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TRAFFIC STOP—On Saturday, M'Chigeeng First Nation volunteers Matt Corbiere and Niibin Pahpeguish get ready to take the first shift of the Highway 551 and Rockville Road checkpoint just before the non-essential travel order was enacted. In inset photo, Ministry of Transportation signs such as the one found in Mindemoya warn drivers of the travel restrictions ahead.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon

M'Chigeeng is limiting vehicles en route along Highways 540 and 551 through the community to 'essential travel' only

Fear of COVID-19 contagion

M'CHIGEENG—The chief and council of M'Chigeeng First Nation met on April 23 and reviewed the recommendations of the community's Non-Essential Travel Ban Taskforce and determined "that the risk of COVID-19 to the community is far too great based on the amount of traffic through the community."

"As a result of the Highway 540 checkpoint that was established, data was collected that has shown us that there is a large amount of non-essential traffic coming through and stopping in our community," a press release from M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige states. "There is also a large amount of our own members who are going to places

where they may be exposed to this virus, including Sudbury and Toronto. This increases our community's risk of exposure to COVID-19. There is no cure for this virus and our health care system will not do well under the strain of COVID-19."

Effective Saturday, April 25 at 12 noon, M'Chigeeng First Nation moved into a Non-Essential Travel Ban. This means that travel was restricted to and from the community. Council has approved essential travel and non-essential travel lists as printed further in this story.

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To date, Billings Twp. only municipality on Manitoulin declaring emergency status

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Last Wednesday, Billings Mayor Ian Anderson declared a state of emergency at a council meeting, making the township the only Island municipality to do so thus far; the Municipality of Central Manitoulin and the Northeast Town have conversely declined to declare such a

state of emergency.

A mayor or reeve has the authority to declare a state of emergency within their municipality, but those elected officials generally do so in consultation with their councils.

Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens brought forward a Manitoulin Municipal

Association request from several First Nation chiefs to declare that a state of emergency exists across Manitoulin, in order to create a united front when calling on the province to allow for a checkpoint at the swing bridge in Little Current.

Although there was some support voiced by council members at the April 23 meeting of council held through the meeting application Zoom, in the end the mayor decided that there was not sufficient reason to make the formal declaration of a state of emergency.

"We discussed an Island-wide emergency that didn't get full support," noted Mayor Stephens. He said a question had been forward-

partner Jonathon Araujo is a Wiikwemkoong citizen and he is joined by Jacob Taylor of Curve Lake First Nation.

"Sheshegwaning is a fairly

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Sheshegwaning drone delivery project may herald new business

by Warren Schlote

SHESHEGWANING—A possible partnership between Sheshegwaning and Pontiac Group could one day revolutionize the way Islanders receive goods and needed supplies by turning the Western Manitoulin First Nation into a logistics and distribution hub for Island-bound drone deliveries.

"This spawned out of the idea that we need to look after our people here in Sheshegwaning, in terms of being able to get the essentials they need and build food security. We figure with the capacity this affords us, we'll be able to open a transportation path for the last-mile delivery of goods to possibly the entire Island," said Sheshegwaning Ogimaa Dean Roy.

Ogimaa Roy contacted Pontiac Group, a partnership between two young Anishinaabe entrepreneurs that builds connections between Indigenous and non-Indigenous companies. Managing

First Nation leader from Lake Nipigon warns about insidious nature of COVID-19

by Warren Schlote

GULL BAY—The chief of a Northwestern Ontario First Nation that is experiencing a six-patient outbreak of COVID-19 is urging all people, especially those within

First Nation communities, to take the threat seriously and to use his community's example as a cautionary tale.

"You have to be vigilant and social distancing is so critical. Chiefs and councils really have to ensure members are following this. When we were hit by this coronavirus, there were still some people not taking it seriously. The majority are, but there's still a few not heeding the warnings" Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay First Nation) Chief Wilfred King told The Expositor.

Last Wednesday, April 22, Aboriginal Peoples' Television Network (APTN) reporter Willow Fidler published a report about an increased total of six cases of COVID-19 in the small First Nation located on the western shores of Lake Nipigon.

Within the story, Chief King urged for the availability of more

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Crystal Gazing

Artist and family wait out COVID-19 pandemic at Wiiky as new album debuts

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—Normally singer/songwriter Crystal Shawanda would be hard at work in her Nashville home promoting her latest CD Church House Blues, officially launched on April 17, but the Wiikwemkoong country songbird turned blues powerhouse is nestled in her home community—and still working just as hard.

"I am pretty excited about it," said Ms. Shawanda in Friday interview. "I signed with True North Records and it is nice to be working with a team again."

Ms. Shawanda has her own record label, New Sun Records, but working with the True North Records label has given her access to an experienced team of

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Barney's gets thousands of dollars, potatoes for free food programs

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—Homeland Mission and Cornerstone Christian Assembly, the non-profits affiliated with Barney's Bargain Barn in Little Current, have received additional support during the COVID-19 pandemic from food rescue operation Second Harvest and McCain Foods in the form of funding support and weekly truckloads of free potatoes, respectively.

The first grant was \$20,000 from Second Harvest and FoodRescue.ca for Homeland Mission, the charity through which the free food at Barney's Bargain Barn's free centre flows. That cash is designed to help cover the costs of sending trucks to pick up loads of food, trips that are otherwise funded through sales from the cash side of the Bargain Barn. It will also allow Barney's to purchase outdoor carts.

"This is going to help me a lot because we'd have to pay for all of this through the business," said Barney's Bargain Barn owner Rodney (Barney) Deforge. He estimated the costs would be enough to cover the shipping costs of about 20 loads.

The funding from Second Harvest is part of a federal grant program worth \$4.5 million that was announced recently by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Second Harvest was chosen as an intermediary in the chain, giving out grants from that pool to deserving organizations at a maximum of \$20,000 each.

Second Harvest is a Canada-wide non-profit that gathers unused food from places like restaurants and grocery stores and redistributes it to people who may be in need of a meal. The pandemic has caused a massive spike in their volume due to the amount of people out of work and the number of food service operations that could no longer sell their food.

A solid year for Second Harvest would involve moving about 16 million pounds of food. In the past six weeks since the declaration of the pandemic alone, Second Harvest has moved three million pounds of food.

To help offset the resources needed to process all of those donations centrally, Second Harvest has been speeding up the rollout of its FoodRescue.ca website which allows food sellers and those in need to register. Businesses with extra food post it on the portal and those in the local area are notified that they can claim and pick it up on their own.

Barney's Bargain Barn has been affiliated with Second Harvest for several years and fulfils some similar duties. Mr. Deforge redistributes food to two food banks per week, generally in First Nations.



A Second Harvest trailer stands outside the Barney's Bargain Barn Little Current location. The Homeland Mission charity operated by Rodney Deforge has received a \$20,000 grant from Second Harvest and FoodRescue.ca.

photo by Warren Schlote

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Manitoulin Country Fest co-founder is nominated for Industry Person of the Year

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Manitoulin Country Fest has grown by leaps and bounds over the past decade, facing down many challenges while leaping supposedly insurmountable obstacles with deceptive ease thanks in large part to the seemingly boundless energy of its founders—particularly Kelly Timmermans, better known by her nickname KT. In recognition of her efforts in promoting country music across the province, Ms. Timmermans has been nominated for the Country Music Association of Ontario (CMAO)'s Industry Person of the Year.

"I feel super humbled," smiled Ms. Timmermans when The Expositor caught up with her, caulking gun in hand, at the construction site for the new Country 103 offices located at the Manitoulin Country Fest Grounds on Harbour View Road in Little Current. "I know it sounds so much like a cliché, but it is very true."



KT Timmermans takes a moment out from working on the radio station's new offices to chat about her nomination as the Country Music Association of Ontario's Industry Person of the Year.

photo by Michael Erskine

Ms. Timmermans is no stranger to award ceremonies; she has been nominated for CMAO awards on numerous occasions, and the radio station she also founded with her husband Craig, CHAW 103, is once again up for Radio Station of the Year (small market).

Although she is honoured to be nominated for the Industry Person of the Year, Ms. Timmermans points out that she finds herself in some incredibly awe-inspiring company among the five nominees for the hon-

our. Also nominated are Dave Woods, In the Country; Johnathan Smalley, Rock N Horse; Ron Kitchener, RGK Entertainment; and Shannon Ella, Pure Country/Complete Country.

"It's a wide category and the nominees are an amazing group of people, it's a huge honour to be grouped with these incredible people who have done so much for the country music industry," said Ms. Timmermans. She noted that there are three ballots to select the winner. "I knew I was on the second ballot," she said, "but I only found out I was on the third ballot when the press release came out. I don't have a lot of expectations."

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Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB emergency daycare centre to open in Little Current

LITTLE CURRENT—The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) will open its first emergency child care centre in Little Current to support health care and front-line workers as they continue to provide important services to our community.

This emergency child care centre is a result of funding and direction by the Province of Ontario and will open on Wednesday, April 29 at Little Current Daycare, a program of Manitoulin Family Resources, located at Little Current Public School.

This no-cost emergency child care service is reserved exclusively for children of essential and critical service workers, as identified by the Province of Ontario, who do not have the ability to work from home and have no other alternatives. The list can be found at ontario.ca/page/child-care-health-care-and-frontline-staff.

As a limited number of spots are available at this time, priority will be given to those in the front-line health care services to ensure the critical medical needs of the community can be met during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Emergency child care is available at no cost for children ages birth to 12 years. Services will operate Monday to Friday, 6:30 am to 8 pm.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB continues to work with existing providers in the community to open additional facilities to support essential and critical service workers who may need access to child care.

For more information on emergency child care including eligibility, application process, please visit msdsb.net/ecc.

Worried about your Island property? Manitoulin Camp Check offers solutions

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—Central Manitoulin is asking Manitoulin residents to be proactive rather than reactive when it comes to our friends and neighbours with seasonal residences or cottages.

Central Manitoulin outreach co-ordinator Marcus Mohr has composed a list of Island contractors and maintenance and property management companies that can be hired to keep an eye on seasonal residents' homes.

"Why can't we check on our property?" We've been hearing that statement a lot," Mr. Mohr says, "and it's a valid concern."

Mr. Mohr also hopes that those Islanders with friends and neighbours 'from away' will offer to keep an eye on those properties, maybe sending along a few photos too, to help ease people's minds.

An ad can be found on Page 15 of this edition of The Manitoulin Expositor from Central Manitoulin promoting the Manitoulin Camp Check and urging Islanders to offer help instead of making demands and offer solutions to promote the spirit of working together in this unprecedented time.

"It's a proactive response," Mr. Mohr adds.

Visit www.centralmanitoulin.ca/content/camp-check for more information.

M'Chigeeng residents line the streets of their community to say baamaapii to deputy chief

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Bereavement in a time of pandemic social distancing is hitting First Nation communities hard. The loss of a beloved member is hard on any community, but funerals play an important social role in the close-knit communities that are First Nations and generally involve everyone in the community at some point during the traditional three-day vigil, coming to visit the sacred fire to send prayers skyward to the Creator.

Last week M'Chigeeng First Nation endured the sudden loss of Brian Bisson, the band's deputy chief and a beloved educator and friend. As a sign of the community's respect, residents stood outside as the funeral procession made its way to the largely empty Our Lady of Canada Roman Catholic Church in M'Chigeeng.

"Saddened that I could not be in M'Chigeeng on the day of Brian Bisson's burial and that the church, which he attended so faithfully, had to remain empty," wrote Father Jim Kelly. "Besides attending Sunday Mass every week, Brian had a wonderful gift. He prayed for the dead. Whenever possible he would attend the funeral mass in the church for community members. Normally he would arrive at the church early, which was a great relief for the priest. Often I would look for him to arrive so he could help arrange things at the last minute, especially removing the rail from the centre steps. Always helpful, never showy, I looked at Brian as an example of Christian leadership. Truth is, I prayed he might become a deacon one day. What a gift Brian has been to M'Chigeeng. Let us pray that leaders like him rise up in the community and in the church."



Brian Bisson

"I will remember him fondly for his kindness and generosity and as a respected deputy chief who served his community and worked tirelessly for his community members and beyond," said Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare, whose home community is M'Chigeeng. "He helped whenever he was called upon."

"Miigwech Brian Bisson baa for guidance and your gentle welcoming presence you bring, every time we see each other," wrote Sunset Sagutch. "As you always make a point to do your wave and come say hi and catch up and I enjoy it as it puts a smile on my face. Every time me and Nathan sang before classes at the school, you would be the first one to show up to listen. Miigwech for everything you did for myself, Kengjwin Teg, the students, your community and your family. Baamaapii Kaawabmin Nijik. Travel safe to where you are going, until next time we see each again my friend."

The Expositor has its own connection with Mr. Bisson. He was the first Manitoulin Secondary School co-op student to work in our office.

"In fact, it was in the first year

that MSS had a co-op program," recalled publisher emeritus Rick McCutcheon. "He was here when Peter Carter was the editor and we just loved him. He really had a knack for it, especially sports writing, he was a natural. He left us to take 'a good job with the railroad.'"

In an odd quirk of fate, Expositor reporter Warren Schlote left a job with the railroad to come work for The Expositor. Baamaapii from your friends at The Expositor, Brian Bisson. Though your time here on earth was all too short, it can truly be said that yours was a life well lived.

United Church peals its bell each noon hour in support of front-line workers

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by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—Little Current residents will notice that the Little Current United Church (LCUC) is making a joyful noise these days with the daily pealing of its bell.

Gail Gjos, a member of the LCUC outreach committee, said she had originally thought the bell should peal for Easter Sunday, but time admittedly got away from her, so she suggested to fellow congregation members that the bell be rung each day at noon.

"I thought, well really and truly, the bell is there and people are going around and honking their horns as a show of support, so why not ring the bell?" Ms. Gjos told The Expositor. "It's a reminder that the church is still there and a way to bring people some joy—it's a simple thing we can do and hopefully people will enjoy it."

The bell will peal almost every day (volunteers permitting) at noon.

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editorial

Governments must rein in and tax the news Napsters

There was a time when bands of roaming pirates were able to act with near impunity as they roamed the lawless oceans of the globe seeking to profit from the work and investment of others by taking what wasn't theirs and reselling those goods at large discounts to so-called honest merchants. The depredations of the age of pirates did not end when the countries of the world banded together to hunt them down, but the impact those high seas robberies were having on global trade was reduced so dramatically as to become negligible.

Fast forward a couple of centuries and suddenly a new ocean formed. This new ocean didn't consist of the back and forth flow of tide and currents, but rather of ones and zeros pulsing through conduits of copper and glass to nearly every home and individual on the planet. That new digital ocean was largely unpoliced as it slowly spread across the planet and it did not take long for the pirates to re-emerge.

At first it was very low-key, just a handful of free-booting early adopters sharing digital files amongst themselves and jealously guarding their "freedom" from regulation and the oppressive hand of organized society, aka "the man." The internet quickly became synonymous with "free." Everything that could be turned into ones and zeros and piped at the speed of light (well perhaps somewhat slower during those long-forgotten and un-mourned days of dial-up access) could be had for the asking.

As more and more people flocked to this new digital ocean they presented a tremendous opportunity to the captains of commerce, but that culture of "free" did much to slow expansion of legal trade onto the sea routes.

When an economic opportunity presents itself, and the rule of law lies lightly upon that opportunity, it does not take long for those shackled with less than scrupulous intent to take advantage. Enter the new robber barons. First it was the file sharing applications like Napster, which almost single-handedly threatened to bring down the music industry—the music industry is still reeling from its impact. The blatant and plainly overt piracy of Napster and other such widely available vessels for piracy were eventually suppressed, but the culture of "free" upon which they fed is a legacy that remains.

