house built in town. She now owned a fridge and stove but her health

was beginning to fail. I came home to be a companion for her. My sister Colleen had been fulfilling this role and it was my turn. I was able to enroll in the local Wasse Abin program held in the building presently occupied by Day

Star. It was a transition program for college or university and had a good success rate."

Two years later, Dorothy applied to London's Western University for the sociology program with the goal of being a social worker. "The first year, I just worked hard and kept to myself. Year two was different. I joined the Native Students Association and met some new people. I discovered that being fluent in our Anishinaabe language was a rarity here. I was still in my second year when I was asked to teach Anishinaabe language."

Dorothy met David Kennedy of the Oneida Settlement that same year and in time they were wed. Dorothy continued with her studies and in due course, she found out she was expecting. When Dorothy graduated in 1983, little Sarah was six months old. "I was sent to Thunder Bay by the Chippewa of the Thames First Nation in London. In time I eventually achieved my Ministry of Education credentials to teach at any school level."

When Dorothy and her family returned to London, she found work at two high schools, Beal Secondary and Saunders Secondary Schools. "In 1982, there were no resources for teaching the language. We had to develop our own props and materials, but we did have a tape recorder and a ghetto blaster. We made our own tapes and played them on the blaster." Kara and later David were added to the family.

"Finding creative ways to teach the language was important if we wanted a high level of success. We made up dancing tapes in our language and found the students really liked learning the dance motions with the Anishinaabe language which was also very visual." Dorothy designed both a bingo game and a food game, 'mijim' which taught participants the names of various fruits and vegetables. The food items became prizes afterwards. The kids liked this approach very much."

Dorothy also taught some elementary classes at the Chippewa of the Thames First Nation. "This was a bit more challenging as I found little visitors coming to me and sharing their experiences at home. Instability in the home from substance abuse impacted on these little people and began to discourage and traumatize me."

Dorothy started to look for training to understand family violence and abuse better. She found a program that would help her learn from her students. 'Nokiikwe' (working woman) was a program that helped women recover from abuse and family violence. Dorothy began to understand how she could deal with traumatic issues at this level. These community-based programs were just beginning to appear, and people

were starting to talk about violence and abuse which had previously not seen the light of day. "It took me a while to fully understand all the implications and the ways of helping and healing."

In 1990, a career change had Dorothy working as a residential counsellor at a new Native Women's shelter in London. She chose the name for the centre, Zhaawanong (a place of nurturing). It faced south which was the appropriate choice for healing and it would be part of a bigger organization, Atenlos (family violence). People were taught that they could start from a bad place, be hurting, come here and then begin to heal and feel better.

"I always felt that I was 'fresh from the bush' coming to an urban area, studying, having a family, and persistently learning to do my job more efficiently and effectively. However, positions were opening up for me. I was a residential counsellor with a degree in sociology from Western. I was part of an awakening program for family violence, and I was helping people to get better. It was very rewarding, and I never stopped learning from research and from the people I worked with or helped to get better."

"I was in my 30s when I found out what my clan was. When I asked my uncles, they laughed but did not say. I went to my aunt Victoria and her daughter Lina was home. She asked, 'What animal were you afraid of when you were a little girl?' The bear, I answered. 'Then Makwa is your clan,' she responded. After that, I adopted the bear as my clan. I also got it confirmed by Jim Windigo, a medicine man from another community, when he came to our health centre. Makwa was my clan."

"I found that incorporating cultural teachings, like clan and medicine wheel teachings, was beneficial for the young children. It was a knowledge they were hungering for. This alone seemed to be beneficial for the healing journal, but the personalized counselling made a difference too. I was working with children from day care to Grade 6 and they were eager to learn. There were also lots of opportunities for me to share experiences at conferences and learn from workshops being offered. I spent over 15 years studying psychodrama where a 'tackle dummy,' like punching bag, is part of the therapy. This practice also offers a unique perspective."

In 1994, Dorothy's mum became ill with cancer and Parkinsons. Wikwemikong had also experienced a series of suicides. Dorothy wanted to come home and help. In 1995 a unique new program funded by the provincial Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy was offering a community-based program for persons who had experienced violence and sexual abuse. Dorothy saw the position being posted in the health centre. She applied for and accepted the position to run the new mental health program, Naandwedidaa (Let's help heal one another). She ran this program for many years and helped a lot of participants move into a healthier space.

The Tony Martens survey completed that same year was geared at assessing health status of families on the reserve. The recent suicides and the results from this study offered a strong compulsion for Dorothy to help community members with their healing journey. By 2014, funding for this new program had stabilized with the Ministry of Social Services. Nookomisnaang (women's shelter) was set up in the community. Dorothy worked there for her last year prior to retiring. In 2014, Dorothy was awarded a distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from the Union of Ontario

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Sale of Green Acres T and T marks the end of an era

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—This past Sunday was the last day in the kitchen for Wade and Barb Kearns as the sale of Green Acres Tent and Trailer Park and Restaurant in Sheguiandah has been finalized. The last several decades have been kind to the operation after the couple took over the popular park and restaurant on a whim in October of 1990.

"Impulse. We came up and just fell in love with the place," said Ms. Kearns. "We basically bought it on a whim on April 1."

The couple was operating a restaurant in Simcoe at the time and were looking to escape the 24/7 shackles a restaurant tends to place on its owners. "In all the years we ran the restaurant we really never had a day off," said Mr. Kearns. When the couple purchased Green Acres it did not include a restaurant, although it did feature a general store of sorts.

"It's funny," said Ms. Kearns. "When we bought it was a time when there was a really big changeover in businesses on the Island and that seems to be what is happening now, with a lot of Island businesses changing hands."

"We didn't know what we were getting into," laughed Ms. Kearns, ruefully recalling those first few months. "It was wintertime and everything was covered in snow when we saw it."

One early visitor stepped out onto the porch and the floor gave way, dropping him a couple of feet down.

The couple soon discovered that the financials they had built their business plan upon were also somewhat less than solid—basically providing foundations more akin to quicksand than solid bedrock.

"My first clue was when the guy who delivered bread told me that my weekly order was for more than he usually brought in a month," said Mr. Kearns.

It quickly became apparent that it would take more than the store and campgrounds to keep the wolves at bay. That provided the impetus for opening the restaurant—literally stepping out of the proverbial frying pan and into the fire.

"Two weeks after we bought the place the health department showed up with paperwork to close it down," recalled Mr. Kearns. "They didn't know what the problem was when they came in here," said Ms. Kearns. "Luckily the health department guy from the Island came with them. He told the guy 'I told you to shut this place down last fall,'" said Mr. Kearns. "Then he told they guy to get out of here."

There was another aspect of the park that took the couple off-guard.

"That first Haweater Weekend I had to call the cops 14 times," recalled Mr. Kearns. Turns out the park was known as the place to party on the August long weekend.

"The second time the cops showed up they told us that the park had that reputation," he said. "I told them that was going to change." And it did.

"By the next Haweater

Weekend I didn't have to call the cops once," recalled Mr. Kearns. His tight hand on the shenanigans may have proven a disappointment to the younger crowd that had grown used to wild and loud parties at night, but when it came to the bread and butter clients that make a park work, that stern oversight definitely paid off.

"It took three years," said Ms. Kearns, "and I cried just about every day."

"Years later I had one fellow come and ask to be let back into the park," said Mr. Kearns. "He said that he was grown up now and had a family of his own and appreciated the rules. It was a place he wanted to be able to bring his wife and kids to in the summer."

There are several stories from that first summer the couple owned the campground that are not fit for print in a family newspaper, but many of those stories centre on beachfront escapades that are far best left to the imagination.

While the growth to a sound and honest business foundation has largely been steady over the years since the couple took over, and the restaurant has acquired an enviable reputation for its solid and plentiful portions of great food (oh, and the fresh baked bread and pies), the campground and restaurant have witnessed many setbacks and challenges in getting there.

It took a number of years to live down the somewhat less than savoury reputation the park had garnered with the previous owner, but mother nature wasn't always co-operative either.

A microburst several years ago immediately downed 170 trees in the campground, leaving Mr. Kearns literally staggered. "Not only did it take down those trees right away, but later I would be walking by a tree and the ground would bounce up and down beside a tree, just waiting to fall," he recalled. "I had to take those ones down too. It was terrible." The final tally topped 200.

But the experience of seeing dozens of friends, neighbours and complete strangers swarming over the park the next day wielding chainsaws, rakes and other tools was among the most uplifting experiences the couple has ever felt.

"I looked around me and realized that I didn't even know who half those people were, but there they were hauling branches, piling wood, it was truly humbling," said Mr. Kearns.

Then came the fire in July of 2010.

The restaurant was completely destroyed in a conflagration that thankfully spared the family home, but left the business in ruins.

Once again the community rallied behind the couple, holding a fundraising concert that astonished the couple and once again renewed their faith in Manitoulin.

Even though the park residents were the main

organizers of the event, "I didn't know half those guys played instruments,"

turned 75 two days ago and I feel 175," admitted Mr. Kearns.



Barb and Wade Kearns pose lovingly in front of their beloved business of over 30 years.

laughed Mr. Kearns.

The Kearns are happy to be able to finally be able to retire; both have experienced severe health issues that have concerned many of those around them, but they both admit they will miss their Island family. "I

"We are moving to Simcoe to be closer to our children and grandchildren," said Ms. Kearns. "It's 10 minutes to Port Dover, 20 minutes to one granddaughter and five grandchildren, and under an hour to all of the rest of

them." That's no small thing, given the couple has five children, 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The couple purchased a home in Simcoe two years ago when they first decided it was time to retire, but a number of would-be purchasers saw their offers on the Island business fall through. "It's been quite a time," admitted Ms. Kearns. But the children are probably more disappointed with the move than their parents.

"Most of our children and grandchildren have grown up here, most have worked here and they spend all their summers here," said Mr. Kearns.

Asked if she is unhappy about leaving the heat of the kitchen behind, Ms. Kearns laughed. "Ten minutes from Lake Erie and it gets hotter than Hades in Simcoe, up to 140 degrees in the summer," she laughed. "But there is this little thing called air conditioning," rejoined her husband.

"You just have to get from the car to the store to home."

Although the couple's departure is sad news for Manitoulin, the silver lining is that the new owners have committed to keeping the restaurant open.

"The one fellow who wants to buy it wasn't going to, maybe operate a store or lease it out, but the folks who are buying it have said they will keep it open," said Mr. Kearns.

Experienced? "Well, no, Jess and Jackie, they don't have a lot of experience," she chuckled. But the Kearns remain confident the new owners will set out in a much better position than they did when they first arrived.

The couple expressed their gratitude to the community for the years of support and assistance that it has provided them.

"We will miss the people," said Ms. Kearns, "but it is time for younger people to take over."

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Heaven's Gate Trail deal, done!?

As of press time, the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy was very close to closing the deal to purchase this amazing piece of property. Thanks to some very dedicated and generous people like **Roy and Cathy Jeffery**, what seemed like an insurmountable fundraising goal initially is, 'fingers-crossed,' looking like a victory!

Even if you never get to experience this unique area you should be glad that wild places like this, which are relatively untouched, exist in our area. If you do get a chance to go for a hike, try and take care of it so it can still be that remarkable retreat for generations.

Caught exercising!

Mellisa Brandon and her husband, **Nishin Meawasige** and their children, **Cameron, Marley and Rex** have always been a very active family around their home at Sunsite Estates and COVID-19 hasn't slowed them down one bit! Their family 'bubble' has made it a point to get out to all the great spots Manitoulin has to offer to go hiking. Keep it going, guys!

I have also caught small family bubbles pulling a double duty: exercise and clean-ups. All across the Island, kids and their parents are picking up ridiculous amounts of trash along our roadways. Hard to understand that we choose to live in such a beautiful place only to throw garbage out the window?

Golfers unite!

Golfers and club owners alike have been trying to make a case that their sport should be exempt the stay-at-home order. They do make a valid point that if strict rules are followed it could be a relatively low risk activity. All three of Manitoulin's courses have well developed protocols that will be in place when the government gives them the go-ahead.

