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You'll find specially designed Easter eggs hidden in ads throughout this paper. They look like these: → and there are 20 of them. It's also a contest and there are prizes.

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MHC requisitions Northeast Town rec centre as Island COVID-19 care centre

Swing bridge can't be closed to deny people Island access

Answer to frequently asked question

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—As more cases of COVID-19 emerge in Canada, Ontario and within Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD)'s catchment area, many individuals have expressed concern about people coming to Manitoulin Island and carrying the virus with them, and those concerned people have advocated for checkpoints or opening the swing bridge to screen traffic heading to Manitoulin. The ability of Islanders to implement these measures, however, is a different question altogether.

The Northeast Town, which is home to the only link between Manitoulin and the mainland, has discussed the possibility of restricting Island-bound traffic.

As a conversation starter during the March 31 meeting of the Northeast Town, Councillor Michael Erskine asked Mayor Al MacNevin that oft-asked query:

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New annual record highs expected for Lake Huron water levels

by Alicia McCutcheon

LAKE HURON—With the unseasonably high water levels of last fall, the Northeast Town saw the writing on the wall for the 2020 season to come and applied for climate adaptation funds for its downtown docks from FedNor for which they received approval this month. This news couldn't have come sooner for the municipality as Lake Huron continues to break record highs with each passing month of this new year.

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MADE YOU SMILE! This three-bale Easter bunny can be seen at the Assiginack information centre on Highway 6 and encourages passersby to crack a smile. Another wonderful creation of Les and Delmer Fields, the bunny also reminds families that the Easter Bunny is on its way and will be making an appearance in Manitowaning and in Mindemoya this weekend. See story on Page 3 and ads on Page 17.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Island paramedic re-engineers snorkel masks to deliver oxygen, protect front line medical staff

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—Retired paramedic Bill Cranston of Mindemoya has created a novel method of delivering oxygen to COVID-19 patients while also potentially reducing the exhalation of viral droplets and airborne particles using an ordinary object with a series of one-way seals—a full-face snorkel mask.

Mr. Cranston is a member of both the emergency committee and the patient advisory committee at Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC). He has been spending considerable time in his modest home workshop in recent months to help find solutions to make Manitoulin Island better prepared to fight the coronavirus.

"Dr. (Mike) Bedard is a personal friend of mine and we have been talking about this since mid-January and building ideas since

then," said Mr. Cranston.

"(Mr. Cranston) can silicone in an oxygen tube and this rigidity provides PEEP—positive end-expiratory pressure (which refers to the pressure left in the lungs after breathing out) and he also,

on the exhale, put a (bacterial and viral) filter. It's pretty cool, I think," said Dr. Bedard, the president of the medical staff at MHC who has also offered to be the lead

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Sub-acute care centre will accommodate up to 30 patients

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has partnered with the Northeast Town to create a standalone sub-acute care centre (SCC) for COVID-19 patients at the Little Current-Howland Recreation Centre, designed to be a stage of treatment between intensive hospital care and less-involved home and community care.

"A number of minor miracles have taken place to allow this all to click into place," said Dr. Mike Bedard, who serves as the president of the medical staff at MHC and has offered to be the lead physician of the SCC. "I reiterate: this is the best place in the world to ride this out."

The designated Manitoulin Island COVID-19 hospital will be MHC's Little Current site. In-hospital care will be provided to patients with severe cases of the virus and that department will be overseen by Dr. Roy Jeffery.

Up the road, the town's arena and curling club is being transformed into the SCC, with that facility legally becoming a branch of MHC until it is no longer needed. Dr. Bedard has offered to oversee this facility which will support up to 30 patients.

"This is intended to be front-line support to the Manitoulin Health Centre's main front line of action," said Dr. Bedard.

Services available at the SCC will include the delivery of 100 percent oxygen, medical supports such as intravenous care, administration of a patient's regular medications, nutrition and some form of mental health support. Its main purpose is to give patients more time for their immune sys-

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Island ventilator appeal fund tops \$149,000

Four units ordered for Manitoulin hospitals' use

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC)'s ventilator campaign has now received donations far exceeding the purchase price of the four additional ventilator units, which will allow all surplus funds to go toward the health group's efforts to fight the virus through other needed activities such as purchasing supplies.

As of 3 pm on Friday, April 3, MHC had taken in \$149,190 in confirmed donations from a large num-

ber of Island foundations, businesses and individuals. The original goal was \$80,000 to cover the purchase of the four ventilators and the additional funds will be used for other COVID-19-related purposes such as the new sub-acute care centre in Little Current and exploring techniques to disinfect medical objects.

Because the surplus funds are being directed toward the COVID-19 fight, the hospital is still wel-

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Kagawong man believes more COVID-19 testing is needed

by Warren Schlote
KAGAWONG—A Kagawong resident is strongly requesting to be tested for COVID-19 after living with symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, fatigue and a sore throat for nearly a month but having been denied testing because of the Ontario Ministry of Health's testing policies.

"There needs to be more testing. I'm in this situation where I don't know if I have it or not and I'm stuck in isolation," says Charles Beckett. "I'm not even going back to work. I was supposed to go back today but I told them I'm still not feeling well and didn't want to risk it. Thankfully they're pretty good about that."

Mr. Beckett, 35, works at a grocery store and says he is regularly around people who

cough in the store. However, since he cannot prove that he has been in contact with any other positive-tested cases, he is unable to get tested himself.

"I have Crohn's and colitis; any time I get the flu it always lasts for more than 14 days and it's usually three or four weeks before any symptoms go away because my immune system is shot. I think even people with mild symptoms should be tested, especially snowbirds and people who have been away," he says, noting that people who recently returned have been coming into the store where he works.

Testing is limited in Canada and around the world because of a finite supply of testing kits and lab capacity. This is why public health directives are to only test people

who match specific criteria.

Although that policy helps to ensure there are tests available for those who need them the most, it also means testing centres have to turn away many individuals without being tested and instead share information on public health best practices in order to keep them and their communities as safe as possible.

Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) president and CEO Lynn Foster has declined to comment on this specific case because making public comments about a particular patient is against hospital policy. However, she says the hospital is following all of the testing recommendations from public health agencies and she is confident in the decisions made by those in the testing

centres.

Public Health Sudbury and Districts has likewise declined to comment on any specific cases, but says in a statement that the decision of whether or not to test is based on an assessment of each person—the overall priority is to inform clinical and public health management. It adds that the health care provider has the ultimate decision on whether or not to test a patient.

If anyone is experiencing symptoms, regardless of receiving a positive test result or not, they must self-isolate for at least 14 days and remain in their homes, even for errands, instead using delivery services or volunteer groups to help with these tasks. Those without a fever whose

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Popular smelt fishing municipalities' message to smelters: stay home!

by Michael Erskine
MANITOULIN—With what is possibly the most popular smelt fishing location on Manitoulin Island, based on the numbers of eager fishers who show up each mid-April to scoop up the tiny morsels, the Township of Billings was first out of the gate to discourage anyone from travelling to their municipality to smelt fish. Since then other municipalities have followed suit.

"We haven't dealt with it yet and like many recent issues, it comes down to a question of enforcement," said Assiginack CAO Alton Hobbs, but he added the caveat "we are likely to encourage no smelt fishing." Mr. Hobbs reiterated that enforcement would be something of an issue for the municipality, given the limited resources. "We don't have a bylaw officer as such," he noted, "so unless the OPP are going to enforce the provincial ban on gatherings of five people

or more..."

The same enforcement concerns were voiced by Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin during a recent Manitoulin Municipal Association meeting. Mayor MacNevin also pointed out the conflicting messages Island municipalities have received on who actually owns shoreline allowances.

Nonetheless, Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson encouraged folks to forgo their annual pilgrimage to Manitoulin streams this year. "As everyone should know by now, all parks and marinas are closed," he said. "Municipally we would encourage people to not go smelt fishing this year. Everyone recognizes the need for physical separation, so it is in their best interest and their families' best interest to avoid smelt fishing at this time."

M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige was unavailable for comment by press time Monday.



Long-term care facilities, such as the Manitoulin Centennial Manor, are under lockdowns to prevent COVID-19 outbreaks. Many well-wishers in their communities have begun posting encouraging signs outside for residents and staff alike.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

All Island nursing homes enact strict lockdowns during COVID-19 spread

by Michael Erskine
MANITOULIN—The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic and harrowing accounts coming out of some southern Ontario long-term care facilities where the virus has already managed to infiltrate has led to some heroic efforts on the part of Island nursing homes in order to defend their vulnerable and close-packed residents from a virus for which humans have no natural immunity. Those efforts have brought along with them challenges for the mental health and well-being of residents and staff alike, calling for equally robust efforts to lift spirits and make connections.