The appetite for digital products and the speed with which they could be accessed also remained, so into the vacuum created by the demise of widely available means of piracy (along with the gradual loss of the online anonymity that had made getting caught highly unlikely) came new and more sophisticated robber barons multinational in scope and armed with hosts of legal experts and lobbyists to find new routes to exploiting the online culture of "free" while feverishly mining that new treasure called data.

Google, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter and a host of other social media sites harnessed the power of the corporation and finance to vault into giants the likes of which the world has never seen and remain, to this day, largely outside of the reach of those laws created to protect the producers of the content and immune to holding up their side of society's bargain. For all intents and purposes these new robber barons remain untaxed, barely regulated and free to exploit the hard work and financial investment of those who created the digital content so highly sought after by digital consumers.

There is no "free." Advertising and the data that is harvested from social media sites and applications pay the costs, and the profits, that make those sites supposedly without cost to the consumer.

But the cost is not inconsequential, for all its lack of transparency. There are two fundamental problems with the current model of the internet: they pay little in taxes to any jurisdiction in which they reap

their profits, leaving the burden of paying for our modern social and physical infrastructure to an ever-dwindling number of actual producers and the general public; and they blatantly facilitate the theft of others' property, thereby strangling those same producers who currently help to pay for the piper's tune.

Newspapers, such as the one you are currently reading, have paid professional staff who are trained and experienced to produce the news. Newspapers support themselves with the paid advertising to be found on our pages, or in the case of the digital versions in the ads being displayed there. Much has been made of the decline of newspapers due to the drop in advertising, but truth be told there has never been more advertising in play. It is just that the revenue from that advertising is currently being hijacked by the corporate giants of the digital age.

Between them, Google and Facebook, the giant "news aggregators" of the digital high seas, accounted for a full 71 percent of Canada's \$6.7 billion online advertising market in 2017, newspapers collected just five percent of that digitally generated booty. The newspaper portion of that pie is taxed and helps pay for society's upkeep. The social media giants not only profit from our hard work, they reap the bulk of the revenue that once helped pay for that work.

This has to change.

Other governments around the globe have begun to take steps to level this wildly skewed playing field; although much of those efforts qualify as mere drops into "too little too late" bucket, at least they are recognizing the issue and stumbling forward. Canada needs to step up. The current pandemic has greatly accelerated the destruction of our nation's news infrastructure by vastly reducing the amount of local and national advertising available as businesses currently shuttered by the pandemic have understandably curtailed much of their advertising budgets.

But this issue has been brewing since the beginning of the World Wide Web and no one jurisdiction can reset the balance, but it is in the best interests of the nations of the world to act in concert to rein in the new robber barons. Canada needs to enact regulations that, at a bare minimum, ensure that news outlets, print, television and radio, receive their fair share of the profits being reaped from their work.

One need only look to the incredible increase in unsubstantiated and unfounded conspiracy theories currently masquerading as "news" on social media platforms to begin to understand the importance of credible news sources.

Governments simply handing out money to news outlets can only be a short-term and stop gap measure. Dependence on governments is a slippery and dangerous slope for the free and independent press our Western democracies depend upon. The answer lies elsewhere.

By ensuring that the news aggregators pay their fair share of the costs of producing the content from which they are profiting is a model that will be challenging for governments to implement but will, in the end, prove to be well worth the effort. It is in the best interests of the news industry and society in general that content providers are fairly compensated for their product and that news aggregators and other digital providers carry their fair share of the burden.

Australia and France are both in the process of ensuring that Google and Facebook adequately compensate news outlets, Canada needs to get its own act together because the burden is about to get a lot heavier in the wake of the economic hit that is accompanying this global pandemic. We will need all hands on deck if we are to recover any time soon and the digital stowaways will need to pony up their share.

letters

Island municipalities must stand with First Nations on emergency

True leaders put their people first—shut down access to off-Island invaders

To the Expositor:

I never write a letter in the paper before but now I feel it has become very important to do so. In last week's paper, it seems that many of the municipal leaders are mainly putting their own political economic interest before keeping the people that elected them alive.

If they had any brains they would declare an emergency in their municipalities. Close the off-island traffic from those invaders with camps here who are coming for self-isolation who have been in contact in their home communities with people who have COVID-19.

Chiefs Linda Debassige and Franklin Paibomsai are showing to be

true leaders in putting their people first. Good for Franklin. I'm very proud of you.

Chief Linda Debassige says it will come to the Island and may explode very soon. How will those who refuse to do the right thing be able to sleep in the future knowing they are responsible for killing many innocent people. Lost jobs may return but innocent lost ones who died and who are in the grave will never return.

Alex Musquetier
M'Chigeeng

Further support for a town hall meeting on multiplex proposal

Citizens should have a chance to decide for themselves whether the proposal makes sense

To the Expositor:

I wish to support the letter to the Editor 'A call to hold a town hall meeting as soon as feasible after the COVID-19 problem has resolved' (April 1). People in Central Manitoulin need to understand the ramifications of their councillors' proposal for a new multiplex. The proposal is to tear down the existing arenas in Mindemoya and Providence Bay, the 99-year-old stone and brick Old School, and to destroy the park beside it, and construct a new arena attached to the Community Hall with a greatly expanded parking lot. They have applied for a federal grant.

Citizens should have a chance to decide for themselves whether the proposal makes sense. The annual projected revenue from the multiplex is estimated at \$117,050 in the first year, rising modestly over a five-year period. The annual revenue from the current two arenas and the Community Hall was \$33,000. So somehow they are counting on more than three times the annual revenue to make this project appear viable.

The multiplex proposal counts on having a recreation co-ordinator who would presumably be able to more than triple the revenue from the

buildings, although that person's salary is not counted as an expense for the multiplex. The municipality would look for a separate funding grant for the recreation co-ordinator.

The grant proposal also purports that the Old School is 79 years old, instead of its actual age of 99, one year shy of a century. Why? Perhaps council did not want to raise the eyebrows of federal officials who might see heritage value in the school?

This is the council that refused to rent a room from the public school so that seniors could have a place to get together, do crafts or hold meetings. This is the council that refused to pay \$2,000 for a tourism facility at the swing bridge this year. This is the council that wants to tear down the Old School at an estimated cost of \$200,000, according to the Tulloch proposal.

Friends of the Old School are calling for a halt to all these plans until the issues can be thoroughly aired publicly.

Jan McQuay
Mindemoya

more letters

Concerns over the concentration of power in the prime minister's office

Why are only the prime minister's addresses to the country being heard

To the Expositor:

Pencil in a little moustache, give him a bowler hat and suit coat and he could double for "the Little Dictator." It was unbelievable that Mr. Trudeau could not give us any definitive answers on the eve of the re-opening of Parliament scheduled for April 20 concerning the full house sitting, even though at the April 19 press conference, he was quick to assure everyone that he "believes in our democracy."

I would like clarification of his definition of the word "democracy." He can't have it all his own way. Thankfully we have a minority government. But there can be no benefit to "holding the government to account" (quote from Andrew Scheer, Conservative party leader) when the opposition is being muzzled as an excuse for "keeping us safe."

I think the NDP has been more than reasonable in

requesting one in house sitting and two virtual sittings a week. Although the government must have anticipated this eventual day five weeks ago, I do not understand, with all the resources at Mr. Trudeau's disposal, surely his advisors could have by this time have organized all the logistics necessary to conduct a virtual conference call for Parliament. Surely all 338 MPs have internet access.

It has been reported that the European Union have been meeting in virtual conference sessions with no disruptions of their democratic process. Why should the people of Canada then be subjected to the decisions of one man alone?

Also, questions need to be asked about the monopolization of the CBC/Radio Canada network for Liberal diction only. I want to hear from the leadership of the other parties involved in our democratic process. I want to know their

opinions. After all, we elected them. I want to hear from Carol Hughes, our parliamentary representative. I don't want to hear anymore from Mr. "Breathless" Trudeau. A steady diet of pabulum-infused rhetoric can have a demoralizing effect on the palette, too much intoxication. Give me meat, not milk pudding.

Give every MP half an hour on the CBC to express their opinion. It would be a respite from endlessly enduring Mr. Galloway every morning.

I think I can hear myself screaming from somewhere, an ode to Anna Maria Tremonti.

Now would be a good time to go and watch the Little Dictator.

**Lee Weimer
Manitowaning**

A COVID-19 message from the federal minister of Economic Development

Canadians can be assured that their government has their backs

To the Expositor:

For Canadians, the COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed a torrent of uncertainty and anxiety. It is certainly the case for our country's small and medium-sized businesses and their employees. Over the past weeks, we've heard from many of them—with different settings and characters, but a very similar script. These people work hard, play by the rules, and do all the right things, only to now be confronted by an economic tsunami no one could have imagined. The backbone of our communities, these businesses are a source of local jobs—but also local pride.

We stand at a unique juncture in Canada's history. More than ever, our decisions will ensure not just the success of our economy, but of our communities. More than ever, the personal is political. More than ever, we must get it right.

This means frank, honest conversations, the kind we've been having during a series of virtual town halls with businesses, associations and individuals nationwide. This means listening more than talking.

With over 130 meetings across all 13 provinces and territories—from the Charlottetown Chamber of Commerce to the Montreal Chamber of Commerce and the Surrey Board of Trade—that's exactly what we've been doing. Put simply: we want to know what we don't know.

What have we heard? Our efforts are having a tangible impact. Thanks to the largest economic aid package in our lifetime, we've put money in the pockets of Canadians and spurred companies to bring back laid off workers. But, no matter how wide we extend the safety net, many businesses still risk falling through the cracks. And that means too many people and their families are anxious and uncertain about whether they'll get help.

The best way to help our communities is through a source they already trust. That's why we will be working with those who know local economies best: our six Federal Regional Development Agencies. They're well suited to assist workers and businesses because that's what they already do.

With nearly a billion dollars in aid, the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund is here for you. We are supporting businesses who do not qualify for existing programs. Canada's businesses are as diverse as Canadians are, and the fund's immediate, concrete help will be tailored to those unique needs. Specifically, it will provide \$675 million to support regional economies and \$287 million for the network of Community Futures Development Corporations, which play a vital role in rural communities. Most importantly, it will relieve immediate pressures and help local businesses

to both pay employees and cover cost. In the months to come, it will position them to play a meaningful role in our economic recovery.

Here in Northern Ontario, entrepreneurs and workers have increasingly begun to rely on FedDev, our government's newest Regional Development Agency. Rather than navigating a bureaucratic maze, people can count on it as a "one stop shop" for everything they need. FedDev also knows where our additional support is needed most: making sure businesses do not fall through the cracks. It was actually created for exactly this kind of situation, helping communities recover from the recession of 2008. FedDev stands ready to "scale up" its efforts and once again meet the moment.

In this era of upheaval and uncertainty, Canadians can rest assured that their government has their backs. Our message to Canadian workers and businesses is clear: we're here with concrete measures and supports in all regions of our country. We'll be here for you in the weeks and months to come. And we'll get through this, together. We've got your back.

**The Honourable Melanie Joly
Federal Minister of Economic Development**

op-ed

An open letter to Manitoulin's seasonal residents from the Island's health care professionals

They are worried and ask that you please stay home

Physicians, nurse practitioners, traditional healers, midwives and physician-assistants across the District of Manitoulin are worried. This year, we want you to stay at home.

We recognize that many people have chosen to come to their seasonal residences or have packed up their campers or trailers to visit. Many people are also fearful in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Manitoulin is a beautiful place and we all love it. You may have strong deep ties to the Island. People have retreated to rural areas as a place of safety during pandemics for hundreds of years.

The problem is, that plan isn't as safe as you think it is, and that worries us.

People who live in rural areas all year long are used to dealing with the challenges of rural health care. Rural residents are used to the idea that, like in many other rural areas, we have limited hospital beds and it takes a two- or three-hour drive to get advanced testing or consultations. Resources for services in our region—hospital, clinics and home care—are based on our permanent population, not our seasonally expanded population. Even with planning for a doubling in population last summer, physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants were stretched by the volumes of people coming through the ER.

Every summer, visitors are surprised by our rural resources.

So, we would like you to know what we do have and don't have, so that there are no surprises.

We have one hospital on two sites, Little Current and Mindemoya. We have a total of 32 inpatient beds between them and six beds in each ER with one ER resuscitation

room at each site. We do not have an ICU and cannot keep people on ventilators.

We are rural family physicians, nurse practitioners and physician-assistants who work in the ER, the hospital and in our clinics. There is typically one physician in the ER per shift, seven days a week. There are no other specialists on the Island, but we can talk to them on the phone, or sometimes over a video conference.

We can process some lab work locally on Manitoulin but many of our tests go to Sudbury for processing, including COVID-19 tests. We don't have a CT scanner or an MRI.

We have two transport ventilators for the hospital, and thanks to the generosity of many community partners we expect that more will arrive soon.

The teams at the Manitoulin Health Centre, where many of us work, are busy planning for a major surge. We work with knowledgeable, hard-working and compassionate people in the hospital, in clinics, in First Nations communities, as paramedics with EMS and in nursing homes. Our community leaders are planning and making tough decisions. Volunteers are stepping in to keep the most vulnerable safe. All of us are doing the best with what we've got. All of us are working hard to get ready for the pandemic.

These are extraordinary and unprecedented times.

Some people who have come to the Island plan to drive home if they do start to feel sick. But often patients with COVID-19 go from feeling "a little bit off" to being severely unwell very quickly, so those plans may not work out so well.

When patients need to be put on a ventilator in a larger hospital, they are an elevator ride from the ER to an ICU bed. When patients on Manitoulin have needed to be

put on a transport ventilator in the past, whether due to severe injury or severe infections, it was typically at least three to six hours before they left by road or air ambulance to go to a larger hospital. We know that as COVID-19 hits Northern Ontario harder, that emergency transportation will become a greater problem than normal. This means our future patients might be on a transport ventilator for 12 hours or more before leaving our hospital to start the journey by land or air ambulance to an ICU bed.

We are worried because we know that we already have a vulnerable permanent population. In the Manitoulin District the rates of diabetes and heart disease are much higher than in the rest of Ontario. We know that having other health conditions like these make people at increased risk of getting severe symptoms from COVID-19.

We are worried because every year, death rates from the seasonal flu around the world are highest in the smaller and more rural communities. We expect that COVID-19 will be no different.

We need you to know that pandemics still hit rural areas. They hit later, and they hit harder. And in places with high seasonal housing, they hit the hardest of all. Recent data from New Hampshire examined rural and urban COVID-19 rates. In the rural counties with high proportions of seasonal housing, including vacation homes, average cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 are twice as high as in other rural places and 15 percent higher than in urban areas.

We are worried because that combination of a vulnerable population and high numbers of seasonal residents in the face of COVID-19 looks like a perfect storm to overwhelm our rural resources.

In a normal year, the citizens of Manitoulin would be getting ready to welcome

tourists and seasonal visitors to Manitoulin, as so many businesses depend upon you. Many of you are our friends and family. We would be sharing the beauty of the Island and its local amenities. But this year is uniquely different, and we must adapt. All outdoor recreational amenities have been closed through the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act earlier this month, so this is also not the Manitoulin District that you would usually experience.

We recognize that there may be exceptional circumstances. We know that some of you provide essential services to remote communities on the Island, through your work with the volunteer fire departments, and we know that you will face additional risks this year through that work, and we thank you for joining us. Those communities continue to rely upon you.

We have been asking all of our patients to stay safe: keep physical distancing, continue thorough handwashing and to stay away from high risk activities like climbing ladders, driving ATVs and motorbikes. We care for all the patients who come to us with skill, knowledge and compassion, but we are worried that a pandemic combined with an influx of people will create that perfect storm.

So, as clinicians on the front lines, we ask that you reconsider your travel plans. If you have a home elsewhere in Ontario where you have access to a city hospital, please stay there, or plan to return there as soon as you are able. Please make plans to join us when the pandemic is over.