Rainbow Ridge, for example, has very specific procedures that may put a cramp in your style that you have become accustomed but if it means you can get out on the links safely, it is a small price to pay. For example, if there are occasions when people can't maintain a two metre distance such as in a golf cart, masking is mandatory. The old 19th hole tradition of a few pints to brag or drown your sorrows will of course still be a long way off. Hang in there, aces and duffers.

Wiikwemkoong waits as well

Amanda Trudeau is the health promotion-prevention coordinator at Naandwechige-Gamig Wiikwemikong Health Centre. She knows the value of keeping people active but any grouping of people, ideas can't happen due to the stay at home order. Even the Sunrise Runs with **Lytic Peltier** had to be cancelled. Amanda does have lots of great ideas once the order is lifted. Sometime in May she hopes to organize a virtual family fun run. Hang in there!

Canadian Indigenous hockey players, key to Romanian pro championship!

Two First Nations players from Southern Alberta who have been friends since they were kids were glad that they finally ended up on the same team together again. **Judd Blackwater** and **Colton Yellow Horn**, who are both 33, were members of the Sport Club Csikszereda, a Romanian-based squad that recently captured the Erste Liga championship. The 10-team professional league features seven clubs from Hungary and three from Romania. The two have been playing on separate teams before this year. It looks

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like it took the duo to get back together to win the championship.

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Caught exercising!

I have tried to restart this feature for a while but it has not fully

willing to put in the hard work and dedicate to their own self-improvement, he is on board.

Over the years though, he has put his own "rubber where it meets the road" or "money where your mouth is" by bringing himself up against his own fitness potential. In his fifties he was one

of his old forte's, helping others.

He has been training one of Manitoulin's former cross-country and track stars in **Harrison Noble** to obtain a personal best in the full and half-marathon. Gerry has commented that Harrison is a joy to work with because of his willingness to buy into the program and work hard.

Thanks to his long lasting influence on other athletes, and a by-chance surprise visit from former students **Evan and Logan Bayer**, he is still helping. The Mindemoya brothers from Calgary and Sudbury were just home for their Mother's birthday and got together for a leisurely five-miler for old-time's sake (8.1 km for new-times, sake!).

From the desk of Dad!

A number of times, I have written about former sports events as the COVID epidemic has derailed 90 percent of organized sports! Even the Memorial Cup (Canada's Major Jr. Championship) has been cancelled for 2021. Hence, the necessity of past sporting memories.

Last week I mentioned the stories of sports "characters" over the past 40 years. In 1977, I was introduced to Providence Bay's **Derek "Deke" Cranston**. I believe it was his last year in atom. He was a solid, big young lad. He also usually had a quiet smile on his mug, yet was quick to see the humour in everything.

The following year in peewee was the beginning of body check-

ing in the Manitoulin House League. "Deker" now could use his best attribute, size and his love for body contact. His physical presence around our net kept the goal-scorers at a distance from our goalie. Unfortunately his prowess at using his body was a negative with 'certain' officials. Often he received penalties for simply being stronger than most of the opposition's players. When he went to retrieve a puck in the corner he was called for two minutes if the smaller opponent fell down.

He eventually became somewhat paranoid about going near anyone. One referee (un-named here) in particular seemed to have it out for Derek penalizing him virtually, anytime he was on the ice. Talking to that ref that being bigger and stronger was not a penalty in itself did little or no good. Arriving at the Mindemoya arena one game in January Derek sat undressed in the dressing room. He indicated to me that he was not dressing for or playing the game.

On his way into the rink he had seen "that ref." He indicated that he would rather watch the game than sit in the penalty box. It took some convincing to get him to dress. During the warmup he came to me on the bench and said, "You'll see." Even though he was in my top pair of "D" men, I didn't start him. In fact I left him on the bench for at least two shifts. When I indicated for him to go on the ice, he shook his head but did go out. Less than 20 seconds after the drop of the puck he was signaled for a penalty by "you know who."

Frustrated beyond belief he headed for the dressing room rather than the penalty bench. This meant I had to put someone else in the box while my assistant went to the dressing room to talk to Deke. During the break we convinced him to stay dressed and come to the bench to watch as long as we didn't put him on the ice. He sat there for almost the entire third period. With less than two minutes to go there was a whistle. We were winning easily so I asked him to finish the game off but to go nowhere near any opponent.

Because he thought that was funny, he agreed. He was only to touch the puck when it was unchallenged. To make a statement, every time he got the puck in the defensive end he iced it. He did this three times or so. It was quite hilarious (but probably only to me). As I was leaving the bench "the ref" approached me and said, "It was nice to see that Cranston learned his lesson" and I could only chuckle.

A good sport is good for sports
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Artist Linda Williamson might be well-known for her artwork, but she is also a person who takes her health very seriously, following an impressive set of routes that tally up to a serious number of kilometres.

photo by Michael Erskine

taken off. In an ideal world, community members would altruistically mention their beloved neighbours' accomplishments. Unfortunately, with recent Manitoulin 'neighbourly' interactions, we can only ask for indifference yet hope for promotion, with neighbours encouraging each other!

If the spirit moves you, even anonymously, I believe we can all be inspired by these often unsung heroes who may not all wish to be singled out because of shyness. To that, I would implore everyone to feel inspired by anyone who is following the COVID-19 protocols and yet still gets us out that door and do something similarly safe!

One such example is Mindemoya-ish's **Linda Williamson**. She is one example of a person dedicated to their health. She follows an impressive length of regular routes that has her to do many, many kilometres on a weekly basis.

How about another perennial fitness proponent in Lake Manitou's catchment area: **Gerry Holliday**? Have you seen this guy lately? He himself is one fitness promotion smorgasbord all himself. He has always taken, out of his own free time, anyone that is

of Canada's top-masters runners. Now, in his post-fifties, Gerry has brought himself down, nearly, to his old fighting weight! He has been running and back to one of

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...Island not-for-profit acquires historic Michael's Bay townsite

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around Michael's Bay and the Manito River was a thriving Odawa settlement dating to the 1600s.

The town sprang up at the same location after treaties pushed First Nations to reserves and Manitoulin Island opened up for settlement. Michael's Bay reached its peak in the late 1800s and early 1900s and was reportedly the largest settler town on the Island, featuring two busy mills, including one that operated 24 hours per day for some time.

The mills processed logs from the townships of Tehkummah, Sandfield, Carnarvon and Assiginack, many of which they drove down the river to reach the mill. MBHS said it hoped to one day reconstruct the main mill, whose sluice is still visible around the waterfall at Michael's Bay.

The town featured homes and all the amenities of a settlement including stores, a post office, hotel, school and blacksmith shop.

"Between 1866 and 1900 there was a lot of people in and out of there; a lot of Manitoulin roots went through there," Mr. Sagle said.

It's hard to imagine the scale of the town from its present-day state. A handful of holes in the land from partially filled-in foundations are the only indications that buildings once stood in the townsite. The old mill sluice quietly meanders through a forest near the waterfall. The structures in Michael's Bay were largely board-and-batten buildings that burned in a large fire in 1914.

A complicated century

Time has not been kind to the former town. After it burned and faded into obscurity just over 100 years ago, despite one effort in the 1960s to preserve some of the history, some people pillaged the land of the historic site to extract gravel below the soil, including a quarry that comprises part of the site and gravel extraction from the bed of the Manito River.

The property has had various owners over the years who ultimately purchased large swaths of nearby land into a single parcel, several hundred acres in size.

The state of the former town abruptly changed in 2005, when the Government of Canada seized the property on behalf of the Belgian government.

Belgium was investigating citizens Claire and Walter Vandroemme for selling bovine growth hormone in that country (that steroid is illegal in the European Union and Canada) and purchasing these lands with the money from those sales.

The seized Michael's Bay lands consisted of a few different portions, including the former Royal Michael's Bay Resort property that an Island man bought last summer. Canada has severed off the lands into different parts and began to dispose of some of them last year.

PSPC consulted with the Township of

Tehkummah and First Nations in the area, notably Wiikwemkoong, which withdrew its interest last year. It said the historical group made an ideal candidate for taking over the ownership of this storied property.

"The alignment between the mandate of (MBHS), coupled with its knowledge of historic features of the site, such as burial grounds and the old mill site, makes (MBHS) an ideal steward of this important piece of local heritage. We look forward to progress by (MBHS) in carrying out its plan to preserve the site and use it for public benefit," stated Ms. LaRose.

The government arrived at a purchase price of \$5,400 plus HST, which it negotiated with MBHS based on the public's interest and the "heritage, protection of the site and intended use" of the property.

While this may seem to be a lower price than similar properties, in addition to the consideration of the public's interest, the land also contains burial sites which greatly complicate any land use.

PSPC has not placed any restrictions on the sale that would stipulate a specific usage for the site, though it said it came to the agreement based on MBHS' commitment to honouring the area's heritage.

Historical Society can advance plans

Mr. Sagle said MBHS, which re-formed in 2000 with the long-term objective of acquiring the property, has been focused on the purchase as its main priority. After that achievement, they can now focus

on goals including refurbishing the old burial sites and laying out the locations of the old streets to help facilitate walking tours of the area.

"There's a lot of work to be done; it's just a matter of having the volunteers to help and the money we'll need. We haven't fundraised for a bit," Mr. Sagle said.

In 2000, he recalled, the Ontario government was looking to purchase the property to expand Blue Jay Creek Provincial Park. The historical society formed partly to preserve and promote the ghost town's history as much as possible.

"We couldn't do a lot of things like apply for grants and stuff to do things until we owned the property. Now that we have that, we will have a virtual meeting to get everybody's ideas and see where we're going, but it's looking pretty good," he said.

One of the longer-term plans MBHS has for the property is establishing a hiking trail to run between John Budd Park in South Baymouth along municipal road allowances into the provincial park, and then out to the townsite in Michael's Bay.

It also hopes to explore the idea of recreating the historic buildings, potentially including a functional, water-powered sawmill similar to the one in place at Upper Canada Village.

Members of the historical society said they were excited to use some of the modern technologies that have enhanced archaeological work, such as virtual aerial overlays and ground-penetrating radar to con-

firm burial sites. There are five known sites in the area.

Attempted preservation in 1960s

The news of the purchase was a delight to Manitowaning centenarian Jean McLennan, now 102. She is the only surviving member of an effort in the 1960s to revitalize the history of Michael's Bay, which included a group of people from Manitowaning and Tehkummah studying the area and marking out the former layout of the town.

"I've been working on that for more than 60 years," she told The Expositor. "I was so glad that Ed Sagle followed this through and was able to get us the property in our name."


Ms. McLennan got involved when the historical society in Manitowaning amalgamated with MBHS. They worked to try to mark out the former townsite.

Part of the trek into Michael's Bay at that time involved a walk, as the muddy track would often seize up the trucks and wagons that tried to get through.

Historical Society members recall stories from that effort to be the first ones to plot the ghost town's layout, including putting up signs of where the former buildings once stood.

"They plotted according to memory, the old maps they had and only after the physical work of clearing the land of trees, brush and so-on," said Jane Tilston, the current treasurer of MBHS whose ancestry had ties to the ghost town—her grandfather was the second


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Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Zoe Redmond
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



KASCH LENTIR



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Kasch Lentir is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and academics. He is a Grade 11 student, who certainly keeps himself busy. When he isn't busy with practices and school, he can be found rebuilding and fixing his motorcycles and trucks and mudding on his quads/three-wheelers. He often spends time with his family and friends, working out and staying fit. Kasch also enjoys playing the guitar.

During his years at Central Manitoulin Public School, he participated in different sports such as basketball, baseball and soccer. He also takes part in organized sports outside of school such as soccer and basketball. Kasch certainly looks forward to practices because it gives him a chance to work on something and improve before a game/tournament. He is able to take what he has learned in a game and help challenge his skills in practice. Kasch often thinks about how he has played based on how he followed instructions from his coach and how he followed plays.

Throughout Kasch's sports' experience he has built up his skills, and is especially well rounded when it comes to life skills as well. Throughout Kasch's sports' experience he has won multiple medals ranging from fifth place all the way to second place. Specifically an accomplishment for him was in basketball, soccer and baseball, he was able to play in several games and tournaments. Kasch says that his motivation certainly comes from his family. For Kasch they are always helping him achieve his goals, as well as guide him through the tougher times in life.