"We've done so much, where do I begin?" said Manitoulin Centennial Manor administrator Tamarra Beam, speaking to The Expositor following a series of Monday meetings with staff and provincial health officials. "First of all,

we locked all the doors. When the Ministry of Health directive came down, it seems like months ago now, but it was just a couple of weeks ago we took steps to lock down."

It was more than a simple locking of doors; as regular visitors to the facility would know, there is a number-lock system that usually permits visitors to punch in a posted code to gain entry—no more.

"We physically rewired the front door so people can't get in until they are screened," said Ms. Beam. "At first we put in visiting hours, but then the word came down Saturday to restrict entry. The only people coming in are our staff."

Deliveries are strictly monitored, with calls ahead by Life-Labs ensuring that there are medical samples that need to be picked up before the delivery per-

son even sets out for the facility. "They call us and if, and only if, they have stuff to pick up do they even come. Even then, there is no physical contact between the staff and the delivery people. The same goes for our food deliveries. The staff opens the dock doors and leave. The delivery people, Sysco, bread, milk, they come in and drop off the supplies with no physical contact with staff."

"There are lockers here and staff are encouraged to change into their uniforms here and to take them off and change into their street clothes before they go home," she said.

Even the medical staff who come into the facility are isolated, bringing in personal protective gear to protect the residents and staff from any contact. Doctors and other health professionals are now conducting examinations via

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Stressful times often mean families are at a greater risk for domestic violence

by Alicia McCutcheon
MANITOULIN—As soon as COVID-19 began to spread globally and it was evident that Canada would not be spared, Marnie Hall, Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) executive director, became concerned. "Physical distancing goes against how we run almost all of our programs," she told The Expositor.

"Shelters across Canada have been over capacity for months," Ms. Hall continued, "nor are these shelters set up for physical distancing."

Ms. Hall said that the 10-bed women's shelter in Mindemoya is not over capacity now, but because of physical distancing

measures, there will be less space available at the current location. Plans are in the works to create an emergency secondary space with extra beds should the need arise.

While MFR might not be able to provide the same face-to-face contact to women in this time of physical distancing, Ms. Hall assures the women of Manitoulin that MFR will continue to support them in every way they can. MFR recently launched a new text-only line for women to reach out if they find themselves in crisis.

"Women are most at risk from the people housed with them,"

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The Expositor partners with Gimaa Radio to provide news services in Anishinaabemowin

by Expositor staff
M'CHIGEENG—Gimaa Radio station manager and founder Anong Beam has travelled a long and winding road to bring her father (renown Anishinaabe artist) Carl Beam's dream of creating an Anishinaabemowin radio station into fruition. Gimaa Radio is based in M'Chigeeng and broadcasts "stories and conversations for learners and speakers to celebrate and laugh together in Ojibwe."

A few weeks ago, Ms. Beam approached The Expositor with an innovative idea on how this paper could assist in the Gimaa Radio goal.

"For a long time I wanted to have some kind of relationship with different news media outlets," she said. "I had approached the CBC before, but that never panned out. We are really too small an audience for that to really work."

She came to realize that the news of greatest interest to her audience was hyper-local. "I thought that The Expositor would be a good fit," said Ms. Beam. "The Expositor is so local and local news with the community is what we really want." So she reached out to staff writer Michael Erskine with the concept.

"I thought it was a great idea," said Mr. Erskine, who has taken several Ojibwe language courses over

the past three decades, albeit with what he admits has been very limited success. "I have always been a strong supporter of maintaining Indigenous languages," he said, "so I jumped at the opportunity. I thought that not only would I be doing my small part to strengthen Anishinaabemowin here on Manitoulin, but I might improve my own grasp of the language at the same time."

Mr. Erskine brought the plan to his editor and Manitoulin Publishing owner Alicia McCutcheon, whom he knew as also being a strong supporter of strengthening Anishinaabemowin and who has encouraged the use of Indigenous words in local news stories and articles as did her father before her.

"I thought it was a great idea," she said. "We have often wondered how we could do more to assist in strengthening Anishinaabemowin and with Michael willing to take on the project it seemed like a good step in the right direction."

On Tuesday, the day following the production of The Expositor, Mr. Erskine takes the news stories from the front and third pages of the newspaper, those with the lead stories, and writes a short synopsis of the story which he then sends to the radio

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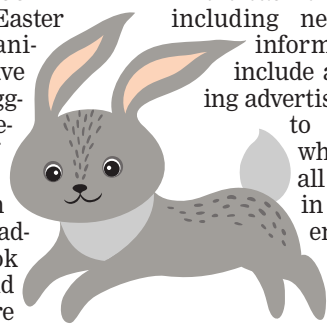
Plenty to do this Easter across Manitoulin

by Alicia McCutcheon
MANITOULIN—It's Easter weekend and Manitoulin Islanders have come up with some egg-ceptional ways to celebrate, at a distance of course.

In today's edition of The Expositor, readers will have to look very carefully to find 20 Easter eggs that are strewn throughout the advertisements. Look for the half-page on Page 6 where you can list

where each of the ads was found including necessary pertinent information you must include about each egg-hiding advertisement. Take a photo of this half-page when you have found all the eggs and filled in the blanks and email it to expositor@manitoulin.ca by Easter Monday at noon. Those with all the correct answers will be placed into a draw for three

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Law & Order

Manitoulin man faces impaired driving charges

On March 30, members of the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service received a report of an older model Toyota 4-runner travelling eastbound on Hwy 540. The vehicle was reported to be operating with only two tires on one side and only rims on the other.

Members of both police services responded to the incident and after a brief pursuit, the vehicle attempted to evade police on a snowmobile trail and got stuck.

One of the occupants of the vehicle fled into the woods and the driver of the vehicle was arrested at the scene by a UCCM police officer.

Charged with operation while impaired, and operation while impaired over 80 mgs is Derrick Gary Leeson, age 31, of South Baymouth. The accused was released on an appearance notice for June 17 at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay.

The investigation is still ongoing and more charges are forthcoming.

The UCCM Police would like to remind the public that if they see a suspicious vehicle or suspected impaired drivers to please call 911 to report.

OPP warns of new COVID-19 frauds

The Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP would like to remind the public to be mindful of possible frauds and scams associated with COVID-19. Fraudsters will attempt to profit from consumers' fears, uncertainties and misinformation.

The following few examples are what you should look for as a potential scam: Private companies offering 'fast' COVID-19 tests for sale; fraudulent and deceptive online ads offering cleaning products, hand sanitizers and other items in high demand; malicious email campaigns that capitalize on the public's fears about COVID-19; door-to-door offering fake decontamination services; and fraudsters may urge you to invest in hot new stocks related to the disease.

If you think you or someone you know

has been a victim of fraud, please contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or report online at www.antifraud-centre.ca.

Manitoulin OPP arrests impaired driver

On March 24 at approximately 3:56 pm, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP responded to a traffic complaint of a vehicle on Highway 6, Whitefish River First Nation.

Officers stopped the vehicle and it was determined that the driver had been consuming alcohol.

As a result, Jennifer Campener, 36 years old, from North Bay has been charged with operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs, and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused was issued a 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension and the vehicle was impounded for seven days. The driver is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on June 17.

The Manitoulin OPP would like to thank the public for its assistance with this investigation. We rely on the public to report crime and impaired driving is a crime that should be treated no differently. If you suspect that someone is driving or about to drive impaired, call 9-1-1 and report it.

Manitoulin OPP investigates collision

On March 27 at approximately 6 pm, members of the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP responded to a motor vehicle collision involving an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) on Gore Street in Gore Bay.

The driver of the ATV was transported to the hospital with serious injuries.

As a result of the investigation, a 37-year-old from Gore Bay was arrested and charged with operation while prohibited under the Criminal Code (CC) contrary to section 320.18(1)(a) of the CC. The vehicle was impounded for 45 days.

The accused was released on an appearance notice and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on July 9.

Northeast Town Council Notes

Northeast Town meets electronically for first time

Acknowledging the need for physical distancing in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, council for the Northeast Town met virtually during its March 31 meeting for the first time, utilizing the Zoom video conferencing application.

To begin, council made an amendment to its procedural bylaw, Bylaw 99-36, specifically items 5-7: that members of council can attend council meetings through electronic methods and be counted toward quorum; that council can participate electronically in a closed meeting; and in the case of a 'declare emergency order' by the premier, "the cabinet or municipal head of council under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, members of councils, committees and local boards who participate in open and closed meeting electronically can be counted for the purpose of quorum."

Ventilator campaign

Council reviewed the letter from M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige requesting a donation toward the ventilator campaign for the two sites of the Manitoulin Health Centre.

"After speaking with our representative at the hospital and hearing the issues facing them, there may be better ways to support them. They have sufficient money to order the number of ventilators they need and can manage," Mayor Al MacNevin told councillors.

The mayor suggested council defer a donation and wait for a response from MHC "as to the best way they can help to battle the pandemic."