Stay safe and stay well,

**The physicians, nurse practitioners,
traditional healers, midwives
and physician-assistants
of Manitoulin Island**

Michael and Marjorie Wilton

Michael and Marjorie's Lake Huron home hugs the shoreline and gives the viewer a sense of peace as they gaze over the wide-open water and sky stretched before them. Living with nature has been Mike's calling as he spent his working life as a biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources, dealing with the flora and fauna of Ontario and spending much of his time in Algonquin Park with Marjorie at his side. The couple has seen so much of our beautiful country, from the Inner Channel of British Columbia to the east coast and the hills and lakes of Northern Ontario. Mike and occasionally Marjorie, have had the unique opportunity to travel by car, plane, barge, motorcycle, helicopter and commercial jet.

Marjorie begins, "I was born in Gore Bay beside the United Church on July 11, 1938. My parents had met working on Burnt Island. Dad, Charlie Ward, was born on the east bluff of Gore Bay. My mother Mary Brown hailed from the Ice Lake area. The log house she was born in still stands today. I have four siblings. Jim and Geraldine were older, and Matt and Linda arrived 10 and 12 years later. My paternal grandparents, Frances and Charlie Ward were farmers on the East Bluff. I only remember my grandmother who lived to be 88. Maternal grandparents James and Margaret Brown lived on Ice Lake, in Pleasant Valley. They were farmers too, but James died before I was born."

"Dad worked at INCO. During the war years he had the foresight to take a welding course. When we moved to Collingwood in 1943, he got a ship-building job. I was about seven when the war finally ended after the bombing of Japan in August of 1945. The honking cars and the pure visual joy in the streets were unforgettable. Loved ones were coming home."

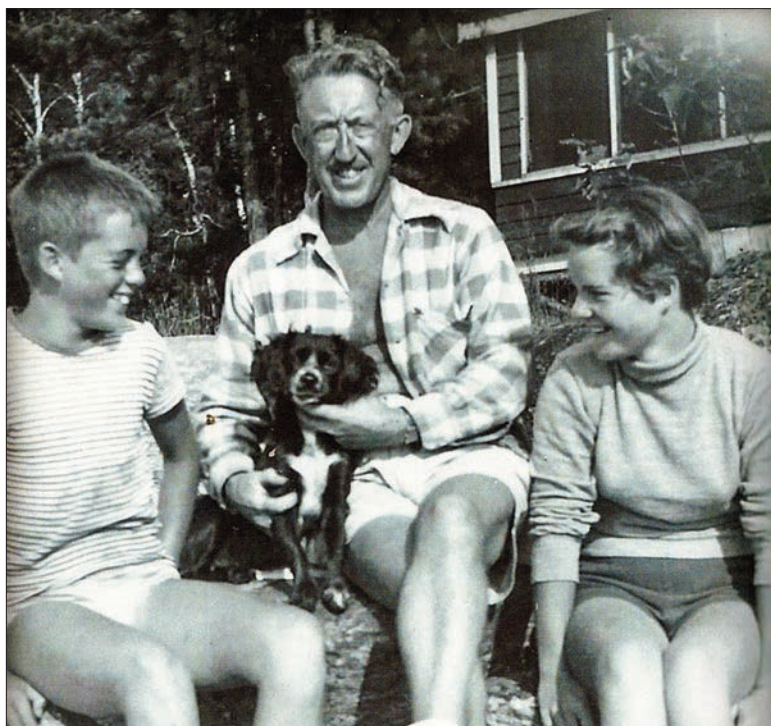
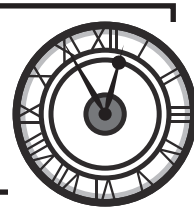
Marjorie started school in Collingwood. "I liked English and literature the most. A fruit and vegetable farm gave me a starting wage in the summer. Trucks picked us up after school. We weeded tomatoes and I picked apples for 25 cents an hour. Strawberries yielded four cents a basket. By the end of the day my hands were sticky. I used toothpaste and javex to get the green goopy mess off my hands. One day I almost got run over by a tractor, but I jumped away at the last second."

In July of 1953, the ship building closed in Collingwood and the family moved to Wawa. Dad and



Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Michael, left, sits with his dad and sister Erin (two years his senior) and their prized companion Beauty in the early 1950s.

his brother Matt started a construction supply business. The high school in Wawa had 36 students in Grades 10 to 12. "Curling was part of the curriculum. It was the main community pastime apart from skating. I had fun curling."

After Marjorie graduated from Grade 12 in 1956, she spent seven years with the local Royal Bank in Wawa. "I met Mike about that time. Friends of mine, John and Sally Ann, introduced us. John worked for the Department of Lands and Forests. He and Sally Ann asked me to spend a weekend with them, further north in Franz. John asked me to bring two water sample bottles (code for whisky or rum). Bill Cram, the Beaver pilot that would take me north, happened to be in Wawa. Mike, a biologist in White River, was on his way to pick up a canoe at Deosara Lake (Big Trout Lake). Bill stopped to get Mike and that was how we met 60 years ago. The canoe was strapped to the plane's float and Mike was taken to White River."

"For our first official date, Mike drove 60 miles from White River to Wawa to take me to a Legion dance."

"She was really nice" Mike offers, and Marjorie adds, "Mike had very good manners. He would hold a door for me and help me put on my coat. Who does that anymore? Afterwards he had to drive all the way back to White River. It was a long night for him. Luckily it was 1960 and the Trans-Canada Highway had just been finished from Sault Ste. Marie to Thunder Bay."

Mike begins, "My paternal grandparents died before I was born. Herbert Wilton lived in Hagersville, just outside of Hamilton. He was the mayor of Hamilton and a member of parliament. Both of my maternal grandparents, George and Emily had the last name 'Dill' before and after their marriage. George sold insurance in the 1930s and 1940s and Emily was a homemaker."

"I was born in St. Catharines to Harold and Nora Wilton on May 14, 1937," Mike adds, "I was named after my dad whose second name is Livingstone, too, drawn from a local church. Sister Erin is two years older. "I remember my first day of Kindergarten at age five because nothing much happened. I waited a lot for the other kids that walked with us on our block and I waited at school too. Over the years, weather never stopped us from going to school, despite the lake-effect snow from the north wind which built drifts over my head."

High school left a few indelible memories. "One time we tipped some lockers over, a normal prank for teens, but our principal went ballistic. He failed to see the humour in our trick. We were punished, but we chose to recall the levity of our act, not the inconvenience," Mike adds with a smile.

At age 11, in 1947, the Wiltons moved to Dundas. Mike found most of the courses in school did not interest him. "I wanted to take biology, but this school did not teach the sciences so I started to look forward to the next phase of my education."

"After high school, I applied to the University of Guelph, more of a college at the time. 'Fisheries and Wildlife Management with an agricultural vein' caught my interest. Two years of general courses preceded the last two of optional courses. It was my first time away from home, so my social life was greatly exaggerated. This resulted in my repeating my third year. We were affiliated



Marjorie's Grade 12 photo.

with the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Toronto, and that is where we got our degrees."

Summers were spent with the Naval Reserve. "This strategy gave me the field experience I needed and much-needed remuneration. In my last year, I came to Manitoulin Island to work with a professor, Keith Ronald, who studied diseases and parasites of the white-tailed deer. Our camping site was called the 'I think' camp as in "I think I'll have another drink." It was located on the West End of Manitoulin, in Robinson and Dawson Townships, west of Shesheganing. We had to take a cross-section of deer samples back to Guelph. This entailed shooting a few animals at night, jacklighting, which was more productive, but regrettably also upset the local population who were looking forward to hunting season. We hung the deer we harvested behind a screened-in area to keep the bugs away. We affectionally referred to this as 'the blood and guts factory'."

The honeymoon took them to Lansing, Michigan to Mike's aunt and uncle. Toronto and Detroit were also stop-overs. "We booked into this fancy hotel in Detroit. It had an amazing entry but when we got to our room, the only view we had was of a brick wall about five feet outside our room."

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Michael joined the naval reserve in his college days and spent his summers travelling to various locations, including Manitoulin Island.

One fateful day in 1961, Mike was sleeping in the back of a car while travelling with another ministry staffer. The driver fell asleep and the car rolled but neither man was seriously hurt. Mike jumped out, lodging his foot between two boulders. He injured his ankle while trying to remove it. The ankle never really became as functional as before, so eventually it was replaced.

Mike studied parasites and diseases of the snowshoe hare in the late 1950s to 1960s. He stayed at the Lands and Ministry of Forest Fish Lab in South Baymouth, run at the time by Dr. John and Dr.

Joan Budd. It was a research lab that welcomed visiting students.

After his last summer on Manitoulin in 1961, Mike graduated from Guelph and returned to White River. Marj was also able to replace another worker in White River for one month and this provided more opportunity for Mike and Marj to spend time together. There is no time change in a railway town, so later when Mike drove to Wawa, a one-hour trip could take no time or two hours 'officially' depending on the time of year.

Michael and Marjorie were wed two years later, on December 30, 1963. Mike's parents arrived at Wawa by train. "It was minus 40 when I drove to pick them up; the steam from the train had created a dense fog," Mike adds. "I couldn't see them. They couldn't see me either, until they finally emerged from the cloud. I still remember that."

At the time of the wedding, the sun was shining brightly, and you could smell the smoke from the wood stove in the church. Mike was 10 minutes late. He had run back to the hotel to get the boutonnières which earned him the nickname, 'The late Mr. Wilton.' The reception followed. For the honeymoon, Todd Bryan, Mike's brother-in-law, lent him his Ford Fairlane so Mike wouldn't need his old Volkswagen Bug.

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Michael readies for a race in Pembroke. He is holding onto Scamp and Arthur and Emily are ready at the sleigh.

five weeks old, lay in a banana box on the back seat. Emily and Heather were born in Pembroke over the next four years.

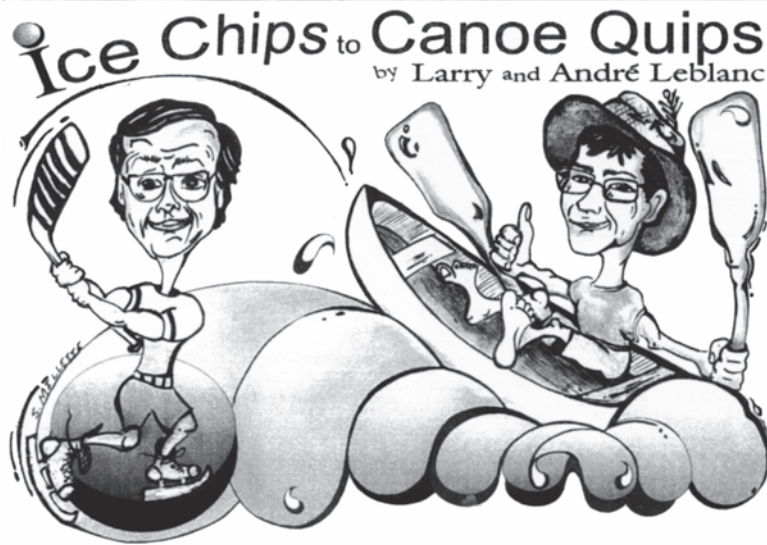
In time, Mike became the district biologist for the Department of Lands and Forests which later became the Ministry of Natural Resources in 1973. 'Forestry' was added in due course. As a conservation officer, he carried a badge. He was still a biologist, but he was expected to maintain the laws and prosecute those that broke them.

It was the opening season for ducks and Mike soon had to use

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Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Sporting Life



Let's keep active together, apart!

Over these past few post-COVID-19 weeks I have been trying to give a shout-out to the people or businesses who are promoting fitness. I have brought up **Dan Fletcher's** name before because of the positive challenges he has posted for his students and by happy accident, the wider public. Now Shihan Dan has become more prescribed for his Manitoulin School of Martial Arts' (MSMA) charges.

During this unprecedented time of the pandemic, the MSMA has had to adapt its method of teaching the martial arts and become more familiar with technology and virtual platforms. Shihan Dan has been hosting karate classes using the Zoom app. He has been hosting classes for three weeks now and the response has been overwhelming. He has had to split the classes in two: one for beginners (white, yellow, orange) and one for advanced belts (green, blue, brown and black). Classes are hosted on Wednesdays (from his living room) at 6 pm and 7 pm for approximately 45 minute sessions. He has also suspended all tuition payments during this time as well to help families out. His goal is to provide classes to keep the students interested and engaged, give them something physical to do at home and have something to look forward to during the week. The MSMA has also invited guest instructors from Sudbury and Toronto to teach and train with them. His one regret is that belt gradings have been postponed because it's hard to judge performance and strength through a computer screen. If anyone is interested in participating in karate from the comfort of your own home, you can email Shihan Dan at renshidanf@gmail.com.

Island athletes earn notice!

Three Island lads did very well in recent North Bay post-secondary school awards. First, the Canadore College Panthers awarded goalie **Evan Peltier** with their Most Valuable Player trophy. For those that saw the movie 'Indian Horse,' Evan was the goalie visible especially in the dressing room scenes. Meanwhile, former Manitoulin player **Ethan Corbiere** of Aundeck Omni Kaning picked up Canadore's Rookie-of-the-Year trophy.

On the university scene the Nipissing Lakers award was no surprise. Multi-sport athlete **Bo Peltier** earned Rookie-of-the-Year for the university's Lakers Lacrosse squad. Nipissing plays in the Division One University Lacrosse League. Bo plays every sport going and was a AAA hockey player as well as skating in the NOJHL with the Powassan Voodoos and later had a stint with the Major Jr. North Bay Battalion. Congratulations, guys.

Where are they now?

From a blast from the present to the past: **Mark Killens!** Back to the 'vault' that is my father's amazing memory for local Island athletes. Starting as a very young d-man in Manitowaning Mark Killens was a force to be concerned about for opposition coaches. A solid skater, though not overly fast, he was a tank! Trying to knock him down was essentially impossible. Every time a team played the Wolves was the challenge of getting to the net past the hulking Killens.

Mark played with the Wolves until the end of his peewee year. At that time a new higher-level North Shore and Manitoulin rep League was formed. Young Killens moved on to the Manitoulin Dolomite bantams that played out of Mindemoya and the next three years he starred for the MDBs. Players at this time were blessed with three years of bantam as the CAHA changed age requirements for the cohort.

Throughout the North, opposing teams especially in tournaments learned to stay away from the physical defenseman. Mark earned many MVP awards during these tournaments. He, along with Derek Cranston and Bruce Robertson, were the core of the team that competed with AAA teams which one more than they lost.

Mark now lives in Grand Bend with his wife **Kim** and two children. He is a real estate agent and one of his sons, **Dion**, is a super runner. Just this fall, Dion became a member of the national college cross-country Champions running for Fanshawe College in Peterborough. His team, known as the Falcons, traveled to Grand Prairie, Alberta to take on the best of 2020 in the CCAA national championships.

In the men's eight kilometre race the Falcons were victorious with an astonishing score of 32. It was their fourth national championship. Also on the team was **Luke Grool** of Blind River. Congrats to Dion and parents, Mark and Kim.

A good sport is good for sports.
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Earth Day took on an extra special meaning for many Islanders this year

by Jan McQuay
MANITOULIN—Earth Day took on a special meaning this year. With the pandemic, community events are not possible, but many people on Manitoulin marked the importance of nature in their own way.

Computer technology played a big role. Gary Fuhrman of Honora Bay posted a "thought for Earth Day" on his blog gnusystems.ca, which features pangolins, some of Earth's endangered species. This shy, gentle little mammal has suddenly become a symbol along with pandas, elephants, and, closer to home, piping plovers. It's a symbol of how humanity is driving wildlife to extinction. Pangolins live in tropical forests and roll up into a little ball for protection when they are frightened. They are the only mammals on earth that have scales instead of a fur covering. They only mate once per year, and most only have one baby, called a pangopup. The mother nurses her baby for about three months, and it stays with its mother for two years, until it reaches maturity. They cannot reproduce quickly and under the stress of captivity they usually die within six months.