During Kasch's sports' season he is encouraging and comedic towards his teammates. His positive attitude and determination never fails to keep him and his team from conquering the court. He continued to play sports outside of public school, and in Grade 10 Kasch played defence in basketball. Kasch is certainly excited for basketball season to come again, and is very much hoping that COVID-19 does not intervene. He also is interested in joining the volleyball team and trying badminton.

Kasch loves to play basketball because it's his favourite sport. He also says that it's a fast-paced game. Kasch enjoys working and playing at a quick pace as he is able to feel more active and involved, and also keeps the game from getting boring. He has been playing basketball since Grade 6-7 to present day, so he has certainly grown his skills over the years. Kasch 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 keep him fit as well as active, and they give him something to do. Kasch's excitement never fails to motivate those around him, whether it's his teammates, coaches or friends.

In school, Kasch's favourite subject is manufacturing technology because it brings out the creativity in him and allows Kasch to work on anything mechanical, which he finds extremely fun. This class covers many of Kasch's interests and allows him to practice his hobbies during school hours, as well as learn some new skills that have helped to benefit him outside of school. When Kasch finishes high school, he hopes to go straight into the workplace and work as a Heavy Machines Operator. Kasch also considers the idea of staying on the Island and working with his family in the lumber industry.


Kasch is one of many super Mustangs, and with his honesty, creativity and generosity he is sure to represent MSS well. Have a great year, and keep up the awesome work Kasch!!

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...strong support continues for Laurentian

...continued from page 3 enhanced our quality of life, and been the source of immense pride." Ms. Dewar added, "It is our collective voice that Laurentian University remains a viable and vibrant institution. Rainbow District School Board has enjoyed a mutually beneficial partnership with Laurentian University since its inception and we look forward to working with Laurentian University well into the future."

The Association of Retired Academics of Laurentian University (ARALU) and Association des universitaires retraités de l'Université Laurentienne has issued a call for an inquiry into how the Laurentian mess was allowed to happen. In an open letter the ARALU board voiced its concerns

saying, in part, "We all played a role in turning Laurentian University into an institution known for both its undergraduate education, research and graduate studies programs."

"We all developed research programs, wrote hundreds of scholarly articles, many books and publications, and were honoured to speak across Canada and around the world where we proudly represented Laurentian University and Greater Sudbury."

"This level of pride changed abruptly on February 1, with the announcement that Laurentian University was in serious financial difficulty and placed under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) due to insolvency."

The ARALU called for the inquiry to "Examine

and report on the university's finances over the past 10 years. This is to determine who made monetary decisions; announce who made the decision to enact the CCAA protection; obtain and report on any and all documents produced by Laurentian University administration, the LU board of governors and/or the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, as well as other ministries to determine what criteria were used to decide which faculty and staff were to be eliminated; this shall include whether or not Fontaine and Associates recommended a reduction of more than 30 percent of staff and faculty personnel; obtain and report on all correspondence between the upper administration of Laurentian University, its board of governors, and the government of Ontario concerning the financial crisis; obtain and report all documentation of internal and public statements made by current and past presidents relating to the financial health of the institution made over the past 10 years; obtain and report on minutes of all meetings of the board of governors over the past 10 years where details of the financial situation of the university were discussed; this shall include all budget documents produced by the university's administration for the past 10 years; investigate, with the assistance of federal authorities if necessary, possible fraudulent expenditure of government grant funds destined for supporting salaries and research projects; investigate the unethical misuse of money, if any, donated to the university for program development and scholarships in the name of family members."

The letter goes on to assert that "it is the opinion of the retired academics listed below that once the actions of Laurentian University administrators and board members are explained to the public, a plan to reverse many of the decisions announced on April 12 will occur, and the broader community will continue to build a university that plays its

responsible role in Canadian society."

The letter was authored by a number of former academics, including regular The Expositor contributor Joe Shorthouse.

The university has applied for an extension to its creditor protection to August 31 to enable the next phase of its restructuring process and is seeking a further \$10 million in interim funding.

"Laurentian has filed with the court an affidavit supporting a request for an extension to the initial stay of proceedings through the summer, to allow the university to complete the next phase of its restructuring," Laurentian University president and vice-chancellor Robert Haché said in a statement last week. "This affidavit details all of the work that has been accomplished to date and outlines what is needed in the next phase of the restructuring."

Chancellor Steve Paikin, of TVO's The Agenda fame, has resigned his position as chancellor citing "obvious reasons."

At least two of the federated colleges (Thorneloe University and University of Sudbury) have indicated they would be challenging the unilateral dissolution of their federation by Laurentian University, while Huntington University and Laurentian have come to a separation agreement.

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TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

...Shauna Pitawanakwat

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Ms. Pitawanakwat, who calls herself a lifelong advocate for women and children, said this position has been rewarding and fulfilling.

"(The families) have taught me so much on a personal level and professionally. I think that sometimes you get a calling, and I just follow that," she said.

Her family lived in Lansing, Michigan before moving home to Wiikwemkoong when she was 10. Ms. Pitawanakwat went to Sault College to study drug and alcohol counselling and then she completed a diploma through Nipissing University as a teacher's assistant.

Before this work with the family information liaison unit, she worked with the Sioux Lookout Health Authority as a mental health counsellor. She previously worked in MAG's Victim/Witness Assistance Program in Gore Bay for a dozen years.

This work is especially important, she said, given Indigenous and other racialized peoples' experiences with the justice sys-

tem and a fundamental breakdown in trust of police forces and governments.

"It's a work of service."

'It's a work of service. And I believe that's my calling'

—Shauna Pitawanakwat, family info. liaison unit

And I believe that's my calling, is works of service for our people and especially for our Indigenous women. We have been deprived of so much service and a lack of resources for our people, and so this program was set up to help fill the gap and help families who have lost missing or murdered women and other people," she said.

The Sioux Lookout family information liaison unit opened in 2017. One of Ms. Pitawanakwat's contributions since that time was attending hearings of the National Inquiry into MMIWG to support families as they testified about the impact of that epidemic on their lives. She later offered strength to families when the inquiry's final report came out.



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sion has not been finalized.

The Canadian and Ontario governments have been pressing hard on both Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer and new US president Joe Biden to rescind the governor's order to shut down the pipeline by mid-May. A number of neighbouring states whose economies and fuel supplies also depend on the pipeline have joined in that call, while 17 state attorney generals have called on the court to uphold the state's right to govern the environment within their borders and to send the case back to the state level.

"Clearly Line 5 is an important issue for the Government of Canada...at the same time we need to be advancing on a co-operative basis the work we're doing on climate action," said Canada Environment Minister Jonathan Wilkinson earlier this month in comments to Reuters.

...Island not-for-profit acquires historic Michael's Bay townsite

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non-Indigenous baby born in the area.

Her parents were part of that effort in the 1960s, which ultimately led to nearly the whole townsite getting laid out and marked.

Unfortunately, a group of "hippies" squatted in the area for a summer after all that work and they took as much burnable material as they could find, which included most of the wooden stakes and markers left to commemorate the town.

"We went out there a week later; the stakes were all pulled out and none of the metal plaques were on them or nothing, because they had burned them all up. I was so disgusted over that," Ms. McLennan said. "Those hippies, you know what they were like."

The plot was back to obscurity.

Later, Michael's Bay was coming up for sale once more and the historians took a gamble by placing a \$60,000 bid, even though they did not have the money at the time.

"I told (Jean Dixon, curator of the Assiginack Museum), 'you know what, I'll have to be going up and down the street with a little cup to get the donations!' She started to laugh but I said to her, if she wanted to put in a bid at \$60 (thousand), I guess I'd be a good gambler," Ms. McLennan recalled.

They ultimately lost out to another group of people who had bid \$100,000.

"That poor town was so bountiful and then grew so lonely," Ms. Tilston said. "Years went by. We still had maps and we still had memories, but we lost some of the people along the way, but then came 2000 when a group of people thought, 'let's do something more serious,' and we formed (MBHS)."

Ms. Tilston said it was sad to reflect on

Enbridge spokesman Ryan Duffy agreed, noting that a negotiated solution would be in the best interests of all parties.

Canada has focussed on the pipeline in dozens of bilateral meetings, including 23 virtual meetings between lawmakers and US members of Congress, according to a spokesman for Canada's Natural Resources Minister Seamus O'Regan, who has characterized the continued operation of the pipeline as "vital."

To that end Ottawa is even considering invoking the never-before-used 1977 Transit Pipelines Treaty, designed to stop US or Canadian public officials from impeding the flow of oil in transit.

Also expressing support for the case's remand to state court are several environmental groups and Indigenous communities, including the Bay Mills Indian Community, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Grand Tra-

verse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi.

"...the state's actions that are the subject of the lawsuit are a legitimate exercise of its authority, under state law, to protect land, waters and treaty-protected resources that have deep cultural, spiritual, and economic significance to the tribal amici," admonished the American tribes in their filing.

Scott Archer, business agent with Local 663 Pipefitters Union in Sarnia, where three of Ontario's refineries are located, described Line 5 as the "spinal cord of Ontario's infrastructure" in recent testimony before Canadian lawmakers. "Shutting down Line 5 will in effect kill my hometown and many more places like it in Canada and the US," he said.

The United States imports more crude oil from Canada than any other nation, at about 3.7 mil-

lion barrels per day, or about 80 percent of Canada's crude output.

In another win for the energy company, the Michigan Public Service Commission, which is considering Enbridge's application to replace the section of its Line 5 that runs beneath

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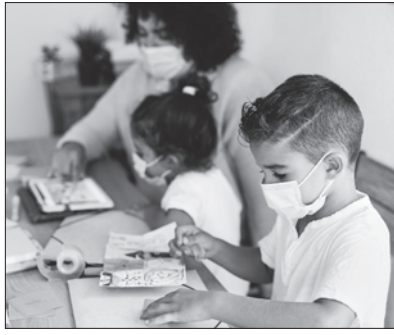


Members of Michael's Bay Historical Society visited the property earlier in April to view the state of the former townsite. From left are treasurer Paul Bowerman, Laura Clarke Middlebrook, Jane Tilston, Eleanor Lentir, Ben Lentir and Ed Sagle, many of whom have traced family ties back to the former townsite. The group is pictured standing in front of a hole in the ground which they believe is all that remains of the general store's foundation at the corner of College Street and Main Street.

...Federal budget's daycare supports hailed as good news

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services and violence against women's services (VAW). The announcement regarding increased funding and access to services in child care and VAW is a wonderful step; we remain hopeful that this will be a dynamic plan that continues to adapt to changing needs as they unfold. These were pre-pandemic needs that have grown and have new requirements as a result of the pandemic, that will need to be voiced, and heard and integrated."



Daycare has become a vital part of the Canadian economy.

The budget struck chords in a number of areas for Ms. Hall, but those chords play only part of a greater melody. "Ongoing adequate funding for programming, for critical infrastructure, for capital needs, for ongoing maintenance, this all needs to be part of that larger plan," she said. "We have learned a great amount in the past year of the complexity of how systems interconnect. There is a significant investment planned within VAW for transitional housing support, but we need available housing to make that truly effective. We are hearing of expanding child care accessibility through affordability, but we will need physi-

cal spaces and educators to accommodate that. The ability to recruit and retain early childhood educators and social workers through properly compensated positions within childcare and VAW will be necessary in order to not continue to lose them to the sectors of education, health and mental health because the same credentials are better compensated."

"This budget is a ray of hope in having concerns heard, but we also hope that those making decisions will continue to dialogue with those providing frontline services," Ms. Hall continued. "These sectors have required significant additional resources for years; they were hurting, and it will be crucial in months ahead to not try to apply a Band-Aid approach to something that could easily hemorrhage. Our community demographics have changed through this pandemic, the needs of our community members will have as well and that will continue. It's crucial at this time to not only integrate the needs that we've known have existed for years, but also have the foresight to provide for what we ought reasonably know should be coming."

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...Fire Marshal investigates alleged arson in Sheguiandah

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at 133 Ge Teh Miikan in Sheguiandah First Nation. The Northeast Town fire department was called to the scene and quickly extinguished the fire. The blaze was contained to one residence and a vehicle in the driveway. Mr. Manitowabi was not at home at the time of the fire and there were no injuries. The start of the fire is still under investigation, but arson is the suspected cause.