"I think we should wait and see exactly where we're going with this and hold off on it," said Councillor Bill Koehler.

"I concur to go with your plan and wait and see about requirements from the hospital," Councillor Barb Baker added.

"When the hospital requires something, we should assist them," Councillor Dawn Orr said, adding that the public needs to know this. The mayor pointed out that the press was on the call.

"We need to make it clear that the MHC

knows that we will step up where needed," said Councillor Michael Erskine.

"And that's what we're working toward with the hospital," the mayor said.

Councillor Bruce Wood said he "totally agrees" that council should wait and see what the hospital needs in terms of support with Councillor Laurie Cook also voicing her agreement.

"We're still too early into this pandemic and don't know how things will progress," Councillor Al Boyd said. "Certainly it was a good thing that Chief Debassige did and it seems she attained her goals."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since this meeting was held, the Northeast Town has leased its recreation centre to the MHC as a COVID-19 sub-acute care centre.

Taxpayer financial relief

Council suggested three proposals for taxpayer financial relief: Extend the due date on all current and future charges for water/sewer and taxes to 90 days from 30 days. This will have the effect of eliminating interest on April 1 water/sewer bills and the second installment on the interim taxes for 90 days. This measure will provide NEMI residents with approximately \$40,884 in financial relief over the next three months. Interest would continue to accumulate on any balance that predated the COVID-19 outbreak; double the base amount of water permitted to be used from 45 cubic metres to 90 cubic metres per billing period (three months). This will provide \$45,000 of relief to the users on the system; and suspend all new tax registrations for the next three months.

The proposals were moved by Councillor Cook and seconded by Councillor Erskine.

Councillor Baker asked if council increased the water limit, would this push the municipality over its allowable limit as per ministry order. CAO Dave Williamson said it would not.

Councillor Jim Ferguson asked if the relief proposals could be extended if the pandemic goes on longer than anticipated.

"It's always at council's discretion and can be extended on past 90 days at council's will," Mr. Williamson explained.

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THE EXPOSITOR'S EASTER EGG HUNT

EGG TALLY FORM

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HERE IT IS! A few days before Easter Weekend and it's time to check out this week's paper for Easter eggs hidden in ads throughout the paper. There are 20 of them!

Look for one of the following eggs, both in colour and in black and white ads. (Do not include these in your list)



Find the eggs, make note of where you find them (which ad) and what product or service is being advertised.

Email the forms to The Expositor Office by Monday, April 13 at 12 noon and you may win one of three great prizes!

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Ice Chips and Canoe Quips Manitoulin Sporting Life



Islanders selected for top NOHA award!

Congratulations to Manitoulin ex-patriot, Pleasant Valley's own **Deb McLeod-Topash**. She was recently named as the Northern Ontario Hockey Association's (NOHA) Most Deserving Award for Officials. Deb has been involved as a coach and referee for many years. Her coaching experiences include provincially ranked girls' teams. As an official she has worked her way up through the ranks and has had the chance to officiate many high level games. The award makes her the first woman to win the award since it was established 27 years ago in 1993.

The Most Deserving Official Award goes to someone who: has played a key role in the officiating program within their district; is someone who would be sorely missed if they were no longer involved; is rated on their own officiating skills and what they put back into the branch/division; is a supervisor who is always willing to go out and supervise younger officials; and is a person who has assisted with the assigning, instruction and administration at development camps, certification and recertification clinics.

Unfortunately, Deb comes with amazing credentials too numerous to mention everything. Deb says that she is just incredibly humbled by the award and that, "It's more about encouraging young players to other aspects of this great game!"

Here are just a few of her accomplishments. Deb has been a Level 3 official for nine years in the NOHA and six years in the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA). She has been a supervisor for three years in the NOHA. She has been an assigner of officials for seven years not to mention vice president of the North Bay and area referee's association.

She has also been coaching for eight years in the North Bay and Almaguin areas for girls' hockey right up to Midget B and the OWHA Ontario Winter Games - Huntsville (2014) when she was bench staff of silver medalist Team White.

As far as officiating, she has gone from house league on up to in 2014 selected to officiate at the OHF Atom AA Championships in North Bay and officiated OUA (Ontario University Athletics - Women's), PWHL (Provincial Women's Hockey League - Intermediate AA) and several years at the OWHA provincial championships.

Deb, however, was more interested to acknowledge a young local official. Also recognized by the NOHA's officiating awards was M'Chigeeng's **Gabe Hare** as the recipient of the NOHA Keith Barton Memorial Award (Most Promising Official)! We need more refs like you, Gabe hopefully this will inspire more youngsters to give officiating a shot once we pass the COVID-19 era.

Let's keep active together, apart!

An abrupt end to organized sports for the very active **Bridgeman family** has not stopped them from staying in shape and making it fun at the same time. With no tryouts in the near future, they've packed away their hockey equipment and set up a gym in that room so all four are working out daily.

Delaney and Sadie are in a running routine as well, while **Jack and Liam** basketball it up in the driveway and shoot pucks daily. Incidentally, Jack has posted a unique online video challenge to some of his friends and teammates: 30 goals, 10 push-ups and a 30 second wall sit. The first work-out is no small feat with his net a good 25 metres away! Jack has always been a marksman and easily wristed in nine in a row. On the next one he went "bar down" but it stayed out so he needed an 11th shot. Then to 10 perfect, elbows-in, push-ups and a run to their shed to sit on an imaginary chair with his knees right at 90 degrees! Judging by the reactions, lots of people will take him up on his dare.

Great job, Bridgemans! If anyone else know of a fun and active task and they want to throw down the gauntlet to friend, family or co-workers stuck at home, email me. Thanks as well to those workers who are required to work and are getting their regular activity.

Food for thought and fuel!

As we all know, we need to feed our bodies to stay healthy and have energy to be able to exercise. As we try to maintain physical distancing, some of our least fortunate people in our community are more likely not to be able to access healthy food.

The Manitoulin Family Resources food bank has changed its policy in order to make it easier for people to obtain much needed food assistance. No longer are you required to have an agency refer, you can self-refer. People can call (705) 368-3400 ext. 242 to self-refer and receive instructions on the procedure to keep you and workers safe. Pick-up will continue to be Tuesdays and Fridays from 10-2, however you must call first.

A good sport is good for sports
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3 Cows manager acknowledged for 25 years of dedication

by Warren Schlote
LITTLE CURRENT—Three Cows and a Cone manager **Carrie Moore**, whose face would be very recognizable to the thousands of visitors who stop by the shop every year, was recently honoured for 25 years of service to her company by owner **Phil Blake** who also included a \$2,500 gift to commemorate the occasion.

"It was an unexpected surprise, but it was really nice," said Ms. Moore. "There's been so many changes in trends and different flavours of ice cream over the years. It's been a bit crazy at times but it's been a good 25 years."

Ms. Moore first got involved with Mr. Blake's business when he purchased The English Pantry in downtown Little Current 25 years ago, where Ms. Moore was already working. The transition was not entirely smooth sailing, though.

"As funny as it is now, about two weeks after I purchased (the business), she came to me and said she wanted to quit. I talked her out of it and encouraged her to wait and see what we were doing because I promised she would like it," said Mr. Blake.

Ms. Moore stuck it out and the two became closer and closer as the years passed. Mr. Blake moved south for a period of seven years mid-way through the 2000s and Ms. Moore took over the day-to-day operations of the business for that time.

"That says something about the type of person she is. It went really well—I only came up once a month to see how things were going, but in Carrie's hands I didn't have to worry too much," Mr. Blake said.



Phil Blake, owner of 3 Cows and a Cone in Little Current gives his long time manager Carrie Moore a gift in honour of her 25 years of dedication to the brand.

When news of the 25th work anniversary gift emerged on social media, a flood of compliments and well-wishes surfaced from hundreds of people.

"I was a little overwhelmed. I don't really like the spotlight but it's been heartwarming. I didn't realize I knew that many people," Ms. Moore said with a laugh, adding that she recognized numerous faces of regular seasonal customers even if their names did not ring a bell.

Working in a family-oriented business like an ice cream shop has created unique perspectives for Ms. Moore.

"I've seen some of them for 25 years, when they've gone from babies to young adults who are starting to have families of their own," she said. "It's kind of neat to see all of the different changes in people and their growing families."

Having someone with the ability to bond with customers and become a recognizable part of the

Manitoulin experience has been a benefit for Mr. Blake, too, who said the people who visit her every year on their way to the cottage could always look forward to seeing Ms. Moore's smile behind the ice cream bar.

"I couldn't do this without her and I wanted to give her something substantial just to say thank you. I can't say enough good things about Carrie," he said. "Anyone who's been working with someone for 25 years, especially with me, deserves to be rewarded for their hard work. This was just one way I could show my appreciation for everything she's done for me over the years."