The pangolins' plight is a tragedy for them and for us. As Mr. Fuhrman comments, "This has a special meaning on Earth Day 2020, as it's been suggested



The Kuntsi family filled six bags of garbage in a short period of time in Manitowaning on Earth Day.

that the pangolin might have been a carrier of the virus that jumped to humans to cause the COVID-19 pandemic. The pangolin—poached, trafficked and endangered—is as innocent as the virus itself. If anyone is to blame for the pandemic, it is the humans who "make a living" from an extractive economy which is destructive, on an overwhelming scale, to other players in the biosphere."

Yana Bauer, who teaches at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS), reminds us that "little

things make a difference." On Earth Day she and her family walked around the beach, downtown and along the highway at Manitowaning, with garbage bags to clean up roadside litter. They carried one bag for garbage and another for recycling. They filled six bags in just half an hour.

"It's heart-breaking," said Ms. Bauer. "My youngest said, 'We shouldn't have to do the same thing year after year and if people just stopped throwing things out, nobody would have to. If everyone had to clean it up, they might think more about throwing things out.'" Her family also started some seeds indoors for their garden, and this year they built a greenhouse.

Ms. Bauer is also active in the SHARE/Go Green student initiative at MSS. The Go Green Club is committed to reducing the school's environmental footprint. Each classroom has a blue box to recycle paper and cardboard products, and there are dedicated bins for plastics and aluminum cans in the hallways and in the cafeteria, and even a compost bin. The club's webpage urges students to "feed the bin!" The students participate in a number of activities, and one student suggested they should have an Earth Day every month to keep people aware throughout the year. Ms. Kuntsi said that as a certified school under Ontario EcoSchools, MSS

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Gore Bay's Kyle Wood finds lost \$24,000 bracelet amongst wood debris

by Michael Erskine

GORE BAY—It's been a topsy-turvy world for a 16-year-old Gore Bay youth since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. First he lost his Manitoulin Transport dispatcher gig and then he was informed that his annual summer job on the Gore Bay docks was also on hold, so it was about two weeks ago that Kyle Wood found himself undertaking odd jobs for people. One of those jobs was helping to clear up branches from some winter-damaged trees for Rupert Grigull and his wife Liz Hercun. Little did Kyle expect he would soon come across a bonafide lost treasure.

"Rupert Grigull had me doing some work on some trees that had come down over the winter," said Kyle. "I looked down and saw something reflecting back the light under the sticks and trees. I picked it up and took it over and put it on the porch."

"I came out onto the porch with a cup of coffee for Kyle when I looked down and there was a diamond bracelet just sitting on the porch," she said. "I had been searching for it for about four months. Kyle said 'yeah, I found it where the tree fell.' This kid, bless his heart."



Kyle Wood is more comfortable with a rod and reel in hand, but the young Gore Bay man reeled in a big catch while doing yard work when he found an expensive lost bracelet.

She rarely wore the bracelet while on the Island, keeping it for special occasions. Although Ms. Hercun kept hoping she would find her lost piece of jewellery, she

had finally come to the realization that it might never turn up. "I tore the house upside down," she said, "trying to retrace my steps or think of where I might have lost it."

The bracelet was quite expensive when it was purchased by her husband Rupert as a Christmas present in 2008, shortly after the couple had sold their store in 2007, but she admitted that she had no real idea of what it would cost to replace the piece today.

"We didn't have the bill of sale, but I called the jeweller where my husband had bought it back in 2008 and they were able to go back in their records to provide an estimate," she said. The answer pretty much knocked her off her feet. "I just about had a heart attack when they said \$24,500. It has appreciated quite a bit since Rupert bought it."

Her husband posted about the bracelet on Facebook and soon there were several hundred responses. "I said 'way to go, did you put the address in too?'," she laughed.

Needless to say, Kyle found a nice little bonus in his pay packet. The young man was grateful, but it was the reaction of Ms. Hercun that really made his day.

"She was so happy," he said. "They told me it was pretty expensive."

Kyle's mother Ginger already had plenty of reasons to be proud of her son, considering the online accolades about his work ethic and polite adherence to physical distancing, but this latest example of his character provided a nice bit of topping. "We are very proud of him," she said.

So is the rest of Manitoulin. Way to go, Kyle.



The pricey lost bauble is now safely back on Liz Hercun's wrist.



An Island message of solidarity with Nova Scotia in response to a national tragedy

This sign appeared on a Little Current front yard on the Gore Bay Highway late last week about the same time as the national vigil in memory of the 22 Nova Scotians who died the previous weekend. The church bell at Little Current United Church was tolled at the time of the vigil, part of a national initiative of the United Church of Canada in solidarity with the families of the victims and the people of Nova Scotia.

...Barney's gets thousands of dollars in cash and potatoes

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Canada, an estimated 58 percent goes to waste, according to a Second Harvest study. Of the 58 percent, an estimated 32 percent could be recovered and safely consumed instead of being discarded. That 32 percent weighs, conservatively, 11.2 metric tonnes every year.

Second Harvest largely deals in perishable foods, meaning nourishing items such as dairy products or fresh produce must circulate through its warehouse within 24 to 48 hours, as a general target.

A second grant from Second Harvest was directed to Cornerstone Christian Assembly which is preparing to launch a free meals-on-wheels program for those in need between Manitowaning, Little Current

and Mindemoya.

"We've been doing food boxes through The Expositor, where the paper gets the names and manages the lists. It kind of grew from there that some people would like a hot meal now," said Mr. Deforge.

He moved his mobile kitchen to Little Current, did some renovations and said he was hoping to have the service running within a week. The grant helps to cover the expenses for that program as well as the purchase of a new industrial dishwasher for food safety.

"It's all homestyle farmed meals; I call it farm-to-table," said Mr. Deforge of his healthy three-course meals that include a starter soup and dessert.

"The food is usually enough for an elderly person to last two meals, that way they can have the left-

overs the next day," he said.

This is intended to be an off-season service but Mr. Deforge is launching it now to help with the pandemic. It will resume as scheduled in the fall and run through the winter.

The third burst of support came from McCain Foods, the Canadian company perhaps best known for its potato products.

"They have so many tens of thousands of pounds of potatoes that can't go to processing because there's no demand from restaurants, so McCain Corp is paying the shipping to bring potatoes to Little Current for us so we can pass them on," said Mr. Deforge.

A truck is on-site every week with about 48,000 pounds of potatoes. Mr. Deforge said they will continue to show up each week until their stock depletes or

until the virus has passed.

Although these spuds are normally in bulk, Mr. Deforge said they came with 20-pound bags especially for Barney's Bargain Barn.

"It's so important we give out healthy food, so I go after things like milk, dairy, potatoes and vegetables. A lot of (food banks) don't want those because they can spoil, so they're somewhat easier to get, but I'd much rather give someone 10 pounds of potatoes than a sleeve of cookies," said Mr. Deforge.

He added that McCain Foods has a 'special connection' to Little Current but declined to get into specifics. A request for comment to McCain Foods went unanswered by press time Monday.

...Manitoulin Country Fest co-founder is nominated for Industry Person of the Year

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tations; these are a lot of great people. I am just so happy and amazed to be thought of as part of the group."

The Country Music Association of Ontario's eighth annual awards ceremony has been postponed until Sunday, October 4 and will be held at the Centennial Hall in London.

Leading the artist nominations are 12-time CMAO award winner Meghan Patrick and two time winners The Reklaws, each with six nominations.

The awards, hosted by Jason

McCoy and Jennifer Campbell, will celebrate the talent and achievements of Ontario's country music industry across 19 categories, including the Impact Award, Nielsen Compass Award, and the Holly and Steve Kasay Generous Spirit Award.

"I love my job," said Ms. Timmermans. "That's one of the things that is so awesome about being nominated—it's for something that I really love doing."

Although many festivals and concerts slated for the summer have announced cancellations or postpone-


ments, Manitoulin Country Fest has still not taken that step. "Contractually we can't do that until we are forced to, and that word has not come down yet," she said. In the meantime, the couple have plenty to do in getting their new off-grid offices up and running. That's a good thing during this time of social distancing, she admits.

"Neither Craig or I do sedentary well," she laughs as she picks up her caulking gun and takes aim at a dry-wall joint. "There's no moss growing on our North sides."

Manitoulin Secondary School


PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Cortes
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



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He has continued playing sports at MSS. In his Grade 9 and 10 years, Liam has played on the basketball and volleyball teams. He plays the position of point guard in basketball, and he plays as a power hitter in volleyball. He's made it to NSSSA with both teams. He's looking forward to playing basketball, volleyball and hockey again next year.

Liam enjoys playing sports because he can stay active with his friends while having fun. His favourite sport is hockey because it's intense and exciting. Hockey is a fast paced game and it's always fun to play. Liam is constantly staying active at MSS, his favourite subject being gym because he gets to play sports with his friends at school.

Liam is one of many talented Mustangs, and with his friendliness, dedication and outgoing attitude he is sure to make MSS proud. Let's go, Liam, let's go!




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...M'Chigeeng is limiting vehicles along highways 540 and 551

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 us during this time. M'Chigeeng has the following services: grocery store; convenience stores and gas stations; UCCM Building Supply Company; prescription delivery; mail delivery; courier delivery, etc.

As a result of this decision, the M'Chigeeng Freshmart will open its doors to in-store shopping. The first hour of opening will be dedicated to elders.

"We continue to strongly encourage our members to stay home during this time," the press release continues. "There are many things we could be doing in our homes and around our homes. This is an unprecedented time that requires unprecedented measures to protect our loved ones as best we can. We understand this will cause much frustration and will create a huge inconvenience to all our citizens and our neighbours, however, the council

has determined that the preservation of life and health of our community is the most important and is the determining factor of this decision. To do nothing to protect our community in this way could potentially have devastating impacts to many of our families and to our community as a whole."

List of essential travellers that can pass through M'Chigeeng:

Community services including, but not limited to: policing and law enforcement, fire and emergency services; paramedics, coroner and pathology services; corrections and court services; licences and permits; nurses; community living; health care workers; health care professionals and practitioners; bank workers; grocery store workers; caregivers (Bayshore, VON, etc.); child safety/welfare



Signs along Highway 551 let drivers know of M'Chigeeng's travel order.

workers (Kina, MFN Family Services, CAS); vehicle and equipment repair and essential maintenance (garages, mechanics, service techs, managers, staff, parts deliveries, tires, oil changes); construction material deliveries; high-

way work crews; waste management; deliveries (i.e. food for grocery stores, pharmaceutical, fuel, gasoline/diesel deliveries, postal services, registered couriers, medical taxis only); utilities (hydro, propane, telephone/inter-

net, medical oxygen delivery); funeral and related services; security services for residence or business properties; essential workers (i.e. construction companies and ongoing construction projects; heavy equipment; highway, road building; large infrastructure projects; residential contractors; construction workers going to/from work; loggers; tow trucks, heavy rescue, dump trucks; medical appointments within the community (i.e. Manitoulin Physio); medical appointments beyond and outside M'Chigeeng (must provide proof to checkpoint, medical confirmation slip to come back through); truckers (dump trucks, log trucks, cement trucks, freight, straight/box trucks i.e. bread/chip truck, Manitoulin Transport vehicles, tow trucks, etc.); and anyone with written permission from the chief and/or deputy chief.

List of non-essential travellers and those restricted to come through M'Chigeeng First Nation:

Cottagers/campers/seasonal residents/camper trailers/RVs; people who want to go fishing/hunting/outdoor recreation; people visiting friends/family/acquaintances/co-workers; transient traffic (people going for a drive); people who want to shop in M'Chigeeng; and non-essential cross-Island traffic.

List of essential travel outside the borders of M'Chigeeng:

Travel to attend a medical appointment or access medical services; travel to go to work/place of employment; travel to attend a funeral; and anyone with written permission from chief and/or deputy chief.

...Billings Township declares emergency status

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ed to the Solicitor General and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) asked if, should all of the municipalities and First Nations declare states of emergencies "would we have the authority to tell cottagers and summer residents to stay in their primary places of residence."

Following the circuitous changes of command through the various ministries seeking a definitive answer the mayor came up short, being told by their fieldworker at the MMAH that it was "a legal question" and to consult their solicitor. "In other words, we did not get a definitive answer," he said. "That is where we sit at this stage."

Councillor Steve Shaffer said that his "only question, concern, is liability for the volunteers." He went on to query whether the municipality's insurance would cover volunteers operating a checkpoint at the Little Current swing bridge.

CAO Ruth Frawley said that she had thought long and hard about the question, and the ancillary issue of whether they would be covered under WSIB as well. She came to the conclusion that such volunteers would be counted as under the municipality's liability. "The same as anyone working on any of our committees."

"I can't see anything to be gained," said Mayor Stephens, referencing the declaration of a state of emergency. "We don't gain any special powers; it doesn't gain us any more money, unless someone can tell me any different."

Councillor Derek Stephens referenced the large number of Facebook and other social media posts calling for some sort of monitoring of who is coming onto the Island over the bridge. "The chiefs are just asking us to go along with them in declaring an emergency," he said. "We would be supporting our neighbours, Billings and M'Chigeeng First Nation."

Councillor Rose Diebolt said that council should "take a look at the big picture." She added that the pandemic is not going to go away any time soon and that cottagers should be practicing social distancing, but "if they own a cottage and pay taxes they should be able to go to their property."

"I had that thought too," said the mayor, adding that he did not think it was time to impose that type of restriction on people's rights and freedoms since the province and the federal government have not seen fit to impose such restrictions. Should the municipalities go that route on their own, "cottagers would resent it."

Councillor Dale Scott countered that with all of the Island communities standing united, there would be increased influence in dealing with the provincial government.

Councillor Shaffer noted that declaring a state of emergency would "just add another layer of bureaucracy" and add to the burden of municipal staff.

"Thank you for acknowledging that," said CAO Frawley. "It would be a huge burden. Everything we are doing would have to be dropped."

"If things change it can be revisited," said Mayor Stephens in closing the debate.

Last week Billings mayor Ian Anderson told his council that information provided by township staff explains, "a declaration of emergency provides a municipality's head of council the authority to take actions or make orders, which are not contrary to law, in order to protect the inhabitants in the area of the emergency. The township's emergency plan would be enacted

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...Artist and family wait out COVID-19

...continued from page 1 professionals that is quickly proving its worth.

"It is great to be working with a team of people who believe in me," she said. "I have to give a shout out to Geoff Kulawick and everyone at True North Records for believing in me and pushing me to believe in what it could be."

Ms. Shawanda noted that "a lot of people thought I was crazy" when she turned away from country music to explore the blues, but for her it made complete sense. "I had a lot of success in country music," she said, something of an understatement considering she cracked the top 20 country music charts after years of working her way up from busking on Nashville's Broadway Street. "I played for the president of the United States, all of the big festivals," she said. "But I wanted to do something that I felt was right for me."

"I have always been more old country," said Ms. Shawanda. "The country music scene now is getting very close to pop." The singer was quick to add the caveat that there was nothing inherently wrong with that. "There are a lot of wonderful writers in the industry right now and they are doing amazing work," she said. "But it just isn't me."