While on scene, officers were advised that an adult male had been seen leaving the area on foot just after the fire had started. According to the press release, "further information provided indicates that an adult male openly

admitted to starting the fire in the residence and vehicle. Officers attempted to locate the male, however received further information the individual left Sheguiandah to avoid arrest. In the interest of public safety, a warrant for his arrest is being sought."

"Thanks to the community coming together and providing information to the police," said Ms. Agonie. She explained that many members of the community, including herself, have ties to the home. "A lot of kids in the community stayed there when they could not handle being at home," she said. "There were ball games held next door and a lot of celebratory parties took place there following

games. This loss really touches a lot of people in the community."

A 30-year-old male of Sheguiandah First Nation has been identified and faces charges of two counts of arson, under Section 434 of the Criminal Code. The suspect's name was not released as of press time Monday due to the information not yet having been sworn into the court process.

The investigation into the incident is ongoing. It is believed this is an isolated incident involving a land dispute and there is no further danger to the general public at this time.

A gofundme account has been set up for the victim at

gofundme.com/f/fire-destroys-roberts-house-on-manitoulin-island.

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the Straits of Mackinac that in evaluating whether to issue a permit, it would not pass judgment on whether the entire 1,038-kilometre line that runs across northern Michigan and Wisconsin should keep operating, saying that bridge had been crossed a long time ago.

But in a more troubling decision for the tunnel proponents, the commission ruled that emissions of climate-warming gases would be among factors it considers in determining whether to issue the permit. The commission did not elaborate on the weight those factors would be given in its deliberations.

The commission said it was required under the Michigan Environmental Protection Act to consider not only pollution from building the tunnel and new pipeline segment, but also from the petroleum liquids they transport.

The issue has taken on partisan shades,

as Democratic leaders in 16 states and the District of Columbia have taken Michigan's side in the fight to have a state court, not a federal judge, decide whether the state has the authority to shutter Enbridge's Line 5 oil pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac. The states argue that federal courts don't have the jurisdiction to rule on disputes over state property rights even if the pipeline alleged to be in violation of those property rights is federally regulated.

Enbridge removed the pipeline case to federal court, while also suing to stop the closure on the premise that regulation of the pipeline is exclusive to federal authorities with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

The court challenge is scheduled to be heard on May 12.

According to Enbridge, recent surveys indicate most Michigan residents support the Great Lakes Tunnel project, including the replacement pipeline.

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Blair Hagman, president of Manitoulin Brewing Company, and Kendra Edwards of Kendra Edwards Design pose with some of the brewery's eye-catching designs created by Ms. Edwards.

photo by Michael Erskine

Island graphic artist's work featured in LCBO magazine

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—When it comes to the battle to stand out from the crowd there is no better ally than a talented graphic artist. Manitoulin Brewing Company (MBC) found just such an ally when they began collaborating with Island graphic artist Kendra Edwards of Kendra Edwards Design.

"We had been working with a graphic artist from Sudbury when we learned Kendra was on the Island and did great work," said MBC co-owner Blair Hagman. "It was great that we could take her on so we could support local."

First out of the chute was a label for the company's lager, Haweater Brew. "We were really impressed," said Mr. Hagman. "Kendra had done some other work for us as well and she took on Killarney Cream Ale. Her artwork is some of the most impressive pieces of branding."

Mr. Hagman explained that Ms. Edwards' ability to create eye-catching artwork is critical in the highly competitive craft beer industry. "When your product is on the shelf in one of the larger LCBO stores you really need to stand out," he said. "Our branding is all about landmarks of Manitoulin." So the artwork not only has to be eye-catching, but also tell the Manitoulin story.

"Her artwork is so outstanding that we have also had great success with posters featuring her labels," said Mr. Hagman. "They are vintage Manitoulin posters that people love to take to the cottage or home." The posters are printed on canvas and the art deco retro styling make a great addition to any wall.

Two of Ms. Edwards' label designs, Ten Mile Point and Haweater Brew will both be in the early summer 2021 edition of the LCBO's popular 'Food & Drink magazine'.

"I have lived on Manitoulin Island since I was two," said Ms. Edwards, "so I can't claim the title of 'Haweater,' but I do have a connection to the Island that is permanent and meaningful. I grew up in a household of artists and we were always outside exploring different areas of the Island and the North Shore. You can travel from one end to the other and see the diversity of landscapes across the way. When the



The striking Ten Mile Point Pilsner label was designed by Kendra Edwards.

opportunity came about to work with MBC I was thrilled at the thought of being able to display some of the beautiful areas of Manitoulin and the North Shore on packaging that would reach the hands of many beer enthusiasts across the province and beyond."

Ms. Edwards grew up the daughter of Richard and Barbara Edwards who own Kagawong's Edward Studios. "I have always been an 'arts kid,' picking up a pencil or pen and observing the environments around me and working on projects that were important to myself and the people around me," she said. "This love of fine art and the fondness of collaboration guided me to pursuing a degree in communications and in 2014 I graduated with honours from the University of Ottawa."

Her university experience proved invaluable in pursuing a career in graphic art. "I was able to explore a diverse range of techniques and practices that allowed me to package information and connect it with diverse audiences effectively and with specific goals in mind," she said. After moving back to the Island following university, Ms. Edwards worked with 4elements Living Arts.

"While at 4e I became enamoured with the idea of creating art for clients to help their business goals. This led to starting my freelance graphic design business in 2015. Since then I have worked on hundreds of projects creating meaningful design solutions and experiences for brands and audiences."

Ms. Edwards' work distinguishes itself through a bold, minimalist style and colour combinations. This paired with her ability to listen and explore information allows her to provide a service to Northern businesses, boosting their visual profile to be seen and

admired.

"Graphic design is the combination of art and problem-solving," said Ms. Edwards. "While graphic design provides a creative outlet, you are also forming relationships between ideas and reality and improving the connections between people, products and services. Each new client offers a chance to explore the inner workings of a different business. I love working with people who are endlessly passionate about what they do."

As for her work with MBC, Ms. Edwards said the experience has been very rewarding.

"I have been fortunate to be collaborating with Blair and Nishin (Meawasige) of MBC since 2018. We started with the Killarney Cream Ale label design, which has been held in high regard in taste and visual appeal by many beer enthusiasts."

Ms. Edwards notes that the Ten Mile Point label design was finalized in December 2020 and is now available on the shelves of both Island LCBO outlets and at MBC's retail outlet at 43 Manitowaning Road. "There will be another great series launching soon that I am very excited about," teased Ms. Edwards. "I had a lot of artistic freedom with this series and used a lot of playful colours."

Full disclosure, Ms. Edwards works for The Expositor in the advertising design department where she puts her considerable talents to work on behalf of this paper's advertisers.

"Manitoulin Brewing Company is incredibly lucky, just as we are, to have Kendra Edwards' creative services in their arsenal," said Manitoulin Publishing president Alicia McCutcheon. "This newest can in the MBC lineup, for the Ten Mile Point Pilsner, proves just that. Her use of colour, eye-catching fonts and masterful layout proves why time and again Kendra is winning awards and accolades." (See page 3 for a story on Ms. Edwards' latest creative advertising award from the Ontario Community Newspapers Association.)

Ms. Edwards will soon have a new website at kendraedwards.ca and can be found on Instagram and Facebook by searching @kendraedwardsdesign.



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...MHC has beds ready in case other regions need overflow support

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cial care efforts, the Island health centre has set aside eight surge beds on the second floor of the Little Current site to accommodate any extra patients.

This is the same number of surge capacity beds as the hospital first implemented last year when deal-

ing with the unknowns of COVID-19's first wave. The press release noted that MHC only expects to receive patients who do not have COVID-19.

The Mindemoya hospital has a total of 14 beds and Little Current has 17, plus the additional eight surge beds. Paula Fields, co-CEO of MHC, told The Expositor

that there are opportunities for extra surge capacity beyond the eight beds if this becomes a necessity in the future. So far, most transfers have been to larger hospitals as opposed to small, rural hospitals, though this may change if the provincial situation worsens.

As part of the prepara-

tions, both hospital sites are on standby to accept any patients who get transferred to the Island. The field hospital's preparedness team is aware of the update, as are MHC's community health care partners.

The COVID-19 situation in Ontario's hot-spots is troubling, as record num-

bers of patients are currently in hospital with the illness and more than 600 people are presently on ventilators in intensive care, as of this past Monday. "Bigger (hospitals) are filling up; I'm actually surprised it wasn't any sooner in the GTA. I'm grateful we've had more time to prepare," Ms. Fields said.

When large numbers of COVID-19 patients seek help at health providers, this puts strain on some of the specialized services that larger hospitals can provide as more people are required to help out on the pandemic front.

By transferring healthier patients to smaller hospitals that have enough services to meet their needs, larger hospitals can still provide more extensive care for patients whose needs go beyond the abilities of their local, smaller hospital.

All future transfers, if they come to pass, will follow MHC's existing transfer protocol. This includes a direct hand-off between the referring physician and the one accepting the patient to ensure MHC could address the patient's care needs. Only patients that MHC can support will come to the hospital.

"It is important that MHC does its part to ensure critical care capacity in the system, so that Islanders needing a higher level of care than what MHC can offer can get that care," stated Ms. Fields and Tim Vine,

the other interim co-CEO of the hospital, in the press release.

In order to help preserve the health system capacity both on-Island and throughout the province, MHC urges all Islanders to closely follow Public Health Sudbury and Districts' guidelines—even if an individual has had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

These guidelines include getting a vaccine as soon as one is eligible, abiding by Ontario's stay-at-home order, washing hands frequently for at least 15 seconds, covering coughs and sneezes with one's elbow or a tissue and immediately washing one's hands, avoiding touching one's face, limiting contacts and in-person interactions wherever possible, maintaining two metres of distance between others, wearing face coverings properly and staying home if one feels unwell.

Through the pandemic, MHC's emergency departments at both sites are still open for emergencies. If anyone begins to feel unwell, they should visit the hospital, where they will undergo screening and must wear a medical-grade face covering. For immediate medical attention, call 9-1-1.

Anyone who is concerned that they have been exposed or are at risk for exposure to COVID-19 should call the assessment lines at either site: Little Current, 705-368-2300; or Mindemoya, 705-377-5311.

Central council wrestles with backyard chickens

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Which came first, the chicken or the bylaw? That very question was behind a decision to postpone second and third readings of a bylaw aimed at prohibiting the raising of chickens in built-up regions of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin. While receiving strong support at council, the issue has ruffled the feathers of some small flock poultry producers.

The motion, put forward as a recommendation from the finance and economic development committee, was moved by Councillor Al Tribinevicius and seconded by Councillor Angela Johnston (both themselves farmers), but Councillor Derek Stephens used the short notice aspect of having three readings at once to suggest the motion receive only its first reading in order to allow residents to weigh in on the issue.

He noted that many residents had moved to hamlets in the countryside thinking that they would be regarded as rural and be able to raise animals on their property. He noted that the Manitoulin Planning Board had made the decision to remove the hamlet designation that could now place that assumption in jeopardy.

Councillor Stephens said council's proclivity for having all three readings take place at once, as soon as the motion was put before council, can blindside residents.

"I would like to see a first reading, a lot of people have chickens in their yards and they will be breaking a bylaw they know nothing about," he said.

Mayor Richard Stephens said there was some confusion as to what constitutes a "rural" property.

Councillor Johnston suggested the bylaw would only apply to built-up areas. "If you are agricultural, you don't have to follow the bylaw."

"Aren't all properties in town and Providence Bay rural?" asked Mayor Stephens. "Is there a proper designation?"

"That's the problem," said Councillor Stephens. "We don't know."

"If you think there is a problem it's not a bad idea to put it on the website and have discussion," said Councillor Tribinevicius. "I am not opposed to that."

"I do think we want to confirm the zoning," said Councillor Johnston.

Councillor Stephens went on to note that only municipalities hold all three readings of a new law at once, pointing out that the provincial and federal government have a first reading and then send the



Glenn Black of Providence Bay is president of the Small Flock Poultry Farmers of Canada.

matter to committee for discussion. "In all other levels of government there is a process to go through," he said.