Although tourist traffic should be down this season, Ms. Moore will undoubtedly still welcome her patrons with a wave and smile—even if it's through a pane of glass during physical distancing. Mr. Blake said he hoped he could continue working with Ms. Moore for years to come.

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...Swing bridge can't be closed to deny people Manitoulin Island access

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'can we close the bridge?'

The mayor deferred to CAO Dave Williamson, who explained, "The municipality does not control the provincial highway or a provincial structure (the swing bridge)—that authority resides with the province."

Mayor MacNevin said some communities have suggested having people at the bridge to hand out information about COVID-19 or even doing testing.

"If people were tested at the bridge, the people would have to be trained and we currently are facing short supplies of PPE (personal protective equipment)," the mayor continued. "It's not sustainable for the health care system and it's not sustainable for us."

The mayor said it would be more likely that the province would institute a travel restriction for all Ontarians.

"I think it's clear that it's (COVID-19) already here, it takes weeks to show up, and we need to act as though it's

already here," Mayor MacNevin added.

The Expositor contacted the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) for context into the possibility of a swing bridge closure to protect Manitoulin Island. Spokesperson Kristin Franks did not directly address the legality of citizen-run blockades, but said there were no provincial plans to restrict traffic on any provincial highways or the swing bridge at this time.

MTO is not a traffic enforcement agency, but Ms. Franks did state that the ministry urges all drivers to stay home except for essential travel. She added that essential services such as grocery stores, manufacturing facilities and gas stations will continue to be accessible to all Ontarians.

To determine the legality of a citizen, or municipality-led screening checkpoint, The Expositor contacted the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). OPP is responsible for traffic enforcement on all provincial highways in the District of Manitoulin.

OPP North East Region spokesperson Carlo Berardi said that unofficial checkpoints would come with significant public safety concerns.

"Municipalities and/or volunteer organizations have no authority to conduct checkpoints (or) slow down traffic on any provincial highways," he stated. "The OPP encourages all Ontarians to voluntarily comply with the recommendations and Emergency Orders set out by the federal and

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...Manitoulin Island ventilator appeal fund tops \$149,000

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coming donations that will be used for those purposes.

Several donations of \$10,000 came in from sources including M'Chigeeng First Nation (which organized and launched the campaign), Shesheganwaning First Nation, Manitoulin Transport, The Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation, B.J. Corbiere/Wright Memorial Hockey Tournament, Little Current Lions Club, Bousquet Realty/Bousquet Family Holdings, Whitefish River First Nation, the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, the Township of Assiginack and Zhiibaahaasing First Nation.

Donors who agreed to be named at the \$5,000 level were the Town of Gore Bay and Marcel and Lucille Gervais. At the \$3,500 level were Stanley Park

Campground and JK Automotive's Joe and Kim Moor.

MHC will be using the funds to purchase four LTV-1200 ventilators. These are well-known units that are a staple in emergency stockpiles across the United States and are well-used in health care settings across the continent. LTV-1200s, while not the largest or most intricate pieces of equipment, are known for their reliability; one American health care worker referred to the model as "the Ford Econoline van of medical air movement."

LTV-1200s carry the brand names of several companies including CareFusion and VyAire and they are sold through many medical equipment resellers. The 1200s are a portable ventilator unit like the existing ones at MHC but they provide diverse functionality within intensive care units

as well as mobile applications.

MHC physicians and nurses are already trained on the LTV-1200, which is another advantage compared to bringing in an unfamiliar model. Once the units arrive, biomed will have to certify the units and then they can be put into operation.

The Expositor contacted a medical equipment supplier which had originally offered MHC a quote on these units, but that company declined to comment on any specific transactions.

Some of the original correspondence indicated a usual delivery time of two to three weeks following order; however, this is the turnaround time under more 'normal' circumstances. Given the massive spike in global demand, those orders are expected to take longer to fulfill.

...MHC requisitions Northeast Town rec centre as COVID-19 care centre

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tems to fight off the virus.

"The goal, of course, is to make sure that we keep as many beds available at the hospital for those who are critically ill and who will need that expertise," said MHC president and CEO Lynn Foster.

The hospital site and arena were chosen in conjunction because they are physically close. This will enable a two-way patient flow between the locations—if a patient experiences severe symptoms at the SCC, Dr. Bedard will send them for more intensive care at the main hospital; if a hospital patient stabilizes and is no longer in critical condition, they will be sent to the SCC.

The Little Current arena is also fully heated and there are two separate ventilation systems within which will reduce the possibility of airborne contamination.

Admitting will take place in the upstairs portion of the arena, just outside of the large conference hall. That hall will be the main ward and a series of simple cubicles (built similarly to the internal walls at the Mindemoya COVID-19 test centre) will offer some privacy. Licenced contractor John Deforge has volunteered a crew to construct those cubicles.

From the stage at the far end of the room, physicians and nurses will be able to look out over the whole ward and see if anyone is in need of assistance.

Next to the stage, also at the rear of the ward will be a designated "COVID-positive" staff area and washroom—this means that the virus may exist within the area as opposed to a "COVID-negative" space that is separate from the patients.

Discussions were ongoing at the time of the tour about protocols for the space between the ward and the "clean" area, including the possibility of a three-stage "airlock" with different stages for employees to take off their personal protective equipment and decontaminate.

All patients will receive food at the SCC and M'Chigeeng Freshmart baker Pam Roy has offered her help, if needed, in the kitchen. The arena has two separate kitchen facilities, one on the second floor and one on the ground level, which will help to keep the COVID-negative and COVID-positive areas of the building separate.

Patient washrooms are down the upstairs hallway past the Lions' Den and no patient showers are available. Downstairs, the curling club ice surface will be used for storage and as a morgue.

The dressing rooms near the main ice rink will be con-

verted into sleeping quarters for health care workers if they should need to stay on-site overnight. Dr. Bedard expressed his interest in staying there if demand at the SCC spikes.

When patients are stabilized enough in the SCC, they will then be stepped down to either home-based care or community-organized aid stations, if individual communities choose to set up these facilities. The lead physician at the SCC will also connect with those independent community-based recovery centres to offer information and advice and liaison with MHC.


Oxygen delivery equipment is in short supply nationwide due to the pandemic but Manitoulin is well-positioned to handle the increased demand. The SCC is home to 12 large oxygen tanks that were on hand before the shortages.

"Supply of oxygen is not the problem; cylinders and regulators are the problem. But we've overcome that," said Dr. Bedard. "Thankfully we were ahead of it."

Oxygen flows through regulators between the tank and the patient. These are devices that take the massive amounts of stored pressure and reduce it to an adjustable amount that is safe for patient use.

Most regulators feed a single user. However, MHC has obtained triple-output regulators, meaning all 30 patients in the SCC can be oxygenated using only 10 tanks (theoretically leaving the remaining two to be refilled and ready to replace tanks as they run out).

Retired paramedic Bill Cranston recently devised a novel solution for patient oxygen delivery, which is discussed in further detail in the story on Page 1 of this newspaper; 'Island paramedic re-engineers snorkel masks...'



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Nikki Cress is one adventurous MSS athlete who is always staying active by engaging in different sports. Nikki is a Grade 9 student who enjoys swimming and skating for fun outside of school.


Playing sports is something Nikki has done from a young age. While she attended Central Manitoulin Public School, she participated in basketball, volleyball, soccer, flag football, baseball and track and field. For her first year of high school, Nikki has been on the basketball team and volleyball team. With her basketball team, she was able to make it to the NSSA finals. In volleyball, she played the position of middle, and the team had a strong season, not losing a single game. Her and her volleyball team won NSSA and made it to NOSSA. Nikki has learned a lot in her sports since coming to high school, but she is also proud to be self-taught in a lot of her skills. Her ambition helps her to further improve her athletic skills both inside and outside of school. Nikki also trained in gymnastics at the Sudbury Gym Zone and at the Espanola Gym Zone for two years.

Nikki enjoys playing sports because they keep her active and healthy. Her favourite sport is basketball because it requires a lot of running and control. She is looking forward to playing these sports again next year.

Nikki's talents expand to her academics as well. Her favourite subject is math because she's always been better with numbers than words. After she graduates, she plans to work in the health industry, and more specifically in physio therapy.


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...long-term care homes are locked down

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video conferencing as much as possible.

“So our residents are still getting their regular weekly checkups,” said Ms. Beam.

Staff and residents are having their temperature taken twice a day, with 38°C acting as the case directive. One of the bonuses of the lockdown regime is that there are actually less high temperatures than would normally be found among the population. “Basically, nothing is getting in right now and that is a very good thing,” said Ms. Beam. “Right now I don’t have anything in here.”

On the downside, the increased isolation is having an impact on the residents’ mental health and well-being, admitted Ms. Beam. But the Manor is taking steps, along with great community volunteers such as Wendy Gauthier and Linda Bowerman, to help lighten any mental duress being felt by the residents due to increased isolation.