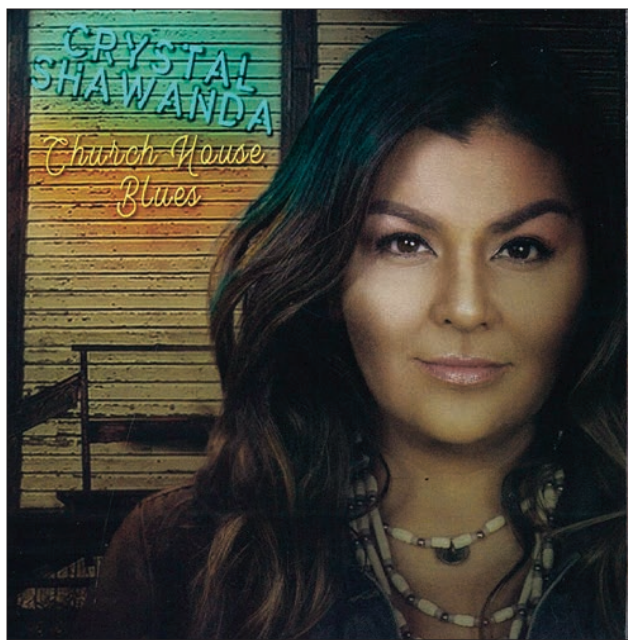
"This is the music I grew up with," she said of the blues genre. "Staying in country would have been taking the easy road." If anything about finding suc-

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...continued from page 9 and decision-making authority with respect to the emergency would be transferred to the emergency control group as outlined in that plan. A declaration of emergency underscores the seriousness of the situation. Manitoulin is not immune to this global crisis and physical distancing, isolation and hygiene measures are just as important here as they are elsewhere. A declaration sends a strong, clear message to residents and neighbouring municipalities that the municipality is taking the current situation seriously and is taking every step that they can to protect residents from the threat. A declaration of emergency provides some additional rationale and potential reduction in liability for reducing municipal services if necessary. However, a declaration does not necessarily provide access to funding."

"Virtually all the Manitoulin First Nations have declared a state of emergency in their First Nations," said Mayor Anderson. "I think it's really important to show solidarity and support that we are all in this together."

In the Northeast Town, Mayor Al MacNevin told his council at last Tuesday's meeting that at this time, he would not support a state of emergency in that municipality.



Crystal Shawanda's latest album, Church House Blues, is on sale now.

cess in the music industry can be labelled as "easy."

Ms. Shawanda said that many of the songs on Church House Blues were developed over the course of several years working and writing with her husband DeWayne Strobel.

"We would pick up a song and tinker with it, put it away for a while and then go back," she said. The songs and their arrangements just kept getting stronger with each revisit, with one hilarious side effect. "The reviews have been incredible," said Ms. Shawanda. "But one critic found something, he said the CD was too polished."

There are also a couple of covers on Church House Blues and when asked to list her favourite songs on the CD, Ms. Shawanda listed one in particular as her third favourite, The Tragically Hip's 'New Orleans is Sinking.'

"I just love it," she said. "There is music that we all grew up with, music that brings us back to a special time. Besides, there are plenty of great American bands out there, lots of great American songs, but

the Hip are ours. Their music touches the soul of who we are as Canadians, no matter what community we come from, that music binds us together."

The first song Ms. Shawanda listed from Church House Blues was 'When it Comes to Love.' "Me and my husband DeWayne wrote it when we first started dating," she said. Mr. Strobel courted her by playing just about every song he had written. "That's how he won me over," she laughed. When it came to this song in particular, "we would change it, rearrange it, start over and finally finished it about a year ago. Hang in there for love until you find the right one."

The second of her favourites is 'Bigger than the Blues.' Ms. Shawanda noted that she is no stranger to the challenges of depression and mental health. "It was born out of conversations with people we have loved that had committed suicide," she said. "It has affected so many people in different

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...Sheshegwaning drone delivery project may herald new business

...continued from page 1 remote location within Manitoulin Island. They wanted to have access to larger markets, especially when looking at their food sovereignty initiatives," said Mr. Araujo. "Their goals are to use drones to access places like Sault Ste. Marie, other communities along Highway 17 and potentially even Sudbury and North Bay."



The Condor, a larger drone model that is gas-powered and can transport 400 pounds of cargo up to 200 kilometres per tank at 120 kilometres per hour. It is best suited for extremely remote locations such as fly-in reserves.

Discussions between Pontiac Group and Sheshegwaning are still very much in an exploratory phase. They are gathering data, identifying potential problems in the community and determining the ones that might be aided by the use of drones in various capacities.

No commercial drone delivery services are licenced to operate in Canada at the present time, meaning this potential partnership could become one of the pioneering projects that ushers in the drone age.

Before that, though, they need a green light from Transport Canada.

The partners have acted to better their chances of that happening. They have a partnership with Drone Delivery Canada Corp. (DDC), a company that spent six years to get their first drone model approved by Transport Canada. It has two larger models as well which are currently in the process of becoming Transport Canada-approved.

DDC last year signed a 10-year exclusive deal with Air Canada Cargo, allowing the latter to market and sell drone delivery services operated by DDC. With one already-approved drone model on the way and two more pending, Air Canada has put its backing behind this company's offerings.

DDC is one of the few drone logistics solutions on the market, said Mr. Araujo. It provides a platform, software, completes the regulatory work to get access to the airspace and then sells that package to a business.

The only currently approved model in DDC's arsenal is the Sparrow, a relatively small unit that can hold up to 10 pounds of cargo. The Pontiac Group partners said they were comfortable with a flight distance of 25 kilometres, which seems rather short for a community as relatively isolated as Sheshegwaning.

Enter Mississauga First Nation.

Again, the talks are exploratory, but Shesheg-

waning and Mississauga are discussing the possibility of each community being start-and-end points for an initial route. As the crow flies, Mississauga First Nation's band office is about 25 kilometres from the tip of Cape Roberts.

The Sparrow has a top speed of 80 kilometres per hour and can be operated in winds as high as 30 kilometres per hour. The second, larger electric drone model DDC is working to get certified is its Robin XL, which can travel 60 kilometres with a cargo capacity of 25 pounds.

Finally, it is also testing its Condor model which looks much more like a small windowless helicopter. That machine carries 20 cubic feet of cargo weighing 400 pounds up to 200 kilometres at a top speed of 120 kilometres per hour. Unlike the smaller models, it is powered with a gas engine.

"(DDC) is really leading the country right now with going through these regulatory processes, that's why

Air Canada partnered with them because they've been working for six years to develop a commercial platform and have had successful tests," said Mr. Araujo.

Sheshegwaning is among 50 communities across Canada that has expressed interest in working with Pontiac Group for drone services. Beyond delivery, some are using the aerial vehicles to identify possible commercial fishing locations and monitor wildlife migration.

"The sky's really the limit with this technology. It's constantly improving, batteries are getting better and it's always evolving," said Mr. Taylor.

Drones are not likely to make a major appearance in urban areas for the foreseeable future. A long list of questions remains unasked about operating drones in heavily populated areas.

In the North, however, those limitations are not in place. The potential Sheshegwaning route is particularly attractive because there is naught but open water between the two communities.

"There's never been any treaties signed on the sky and we believe First Nations have every right to use the sky and we want to participate in a meaningful way in the future," said Mr. Taylor. "This is really an opportunity for First Nations to lead innovation through drone delivery

and do it in a good way—we don't want to have 20,000 drones in the sky all of a sudden and affecting wildlife such as birds."

On the subject of birds, Mr. Taylor said the DCC units were not likely to be targets of raptors such as

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...Artist and family wait out COVID-19

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ways. I had to take all of those conversations and put them in a song." She said that she hopes it will bring people to a place where they understand that "they are bigger than the blues. No matter what is hurting you, no matter what is making you sad—you can overcome it. You are bigger than the blues."

All the songs on the CD are outstanding, due in no small part to Ms. Shawanda's continuing growth as an artist and the passion she taps into. "My voice is more precise these days," she said. "More controlled, but I also don't have to hold back."

Ms. Shawanda, her husband and her daughter had come home to Wiikwemkoong to celebrate her daughter's birthday back in March, but as the pan-

demical restrictions began to take hold they found themselves with a difficult decision. "We would have had to make a run for the border in order to return to their home in Nashville," she said. "By then there were 800 cases in Michigan alone and our son who was still back in Nashville told us that resources there were strained. He said 'maybe it would be better if you just stayed there.' We decided to stay."

Although the ambitious touring schedule Ms. Shawanda had lined up for the spring and summer has largely come to nought due to the pandemic, she and her husband have been performing online in livestream. "We put up a virtual tip jar," she laughed. "It's like we have come full circle from when we started out performing on the streets in Nashville."

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on-reserve testing so he and his community could determine the extent of the outbreak and stop it before it became unmanageable.

Shortly thereafter, he publicly offered to discuss his community's experiences in the hopes that other communities may use the knowledge to better prepare. The Expositor contacted the chief to learn more about the situation they have been facing.

"We're holding out, managing day to day here and trying to do our best to curtail this as much as we can," said Chief King.

As of press time Monday, there were still six confirmed cases of COVID-19, but Chief King said he expected those numbers to rise.

Some members of the First Nation work at a palladium mine located about an hour away from the reserve. That mine has been responsible for a significant number of cases within the health unit and, according to a CBC report, an individual in the Public Health Sudbury and Districts area has contracted COVID-19 through the mine.

"What bothers me is I don't know why the mine was allowed to stay open. I don't see how palladium is an essential service. ...it might be the source of the contamination in our community—either that or Thunder Bay," he said.

Kiashke Zaaging's infections are at the highest number among Ontario First Nations, according to an Anishinabek Nation report dated April 23, 2020.

"We have the highest per-capita rate of any First Nation in Ontario. In addition, our rates have exceeded Italy on a per-capita basis," said Chief King.

Kiashke Zaaging's six cases compared to its on-reserve population of about 350 generates a figure of about 0.017 cases per person. Hard-hit Italy's 197,675 cases compared to its population of 60.36 million has a per-capita rate of only 0.003 cases per person.

Chief King's message to Manitoulin First Nations is to continue exploring ways of limiting access to their communities, something he admitted was easier in communities such as his which are at the end of road networks.

He said global crises such as this pandemic pose unique issues for First Nations.

"Most First Nations are not independently wealthy. We're reliant on transfer payments from the federal government or the province, so we're not resourced to deal with this issue. And when you break down the money that's given to First Nations per capita, it doesn't amount to a lot," he said.

Ultimately, Chief King said this was a time for community strength.

"We have to support each other. We have to put our differences aside because we're all in this together. We're going to make it out together if we all co-operate and work together," he said.

A temporary emergency testing facility arrived at Kiashke Zaaging over the weekend from Winnipeg, with tests slated to begin this past Monday.

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eagles defending their territory, as has been seen in a growing number of online videos from recreational drone pilots. The Sparrow weighs 30 pounds, compared to the recreational drone weight of perhaps one to two pounds. He added that the units emit high-frequency noises to deter wildlife.

Due to the early stages of the project, neither Pontiac Group nor Ogimaa Roy were able to provide any estimates of when the service might begin operation. If and when it does, though, it could potentially offer considerable economic opportunities for the small community.

"There would be a vertical business for the last-mile delivery of goods that come along the transportation path. It opens up

the possibility to run a courier business, for example," said Ogimaa Roy.

The drones can operate 24 hours per day either autonomously or from a remote operations centre. The only on-the-ground staffing required are individuals to load and unload the cargo and change batteries as needed.

Mr. Araujo's home community of Wiikwemkoong has also begun preliminary discussions with Pontiac Group about how drones might be useful to its people.

There is also the hope of manufacturing the drones in Canada; Mr. Taylor said he would like to see a shared warehouse operation between Manitoulin Island First Nation partners to help manufacture drones and expand the scope of Pontiac Group's drone offerings beyond delivery and environmental monitoring purposes.

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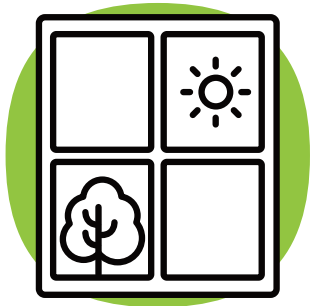
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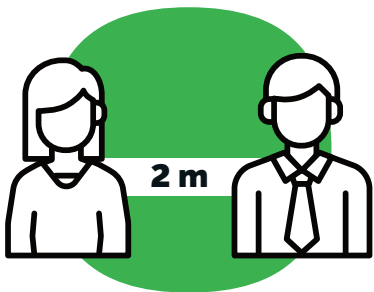
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Festooned bras lighten the COVID-19 60th birthday burden

by Michael Erskine

HONORA BAY—Age may be all in our heads, as boomers in denial tend to suggest, but arrival of a 60th birthday is usually greeted as a significant milestone by friends and family happy to have had the celebrant in their lives for a full six decades. But turning 60 in the age of COVID-19 can bring with it more than a smidge of melancholy, unless those friends and family are blessed with caring hearts and just a wee bit of ingenuity.

Honora Bay's Carole Labelle was really looking forward to the occasion of her 60th year on April 21. Her husband Maurice had booked the couple a trip to Puerto Rico, her vast collection of friends would be sure to come and help her celebrate, but all of that was put off the table by the pandemic and social distancing. Ms. Labelle is very active in the community, including working with a number of church organizations on their fundraising efforts with countless bake sales, seasonal teas and dinners and hosting musical events at the family's shoreline retreat. She is also a major player in the Burn's Wharf Theatre productions and has been deep into learning her lines and songs getting ready for rehearsals of this year's offering.

Ms. Labelle still found time in her busy schedule and room in her spacious heart for her family and friends, with whom she has to maintain a significant physical distance.

In a word, Ms. Labelle is



Carole Labelle displays some of the birthday bling that accompanied her birthday surprise.

the very epitome of a social human being. The coming of the pandemic totally upended her life. Did we mention melancholy? Not on your life!

"I had pretty much come to terms with it all," she laughed when contacted by The Expositor a couple of days after her birthday. "We just go with the flow. I figured, 'oh well, I guess I will just celebrate this year by having a spa day at home.' I told my husband 'I'm taking the day off'."

She got up in the morning, went to look out upon the waters of the North Channel from her window and got the surprise of her life. There, festooning tree branches across the lawn heading down to the water's edge were brassieres of all shapes, colours and sizes—a full 60 in number.

"It was awesome," she laughed. But the best was

yet to come. As she went outside in her housecoat, nearly forgotten coffee in hand, a procession of 14 vehicles, also of all shapes and sizes, bearing friends, family and plenty of balloons and signs processed past down Lakeshore Drive. Not bad a bad showing for 10:45 on an early spring Tuesday morning.

"They stopped all the cars in a long line and sang happy birthday to me," said Ms. Labelle, her voice just slightly cracking as she relayed the memory, even a few days after the fact. "It was so amazing."

As she later explained to a friend, "it was WWT." For the uninitiated outside the francophone community, that acronym stands in for "whoa, whoa, tabernac." Mr. Labelle captured the event on video, copious tears and all.

"She is a great volun-

teer," said Linda Diebel, a friend who organized the distance celebration. "She is the one who usually gets us all together. I thought it was fitting that we find a way to get together for her."

Ms. Labelle's children would normally have been home for the occasion but were able to be at the procession. "Her son Eric even had made a card with a little toilet paper roll on it," laughed Ms. Diebel.

"She really deserves it," said Ms. Diebel. "She is always the first person to be there for someone else, this was the least we could do



A 60-bra salute greeted Honora Bay's Carole Labelle on her birthday.

for her."

Ms. Labelle said that she is grateful to everyone for helping make her 60th

birthday a special one. "They certainly made it a day I will never forget."



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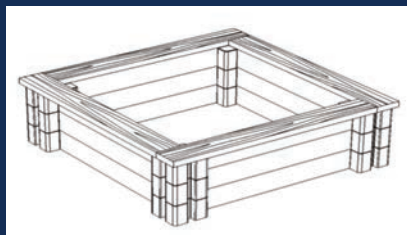
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...Earth Day took on an extra special meaning for many Islanders

...continued from page 7 has several initiatives, including a new Specialist High Skills Major program focusing on agriculture.

The Kuntsi family isn't alone in marking Earth Day by picking up garbage. In M'Chigeeng, Winnie Panamick said the band office distributed posters asking for volunteers for their annual clean-up, and they provided bags and gloves. Ms. Panamick joined others helping out, some in the morning and others in the afternoon.