"I don't think that we should put the entire bylaw up on the website so that everyone who wants to can just look at the bylaw," said Councillor Johnston. She suggested that simply putting the notice up that the town is considering a bylaw and directing people to staff would be sufficient.

Councillor Shaffer said he agreed with the concept of only passing a first reading. "It doesn't hurt to have a sober second thought," he suggested. "That's better than having to go back and change it later."

Both mover and seconder agreed with the change to the motion to allow for only a first reading. The motion then read: "That By-Law 2021-08, being a bylaw to regulate the keeping of backyard chickens, be given its first reading and that it be put on the municipal social media platforms for the public to review."

Small flock egg producer (and president of the Small Flock Poultry Farmers of Canada) Glenn Black of Providence Bay said that the new rules wouldn't likely directly impact his operation as he is in a rural and agricultural zone, but he does know people for whom it will.

"I just had a copy of the bylaw sent to me a couple of days ago," he said. Mr. Black said he was pleased to have an opportunity to address "some of the inaccuracies and false assumptions" contained in the bylaw.

He pointed to the requirement to have four square feet per chicken as being substantially higher than that required by provincial regulations and noted that

while the 10 bird maximum would probably be okay, restricting producers from

having a rooster would severely impact the normal course of chicken social culture. "Imagine passing a law that disallowed men in a household," he said.

Mr. Black also suggested the bylaw contravenes both the UN Charter and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. "It's unconstitutional," he asserted, pointing to the infringement on a property owner's right to the enjoyment and use of their property."

The poultry farmer also pointed out that the evidence is clear that the eggs from free range chickens are far healthier than those of factory farmed birds whose close proximity raising also requires the use of antibiotics.

Mr. Black pointed to the rising food insecurity found in many Canadian households, particularly those of Indigenous families, noting the bylaw was similar to outlawing backyard gardens.

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Indians for contributing to the wellness and healing programs over the years.
“My children are doing well. Sarah has three chil-

dren through Zoom. I am discovering my artistic abilities that had been dormant for many years. I am writing poetry, stories, drawing and painting to name a few.

give me the strength and protection. I feel I have always fit in as an Indigenous woman in a way that allowed me to help others.”
“We are still processing

the effects of colonization such as racism, depression, anxiety and other disorders. It's essential to continue to lift each other up each day. There is so much do.

Our language programs, ceremonies and healing lodges are needed more than ever. It is a time of great awakening. Major shifts are occurring during

this time of a global pandemic.”

Regrets? “I regret that I did not collect as many crafts over the years. Sometimes I wish I could assist in a development of a centre of excellence which would house our arts and crafts while we still have our craft makers, and we could use this centre for teaching, learning and continuance to benefit the next seven generations.”

“I am truly appreciating this opportunity to enrich my knowledge of medicines, stories, and ways of self care with everything we have here. Manitoulin is that transcendent, mystical place for me. We are lucky to have fresh water all around us. I have participated in many water walks that provide a healing energy. This island is a safe place to be, a haven. Here we are safeguarded, spared the brutality seen in other parts of the world. Lastly, this place is simply my home and I am very happiest here.”



Dorothy is dressed warm for a winter stroll.



Dorothy and her family, Sarah, David and Kara with a granddaughter.

dren herself, Deeshawna, Kitana and Royce. Sarah attends school at Cambrian College. Kara graduated from the University of Ottawa Law School and is en route to her bar exam. David lives here in Wiky and attends the program at Community Living. My ex-husband David lives at the Oneida of the Thames settlement.”

“Favourite pets? We always had a dog and cat growing up. I have two cats now. Their names are Gaazhag (cat), and Gaazhgenhs (little cat). Favourite season? I like them all. Winter is for hibernation, thinking of the bear. Long nights. I think of my own healing with different medicine in the winter, including a cedar sponge bath and an infusion of Labrador tea from time to time. Water on the windowsill during a full moon is healing. Spring is

Upon graduation in July, I hope to be able to offer arts therapy in my work in healing or language learning. We have so many natural resources to utilize in our healing and recovery.”

“What are my strengths? Creativity, counselling and being a good grandmother. I am my grandchildren's Niima and I want to be here for them. Something I would like to do? I would like to refine the craft work I have done over the years such as sweetgrass turtles, birch bark crafts, black ash basket making, sewing and making Anishinaabe dress regalia for our upcoming powwows. I love the cultural gatherings and powwows. It's in my blood.”

“We have had three suicides since January the first this year. I am hoping to utilize my arts therapy



Dorothy is honoured with a star blanket on her retirement.

for planting and for dancing at powwows with all the regalia and beadwork displayed. Summer is for harvesting, vegetables and sweetgrass. Fall is also for harvesting and preparing for winter.”

What do you enjoy doing now? “Presently I am studying an expressive arts therapy training program

once I am done my program. I can practice both traditional and mainstream therapies. I am open to facilitating healing programs such as the grief and loss, forgiveness journey and programs for multi-generational issues such as residential school trauma. My bond with the cedar trees continues to



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ing the program a contender for the Community Service Award. We entered it this year because of the substantial new entries, Island-wide. It is a response to the pandemic, I believe.”

In the Original Ad category, The Expositor’s very own Kendra Edwards placed first for her ‘Harvest to Share: Indigenous Food Access Initiative’ full-page ad.

“Very nice, A great idea. Very clean lay-



Warren Schlote’s second-place-winning entry for ‘Best News Photo’ from the Wet’suwet’en solidarity protest in McKerrow last winter.

out,” the judge, Tim Welsh, himself a graphic designer and vice-president and management director of Fuelcontent Canada, was succinct in his praise for Ms. Edwards.

In the Best News Photo category, reporter Warren Schlote took second place for his photo of a Wiikwemkoong elder staring down a car during a peaceful protest in solidarity of the Wet’suwet’en hereditary chiefs on Highway 17, just outside of Espanola, in March of last year.

“Very topical in that place and time,” judge Wendy Elliot of the Valley Journal Advertiser in Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia wrote. “Strong photos on the page and that last one says so much.”

“Once again, the depth and breadth of Expositor staffer skills and talents are on display at the provincial awards,” said Ms. McCutcheon. “I’m very proud of Kendra and Warren whose names are undoubtedly now familiar to their colleagues from their times on the podium.”

“I’m also so pleased that we have been acknowledged for Harvest Glory Days,



The Expositor’s annual Harvest Glory Days feature was a hit with the judges.

which has truly been a labour of love for my father, Rick McCutcheon, who set out with an idea in mind to transform Manitoulin into an autumnal wonderland and has succeeded wholeheartedly,” Ms. McCutcheon continued. “Our many thanks to the Island homes and businesses who make each year’s event even better than the year before.”



Kendra Edwards took first place in ‘Best Original Ad’ for her Harvest to Share advertisement.

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More than 105 volunteers harvest garbage from Island ditches

by Michael Erskine
 MANITOULIN—Across Manitoulin Island hardy groups of determined volunteers of all ages scoured the sides of the highways and byways clear of the detritus accumulated over the winter. Together those 105-plus volunteers hauled up more than 181 bags of refuse from the ditches, helping to keep our beloved Island roadways clean.

While volunteerism is often called its own reward, this year's volunteers could register for some great Manitoulin Streams prizes for being part of the Island-



Brian Ramakko is more than a sponsor. The Manitoulin Streams board member is more than willing to get his hands dirty for a good cause.



Tristan and Paige Cox take a break from their efforts to rest on a deck.

that, and probably the weirdest thing of all was a pair of pants that were found at Providence Bay beach.”

Ms. Deschenes speculated that the home renovations that took place during the pandemic might be behind the rise of construction materials showing up on the roadsides.

“People need to be

reminded to tie down their load when they are headed to the landfill,” said Ms. Deschenes, whose family took on cleaning the roadsides between Little Current and its landfill transfer station. “A lot of this looks like it just blew out of the back of trucks headed to the dump. It could be just a need for more education letting people to take a little

bit of extra care in tying things down.”

Of considerable concern to Ms. Deschenes is the sheer volume of plastics that are being found along Island roadsides—pop bottles, water bottles and a host of single-use plastics. “We have a lot of plastic showing up in our waterways,” she said. “It is so

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The team of Ava, Les, Bill Fields and Garret Gauthier did great work.



Catherine Joyce and family light up the day as they don their gloves.



Evan and Zachary McDermid hold a couple of the bags of garbage they gathered up.

wide Garbage Cleanup project.

Each of the winners will be contacted to find out what colour of Manitoulin Streams hat they would like and each will receive a \$20 Ramakko's Source for Adventure gift certificate.

The winners are Ruby Jane Seabrook, Roz Seabrook, Leslie Fields, Hailey Cole and Sheila Pantton.

“There were a lot of weird things found in the ditches,” said Manitoulin Streams project co-ordinator Seija Deschenes. “We found tires, both on and off rims, mufflers, buckets, lots of Styrofoam and other building materials, tons of



Amanda Jill and Elise Secord found a chance to explore some interesting spots.



Seija Deschenes and son Roen were out early Saturday morning cleaning up Highway 6.



Hailey Cole and Shayne Migwans-Nichols had a great outing with plenty of smiles.



The Deschenes family spent several days over two weeks gathering up a tremendous pile in their efforts. Nelson (dad), Roen and Davin pose with some of the “fruits” of their labours.

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But it isn't just wind-blown items that wind up in the water. “On Goat Island, in the water, there was a microwave oven,” she said. “I couldn't believe that!”

Another disturbing thing she noticed is the amount of discarded alcohol containers, both cans and bottles. “Some have been there for years, but others are more recent,” she said. “You feel a crunch underfoot in the grass and you find a can that has obviously been there for a long

time. I just hope those blew out of the back of someone's truck and not from drinking and driving. Maybe it's time for a few

more RIDE stops.”

But the good news story can be seen all along the sides of Island roads.



Hudson and Sawyer Aelick found plenty of stuff to fill their bags.



Luca and Brielle Franklin were not to be outdone as they posed beside a pond with their collection.

“This has been a wonderful success,” said Ms. Deschenes. “There were so many people who came out from all over the Island—a lot of them finding a quali-



The Young family collected an interesting variety of flotsam and jetsam.

ty activity to do with their children during the lockdown. We are thinking about doing this again next year.”



Ryan Carter checks out his very impressive haul in the back of a trailer.



Manitoulin Streams' Sue Meert and Maddie Wagar were no slouches when it came to bringing in the haul.



Jack, RubyJane, Ben and Roz Seabrook were among the hardy crews collecting material.



Meanwhile, out on Johnny Park Drive, families were out making a day of it.



The folks at Wiikwemkoong Tourism were on the case, pulling up some wheels.



Jade and Colton Wyman were busy filling the back of the family SUV with plenty of junk.



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Mary Hore takes a moment to reflect on her impressive haul of filled garbage bags.

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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.

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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.

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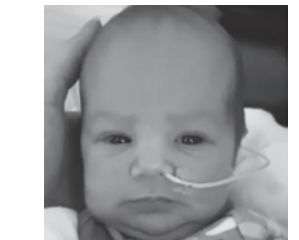
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Legion Events

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coming events

Lyons Memorial 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).

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.

Legion Events

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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 Anishinabe 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
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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;
- 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 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.

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
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Job Requirements

- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced environment
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- Proficient use of Microsoft office suite
- Qualifications with University preferred, minimum five to eight years' retail and/or grocery store management experience
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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.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME AND THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (All work-related references).

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Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

For job description, please contact Penny Roy-Corbieri at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or email pennyc@mchigeeng.ca.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Gwekwaadziwin – Seven Grandfathers Program

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan is looking to hire multiple positions within the Seven Grandfathers Program. Please contact mattm@gwek.ca for detailed job descriptions.

Position Description:

The Gwekwaadziwin Miikan program provides a person-centred model of mental health and addiction treatment for youth and young adults. It supports a community of healthy young people working towards wellness, education and economic prosperity for First Nations individuals and communities. Gwekwaadziwin Miikan meets program participants on the spectrum of care, from stabilization through treatment, live-in aftercare, outpatient aftercare and transition back into community. The Seven Grandfathers program is designed for young adults ages 19-30 and consists of three phases: Land-Based Treatment, Live-in Aftercare and Community Aftercare.