“Our activities co-ordinator Julie (Omnet) has set up a Facebook page, ManorResidents, where we can do virtual meetings between our residents and their families,” said Ms. Beam. “That’s really one of the hardest parts for a lot of our folks.”

A closed courtyard provides the ability to get some fresh air safely isolated from the general public and even entertainment is close, but not too close, at hand.

“We have some wonderful entertainers who have volunteered to perform outside, up on a rise well away from the residents but where they can still hear the music,” she said.

The aforementioned volunteer cadre have marshalled local children to create a festive Easter montage, ‘Hop into Easter,’ on the lawns outside the residence with displays and posters and the residents have responded in kind with window decorations.

“Easter is going to be hard on a lot of the residents with families not able to visit,” said Ms. Beam, but she said the virtual connections are working well and anyone is encouraged to pop by virtually to set up a meeting, even if you don’t know any of the residents.

The Wikwemikong Nursing Home made the national news recently with a montage of photos of their residents holding up signs thanking people for keeping them safe.

Wikwemikong Nursing Home administrator Cheryl Osawabine-Peltier noted that all visitors are restricted from the residence, with a strict exception for palliative care. “We (residents and staff) are trying to keep busy and engaging in all kinds of stuff,” she said. Her facility also shut its doors following the Ministry of Health directive on March 14.

“That includes our outside staff such as physiotherapists and our health professionals are doing virtual examinations,” she said. “Staff were told ‘stay home.’ We are all under the same rules—don’t even go to the grocery store. We are ordering in groceries for the staff with our suppliers. You don’t need to be wandering around a grocery store unless it is absolutely necessary.”

The nursing home is also facilitating virtual visits and has been incor-

porating a lot of hitherto unfamiliar technology in order to maintain family connections.

“We are using Zoom (a popular video conferencing platform)—oh-so many Zoom meetings, I have never had so many Zoom meetings—and Facetime, Facebook Live,” said Ms. Osawabine-Peltier. “My assistant is fairly young and she has hooked us up with TikTok (a social media platform very popular with youth).”

“Meeting the directives coming out to protect nursing home residents is a constantly moving target,” said Ms. Osawabine-Peltier. “It is changing daily for long-term care.”

When it comes to new residents, the home is accepting them, but while at first they were told there was no need for isolation, now the protocol is a full 14 days of isolation.

A lot of the new rules are very difficult to implement, Ms. Osawabine-Peltier admitted. “Especially for the residents with dementia and at mealtime. They want to come in to the dining room and it is hard to stop them.”

Ms. Osawabine-Peltier encouraged those outside the residence who want to help to write and connect through letters. “Anything like that, kids sending pictures, it really helps to lighten the day. I was looking at an ‘adopt a grandparent’ program I saw a while back and maybe we can get that going too. A lot of our residents really enjoy letter writing, so you could become a pen pal to brighten someone’s day.”

The Expositor also reached out to Jarlette Health Services, the company that runs Manitoulin Lodge nursing home in Gore Bay, but did not hear back by press time Monday.

...plenty of fun Easter activities on Manitoulin this year

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great prizes.

Assignack has managed to pull off a visit from the Easter Bunny himself! The Easter Bunny will be hopping on over to Manitowaning on Good Friday, April 10 to make a special appearance.

“He is very aware of the social distancing measures in place and is only going to visit from the end of your driveway,” Assignack events co-ordinator Jackie White notes.

If you are a Manitowaning resident and would like the Easter Bunny to drop by on Good Friday morning, please email info@assignack.ca with your name, address and phone number.

“He is looking at between 8 am to 10 am for his driveway visits,” Ms. White adds. “He will also be depositing a tiny bag at the end of your driveway, should you wish that.”

For those who live outside of Manitowaning, the Easter Bunny will be at the Information Booth on Highway 6 from 10 to 11 am, wav-

ing at a socially acceptable distance of two metres and will have a basket of goodies nearby should you wish to drive in and see him.

Assignack is also hosting an Easter window decorating contest and anything goes so get creative. There are great prizes to be won, too. First place is \$200; second place is \$150; and third place is \$100!

To enter the contest please email info@assignack.ca or call 705-859-3196 with your name, address and phone number by Thursday, April 9. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, April 14.

Central Manitoulin has also secured a coveted date with the Easter Bunny for Easter Sunday, April 12 when he will make an appearance on Central Manitoulin’s Facebook Live featuring Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police Constable Marie Ford. There will also be some visits made by the Easter Bunny to residents’ driveways or roads in the community. The kids can wave to the

Easter Bunny from the window. Households with kids ages eight and under should ask about the Easter Bunny driveway or road visits. The number of visits is limited and co-ordinating with your neighbours is recommended. Contact Marcus Mohr at 705-377-5726 or centralcedev@amtelecom.net by Friday, April 10 at 4:30 pm.

Central Manitoulin also encourages you to get in the spirit of things with an Easter colouring page that can be found on Page 17 of today’s paper.

In the Northeast Town, the municipality is holding an Easter decorating challenge. Decorate your yard for Easter for a chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. To register call 705-368-2825 or email lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca by Thursday, April 9 at 3 pm.

There will also be an Easter egg hunt in Little Current. Five colourful two-foot eggs will be hidden in various locations around Little Current so take a stroll or drive around town

and try to find them. Once you have, mark down the location you found them, their colour and submit to either 705-368-2825 or email lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca by Saturday, April 11 at 4 pm. A draw will then be made for four Amazon gift cards of \$25 each on Tuesday, April 14 at 9 am.

Gore Bay will be decorated beautifully for Easter and residents are encouraged to take a walk or drive around to admire the decorations.

Happy Easter!

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...risk of family violence increases during stressful times like these

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she said. In times like this, with families being forced to stay out of the community as much as possible, with layoffs and job uncertainties and tensions higher than normal, women know what they need to do to maintain their safety, which is a frightening thing, Ms. Hall said.

According to the Gender and Disaster Network, following Hurricane Andrew in 1992, calls to domestic abuse hotlines in the Miami area increased by 50 percent and more than one-third of 1,400 people surveyed in the city reported that someone in their home had either lost verbal or physical control in the two months following the natural disaster. Studies following Hurricane Katrina and the floods of Bangladesh show similar increased rates in intimate partner violence. The pandemic and natural disasters are similar in that there are increased rates of isolation, stressors and a decreased ability to seek help. "Desperate times can trigger certain situations."

If women reach out to the MFR crisis line, via text or telephone, there are still counsellors available to talk by phone, Ms. Hall said.

The executive director said that while people don't typically like to get involved in other people's family lives, she reiterated the fact that women and children are at a much higher risk for domestic abuse in times of community crisis and urged neighbours or other family members to be vigilant. "If you have a concern, this may be the time to reach out and report to police," Ms. Hall said.

"We know that this will be a very violent time for individuals and that there will be people in their homes being hurt," she continued.

...more COVID-19 testing

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condition is improving after 14 days may return to their usual activities but continue to practice physical distancing.

If someone with symptoms has to visit the emergency department at the hospital due to their condition becoming much worse, they must call ahead before entering the facility so that staff can take appropriate precautions.

Mr. Beckett has been in self-isolation since he first called the MHC self-assessment line and was advised to do so. He is living with his daughter who has not shown any symptoms to date.

"I definitely think we should be doing more test-

ing. How can we know that there's not any other cases on the Island unless we test?" he says.

The Expositor has contacted the ministry of Health for further clarification on its testing policies, but due to the high demand was unable to receive comment by press time Monday.

Anyone on Manitoulin Island who begins to feel symptoms of COVID-19 (mainly cough, shortness of breath, fever and sometimes a sore throat) should stay at home and call the MHC COVID-19 assessment lines at 705-368-2300 for Little Current or 705-377-5311 for Mindemoya. Once on the phone, press 1, then 4, then 1 again for the assessment centre.

Ontario provides electricity relief to families, small businesses and farms

TORONTO—To support Ontarians through the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation, the Government of Ontario is providing immediate electricity rate relief for families, small businesses and farms paying time-of-use hydro rates.

For a 45-day period, the government is working to suspend time-of-use electricity rates, holding electricity prices to the off-peak rate of 10.1 cents per kilowatt-hour. This reduced price will be available 24 hours per day, seven days a week to all time-of-use customers, who make up the majority of electricity consumers in the province. By switching to a fixed off-peak rate, time-of-use customers will see rate reductions of over 50 percent compared to on-peak rates.

To deliver savings as quickly and conveniently as possible, this discount will be applied automatically to electricity bills without the need for customers to fill out an application form.

"During this unprecedented time, we are providing much-needed relief to Ontarians, specifically helping those who are doing the right thing by staying home and small businesses that have closed or are seeing fewer customers," said Premier Doug Ford. "By adopting a fixed, 24/7 off-peak rate, we are making things a little easier during these difficult times and putting more money in people's pockets for other important priorities and necessities."