Maja Mielonen, well known for her advocacy of bicycling, reported that she and her husband cleaned up roadsides, and Ms. Mielonen used Facebook to encourage others to help out. They also planted and replanted seeds for a big garden this year. Joyce Young of Kagawong expanded their garden and planted fava beans to add nitrogen into the soil. She also ordered a children's book, 'The Little Gardener: Helping Children Connect with the Natural World' by Julie A. Cerny for her grandchildren.

Chuc and Linda Willson of Ice Lake are also well-known here for their garden produce, and for running Kids Can Grow gardening projects at Island schools. Ms. Willson reported they were active on many fronts during Earth Week.

"We are growing a gazillion plants for our garden, she said, "And we continue to work on cleaning up our orchard area, making great nesting grounds for the endangered meadowlarks and bobolinks. At one time there must have been many larks in the area, since our road is called Meadowlark Place. So, we are happy to report that they are once again growing in numbers along that road named in their honour." Both the eastern meadowlark and bobolinks are on the endangered list in Ontario.

Ms. Willson added, "I missed being at Little Current school on Earth Day

when for the last 10 years I have done an activity with the kids. I am sad that Kids Can Grow is not happening this year but we are ever hopeful that at least we will be able to get our community gardens on Manitoulin open this summer. So, on Earth Day I was consulting with Sustain Ontario, the National Farmers Union as well as the agricultural critics for the Green and NDP parties to present a proposal, with adequate safety protocols, to reopen the community gardens. Growing our own food locally, in organic gardens is one way to lessen the impacts of climate change and to ameliorate food insecurity which is at an all-time high during



Pam Jackson's painting, titled 'Scales', illustrates how market value outweighs nature in our society.

this pandemic."

Worldwide, the pandemic did not stop people from coming together virtually, through Zoom and other internet sites. WeDontHaveTime.org, based in Sweden, held three-hour videoconferences featuring some of the most successful projects to bring humanity back from the brink of climate catastrophe, highlighting Project Drawdown, the United Nations Development Program's Mission1point5.org, the Exponential Climate Action Roadmap and other initiatives. In Canada, Corporate Knights held a videoconference, as did Ontario's Clean Air Alliance. TVO aired the stunning Canadian film



Joyce Young of Kagawong plants fava beans for Earth Day, which will add nitrogen to the soil.

'Anthropocene: The Human Epoch' and PBS aired Sir David Attenborough's documentary 'Climate Change: The Facts.'

Tia Nelson, daughter of the man who founded the first Earth Day in 1970, continues his work through Outrider.org. She said, "Environmentalism is not a partisan issue, environmentalism is a quality of life issue for all of us." Earth Day is not the only recognized day to be mindful of our effect on the environment. Coming up, May 7 is World Migratory Bird Day, May 22 is the International Day for Biological Diversity, June 3 is Clean Air Day in Canada and World Bicycle Day, June 5 is World Environment Day. But really, the message is that every day is Earth Day.

COVID-19 testing for all residents and staff at long-term care homes

MANITOULIN—To support the provincial announcement of expanded COVID-19 testing of vulnerable populations, immediate steps are being taken to organize for the testing of every resident and staff at each long-term care home in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts. In co-ordination with Ontario Health North region, Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) is developing local implementation plans for this massive disease surveillance undertaking.

"This testing is being done to gather a point-in-time picture of the situation in long-term care homes. The test results will help us better understand the presence of COVID-19 infections and will inform future planning to ensure ongoing protection of all residents and staff," said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, medical officer of health with PHSD.

All residents and staff in homes will be eligible for testing—this is in addition to testing already underway for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 and their close contacts. All long-term care homes will be engaged in this process, including working with their staff, residents, and families. Additional information will be provided about specific timing and processes in the near future.

Actions taken in long-term care homes: Staff and residents follow strict physical distancing guidelines; group activities are discontinued; staff screening occurs at the beginning and end of every shift, including temperature checks for fever; all staff and essential visitors wear masks, gowns, goggles and gloves; residents are assessed three times a day for symptoms. This includes temperature checks; visitor restrictions have been in effect since the beginning of March; and employees of a long-term care provider cannot also work in any other long-term care home, health service provider or retirement home.



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...Now and Then: Michael and Marjorie Wilton

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his new power. A local politician came out of the marsh without his hunting licence. Mike was forced to charge him, and later his own neighbour, for breaking the same rule. The politician settled out of court but now Mike was in a difficult position. The authorities claimed that Mike had been right, but that he had used poor judgement.

The next stop was Huntsville to the regional office there. The family got a home in Port Sydney. "I was the regional wildlife biologist, but this job was more to do with paper-shuffling. However, I found ways to get out into the bush. Surveys for moose, deer and black bears would get me out in the field. Algonquin Park was part of this territory."

"We got over 400 moose tagged while I was standing on



This 2013 photo shows Michael and Marjorie finely dressed to celebrate a wedding.



Wife and husband—Marjorie and Mike celebrate their special day.



Walks along the shoreline are always a fond activity for the couple.

the pontoon of the helicopter. You encourage the moose to get into the water while airborne then you get out on the pontoon, in mid-air, hanging onto the helicopter with one hand and with the pliers and the tag in the other hand. One bull moose will control a certain area and other young bull moose will move further away. By tagging them we can see where they wind up. Once they leave the park they can be hunted. In this way we may be able to control some of the movement of the moose. We found the population was stable."

By 1990 Mike and Marjorie were empty nesters. They relocated to their dream house on the shores of Cache Lake right in Algonquin Park. Mike was the wildlife biologist



Michael moved to become a wildlife biologist in Algonquin Provincial Park, living in a "dream home" on the shores of Cache Lake with Marjorie.

for Algonquin. The home had three extra bedrooms and a sauna. "It was also the biggest non-profit bed and breakfast in the area, and we got a steady stream of visitors from the department."

Mike bought a plane, a Lusombe 8E two-seater. "I was only in it once," Marjorie injects, "I felt claustrophobic." Mike flew this aircraft to Chilliwack, BC, Albuquerque, New Mexico and Tuktoyaktuk in the Northwest Territories, and the east coast.

"In 1988, Marjorie and I travelled from Marathon to Wawa by canoe catamaran. We strapped two canoes together for stability and it worked well. The wind was always ahead of us and we had a full moon to paddle by. Lake Superior is such a beautiful part of Canada. In 1989, we took a motorcycle to Newfoundland to a five-day moose conference and we toured around for another three weeks."

In 1996, Mike retired after he and Marjorie had started Algonquin Eco Watch, an environmentally focused program with charitable status. "It was the Harris era and my

position would not be replaced. The home needed repairs as did other parts of the park. A survey of septic systems came up with needed upgrades. People came there to relax, and we were agitating the government to get things repaired. The two didn't mix well. Sadly, we learned a lot about our government, but it was time to retire."

"A few years earlier, we had bought a lot on the shores of Lake Huron, near Spring Bay, and arranged for Earl Gilmore to build us a home ready for our retirement. Marjorie had designed it. My only request was a steep roof and a chimney in the center. We added a swimming pool too. About 20 years later, it was replaced with a garage as our interests changed."

"We still have our lobster boat in Gore Bay. We took it to Michipicoten Island near Wawa once and came back in dense Lake Superior fog. Our GPS got us home slowly, but safely. We also took a commercial plane to Ireland twice. A rented car took us all around the ancestral home area. In British Columbia, we took a five-day barge cruise with 11 other people on the inner channel of the Campbell River. We had a terrific time in another amazingly beautiful area of Canada."

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I discovered the recipe in the cookbook that I bought in 1984 'The Harrowsmith Pasta Cookbook.'

Three Cheese and Spinach Cannelloni

The secret is making and using crepes instead of noodles. To save on time buy a hearty tomato pasta sauce. You can switch spinach with Swiss chard or kale or beet tops. Use a good Parmesan cheese, it does make a difference in flavour.

CREPES:
6 eggs



1 1/2 cups flour
1/4 tsp salt
1 1/2 cups water

Combine eggs, flour, salt and water in a blender. Blend and then let sit 30 minutes or longer in the fridge.

Grease and heat an 8-inch skillet or a crepe pan. Pour in 1/4 cup of batter rotating skillet quickly to spread batter evenly. Cook over medium heat until top is dry or flip half way through and lightly brown one side. Cool on a wire rack, then stack with wax paper between crepes.

FILLING:

2 lbs ricotta cheese
1/2 lb mozzarella cheese
1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
1 cup chopped frozen spinach thawed and drained
4 Tbsp chopped fresh basil
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
2 Tbsp chopped parsley
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
2-3 cups tomato sauce

For the filling, combine all remaining ingredients except 1/4 cup of Parmesan cheese and tomato sauce. Blend well. Spread about 1/4 cup filling down the centre of each crepe and roll up. You can roll it up like a cigar or roll it up tucking the ends in like a package. Place completed rolls, seam side down, in a shallow casserole dish making two layers if necessary. Top with tomato sauce and remaining Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes. Serves 8.

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...Now and Then: Michael and Marjorie Wilton

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“Our children have their own lives now. Arthur and Tammy have four children and one grandchild. Arthur works as a technician for Kone Elevators. At 30 years of age, Emily packed all her belongings into a Volkswagen and moved to British Columbia, the Campbell River area, where she was in customer relations for Pacific Coastal Airlines. Heather and her husband, Doug, a retired United Church minister, are about to become grandparents. They live in a home they built on the shore of Maple Lake in the Haliburton area. Heather works as a teacher’s assistant, helping kids with emotional issues. She had previously worked

in Toronto with special needs kids too.”

“Most important event? Our wedding at -40°C. Favourite part of my career? Black bears. I had the opportunity to study them after an unfortunate event. Two people were mauled and killed by a bear in Algonquin Park, decades ago. I used my plane to radio track 12 bears at a time. I learned so much about them, their habits, den locations and much more.”

Favourite pets? All of them. “Muggs, our dog at present, has the nickname my dad had for me,” Marjorie confirms. “She is seven now. Mike got her for his birthday that year. Not long after we got her she was



The Wilton family back in their earlier days.

lost. We were worried she might have been caught in one of the traps set in open land across the road. Luckily, John Seabrook found her seven days later and she was back home, just when I was doing up my boots to look for her again.”

“Favourite season? We like them all. Each has its own charms. Favourite books? Patrick O’Brien, British author who wrote a series of about 20 books about Lord Nelson. Favourite family trips? Algonquin and winter camping in tents with the kids during March break. The kids didn’t think it was so great at the time, but looking back, it was a wonderful learning experience and bonding time for the family. People that inspired me? Hank Williams,” Mike responds

quickly. “I have portrayed him in local musical offerings.”

“My strengths?” I like to think I am a good pilot,” adds Mike, who still has his plane and his licence. Marjorie has a penchant for making great peanut butter cookies and warm knitted sweaters. “What would we

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A 25th anniversary celebration brought the kids and two of their partners together for a gathering.



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Attn: Ryan Corbiere, Board Chair
c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002,
Little Current, ON POP1K0
Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 204 Fax: 705-368-2229
Or email: p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca

Deadline: Posting is open until filled

**Miigwetch/Thank you to those who express interest and submit an application.
Only those under consideration will be contacted.**



**KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Employment Opportunity - Manitoulin Location**

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCFs) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCFs honours and supports our families' and community's inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs.

**EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
(1) CONTRACT POSITION - UP TO 18 MONTHS
LOCATION: MANITOULIN**

OVERVIEW:

The Executive Assistant provides administration support exclusive to the Executive Director, Board of Directors and the Senior Management Team including Corporate Management responsibilities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience

- Executive Assistant diploma or related diploma or degree.
- Minimum of three (3) years experience in a similar position in a First Nations social service agency

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of Governance operations including administrative responsibilities required of a Non-Profit Corporation.
- Possess knowledge, respect and sensitivity to Anishinaabe culture and be committed to helping First Nation families strengthen and achieve a healthy level of well-being.
- The ability to speak Anishinaabemowin.
- Knowledge of First Nation family structures and culture.
- Demonstrated and significant front-line experience in working with First Nation communities.
- Ability to develop and provide leadership, guidance, motivation and vision to the management and staff of the Agency to ensure a professional standard of services to the First Nation communities, families and children.
- Must be able to work independently with little or no supervision.
- Must have the ability to interact with staff (at all levels) in a fast-paced environment, remain flexible, proactive, resourceful and efficient to work under pressure.
- Must have a high level of professionalism to ensure confidentiality.
- Must possess strong organization, evaluation, problem solving skills, decision making ability and attention to detail are all equally important.
- Must be able to communicate effectively in writing and verbally.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Programs.
- Must be able to work flexible hours.
- Must have a valid driver's licence and possess own vehicle.
- Must be willing to authorize a "Criminal Record Search" and sign an "Oath of Confidentiality."

**PLEASE REVIEW THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND QUALIFICATIONS ON OUR WEBSITE
www.kgcf.org/employment**

DEADLINE: Open recruitment until position filled

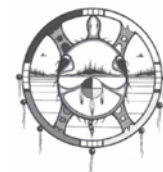
Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcf.org/employment to review the full job description. Please submit your application marked "Confidential: Executive Assistant." Application must include a cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers. Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience, cultural participation and volunteerism.

Applications are accepted on an on-going basis until position is filled via regular mail, in person or email at:

Human Resources
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue,
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

Email: hr@kgcf.org

KGCFs services is based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe candidates (please self-identify). Miigwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidates will be required to submit the following: satisfactory Criminal Reference Check (within 3 months of deadline date), Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Personal Support Worker
FULL-TIME PERMANENT**



The Personal Support Worker is responsible for providing care that contributes to the quality of life of individuals who live at home by promoting their independence; dignity; social; emotional and physical well-being; mobility; personal appearance; comfort and safety so that they may remain and participate within their community.

The successful applicant must be willing to work flexible hours (possible evenings and/or weekends) and may provide services to all five First Nation communities (Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing)

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide personal support services based on the client personal care or home management needs.
2. Provide assistance to the Long-Term Care Program with the provision of regular Diners' Club and Meals On Wheels program, Adult Day programming and may assist/provide generic transportation services for own client caseload; friendly visits and social safety.
3. Provide respite services working flexible hours.
4. Works collaboratively with health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
5. Submission of timely required documentation based on scheduled basis to immediate supervisor.
6. May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
2. A Personal Support Worker Certificate from a recognized college with a minimum of (2) years community work experience.
3. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
4. Current and Clear CPIC
5. Valid 'G' driver's licence and a vehicle.
6. Anishinaabemowin is a strong asset.

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

A cover letter, resume, two work related reference letters and a criminal reference check (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' must be submitted via fax, email or in person to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
hr@mnaamodzawin.com
Fax: 705-368-2229

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 1, 2020 at 12:00pm
Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.

...Now and Then: Michael and Marjorie Wilton

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still like to do? See Cariboo Island in Lake Superior. We came near it once but didn't go ashore. Today, we are part of the Twilight Club in Providence Bay. We meet once a month for lunch and enjoy the good company."

"Anything I would change if I could go back in time? I wasn't happy with the decision made by the MNR in Pembroke, but I wouldn't change it now because everything

turned out for the best," Mike sums up. "I wish for good health moving forward," Marjorie adds, "but I would do it all over again."

"Recipe for happiness? A bottle of Split Rail Beer, amber ale," Mike injects, smiling. "Try to see humour and something good in everything, every day," Marjorie resolves.

"Manitoulin has always been a special place for us. We could have gone any place after retiring, but we came here.

We considered Wawa but opted for this island. I worked here and Marjorie was born here. When you look out at the big water, where else would you want to live? I can't imagine a better place. People here wave at you, and many have an agricultural background, they understand sweat and hard work," Mike concludes. "We are here for the duration now, and very happy about it."