Position Descriptions:

Land-Based Treatment Counsellor - one permanent full-time position & three contract positions (March 31, 2022)

- 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 three-week 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.

Administrative Assistant - one permanent full-time position

- A full-time position responsible for providing administrative support for admissions, upper management and general program operations. The successful candidate will have the ability to multi-task and prioritize time-sensitive matters in a confidential setting.

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications

Closing Date: May 12, 2021 @ 4:30pm

To Apply: Please submit a letter of application and resume with three employment references, one from a current or recent employer/supervisor, and copy of relevant Diplomas/Degrees. Current (within last three months) Criminal Reference Check and Drivers Abstract required prior to offer of employment. Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted.

Complete applications may be emailed to mattm@gwek.ca.
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NOOJMWON TEG HEALTH CENTRE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Indian Day School (IDS) Coordinator
(Full-time Contract - Six Months)

Noojmwon Teg Health Centre is seeking the services of an Indian Day School Coordinator for six (6) months with the possibility of continuance through available funding. The IDS Coordinator will provide both cultural and health support guidance to former Indian Day School students and their families in the Indian Day School reconciliation process for their healing and wellness.

Noojmwon Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through the use of a holistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our unique team includes: Primary Care and Allied Health Services, Mental Health & Addictions Services, Health Promotion and Traditional Healing and Cultural Services. Services are offered on-site and community-based (through the Manitoulin Island District First Nations Health Centres). The IDS Coordinator will report to the Mental Health and Addictions Manager.

Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage and cedar, may occur within the work setting.

NTHC is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

Duties:

- Establish a supportive rapport with Indian Day School (IDS) former students and their families through cultural and emotional support through the delivery of traditional/cultural and relevant health programming including mental health and addictions;
- Provide coordinated services to individuals seeking support and advocacy in the preparation of Indian Day School claim forms; which may
 - Include connecting individuals to preventative services and support such as referral to mental health and addiction counselling, harm reduction services, and referral to other health care services as required;
- Provide and establish collaborative networks and partnerships for access to support services, workshops, presentations, healing and wellness for individual IDS former students and their families;
- Provide liaison with health support services for counselling (professional, grief, healing and wellness), both individual and support circle groups as required;
- Conduct community outreach to provide emotional support and resources;
- Maintain case and file management and data collection and e-charting.

Qualifications:

- Post-secondary education in Indigenous studies, social work, and/or combination of an equivalent and relevant education in social studies with a minimum of three years of demonstrated and related work experience within an Indigenous organization or community working with adults and their families in a healing and nurturing cultural environment;
- Ability to speak, translate and/or demonstrated willingness to learn the Anishinaabemowin language;
- Demonstrated understanding of substance abuse principles including harm reduction practices;
- Self-motivated individual with the ability to utilize available resources in a team-oriented shared healthcare environment;
- Good interpersonal, listening and communication (written and verbal) skills with the ability to engage people to build trust and rapport;
- Ability to problem solve and take initiative;
- Strong organizational skills and ability to work with deadlines;
- Must be able to maintain confidentiality;
- Proficiency in using Microsoft Office, including database applications;
- Willing to work flexible hours as required;
- Current CPR Level C and First Aid;
- Ability to travel including clear driver's abstract and a reliable vehicle;
- Clear vulnerable sector check is required.

Submission Pre-requisites:

- Cover letter, letter of application and resume;
- Three current work-relevant references with contact information;
- Current and valid vulnerable sector check (dated no later than three months).

Deadline: May 7, 2021

Send to: Human Resources
Noojmwon Teg Health Centre
Hwy. 540, 48 Hillside Road
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Postal Bag 2002
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

Email: info@noojmwon-teg.ca
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NOOJMWON TEG HEALTH CENTRE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – CULTURAL SUPPORT WORKER

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls

Full-time Contract ending March 31, 2022

(Position may be extended pending further funding approval)

Noojmwon Teg Health Centre is seeking the full time services of a Cultural Support Worker for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls position. The Cultural Support Worker will provide both cultural and health support to families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls for their healing and wellness. The Worker will also be responsible for working with other area programs and to provide awareness and prevention messages.

Noojmwon Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through the use of a holistic approach integrating both traditional and western healing methods. Our unique team includes: Traditional Healing (Indian Residential School Cultural & Resolution Support, Traditional Healers, Cultural Support - Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, Primary Health (Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Diabetes Wellness Team, Dietitian), Mental Health (Psychologists, Mental Health & Addictions Counsellors), Health & Wellness (Healthy Living Children & Youth programs, FASD, Child Nutrition, Local Food Manitoulin. Services are offered on-site and community-based through the Manitoulin Island District Seven First Nations Health Centres and Espanola area). The Cultural Support Worker will report to the Mental Health & Addictions Manager.

Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage and cedar, may occur within the work setting.

NTHC is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

Duties:

- Cultural and emotional support through the delivery of traditional/cultural and relevant health programming including mental health and addiction services;
- Assist with the coordination and planning of conferences and gatherings;
- Conduct community outreach to inform community members about available support services and provide resources as needed
 - This may include connecting individuals to preventative services and support such as referral to mental health and addiction counselling, harm reduction services, referral to other health care services as required;
- Ensure that survivors, family members and those affected by the issue of Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls have access to an appropriate level of mental wellness support services, including human service sectors (health social services, justice, education, employment, etc.);
- Establish a supportive rapport with families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls through a network environment of collaborative services with both their home communities, external providers and Noojmwon Teg programs and services;
- Act as a liaison with health support services for counselling (professional, grief, healing and wellness), both individual and group as required;
- Maintain case and e-charting files, as well as workshop and other data collection.

Qualifications:

- A relevant post-secondary designation in human, Anishinaabemowin or social services, with a focus on Anishinabek people preferred;
- Minimum three (3) years of demonstrated and related work experience within an Indigenous organization or community working with adults and their families in a healing and nurturing cultural environment;
- Experience facilitating cultural relevant workshops, presentations and activities;
- Grief counselling background, an asset;
- Demonstrated understanding of substance abuse principles including harm reduction practices;
- Demonstrated ability to work with Anishinabek people of all ages;
- Demonstrated interpersonal, listening and communication (written and verbal) skills with the ability to engage people to build trust and rapport;
- Experience in successful report completion to funders and administration;
- Ability to work within a technology based environment – computer, Microsoft office software, electronic medical records (EMR) etc.;
- An ability to work flexible hours to be accessible to clients and community members;
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills;
- Excellent organizational and time management skills, and ability to be self-directed;
- Understanding and sensitivity to the Anishinabek community's cultural diversity;
- Ability to speak Anishinaabemowin, an asset;
- Current CPR Level C and First Aid;
- Ability to travel including clear driver's abstract and a reliable vehicle;
- Clear vulnerable sector check is required.

Submission Pre-requisites:

Please submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work-related letters of reference, copy of registration, a current vulnerable sector check, a copy of valid driver's licence and driver's abstract. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential." Submissions will be accepted by mail, facsimile or email.

Deadline: May 7, 2021

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WIKWEMKOONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: Mino-Bimaadiziwin Program Manager (Full-time indeterminate)
LOCATION: Wiikwemkoong Board of Education
START DATE: Immediate

SUMMARY:

Under the direct supervision of the Systems Principal and general direction of the Education Director, the Mino-Bimaadiziwin Program Manager will supervise support to develop, plan and implement opportunities for "at risk" youth to develop communication skills, social skills, problem solving and resiliency skills.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Will oversee coordination of Mino-Bimaadiziwin Project.
- Adhere to policies of Wikwemikong Board of Education and Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory.
- Develop forms/templates for terms of agreement, work plans, case files, etc.
- Implement and maintain professional standards of practice within the program.
- Liaise with internal and external agencies, supports, families and stakeholders.
- Develop and provide ongoing case management support that is tailored to the unique needs of each student.
- Monitor participant progress. And follow up on assigned success plans and develop and reevaluate, as necessary.
- Provide weekly benchmarks, weekly, monthly and annual reports.
- Coordinate and participate in staff and team meetings, training and professional development.
- Other duties as assigned by Systems Principal and/or Education Director.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Degree in Social Work or Social Services related field is required.
- Must be a current member of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers.
- Five (5) years' direct experience working with children and families involved in child, youth and family mental health service.
- Three (3) years' direct management and administration experience in a child, youth and family mental health or social service agency.
- Fluency in Anishinaabemowin or willingness to engage in ongoing Anishinaabemowin learning.
- Applicants **must provide** a cover letter, resume and three current letters of reference.
- Upon conditional letter of offer, a current (original) criminal/vulnerable reference check (within the last 90 days) and a negative COVID-19 / TB Test.

CLOSING DEADLINE: Thursday, May 6th, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

DIRECT APPLICATIONS TO:

"Mino-Bimaadiziwin Project Manager"
 Sonya Morningstar, Human Resource Manager
 34 Henry Street, Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0
 Or Email: smorningstar@wbe-education.ca
 Preference will be given to Indigenous applicants. Self-Identification is encouraged.
 *Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. *



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Systems Manager

The Systems Manager (SM) is the main on-site liaison for all operations for the Containerized Growing System IV (CGS-IV). They will be responsible for directing, managing, supervising and coordinating the activities surrounding the hydroponics system and the employees. The SM will work to achieve the metrics and objectives set for the climate system, while ensuring the day-to-day operations of the system.

Training will be provided.

Responsibilities:

- Maintain overall health of system, including the seeding and planting, nutrient mixing, and dosing, monitoring water levels and cleanliness
- Monitoring and calibrating the Link4 cloud operating system
- Conducting any maintenance of the system, if needed
- Aid in harvesting and packaging of produce, as well as delivery to customers
- Manage all day-to-day finances
- Maintain relationships with key stakeholders
- Provide daily updates on the system, as well as monthly progress reports
- Coordinate all activities and events with respect to the system

Job Requirement

Knowledge:

- Experience in botany, operations, technology, and/or business management is an asset
- Understanding of technology and/or agriculture industry is an asset
- Basic understanding of electrical engineering is an asset

Management Skills:

- Ability to work independently without supervision and confidence in making educated decisions
- Excellent reading and writing skills – English a necessity
- Core skills such as being self-motivated, detail-oriented and organized
- Strong problem-solving abilities, including thinking innovatively and being proactive in implementing solutions
- Ability to build and manage relationships and be a good representative of the company
- Good leadership skills and customer service skills
- Ability to achieve goals and advance plan of action
- Identify new opportunities to increase the value of the company

The SM will be able to gain experience in business, operations, finance and technology, and will take part in extensive training in the unique hydroponics technology field.

If you are interested in applying for the job, please email us with your resume and cover letter to Jessica Sampson at Jessica@sheshegwaning.org or mail to:

1079A Sheshegwaning Road
 Sheshegwaning, ON POP 1X0
 By May 7th, 2021



Manitoulin Family Resources

Housing Support Worker – Temporary Contract, 1 Year

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

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*



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Indigenous Emergency Deployment Evacuation Security Guard

We are looking for trained Indigenous security guards, licenced security guards and those interested in training to become security guards to join our fast-growing team.

You would be part of an Indigenous led team that is deployed to host communities such as Timmins or Kapuskasing from April to October to help communities who have had to evacuate their homes due to flood, wildfire or another emergency, with competitive wages.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Cultural awareness
- Protect property and people by maintaining a safe and secure environment
- Observe for signs of crime or disorder and investigate disturbances
- Act lawfully in direct defense of life or property
- Apprehend criminals and evict violators
- Take accurate notes of unusual occurrences
- Report in detail any suspicious incidents
- Patrol randomly or regularly building and perimeter
- Monitor and control access at building entrances and vehicle gates
- Perform first aid or CPR

Qualifications:

- Ontario Security Guard Training from a recognized company
- Ontario Security Guard Licence
- Mental Health First Aid an asset
- Ability to operate detecting systems and emergency equipment
- Excellent knowledge of public safety and security procedures/protocols
- Surveillance skills and detail orientation
- Integrity and professionalism
- High school degree
- Willingness to participate in additional training

If you are interested in applying for the job or more information, please email us with your resume and cover letter to Jessica Sampson at Jessica@sheshegwaning.org or mail to

1079A Sheshegwaning Road
 Sheshegwaning, ON POP 1X0
 By May 7th, 2021

If you are not trained and are interested in joining our team, please apply, we have training opportunities available.