The Government of Ontario issued an Emergency Order under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to apply the off-peak time-of-use electricity rate for residential, small business and farm customers who currently pay time-of-use rates.

"Ontario is fortunate to have a strong electricity system we can rely on during these exceptional times, and our government is proud to provide additional relief to Ontarians who are doing their part to stay home," said Greg Rickford, minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines.

"We thank the Ontario Energy Board and our partners at local distribution companies across the province for taking quick action to make this change and provide immediate support for hard-working people of Ontario," said Bill Walker, associate minister of Energy.

"There is room at the shelter and we have created a system whereby we stay open to those at high risk," Ms. Hall added.

So far, MFR has not seen an increase in calls for domestic violence, but they have fielded calls from women outside of the region looking for a bed in the shelter for reasons of homelessness and shelters at capacity in their area. In these cases, MFR staff direct them to the appro-

appropriate resources in their area.

"Things are quiet, but it's an eerie quiet," Ms. Hall continued.

If you or someone you know needs help, please call the MFR crisis line at 1-800-465-6788 or 705-377-5160, text it at 705-968-0499 or, if you are in immediate danger, call 9-1-1.

For a full list of emergency numbers, please see the ad on Page 19 of this newspaper.

...Gimaa Radio shares Anishinaabemowin news

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station. The following day, Wednesday, when the paper hits the newsstands, Mr. Erskine and radio host Eric Hare and technician Erica Hare connect by telephone. Mr. Erskine reads the English version of the news item, followed immediately by Mr. Hare speaking in Anishinaabemowin. When Mr. Hare says "nahow (okay)" that signals Mr. Erskine to continue reading the news items.

"It seems to be working pretty slick so far," said Ms. Beam.

Ms. Beam notes that the newscast helps move in the direction of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. "Indigenous people have and need the right to be in control of their own media," she said.

The challenge for many Indigenous communities is their relatively small

populations and the vast number of individual dialects involved.

"Even here on Manitoulin Island and along the North Shore there are different ways of speaking," said Ms. Beam. "Wiikwemkoong has their own dialect, which is different than Sagamok or M'Chigeeng. There are a lot of variances." So Gimaa Radio's reach, even though they are online, tends to be very localized and involve small audiences.

By having the news, local news, broadcast in Anishinaabemowin Ms. Beam said she hoped to encourage more use of the language in everyday interactions and conversations. "We are hoping to bring the language into the community in a very relevant way," she said. "We are not seeing language acquisition taking place in the community, even though we have children in language immersion, it seems to be more linked to ceremony and

culture."

Like Latin became?



"Yes, exactly," she said. "We need to build active speaking. We can't just leave it on the shelf."

Despite being extremely widespread for literally thousands of years, Latin became an esoteric and specialized language used primarily for ceremony and, to some extent, scientific discourse—soon to be supplanted by the more common tongues in use. A case of use it or lose it.

"We can't allow ourselves to put it (Anishinaabemowin) on the shelf and just take it down to dust it off for ceremonies and special occasions," she said. "It has to be a living and breathing thing."

Part of that endeavor is to harness technology and incorporate it into the process.

Gimaa Radio can be found online at GimaaRadio.com.

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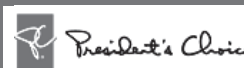


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...Island paramedic re-engineers snorkel masks to protect front line medical staff

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physician at the hospital's temporary sub-acute care centre (SCC) which is set up at the Little Current-Howland Recreation Centre.

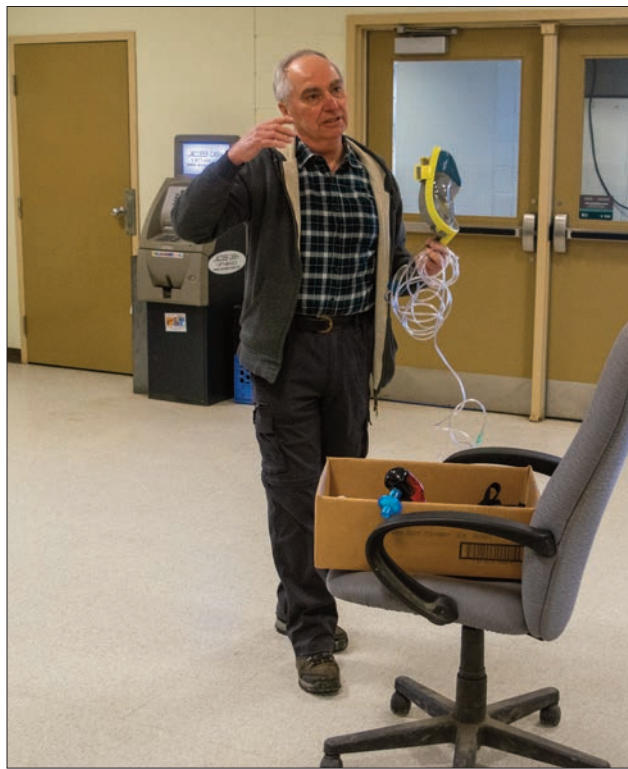
The base for these contraptions is a full-face snorkel mask. The entire face area is enclosed and there are separate internal chambers for mouth/nose and the remainder of the face. A built-in snorkel extends out of the top of the mask to a top-mounted intake.

"The advantage of this is it's all a one-way system. There's three one-way valves in here," said Mr. Cranston.

Just as purpose-built oxygen masks have reservoirs between the oxygen supply and the patient, so too do these masks. Oxygen is brought in through the snorkel, stored in a reservoir around the eyes and inhaled through a one-way valve into a chamber around the mouth and nose. Exhaust air is exhaled through another one-way valve out the front of the mask.

It is important to note that the snorkel mask technique has not been tested for its efficacy, nor has it been approved by Health Canada. However, given the unprecedented circumstances, Dr. Bedard said it was a lot better than nothing.

Dr. Bedard said the masks could also be useful for care staff because the same 'barrierbac' filter that would be put on patients'



Paramedic turned inventor Bill Cranston discusses the system he re-engineered to help protect frontline workers.

exhalation valves could be attached to the air intake. Since it is at the top of the snorkel tube, all incoming air for the physician would be up and away from the patient's face.

Dr. Bedard and Mr. Cranston believe hospital staff could also wear N95 respirator masks underneath the snorkel mask as an extra layer of protection. Mr. Cranston experimented with wearing an old surgical mask under the snorkel setup and said it still performed as designed.

Using the modified snorkel masks will hopefully extend the lifespan of

personal protective equipment such as N95 masks. Last week, MHC emergency preparedness committee representative Dr. Maurianne Reade issued a call for physicians to save their N95s in biohazard bags pending the possible implementation of sterilizing techniques.

Each of the replaceable barrierbac filters can be used for 24 hours and are easy to change once their useful life has expired. Because the masks themselves are designed for snorkelling, they can be submerged in a tub of soapy water and scrubbed

to kill the virus.

Mr. Cranston said he was still investigating whether or not the masks could be sanitized using UV light or whether it would harm the plastic, but he suspected that the masks' intended purpose of outdoor snorkelling would likely mean they use UV-safe plastic.

A spin-off benefit of the snorkel mask setup is that it prevents the wearer from accidentally touching their face, which is one of the main ways the virus is presently known to enter one's body.

One issue Mr. Cranston was still working on at the time of his brief demonstration was creating a good seal for mask users with glasses. For users without glasses, though, Mr. Cranston demonstrated the natural tight seal of the mask. With his assistant Dr. Bedard plugging the intake hole, no air could be heard seeping through and the mask was suctioned tightly to Mr. Cranston's face.

Those leading the Manitoulin Island COVID-19 effort have placed an order for 40 snorkel masks which will be retrofitted for use if and when traditional oxygen delivery options cannot keep up with demand.



The yellow mask is for patient use, with a hose for oxygen, while the black mask is for physician use with a filter attached.

photos by Warren Scholte

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The Jewel in the Lotus: Connecting to your Creativity Through Gentle Yoga, Art, and Poetry
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Join ekphrastic poet, Kim Fahner, and yoga teacher and poet, Willa Paterson, as they weave yoga, art, and poetry together in a way that will help you to unleash your creative side. This workshop will involve you in the physical movement of a gentle yoga practice so that you can step more freely into your own creativity, opening yourself up to write a few poems that are inspired by the beauty of the visual art at the Gallery. All levels welcome.

Fibre, fabric & Stitch - Mixed Media Landscapes
June 19, 20, 21 with Catherine Timm
Learn new techniques while building your interpretation of a scene, or if you are a free spirit, this class can be used to discover and explore the artist within. Using fibre, texture, embellishments (that you will create) fabric adhesive, and quilting (machine or hand) you will create your individual art piece. Be prepared to break the rules and colour outside the lines.