Tehkummah Talk and Times

Day 36, April 20, 2020: My TV went out more than 24 hours ago. I'm in my layzee girl chair breathing a sigh of relief as a nice girl helped me muddle through reactivation and with buttons (I have none) poppy I did it myself.

I had to fax out from Ward's this morning as I got a different message from municipal. So, I thank Ross who picked it up and returned it with a small long-distance visit. I also had a nice chat with our Reeve, Dave Jaggard, when he stopped to chat. My outside benches are nicely spaced. I was filling small pots with plants starting medium, so you know where my mind is these days. If my knees would just cooperate, TV comes on to bad news/sad news. There are many sadnesses, as if we need more, right?

Please keep safe. Please abide by the social distancing rules. Maybe we will get through this, and please respect your friends and neighbours. It's obvious, anyone can contract this disease as it is sneaky according to stories. Some folk have no idea how and

who?

I'm eating leftover pizza. I made two from scratch and shared one with the neighbours and shared mine with Cal.

Today I found a leatherette owl bookmark. I gave these out when I sold Artex liquid embroidery, remember? Boy oh boy, the temperature has dropped. Called Susan, she was into yard work. I don't know where my mind is these days, definitely "food." Tonight, I have three impossible pies in the oven, and didn't my oven door fall apart. I did manage to get them cooked anyway. Hey, they did taste good. I gave a hot pie away.

Day 37: Picked up a column from a year ago. It read there was snow up to my knees at the benches outside and I see we got a skiffle overnight here. It's staying cold?

I seemed tired today and I wasn't out of the house at all. I called Bill and Ruth McGregor in Little Current. He said they were doing okay. I left a message for Noreen Parkinson. (My cribbage gang.)

The fairy lily has one

bloom today. This is the one that came from Elaine McGauley.

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow. It empties today of its strength." Carrie Jen Boom.

Isn't it nice that the world finally sees who really kept this old ball turning?

Mom had a saying, "you never miss the water till the well goes dry." I think that pretty well covers it!

The Samaritan mail person delivered to my door-knob. Thanks so much! I saw Elaine Peck pictures drawn in words of scenic beauty from her window. And a nice note from Fred and Sheila. Keep well, keep happy, stay safe.

Hello sweetie pie Lori Hall/Gordon, my niece, almost daughter, happy birthday, May 2.

Happy birthday wishes to Bob Blue.

Kudos to Barney Deforge, his family and volunteers for their contributions to family and a hand goes up,

hand-in-hand with a cheer up! At this most difficult time. I guess I didn't miss Earth Day after all, I miss digging in the Earth!

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." William Shakespeare.

A nice phone chat with Pauline.

Day 38: Gloom, despair and agony on me. If it weren't for bad news there'd be no news at all on TV?

A couple of long phone calls and laughs, Betty Jean and Sherry. A nice call from Janice Phillips, and I always feel good after talking with Kim and Kathy. Kim is heavy into the gardening (making one envious). Kathy is always so cheery sounding.

I made chicken soup and wrote letters, fed the birds and petted the cats, let Cleo in and out and did dishes! (Hard work, eh.)

After reading the obits, sympathy to Gloria Dick-

15 minutes a day of writing.

Day 40: The strange thing about loneliness is, one only gets lonelier and more isolated as we draw into our shells, into ourselves, like a snail in its protective shell.

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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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in memoriam

RIDLEY — In loving memory of Don Ridley who passed away May 1, 1997. Gone but always in our thoughts.

Love Jean and Kathy

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Death Notices

MARGARET DAVIES (NEE EVANS)

July 30, 1924 - February 11, 2020



We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Margaret Davies (nee Evans) in her 96th year at home in Toronto with her daughter Nia and son-in-law Ken Mitchell on February 11, 2020. Margaret was born in Blaenau Ffestiniog, North Wales on July 30, 1924. She is predeceased by her parents Evan and Annie Mary (Hughes) Evans, husband Gwynn, sister and brother-in-law Anne and Adam Casson and brothers Ieuan Evans and William (Jean) Evans. She will be greatly missed by Nia and Ken, nephew Bryn (Anne) Casson, their daughters Kinga and Julie, and Kinga's son Jack, and family members and friends on Manitoulin and in the United Kingdom, Australia and the United States. Margaret was a devoted and much loved wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister, aunt and friend. Educated as a teacher she started Kindergarten classes in Gore Bay, and, as the public school music teacher, she produced many school choir concerts and musicals. Margaret was actively involved in the Lyons Memorial United Church as a member and organist, the Gore Bay Museum, Christmas choirs, enjoying tea with her family and friends, playing the piano, and, of course, teaching her cherished piano students. Always active, Margaret played field hockey, taught Morris dancing and enjoyed climbing mountains in Wales. She and Gwynn could often be found taking walks on the boardwalk and working in their well-tended garden in Gore Bay. Margaret was very fond of animals, in particular polar bears, penguins, ladybugs and frogs. She was also very fond of cookies and Kit Kats! Over the past several years, Margaret lived in Toronto with Nia and Ken and was able to reconnect with her Welsh heritage and language at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church where she was warmly embraced by the community. She also enjoyed many dinners and activities with Nia and Ken and their friends. We are very grateful to PSWs Nadia, Sharon and Julie, RN Andrew and Dr. Roy of the Dorothy Ley Hospice for their compassionate care. Celebrations of Life will be held at Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay and at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church in Toronto at a future date. Cremation has taken place. Donations in memory can be made to Lyons Memorial United Church, Gore Bay Museum, Gore Bay Medical Centre or the Children's Wish Foundation.

Death Notices

DONALD RAY ARNOLD



Donald Ray Arnold a past resident of Sandfield and Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island, Ontario died peacefully at H.J. McFarland Memorial Home, Picton, Ontario on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the age of 96. Born to Hazel (nee Leeson) and Roy Arnold in Tehkummah, Manitoulin Island on September 2, 1923. Cherished husband of Lois (nee Myland), predeceased. Much loved father of Nancy (Warren, predeceased) Hayes, Sandra (Simpson) Cherry, Wendy Sharpe, George (Anne) Arnold, Lucinda (Rob) Cull, Shelley-Anne (Pierre) Olivier. Proud grandfather of Kelly Shawna, Tara, Erin Donald, Andrew, Adam Michael, Lindsay, David, Sarah, Reid, Dylan, Adam Lauren, Liam. Great-grand-father of Adam, Sophia, Samantha, Kamryn, Alison, Leilo, Ethan, Ryan, Andrea, Christina, Ainsley, Alana, Shelby, Brooklyn, Miley, Cameron, Aleah, Anden, Bentley, Charley, Oakley, Mikayla, Lyric and Austin. Predeceased by brothers, Leland and Wendall Arnold. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to H.J. McFarland Memorial Home or the Triangle Seniors Club, Tehkummah, Ontario. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Highland Funeral Home <https://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/highland-scarborough>

*In Loving memory Dad
He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.
His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the time his worries
Went unspoken too.
He was there, A firm foundation
Trough all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife.
A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The man that we called Dad.*

- all-greatquotes.com-

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TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK



The Corporation of the Township of Assiginack

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack will be considering the adoption of the 2020 Operating and Capital Budget at its Virtual Meeting scheduled for May 5th at 3:30 pm.

The Meeting will be streamed on Zoom.

The telephone number to call to listen in will be made available that day on our social media accounts.

A copy of the draft budget is also available for review on the website.

Deb MacDonald, Treasurer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH



NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR TENDER TENDER 2020-01

Supply Tailgate Spread of 2000 cubic metres of 3/4 Granular A Gravel

CLOSING DATE: May 4, 2020 at 3:00 pm local time

Documents can be obtained on the Township's website www.tehkummah.ca or by calling 705-859-3293 or sending email to: twptehk@amtelecom.net

LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED.

Death Notices

DAVID BRIAN BISSON, GOLDEN EAGLE CLAN, GINEW

Sunrise May 8, 1963
and Sunset April 20, 2020



Another page:

Brian passed on suddenly to the spirit world on Monday, April 20, 2020 at his residence. Life partner of Stephanie Roy. Beloved father of Cassandra Mnassged Bisson and Brian James Francis Bisson-Bizhikiwigiizhik. Dear son of James and Anne (nee Migwans) Bisson, both predeceased. Loving brother of Audrey, Edward (Linda) and predeceased by Gus, Timothy, Norma and Richard (Jean). Loving son-in-law of Kate Roy and Francis Roy and dear brother-in-law to Beverley Roy-Carter (John) and Scott Roy. Will be sadly missed by his family, friends and community. Best friend of Andrew, "Chopper," John, Wayne, Jimmy and Martin. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Godfather to Richard Bisson, Julia Pine-Bisson, Jordon Ense and Brett Ense. Special friend to the Ense family. Brian served in the HMCS and sailed the world. He enjoyed his time as an employment counsellor for his own community and an Education Counsellor at Kenjgewin Teg for 20 years, his second family. His passion was watching sports including his favourite team, the Habs and playing Island baseball. He enjoyed family gatherings, cooking, pool, listening to classic rock, leisurely walks, hunting, fishing, boating, live concerts and puttering around both in the yard and spending time with his friends in his famous "man cave." Brian's pride was watching his children play minor hockey for our community and showed up for every game. Brian was very compassionate for his community and members of M'Chigeeng and served many years as a Band Councillor and Deputy Chief. He took great pride in being of service to his Anishinabek people. He will be forever remembered for his friendly waves, daily texts, turkey stuffing, baked beans and loyalty. Brian lived a full life with many memories to last a lifetime. Baa maampii kaawaabamin. Aapjgo n'doo zaagin. Resting at his home residence, 81A Johnny's Park Drive in M'Chigeeng, Ontario on April 21, 2020. Donations to the heart and stroke foundation can be made in his memory. Interment in the M'Chigeeng Cemetery on April 23, 2020.

*There's a lady who's sure,
All that glitters is gold
And she's buying a stairway to Heaven.
When she gets there she knows
If the stores are all closed
With a word she can get what she came for
oh oh oh and she's buying a stairway to Heaven.
There's a sign on the wall,
But she wants to be sure
'cause you know sometimes words have two meanings
in a tree by the brook,
There's a songbird who sings
sometimes all of our thoughts are misgiving
ooh, it makes me wonder.
There's a feeling I get
when I look to the west
and my spirit is crying for leaving
in my thoughts I have seen rings of smoke
through the trees
and the voices of those who standing looking
oh, it really makes me wonder
and it's whispered that soon,
if we all call the tune
Then the piper will lead us to reason
and a new day will dawn,
For those who stand long
and the forests will echo with laughter.
If there's a bustle in your hedgerow
don't be alarmed now,
it's just a spring clean for the May queen
yes, there are two paths you can go by
but in the long run
There's still time to change the road you're on
and it makes me wonder
your head is humming and it won't go
In case you don't know
the piper's calling you to join him.
Dear lady, can you hear the wind blow?
And did you know
your stairway lies on the whispering wind?
And as we wind on down the road.
Our shadows taller than our soul.
There walks a lady we all know.
Who shines white light and wants to show
How everything still turns to gold.
And if you listen very hard
The tune will come to you at last
when all are one and one is all
to be a rock and not to roll
And she's buying a stairway to Heaven.
-Led Zeppelin-*

YVONNE LOA SELLEN

November 15, 1944 - April 19, 2020

On Sunday morning, April 19, around 7:45 am, Yvonne Sellen finally came to peace from her long battle with cancer at Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current. Yvonne passed away at the age of 75. Daughter to the late Jessie and George Sellen of Little Current. Yvonne had eight siblings: Georgina Robinson, Ken Sellen, Bettie Ann Sellen (Hoxal), Doug Sellen, Lenard Sellen (predeceased), Edward Sellen, Michael Sellen and Stanley Sellen. Yvonne also had many nieces and nephews as well as many great nieces and nephews that she held close to her heart. Yvonne was an active member of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church where her love of God was tremendously important to her. She was also involved in many groups. Yvonne was a member of the Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary, a member of the Red Hats, an active bingo player at the Aundeck Omni Kaning band office and was part of the euchre club in Little Current. She tried to help her community, church, family and friends the best way she could and she will be greatly missed by many. 'Til we meet again.

God's Faith

*Though we all lie awake in pain and anguish,
We know your soul will lie within a truly amazing place.
We all have heard about the eternal light,
Truly paradise within.
Your faith for God, most of us have never felt.
And the love you showed for your family and friends
Through even these hard times that we're dealt.
While we all lie awake to begin to undertake,
Why the Lord chose to take a woman away so loving,
so great.
To send uncertainly and confusion and hurt to each and every
one of us
But then to realize and understand exactly
Why God chose you,
To go forward to explain His word to others
That aren't so certain.
The final hours we spent together never the less,
To see your faith for Him continue to shine through
The sadness expressed.
Made us all realize why He chose you to carry out the
sacrifice at hand,
And last and definitely not least,
This was truly for the best.
When you looked at us all with a smile
And then replied so clear,
"The time has come, I serve the Lord
And take a break from escape
But promise you all, this is not the end.
That we will all be reunited once again.
With everyone that we love and the best of friends.
My love for you all and my faith for God will never end!"
Till we meet again in the afterlife, dear sister,
From all of us family and friends.*

CLIFFORD DAVID DEBASSIGE

June 10, 1952 - April 2, 2020



Clifford Debassige, a resident of M'Chigeeng First Nation, passed away at Health Sciences North, Sudbury on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at the age of 67 years. Clifford was born in Mindemoya, loving son of the late Ernest and Bernice (Corbiere) Debassige. Upon obtaining his licence as a car mechanic, he worked as a mechanic for Sisley Honda in Toronto and eventually moved home to M'Chigeeng. He had been self employed in car repair business up to the time of his illness. Clifford was very independent and lived by his strong values, respect and commitment to his business and customers. He loved fishing, going to casinos and never missed an opportunity to make a wager on anything worth betting on, as well as listening to daily gossip from his buddies who dropped by his garage. His sense of humour could at times be questionable if you were a serious individual and did not know him well. Clifford will be greatly missed by his family but memories of his life will live on with his family and everyone who knew him. Lovingly remembered by his wife Kate and his son Luke. Dear brother of Lloyd (predeceased) (Lillian), Winnifred Still and Brian (both predeceased), Jackie Crawford (predeceased) (Art), Nancy Debassige (predeceased), Yvonne Alberts (John), Nelson Debassige (Joyce), Annabelle and Doug Debassige (both predeceased), Alice Meadus (Ronald), Linda Van Horne (Perry), Monica Debassige and Gloria Popat (Hanif). Also survived by many nieces and nephews who loved Clifford. Due to COVID-19 and funeral restrictions, a Celebration of Clifford's Life will be held on June 10, 2020 by his family or later pending on COVID-19 status. Arrangements and donations entrusted to the Loughheed Funeral Home, www.loughheed.org.

ELLEN MARIE RAMSAY (MACDONALD)



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Marie Ramsay (nee MacDonald) on Sunday, April 12, 2020 at Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington at the age of 80. Lovingly remembered by her children Ken (Launa), Greg, Jason and Kim (Rob). Nanny Marie will be greatly missed by her grandchildren Taylor (Tyler), Jordyn (Glen), Kayle (Nicole) and Danica. Survived by her friend and the father of her children, Cecil. Predeceased by her grandparents Saxon Richards, Margaret Jane Richards (Abbey) and parents Hubert MacDonald and Mary Ellen MacDonald (Richards). Marie was fiercely proud of her connection to the family farms on Manitoulin Island and Prince Edward Island where she was raised. She worked in maternity and delivery in the obstetrics department at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital for many years and had a reputation there for kindness and good humour. Anyone who met Marie immediately felt comfortable in her presence and she made friends easily. Marie was admired for her positive outlook on life, especially her faith and courage in facing her extended illness. She will be sadly missed but her memory lives on in her family and friends. The family extends their collective thanks to Dr. Kathy Thompson for all the thoughtful care provided to our mother during her extended illness. As per Marie's wishes, cremation has taken place and when circumstances allow, a Celebration of Life will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Humane Society or your local animal shelter is gratefully welcomed.