With the warm weather the wild leeks (ramps) are growing and you can see these big patches of green throughout the forest. The bulbs need to get a bit bigger but they are still useable—just a little extra work in cleaning them. I tried a totally different recipe in using the wild leeks and it turned out awesome.

Ramp Havarti Focaccia

Creating focaccia is easy. Just a little bit more “playing” with olive oil and your fingers, almost like finger painting! I added three times the amount of leeks and substituted three cups spelt with all purpose.

- 5 cups all purpose flour
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil plus extra
- 3 Tbsp sugar
- 1 cup grated Havarti cheese or gouda, edam or Monterey jack
- 1 pkg instant yeast
- 3 Tbsp wild leeks, roughly chopped (bulbs and leaves)
- 3/4 tsp sea salt
- 2 1/2 cups room temperature water
- 3 tsp flaky or coarse sea salt
- Jelly roll pan

If you don't have a stand mixer a wooden spoon and elbow grease will also work!

Combine the flour, olive oil, sugar, Havarti cheese, yeast, wild leeks and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a dough hook. Blend on low speed until the dough starts to come together. Once the dough has come together continue to knead 5-6 minutes on medium speed until smooth. Sprinkle the dough with more flour if sticky.

Coat a large bowl lightly with olive oil and transfer dough to the bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and allow to rise in a warm area until double in size. About an hour.



Coat a jelly roll pan with 1 Tbsp olive oil. Punch down the risen dough in the bowl then transfer to prepared baking pan.

With olive oil fingertips, stretch the dough out to the edges of the pan. Make sure you have the same dough thickness throughout the whole pan.

Allow the dough to rise again uncovered in the pan 30-40 minutes.

While the dough is rising

Preheat oven to 400°F. Once the dough has risen, press your olive oil fingertips all over the dough, creating indentions. Sprinkle with sea salt. Place in oven and bake until golden brown; about 20-25 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool slightly before cutting.

Feta Dip

This dip is easy to make and goes well with the focaccia bread.

- 1 pound feta cheese
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup olive oil



Wild leeks can put an artisan spin on fresh focaccia made in your own kitchen.

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- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 3 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp paprika
- 1 garlic clove

black pepper to taste
hot sauce to taste
splash of maple syrup

Put everything in the food processor starting with only 1/4 cup olive oil. Process and if it is too thick slowly add a little more olive oil until the right consistency. Adjust pepper and hot sauce to your liking. More or less.



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 P0P 1T0.



**BJ's & Addison's
OK Tire and Auto Service - Husqvarna - Yamaha**

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Please submit your resume to : BJ's & Addison's
C/O Lisa Corbiere-Addison
P.O. Box 341, 6243 Hwy 540
M'Chigeeng, Ontario
705-377-7000 Fax 705-377-4096
bjmaildisons@amtelecom.net



Employment Opportunity

Experienced Carpenter, Full-Time

Good Compensation Package

Monday to Friday
Haley Construction Limited
Whitefish Falls

If interested, contact
dewey@haleyconstruction.ca
or call 705-862-2918



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 P0P 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.



**Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper
has openings for
Qualified Freelance Reporters**

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.



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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.



Are You Interested in Our Community Library?

The Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library Board has a Vacancy.

Qualified individuals (Canadian citizens who are at least 18 years old and reside in the municipality and not employed by the Library or by the municipality) should make written application to the Clerk, Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. A summary of prior experience, unique abilities and interests in furthering the library's service to a small community would assist the Town in assessing applications received. Young, eligible adults are especially encouraged to apply.



Sheppard Custom Building Limited
705.968.0217

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

The Cutoff for Boxed Display Ads is Friday

Manager Information Services

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 Manager Information Services.

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

Interested candidates should apply by **noon Thursday May 13, 2021** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Doreen Dewar
Board Chair

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



Compass is a non-profit agency. Our purpose is to create paths for our young people to reach their full potential.

Child and Youth Worker Little Current

Permanent full-time
 \$28.63 to \$33.75/hour
 Extended health, dental and vision benefits
 HOOPP pension
 Posting #1655

DUTIES

- Provide child and youth services in schools, homes and the community
- Work with case managers to establish behavioural programs with parents, teachers or other service providers
- Observe and study children's behaviour
- Implement and evaluate programs and report to the Clinical Manager and child and family team
- 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.

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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

Central Manitoulin compromises on porta-potty distribution

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOU LIN—A community member's request that the municipality place its mobile washroom facilities at community recreation sites earlier this year (on

May 1 instead of the Friday before May 24) proved the catalyst for a lively debate at Central Manitoulin's April 22 municipal council meeting. The original recommendation from the safety, secu-

rity and health committee was, "That we recommend to council to have porta potties set up in the municipality for May 1, 2021 and further, that council write a letter to Ministry of Transportation (MTO) requesting their rest area bathrooms are open for May 1, 2021." The committee recommendation was moved at council by Councillor Derek Stephens and Councillor Angela Johnston.

Asked for staff input on the recommendation by Mayor Richard Stephens, CAO/clerk Ruth Frawley responded that the proposition could certainly be met, but would involve addition-

al costs for the municipality in the ballpark of \$1,100 due to staff time and materials to clean the facilities.

Councillor Rose Diebolt said that while she did agree with putting some of the facilities out, she did not agree with putting all of them out. "These have to be cleaned two times a day, seven days a week," she said.

Councillor Dale Scott said that he agreed with Councillor Diebolt and that placing those facilities out might be sending the wrong message to tourists during a provincial stay at home order.

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Law & Order

Parked vehicle resulted in two people charged

On April 21 at 1:50 pm, members from the Nipissing West (Sudbury) detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police and Atikameksheng Police Service responded to a vehicle complaint on Felix Crescent in Atikameksheng First Nation.

Police attended the scene and located the parked vehicle with two people sleeping inside.

As a result of the investigation, a 35-year-old male of Wiikwemkoong was charged with: possession of property obtained by crime Over \$5,000; failure to comply with undertaking; carrying a concealed weapon; and possession of a Schedule I substance - opioid (other than heroin).

The accused was held for bail court and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on April 22 in Sudbury.

A 40-year-old male of Sudbury was also charged with: possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000; failure to comply with undertaking; and carrying a concealed weapon.

The accused was held for bail court and was scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on April 22 in Sudbury.

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NOTICE

If Alain Martin doesn't come and pay storage owing in Hanmer, On. within 30 days items will be moved and sold for storage owing.
705-677-9925

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



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



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.

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 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.

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

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

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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

Death Notices

STELLA REEB (nee Homeniuk)

Stella Reeb (nee Homeniuk), 95 years, passed away on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at Franklin Gardens, Leamington. Beloved wife of the late Dale Reeb (2002). Beloved mother of Gwen Groves (Robin), Tobermory; Edward (Connie), Essex; Stephen (Susan), Leask Bay of Manitoulin Island; and Becky Middlebrook (Paul), Owen Sound. She will be sadly missed by grandchildren Brett Groves, Holly Lopenon (Lee), Marty (Andrea), Mark (Karleen), Lyndsay Setterington (Stuart), Jennifer Reeb (Doug), Stephanie Reeb (Billy), Jessica Zeleny (Brian) and Julie Zeleny (Neema). Beloved grandmother of 13 great-grandchildren including Macie and Sky Setterington of Leask Bay, Dylan, Bri and Christian of Harrow and Monica and Brooklyn Reeb of Ruthven, predeceased by two great-grandchildren. A private family funeral service to celebrate Stella's life was held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Reid Funeral Home, 87 Maidstone Ave. E., Essex, followed by interment in Woodslee United Church Cemetery. Livestream of the funeral service is available at ReidFuneralHome.ca. If desired, the family would appreciate living plants for floral tributes, as per Stella's wishes. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Essex Food Bank or Woodslee United Church. Friends may share memories and make donations at ReidFuneralHome.ca.

WILDA JESSIE WHITE April 24, 1935 - April 23, 2021



In loving memory of Wilda Jessie White, a resident of Spring Bay, who died peacefully at her home with her family by her side on Friday, April 23, 2021 at the age of 85. Born to the late George and Alice Williams in Evansville on April 24, 1935. Beloved wife of Hazen White (predeceased). Loving mother of Bruce Edgar of Meldrum Bay, Douglas Allen (predeceased), Wilma Eileen (predeceased) and Linda Darlene (Brad Leibel) of Alberta. Proud grandma of Mathew (Natalie-Rose), Joshua (Crystal), Marcus (Randi-Lynn), Jordan (Leslie), Curtis, Leanne, Kimberly, Neil, Sarah and Desiree. Great-grandmother of Dominique, Tristan, Braydon, Hazen Waabunung, Jenny (Micah), Braden, Madison, Christiaan, Cainyn, Paige, Toni-Lynn, Tyler and Trinity. Wilda will be deeply missed by her precious furry friend Lily, who was by her side when she passed and will be reunited with her pal Rusty (predeceased). Sister of Bob Williams (predeceased) and Eileen Williams (predeceased). She will be missed by her closest friends Timothy Brook and Randy Orford who were there to take care of her. Graveside service will take place in the Silver Lake Cemetery on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 2 pm with Janice Frame officiating. Due to COVID-19 the graveside service is reserved for invited guests only. Donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Kidney Dialysis Unit. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

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Mayor Richard Stephens noted that off-Island visitors are already showing up in Central Manitoulin.

Councillor Derek Stephens objected to the characterization of the facilities as being strictly aimed at tourists. "No," he said. "We are doing this for our own residents." He

pointed out that community recreational spaces are vital to the health and well-being of Central Manitoulin residents, especially during the pandemic. "They are not at stay-at-home orders," he said. "They can still go out. I can see us not wanting to open up our buildings, but there is no reason to not put out

the porta potties early for the extra bit of money it will cost us. To say this is only for the tourists is wrong, we are doing this for our people."

Councillor Diebolt reiterated the question of whether all of the porta potties needed to be put out, suggesting that the municipality could put out "just a

couple."

As discussion began to focus on where the facilities might be placed, Mayor Stephens suggested that the motion "is getting ahead of ourselves" as staff had not been consulted on where the best location would be to place the facilities.

Councillor Stephens suggested the municipality

should place the facilities where they normally would be installed, but that perhaps boat launches could be left out.

CAO/clerk Frawley listed the various locations the porta potties were normally placed for the summer season.

Councillor Steve Shaffer said he had been "going back and forth" on the issue, noting the provincial stay-in-place order; "but as much as we want to deny it, the tourists are here."

A suggestion from Councillor Scott that the public works superintendent be consulted on the issue received pushback from Councillor Stephens who noted the delay to consult would make the early installation moot. Councillor Diebolt said she agreed with Councillor Scott.

Councillor Johnston said she was not averse to placing a reduced number of porta potties out early.

Councillor Scott said that even though the request was to only put the porta potties out a few weeks early, "it will still be an expense." He suggested

that perhaps five or six would be sufficient.

Councillor Stephens stuck to his assertion that the facilities should be installed at parks and playgrounds, but was willing to omit boat launches.

In the end the motion: "that council approves having the porta potties set up in the municipality at the parks and playgrounds (not the boat launches) for May 1, 2021, and further that council write a letter to MTO requesting that their rest area bathrooms be open for May 1, 2021" was carried without dissent.

The April teleconference was held on the 22nd. It is encouraged that members continue, with enthusiasm, to keep the auxiliary functioning through these difficult times. President Dawn Orr welcomed all members. Carole Labelle introduced a new member, Dora Hews.

Lin Diebel introduced our guest, Tom Ondrejicka. At a previous meeting Tom offered his services as a consultant to explore avenues for successful fundraising. He further outlined his role and capabilities in providing direction for the auxiliary to succeed in fundraising in the future. He suggested a committee be formed to work with him.



Auxiliary News

Dawn Orr mentioned that a letter was sent on behalf of the auxiliary to Paula Fields and Tim Vine to offer our support to them in their new roles as CO-CEOs.

Donations continue to come in for the telethon. A reminder for those who e-transfer money that if you want a receipt, there is a space for you to write in your address. Unfortunately, the treasurer was not able to send some out because no address was included.