Inside Out
June 26, 27, 28 with Barry Bowerman
Bring a project that you currently have underway or start a new one. Apply the basic principles while being inspired by the beauty of our surroundings. Weather-permitting, the intention is to spend time outdoors painting plein air and observing firsthand the subtle differences in the colours in the landscape near and in the distance. Uncooperative weather will not stop us from practicing the approach to plein air painting (i.e. composition, acknowledging the subtle differences in colour to create the sense of distance). Choose your medium. All levels welcome.

37 Minute Quickies
July 3, 4, 5 with Cathy Boyd
Let's get loose! In just a mere 37 minutes you can create a vibrant, expressive painting that is fresh and charming. Learn how painting quickly frees you from past tendencies to overwork your paintings, resulting in muddy colours. Painting quickly is fun and what a great way to build your inventory in preparation for a showing of your art. Step out of your comfort zone and let's paint up a storm!

Paint like Tom Thomson & The Group of Seven
July 17, 18, 19 with Mark Hope
Learn how Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven painted the northern landscape using colour, shape, style and concepts, pushing to find your own creative voice. These guys painted outdoors - so with weather permitting, our last day will be outdoors to test our newfound skills. We will learn how to edit and simplify, to paint with passion in preparation for that final day. You will leave with a few finished pieces that will make you proud. Oils or acrylics welcome. All levels welcome.

Paint like Tom Thomson & The Group of Seven
July 24, 25, 26 with Mark Hope
Learn how Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven painted

the northern landscape using colour, shape, style and concepts, pushing to find your own creative voice. These guys painted outdoors - so with weather permitting, our last day will be outdoors to test our newfound skills. We will learn how to edit and simplify, to paint with passion in preparation for that final day. You will leave with a few finished pieces that will make you proud. Oils or acrylics welcome. All levels welcome.

Into the Woods: Woodblock Printing & Forest Bathing
Aug 7, 8, 9 with Sarah Earley
Find inspiration in nature while experiencing the mindful Japanese practice of forest bathing. On our walks we will gather plants to create natural dyes to colour and add natural markings to your woodblock prints. Woodblock printing is an ancient process that has been employed by artists around the world for more than a 1000 years. Participants will learn about the required materials and tools, how to safely and effectively use them to cut an image into the woodblock, while creating their own set of beautiful woodblock prints. All levels.

Taking Down Limits
Aug 14, 15, 16 with Lauren Satok
Lauren's 3 day painting workshop is about seeing the accidents as beautiful new spaces. How can we let go of our usual way of composing to develop new spaces and forms. It is landscape based so we will interact with our environment to inspire a more intimate connection to our paint and canvases. All levels welcome. Be ready to sketch outdoors and bring those quick studies back to the studio.

When Water Meets Sky- Capturing the Light of Manitoulin
Aug 21, 22, 23 with Lisa Free
On the world's largest freshwater island, learn how to create layers of depth with colour from subtle dark to light to achieve a luminous quality to your waterscapes and achieve a beautiful illusion of sparkle. Oil or acrylic. All levels.

Wheale's Approach to Painting
Sept 11, 12, 13 with Ivan Wheale
Choose your muse and your medium and explore the creative process, how we see what is and what may become. Bring ideas, reference materials and an open mind. All levels.

Stop Them In Their Tracks: Composition 101
Sept 18, 19, 20 with Cathy Boyd
What makes you stop to look at a painting in a gallery or museum? Most often it is the composition. A good composition can grab the viewer's attention and hold it until they have fully experienced the beauty or intent of your painting. Composition is a big part of what makes your painting eye-catching, dynamic, soothing, disorienting or insightful. Learn and put into practice the various ways you can compose your painting to stop them in their tracks. Make it memorable.

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LIVE STREAM

This coming Wednesday, April 8 at 7 pm
on The Manitoulin Expositor's Facebook page

Hear about strategies to manage
mental health and family violence during
the challenging times of the
COVID-19 pandemic.

Psychologist Brad Hempel
and
mental health counsellor Delaney Campbell,
both from Noojmowin Teg Health Centre,
will be sharing their expertise and
answering some audience questions.

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...record high water levels expected

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“Certainly, water levels are high,” Frank Seglenieks, water resources engineer with Environment Canada, said in a Thursday interview. “Unlike last year where other Great Lakes hit records, Lakes Michigan-Huron didn’t.”

Lake Huron was eight centimetres above the record high in January, 14 centimetres above the record high in February and eight centimetres above the record high in March.

Lake Huron is “a full 90 centimetres above average—that is pretty crazy,” Mr. Seglenieks admits.

“Moving forward, this is when we typically see a rise,” he continued. “If we see our typical rise, from now to mid-summer, we will be in record territory.”

Mr. Seglenieks said a ‘typical rise’ is between 25 and 30 centimetres, but that all depends on the amount of precipitation Lake Huron will see between now and June.

He noted that snow was “relatively average” for Lakes Michigan-Huron this year, but due to warmer temperatures, precipitation often fell in the form of rain, which helped to raise levels over the winter months.

Mr. Seglenieks said he and his fellow Environment Canada engineers are concerned about what is yet to come.

“We’re trying to get the word out that people should be prepared, especially during high winds. High water, combined with storm events, can mean increased flooding and erosion.”

Mr. Seglenieks said Environment Canada has been reaching out to regional conservation authorities, those with “boots on the ground,” to help spread the word.

On Manitoulin, the “boots on the ground” organization is Manitoulin Streams whose project manager Seija Deschenes offered some advice for Islanders on dealing with high water.

“Manitoulin Streams would like for people to be aware of the higher water levels especially as families are trying to get outdoors during self-isolation,” Ms. Deschenes told The Expositor. “Higher water levels may cause additional erosion along the river banks or shorelines and we wouldn’t want anyone slipping into the cold water.”

“Higher water levels and stresses put on our local watersheds from climate change reinforces that our restoration work is extremely important,” she continued. “We appreciate the continued community support toward our restoration efforts. A lot of spawning occurs during in the spring (rainbow trout, walleye, etc.). Preventing erosion and

sedimentation from occurring over critical spawning grounds is important otherwise the sediment will cover the fish eggs and could impact their survivability.”

Ms. Deschenes offered the following tips for those looking at ways to help prevent erosion from occurring along their waterfront properties: “We would suggest planting trees or shrubs along the shoreline so that the roots take hold and keep the soil in place. The trees are also great at absorbing nutrients (phosphorus, nitrogen, potassium etc.) before it enters the water system.”

In the Northeast Town, council approved FedNor funding of \$196,500 to allow dockage to continue at its downtown Little Current piers.

The climate adaptation funds will be used to raise the dock at the weir to accommodate cruise ship tenders (although the municipality does not expect any this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic), raise the dock in front of Wally’s Dock Service (on the downtown dock) for fuel service, purchase pedestals and upgrade the electrical to accommodate high water, install new ramps for all five finger docks, and place stone along the dock edge to control wave action and prevent erosion.

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Due to the ever-changing environment that we are all dealing with,

Council meetings will be held every Tuesday Night at 7:00 pm via Zoom Video Meeting # 489 313 1974 Or call 1-587-328-1099


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...Swing bridge can't be closed to deny people Island access

...continued from page 8 provincial governments in an effort to reducing the spread of COVID-19.”

Another controversial topic has been whether seasonal residents should be allowed to visit their Manitoulin properties, when their permanent addresses are located elsewhere. On March 27, Ontario Premier Doug Ford said mayors

have also been urging people to stay at their permanent residences to help contain the spread of the virus, including federal Chief Public Health Officer Theresa Tam.

But while these are logical viewpoints that should be followed to avoid spreading the virus and further straining the health system, many cottagers have rejected those pleas and

clear that people can spread this virus without showing signs or symptoms. If you're feeling good, you'd feel like you could go to the cottage but that can be really dangerous,” said Township of Billings Mayor Ian Anderson.

“Not a single leader anywhere in the world wants to discourage tourism and hurt the local economy,” said Mayor Anderson. “We



Even the Little Current waterfront, part of the Northeast Town's trails system has been closed.

Photo by Alicia McCutcheon

from rural Ontario, especially in 'cottage country,' were having a hard time supporting their year-round residents when seasonal visitors come to town.

“The retail stores don't have the vital essentials to keep the people that live up there all year round (supplied), and also the hospitals—they don't have the capacity we do in urban settings,” said Premier Ford, who added that he was personally staying away from his Muskoka cottage.

Public health officials

vowed to come to their seasonal residences anyhow. Under Ontario's state of emergency declaration as it currently stands, there is no way of enforcing seasonal residents to stay put despite Canada's chief public health officer urging everyone to remain at their main homes.