BARBARA ANNE ORR (NEE FRASER)

March 5, 1936 - April 21, 2020



In Loving Memory of Barbara Anne Orr who passed away peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital with her husband at her side on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at the age of 84. Beloved wife of 62 years to Bill Orr. Loving mother of Janice (Mark), Billy (Anita), David (predeceased) and Don (Adeline). Cherished grandmother of Karly, Riley and Haley. Predeceased by her parents Rolo Fraser and Elizabeth Fraser (nee Barr). Will be missed by her siblings Ruth (predeceased), Don (predeceased) and Caroline. Barb will be missed by many nieces, nephews, family members and friends. Barb was born on the Wilson farm in Spring Bay. She taught Grades 1 through 8 in a one-room schoolhouse in Poplar in 1955 when she was only 19 years old. Barb was always a very generous and caring teacher. She also taught in Capreol. She later moved to Hornepayne where she met the love of her life, Bill. They were married in July of 1957. When she moved back to Manitoulin she became very involved in the history of Central Manitoulin. She served in the Historical Society where she was instrumental in telling the stories of some of the old buildings. She also taught Sunday School at the Mindemoya Missionary Church where she won an award. She was also a member of the Horticultural Society and served as secretary of the Seniors' Club. In her spare time she loved flowers, gardening and playing the piano. When she was growing up she would play the piano everyday with her father. Barb's favourite Psalm was Psalm 91. A private service was held at Island Funeral Home on Friday, April 24, 2020 at 11 am with Pastor Ray Kloetstra officiating. Burial followed in the Mindemoya Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary or to the Mindemoya Missionary Church.

BETTY JORDAN

March 7, 1931 - April 25, 2020



In loving memory of Betty who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor at the age of 89. Beloved wife of the late Jim Jordan. Cherished mother of Jamie (Ann) of Little Current, Dave (Barb) (both predeceased) and Laurie Williamson (predeceased) (Butch). Loving grandmother of Chad, Jeremy, Jami-Ann (Jason), Jennifer, Robbie (predeceased) and Wayne (Sarah). Great-grandmother of Jesse, Kyle, Stewart, Jacob, Eric, Jenna, Brendan, Jordan and Logan. Great-great-grandmother of Lily, Parker, Molly, Charlie and Rowan. Sister of Jack (Ruth) (both predeceased). Loved Aunt of Janis Annett (predeceased) (Carl). Great-aunt of Todd, Chris and Michelle. A private graveside service will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2020. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

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Is it a fear of what? Being hurt or being too open or allowing people to see our true "needy" selves? Perhaps the more independent we are, the more we lock ourselves away until we can't find the doorknob to let us out! Issues! The funny part of this reading is when I wrote it a couple of my friends who had passed away a few years ago names were on the same page. But, it's as suitable for what some of us are going through right now isolated and lonely.

Hey, I have the "Bee" a keeper ads on TV. I have seen quite a few honey bees this spring and that's a good sign. The snow drops lasted beautifully and there are so many this year. The front yard is getting more and more mini crocus seeding and the blue and white scillas are spreading everywhere. Thank you for the bag of oranges left at my door. All I saw was a pretty girl in a red coat and the back of a van.

Arthritis pain and stress. So how many drugs would I have to take for pain otherwise? Plus, number one benefit of journaling equals 81 percent less depression. Pick up a pen folks! Of course, if you are enjoying your isolation never mind. My helpful advice?

"This battle is not for you to fight, take your position,

stand still and see the victory of the Lord on your behalf." 2 Chronicles.

A call from Derek and Jodi.

Day 41: Officially barely, but, the first skunk of the season added air un-freshener to ours. I'm having a not good night.

But, oh what a beautiful day. The sun was gorgeous, coffee morning. Neighbours felt sorry for me and brought a pancake (homemade) with Dave's fresh maple syrup. Ray got out some of my summer lights and pots and Tara got her pond cleaned down to the bottom. Main water pond carrier Jacob. The raspberry plants are well-watered and we saw the first vulture fly over. We tried to look alive and the first mosquitoes were hungry!

Day 42: Four things to do for yourself each day,

- T-hankfulness
- I-nspiration
- M-editation

E-xercise

Six weeks today since our/my lifestyle changed dramatically and will be changed forever in how we think and how we live. I do think gratitude for life itself and praise for Earth's beauty are necessary for our souls' good, and that is a good place to start.

I guess it's not so strange that my mind works at 100 percent output and my body co-operates at 10 percent, darn!

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." Audrey Hepburn.

My daughter went for my pills and brought me an early Mother's Day gift, beautiful inspirational tuned wind chimes.

Finally, I went for a drive and had a visit with Pauline (her birthday) on the front steps. Drove to South Baymouth to admire scenery and get chips at Carol's and Earl's.



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COOK'S BAY via Cook's Dock Rd. 980.46 ft. 5.87 ac. \$99,000 (MLS 2081814); LAKE HURON via Cedar Tree Tr. 150 ft. 5.3 ac. \$45,000 (MLS 2083984); ICE LAKE via Ice Lake Dr. 192 ft. 13.21 ac. \$39,000 (MLS 2079212); LAKE KAGAWONG via Zullich Dr. 163 ft. 1.0 ac. \$99,500 (MLS 2084337); LAKE KAGAWONG 291 ft. 4.1 ac. via Mud Creek Rd. \$79,000 (MLS 2060462); LAKE MINDEMOYA 150 ft. 1.0 ac. via Monument Rd. \$99,000 (MLS 2083784); NORTH CHANNEL west of Maple Point 225 ft. & 2.66 ac. w/year round road, gate, driveway & hydro to the cleared building site. \$97,000 plus HST (MLS 2084973)

VACANT TOWN LOTS & ACREAGES
GORE BAY residential via Doc Strain Dr. 3.21 ac. & services \$42,000 (MLS 2083985); GORE BAY rural & residential via Fraser St. 3.0 ac. & services \$43,500 (MLS 2062357); GORE BAY residential via Hall St. 66 x 164 ft. & services \$23,000 (MLS 2093356).

COUNTRY PROPERTIES
DAWSON TOWNSHIP surveyed 1.0 ac. w/camp from portable classroom, operating hydro on site \$49,000 (MLS 2077148); MILLS TOWNSHIP via Union Rd. 100 ac. w/off grid water cottage or home, sauna, drilled well & more. \$209,000 (MLS 2075613).

VACANT COUNTRY LOTS & ACREAGES
BURPEE TOWNSHIP via Hwy 1.4 km east of Misery Bay Rd. 25 ac. \$17,900 (MLS 2077146); GORDON TOWNSHIP via County Line 2.0 ac. 120 x 725 ft. \$10,900 (MLS 2084638); ALLAN TOWNSHIP via Scotland Rd. 200 ac. \$149,500 (Exclusive)

WATERFRONT PROPERTIES
LOON LAKE via Hwy 540 391 ft. 23 ac. site cleared, 2 small cabins, privy, treated lake water, services at lot line \$97,000 (MLS 2083649); ICE LAKE COTTAGE via Ice Lake Dr. 200 ft & services, 2.67 ac., bed, bunkie, part bath \$119,000 (MLS 2084155); LAKE KAGAWONG via Mud Creek Rd. 347 ft. 2.45 ac. 200 sq. ft. off grid, think private tiny camp \$172,000 (MLS 2084570) LAKE MANITOU COTTAGE via Rockville Rd. 60 ft. & services, 754 sq. ft. 2 beds, bath \$149,000 (MLS 2084039).

TOWN PROPERTIES
MELDRUM BAY 2 cottages, could be homes on same lot, w/875 sq. ft. & w/750 sq. ft. septic, drilled well, services \$89,500 (MLS 2077147); GORE BAY via Meredith St. income building 4320 sq. ft. over 2 floors w/garage, retail space, 2 apartments on Blacksmith Corner \$119,000 (MLS 2084336).

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NORTH CHANNEL WATERFRONT COTTAGE - Outstanding recreational retreat. 201 feet sandy shoreline, exceptional lake, mountain and sunset views! Attractive Price. MLS#2084711



TEHKUMMAH AGRICULTURAL ACREAGE - Spectacular 104 acre site, great agricultural area, quality tillable lands plus hardwood forest, fenced & Black Creek frontage. MLS#2084126



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RURAL LIVING ON 99 ACRES - Two bedroom home w/detached garage. Very private, heavily treed site with excellent trail system and a perfect location to get away from it all. Attractively priced at \$265,000. MLS#2084061



EXCEPTIONAL APPEAL ON LAKE MINDEMOYA - Stunning west facing lakefront property. Very private Central Manitoulin location w/existing small cottage as added bonus. MLS#2084956



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LAKE MANITOU COTTAGE/HOME - Mature hardwood forest setting on one of the finest lots in the area. 2 bedroom dwelling low maintenance, detached garage, sauna and small harbor. MLS#2084161



EXCEPTIONAL WATERFRONT ACREAGE - 62 acres with 1,931 ft frontage. Features mature hardwood forest, great beach area, hydro, access road to site & a tremendous setting for waterfront development. Only \$390,000. MLS#2084827



MOTIVATED SELLER!! - 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom waterfront cottage overlooking Lake Mindemoya includes a boat house! Listed at \$195,000. MLS#2074433



MAPLE POINT WATERFRONT COTTAGE - 925 sq. ft. recreational retreat, North Channel views, well treed 2.5 acre lot, 260 ft frontage, sandy shallow beach, large detached garage. Asking \$299,900. MLS#2084487



LOG CABIN ON LAKE MANITOU! - 197 ft frontage, approx. 1 acre land. Recent approval for septic & fieldbed. Renovated log cabin, plus older log barn for storage. Reduced to \$210,000. MLS#2081904



LAKE MANITOU - Beautiful south facing views over lake. Solid sandy beach waterfront, great for swimming. One of the nicest building lots on Manitoulin today...with extra's! Asking \$189,900. MLS#2085001



STUNNING NORTH CHANNEL WATERFRONT ACREAGE - 20 acres and 1,300 feet shoreline on Hotham Island. Sheltered boat access from McBean Harbour, mature White Pine and Red Oak forest, exceptional dockage location! ONLY \$127,900!!! MLS#2084416



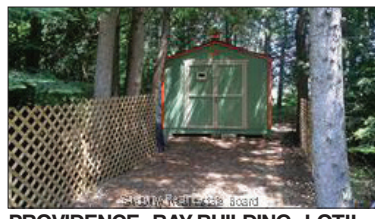
SOUTHBAY WATERFRONT LOT - East facing, great view, tree covered, hydro nearby. Great location for a summer getaway or a permanent home. Only \$85,000. MLS#2075664



SOUTH BAYMOUTH BUSINESS - Huron Motor Lodge - turnkey operation. Located directly across from ferry dock. Great financial statements. Asking \$1,400,000. MLS#2075494



WATERFRONT HOME ON LAKE MANITOU - Year round Viceroy, built in 1994, R2000 open concept home, wonderful lake views, partially finished basement, 24 x 28 detached garage, concrete dock, boat launch. Asking \$349,000. MLS#2075885



PROVIDENCE BAY BUILDING LOT!! - Double building lot for sale within walking distance to the beautiful sand beach and boardwalk. Selling lots together or separately. Asking \$65,000 for both. MLS#2082178



IMMACULATE HOME IN MINDEMOYA!! - Water view, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, huge master bedroom, sauna, garage and is located in the town of Mindemoya. Listed at \$370,000. MLS#2074309



162 ACRE WATERFRONT ESTATE - Approx. one square kilometer waterfront acreage w/one of Manitoulin Island's finest homes. Double attached plus huge detached garage, mature hardwood forest, trout stream and 3,040 feet of shoreline comprised of 5 separately deeded waterfront sites. \$1,790,000. MLS#2084831



PRIME LEVEL LAKESHORE ON BARRIE ISLAND - Tedjowin Lodge sits on 600' frontage on Lk Huron/Private Harbour can handle large boats or plane/ Sandy Beach/Bonus **1200sq ft Guest House/Truly Stunning views. Only \$357,900! MLS#2083416



BREATHTAKING VIEW!! - offering gorgeous views of Lake Huron, Gore Bay and the Gore Bay Marina. Stunning log home w/stone fireplace, Jacuzzi double car garage, sauna and exercise room. Asking \$799,000. MLS#2077446



LIFE ON THE LAKE - Custom Brick Home with beautiful views/5 bedrooms/ Large Kitchen/Many upgrades/Private Dock with 500' frontage on Ice Lake. Asking only \$299,900. MLS#2083920



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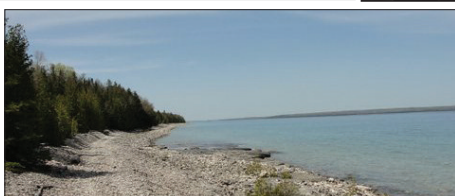
4 BEDROOM HOME WITH SAND BOTTOM WATER FRONT!! - This beautiful 1400 sq. ft home is located in a park setting on the north shore of Lake Mindemoya on leased land. A new lease is to be negotiated with land owner. This home is used year round and has plenty of sand beach shoreline along the waterfront. Lake Mindemoya has great year round fishing for walleye, perch, whitefish and pike. Amenities such as hospital, golf course, grocery stores and restaurants are close by. Rent is much cheaper than taxes. Asking \$219,000 !!!
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FANTASTIC BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!! - Known as Sandfield General Store, this very large commercial building is currently a gift shop, a restaurant & a corner store. It has plenty of parking, storage areas & land. Along with this business is a 2 storey, 5 bdrm, 2 bath home that would make a great little bed & breakfast. Lake Manitou is a stone's throw away & this location is quite central & very much needed as the competition is mainly 20 mins or more away in every direction. There is a resort trailer park directly behind this great commercial business & its huge untapped potential. Reduced to \$300,000
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SUCCESSFUL AUTO REPAIR AND BODY SHOP BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN GORE BAY!!

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



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



ELEVATED SUNRISE VIEW OVER BEAUTIFUL LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - Large 2 1/2 acre lot with almost 150 ft of shoreline, a dock & a (grandfathered-in) boathouse. A quick flight of stairs brings you from the dock & fantastic deep water shoreline to the top of the flat bluff where you find a 3 bdrm cottage with an eye catching view! The golf course, hospital, restaurants, shopping are only 15 mins away. Only \$195,000!!!!
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2+1 BDRM COUNTRY HOME - With Large Double Garage On 3.7 Acres Of Land In The Quaint Town Of Silver Water. This beautiful home located close to Silver Lake which is good fishing for Walleye & Bass has many upgrades including hardwood flooring, propane furnace and new windows. The 3.77 acre lot comes with two driveways and a 31 X 24 foot garage with storage loft. Many other great fishing lakes are close by and the amenities of the Town of Gore Bay are just 30 minutes away. Asking \$169,000. MLS#2079265



VACANT LOT FOR SALE IN PROVIDENCE BAY - Walking distance to Providence Bay Beach this lot already comes with a dug well, driveway and trailer. The trailer on the lot is in good condition, all inspected and used in the summer of 2019 and the roof was triple painted with a rubber sealant. The lot is cleared ready to build on and has plenty of soil for a traditional septic system. Hydro is at the lot line. Come and join a small but beautiful & friendly community!!!! Asking \$39,000!!!!
MLS#2084460



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



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



2.77 ACRE VACANT LOT ON LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - This estate size waterfront lot comes with a beautiful sand beach, great for swimming on a lake that has very good fishing for walleye, bass, perch and whitefish. The lot is located only 10 minutes from the Town of Mindemoya which consists of such amenities as Manitoulin's largest grocery store, a hospital, hardware stores, etc. asking \$123,000!
MLS#2060675