The annual meeting was

led by nominating committee chair Carole Labelle. Elections were held for the executive. Nominees were duly nominated and voting was held for each candidate. Only dissenters were heard. There were none for the positions. Election results were for president, Dawn Orr; vice-president, Carole Labelle; treasurer, Marilee Hore; and secretary, Debbie Heise. Congratulations to the hard-working executive. Sue Lafreniere continues as board liaison. Representatives for other activities are

as follows: publicity, Carole Labelle; in-memoriam, Barbara Lawrence; goodwill, Dawn Orr; membership, Lin Diebel; Facebook, Carole Labelle; coin boxes, Dave Sylvester. Crystal Bossio-Vine, Dawn Orr and Laila Kiviaho will continue with supplies for tuck cart/showcase.

The formation of an ad-hoc committee for fundraising was discussed and interested members were encouraged to contact Dawn Orr. So far, seven members are on the committee.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 20.

Take care! Stay safe! Be respectful of others!

thank you

The family of Jim Lanktree would like to extend their gratitude to everyone who has shown such kindness since Jim's passing. The gestures of food, donations, cards, messages and phone calls were all greatly appreciated and most comforting at such a difficult time. We thank you all for your thoughtfulness.

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Death Notices

JESSICA DONN DALLIDAY AND ANGELINE MARIE DALLIDAY



It is with profound sadness that we share the news that on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, Jess passed away at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC), alongside her beautiful daughter Angeline who passed away on Thursday, April 1, 2021 as a result of a tragic and rare complication. Angeline will be lovingly remembered. The anticipation

of her arrival brought so much joy and excitement to Jess and our families. Jess is loved and missed beyond words by her husband Mike and their daughter Rachel. Lovingly remembered by her parents Irene and Doug Patterson, sister Jennifer Guerin (Jeff), brother Geoffrey Patterson and nephews Emmett and Henry of Ennismore and Peterborough. Also remembered by her parents-in-law Patricia and Peter Dalliday, brothers-in-law David Dalliday (Terri Lynn), Trevor Dalliday (Marina Wilke), and nieces and nephews Thomas, Taylor, Weston, Russell, Erik and Inaya, all of Ennismore. Also missed by grandparents Cecile Gervais, Leo and Marie Hogan and Jean Dalliday and best friend Sarah Forster (Mitchell). From an early age, Jess, lovingly nicknamed "chickadee", was a sweet, compassionate little girl with a zest for life and an ability to make those around her laugh and feel loved. She always danced like no one was watching (sometimes to Roy Orbison songs wearing bumblebee jammies), and loved those around her with her whole heart and was never afraid to show it, both of these qualities thankfully remained with her into adulthood. Jess grew up surrounded by family in the tiny town of Hornepayne, Ontario where family gatherings with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins were frequent and treasured. Jess, Jen and Geoffrey enjoyed long summer vacations with their parents on Manitoulin Island at the hunt camp near Tobacco Lake where the days were passed playing in the forest, swimming and exploring with cousins, grandparents, aunts and uncles. These relationships have lasted a lifetime for Jess, and our families continue to spend our summers on Manitoulin Island with our own children. By the age of 10, Jess had met her best friend Sarah Forster, and their bond will never be broken. It is with Sarah by her side that Jess became the woman we knew and loved. As a student and health professional she was driven and goal oriented. She was always eager to learn new skills, expand her reach and strive to be the best version of herself. Jess had an infectious passion to make the world better. It started with a blog (The Healthy Sweet Potato) that allowed her to share her own struggles and support others. At its core was a message of acceptance and vulnerability. She demonstrated that there was a great deal of strength in vulnerability, giving others the confidence to share and ask for help, while offering it unconditionally. That gave her the inspi-

ration to start Pilates on Demand, where she redefined what healthy looks like. Her vision was different than most of the fitness industry. She strongly believed in body acceptance and her number one goal with Pilates on Demand was to help people feel stronger and more confident in the body they have right now. Her goal was to create an environment where we don't feel the need to change in order to fit in. She preached that "Your body, your abilities, the colour of your skin and your gender/sexual identity should not be a barrier to achieving your goals and going after your dreams." Her values and vision will live on through the community she built and the principles of acceptance and self-love she so passionately promoted. Jess had many passions and countless talents, but it was always Mike, Rachel, their families and close friends who brought Jess the most fulfillment and joy. She was a natural mother. Rachel was her whole world and she, Rachel's. It is said there is no bond like the one between mother and daughter and it couldn't be more true for Jess and Rachel. The way she held her tight, smuggled her in the covers, read her stories, nurtured her creativity and provided an environment of love, safety and security will never be forgotten. While Jess accomplished so much academically and professionally, more than anything she wanted to make memories and build relationships. She loved to travel and share time with the ones she loved. She never took anything for granted, and encouraged others to see the beauty in each day. She was an incredible wife, mother, daughter, sister, granddaughter, instructor, mentor and friend, and she will be missed beyond measure. She impacted so many during her short life, and she will live on in those she leaves behind. Her legacy is an enviable combination of love, compassion, self-acceptance and inclusivity. Our families are sincerely thankful for the first responders, the Kawartha Community Midwives and the team at PRHC whose expertise, professionalism and compassion exceeded our expectations. At this time, cremation has taken place and a celebration of Jess and Angeline's lives will be held at a later date when it is safe to do so. As expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the climate change group For Our Grandchildren at ForOurGrandchildren.ca or the Peterborough Butterfly Run to support those who have experienced a loss during pregnancy, the loss of a child or are unable to conceive at canadahelps.org/en/charities/health-services-foundation/jessica-dalliday-memorial-fund-in-support-of-the-peterborough-butterfly-run, and may be made by contacting the Hendren Funeral Homes, Lakefield Chapel, 66 Queen Street, Lakefield at HendrenFuneralhome.com or by calling 705-652-3355.

MARION LOUISE EMERY (Mary Lou)



It is with immense heartache we announce the peaceful passing of Marion Louise (Mary Lou), on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 in her 78th year. Mary Lou was born in Toronto and spent her formative years growing up there. It was in Toronto that Mary Lou met the love of her life, Morris. They would have celebrated their 62nd wedding

anniversary in September. Mary Lou's greatest pride was her children and grandchildren. Mary Lou enjoyed reading, puzzles, cheering for her Toronto Blue Jays baseball team and spending time with her chocolate labs (Maggie and Molly). In recent years, she enjoyed outings with her Red Hat friends. Most of all Mary Lou enjoyed spending time with family, friends and relatives at the cottage on Ice Lake. She will be very deeply missed by Morris, her devoted husband of 61 years. She will be greatly missed by her daughter Deborah and son Douglas (Connie). Sadly missed by her cherished granddaughters Julianne and Madeleine, brothers-in-law Fred (Evealina) and Jim (Gail), sister-in-law Catherine (Ron) Lucibello, niece Brenda (Debra), nephew Michael (Rose) and special cousin Wanda (Dennis). Predeceased by her parents Walter and Marion Gray and daughter Carol. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Frances Kilbertus and nurse Kate at Mindemoya Hospital Emergency Department for their care and compassion. To all the dedicated, professional and compassionate staff at Manitoulin Lodge, we appreciate the exceptional care you provided Mary Lou during the past months including the extra efforts to arrange Zoom calls when visitation was not possible. At Mary Lou's request, cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held at a later date, adhering to COVID guidelines. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneralhome.ca.

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

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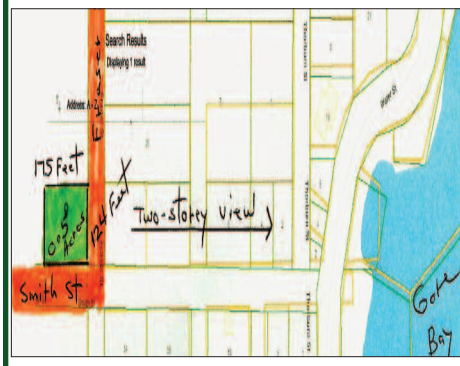
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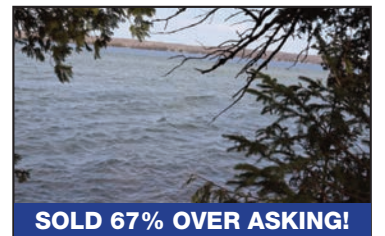
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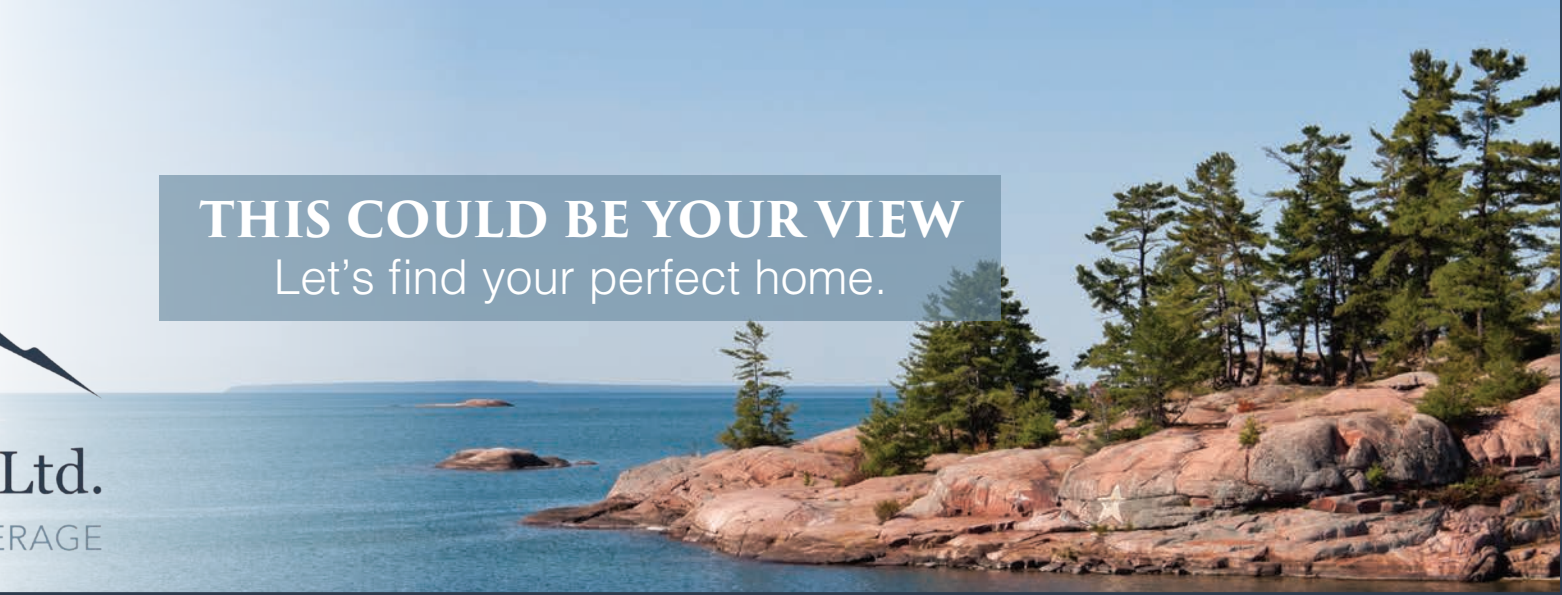
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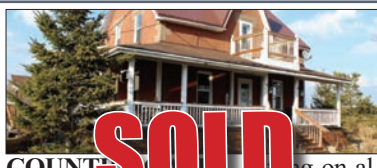


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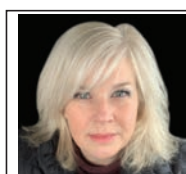


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AVERAGE DAYS TO SELL (APRIL 2021): 34 DAYS

CLOSE PRICE TO LIST PRICE RATIO (APRIL 2021): 100%

LIST PRICE BY SQUARE FOOT RATIO (APRIL 2021): \$357/SQ. FT.

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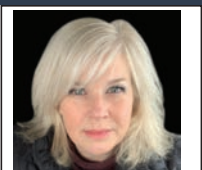
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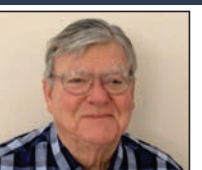
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