“Right now, staying (at a primary residence) is voluntary and we're hoping people will pay attention to it. I believe a lot of them will but these are interesting times and it's becoming

have simply been enforcing what the federal and provincial governments have been telling people for weeks; that is, to stay within their principal residence and follow all (physical distancing) guidelines.”

A recent meeting of the Manitoulin Municipal Association revealed strong agreement among Island communities that seasonal residents should avoid visiting Manitoulin until public health officials say it is safe to do so.

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Councillor Cook said she still has a concern about the interest rate and said she would like to revisit a motion she made at a previous meeting to put a moratorium on water rates interest, which had been defeated at that time.

“We looked at it from the point that we don’t want to disadvantage anyone who’s already paid their taxes,” the CAO said.

“I’m just very happy we’re doing something for the taxpayers,” Councillor Cook responded.

“What about the extra amount of water being put into the lagoon?” Councillor Koehler asked.

“It won’t change dramatically,” Mr. Williamson responded, adding that the municipality is prepared to undertake an early discharge.

It was decided that the start date for non-accumulating interest would be in effect as of the meeting date, March 31.

FedNor funding

Council received word that it had received \$196,500 in FedNor funding for climate adaptation, which will be used toward downtown dock infrastructure to maintain access during times of high water levels.

A motion was made to approve the funding. (Please see more on high water levels on Page 1 of this newspaper.)

Mayor’s update

Mayor MacNevin shared that he and Mr. Williamson have been involved with weekly phone calls with the Island emergency health committee comprised of municipalities, First Nations and other community health organizations.

The mayor noted the hospital’s personal protective equipment (PPE) drive, the need for test kits and spoke of the two COVID-19 assessment centres.

The mayor told council he also sits in on a weekly Public Health and Sudbury District meeting.

“I think all of us can be helpful in turning people to the Expositor who will pair people up with volunteers,” Mayor MacNevin said of the community’s vulnerable citizens. “We have also released some press releases when there is new information.”

Councillor Cook asked at what point does a municipality declare a state of emergency.

The mayor explained it’s a tricky question to answer but that such a declaration needs to be made by the mayor in conjunction with other community services and, of course, council.

“We would do so if there were not sufficient resources to manage the state we’re in,” he explained. “I would say we’re not in a state to not be able to handle what’s happening, but as soon as that does happen, we would consult the emergency planning people.”

Staff report

Mr. Williamson reminded council that municipal staff are working in ‘pods,’ which means no mingling of Sheguiandah and Little Current public works crews or ‘upstairs and downstairs’ municipal staff in the downtown Little Current municipal office.

He again noted that roads, garbage and water are the Northeast Town’s priority and, as such, the landfill hours have been extended to Sundays effective immediately. The extended hours are designed to help people social distance with their choice of three landfill days per week (Tuesdays and Saturdays are the other days). Mr. Williamson noted that at this point, there has been no issue with people gathering together at the landfill.

Additional bins have also been placed in the downtown core.

“It’s spring so we’re dealing with ‘percolating’ roads,” the CAO said.

He noted that all the parks and trails in the municipality are now closed by provincial order, including the Cup and Saucer, which encourages visitors to stay away.

Mr. Williamson spoke about the issues with the downtown Little Current sewage lift station which saw both pumps fail due to residents flushing improper items such as wipes, gloves and paper towels.

Councillor Ferguson commended staff for ensuring

that essential services in the municipal are being looked after to the highest standard during this time. “I’m happy we’ve taken the stand that we’re going above and beyond. Great job, thank you.”



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photos by Alicia McCutcheon



Sheguiandah sheds bloomed red and blue with signs of encouragement.



The hearts beat loudly in the streets of Manitowaning, where community spirit has long been at the core of the town.



Across Mindemoya hearts bloomed from so many windows. These are just a very few that were captured by The Expositor on patrol.



...Taking care of mental health during a pandemic

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manage their mental health. The service is run by the Canadian Mental Health Association and also offers personal coaching grounded in cognitive behavioural therapy.

Having people in close domestic quarters can also lead to increased family tensions over time. Family violence is never acceptable and there are resources for those who become victims of this behaviour.

Manitoulin Family Resources runs a 24-hour crisis line for women at 1-800-465-6788

and there is a North American assaulted women's help line at 1-866-863-0511. Support for male victims of domestic violence can be found through the Canadian Centre for Men and Families at MenAndFamilies.org.

Elder Abuse Ontario runs a Seniors Safety Line which connects older adults who are being abused or at risk of being abused with service providers. It also offers general information for family members and seniors and can be reached at 1-866-299-1011.

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Legion headquarters announces \$3 million for its branches

OTTAWA—In an unprecedented move, the Legion's national headquarters will release a total of three million dollars to help struggling branches in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Dominion Command executive council made a landmark decision to release the funds from the Legion's national reserves in order to provide branch emergency funds—non-repayable grants—to branches that are suffering across the country. These are not Poppy Funds, which cannot be used for branch operations.

“Despite the current challenges, our incredible members and branches are doing incredible volunteer work,” says Dominion President Thomas D. Irvine. “Our communities need them and we want to do everything we can to help them help others.”

The funds will be managed through the Legion's provincial/territorial commands and via international zones. The initial total amount transferred to regions next week will be equivalent to \$1,000 per branch, and the specific amounts disbursed directly

to branches will be based on individual need. Commands and zones will be required to inform Dominion Command on how funds were distributed.

The Legion has more than 1,300 branches across the country.

The Legion thanks Canadians for their support of

veterans, their families, and our communities during this challenging time.

Those who might wish to join our nation-wide group of generous volunteers can become a member of the Legion and help support their efforts. Join online at Legion.ca/join-us.



Advice from the ages

A wise message scrawled onto the sidewalk in Little Current is derived from an ancient Persian adage that is very relevant today. People on physical distancing strolls through town would do well to remember that advice during these times.

The Easter Bunny Will Be In Town!

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EASTER EGG HUNT IN LITTLE CURRENT

Take a walk/drive around town to find 5 Colorful two foot tall eggs that have been placed in various places. To have your name put in the draw you must find all five eggs, note where they are located and the color of the egg in that location. The contest runs Monday, April 6th at 9am until Saturday, April 11th at 4pm. There will be 4 names drawn to win \$25 amazon gift cards. Draw will be take place Tuesday, April 14 at 9 am.

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Since we sadly will not be able to travel to the Island for Easter this year, we wanted to share a smile with Grandma and Papa Nancy and Grant Moggy in Tehkummah, and Great Papa and Great Grandma Reg and Noreen Leeson in South Baymouth.

Your grandson Emmet wanted you to know how much he misses you all the way from South River, Ontario and to share a few of the things he loves about visiting his Manitoulin Island family.

I love Grandma because she's super nice and has lots of LEGO for me to play with.

I love Papa because he's the best fisherman and makes the best fish dinner.

I love Great Grandma because she makes the best cookies and treats for us. And my brother Elliot says she makes the best buns ever!

I love Great Papa because he takes us for fun rides on his boat and he is very funny.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Easter. Hope to see you all soon!

Love Emmet Leeson Moggy and family, brother Elliot and Mom and Dad, Jennifer and Darren Moggy South River, Ontario



A picture for his grandparents by Emmet Leeson Moggy of South River.



Some of the sidewalk art I've been doing when out getting some fresh air:

A heart with all my first grade students' (LCPS) names. I miss them greatly.

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 - Pat Hall, 2018

Day 15: Monday, March 30. All of a sudden last evening I realized that the paranoia has caught up to me when I realized I wanted the neighbour out of the house quickly.

And as I have been doing, swabbed the door handles down. As it seemingly comes closer to us, but then, I listened to the news which for me at the best of times is a no-no!

Then I coughed on the phone and Susan (sis) figured I was on my way out?!

Angie was good enough to deliver my fax out to The Expositor for me.

A lovely, long phone chat with Kim and Kathy. They are both still working and very cheery sounding. Sherry has been delivering fresh bread around. I had a fresh bread toasted hamburger for lunch.

Day 16: Tara picked up mushrooms for me and Sherry picked up groceries in Manitowaning. I'm eating well as
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usual. A walk in the yard and phone call from Mollie pretty well made my day. Naps, n.c. Colleen phones.

Day 17: April 1, 2020, trying not to be a fool.

A cute four-way skit on TV at 3 am on what day it is. Let alone what date! My calendar always was church Sunday, bingo Monday, it let alone date! But the time is going, and this must be Wednesday because I think the Expositor comes today!

We are such social beings at what point will we say, SCREAM! This social isolation will be hard on our mental health and you front line workers must be under an awful stress! My prayers are out there for you all.

Keep the faith!
"The journey is as important as the destination!"

Day 17: I socially recreated my affinity with Mother Nature this April Fool's Day. Was a lovely trick to play on this Island of ours. 11-degree temps, bees buzzing in the snowdrops and crocus, daffodils working their pointed stems through last fall's leaf cover.

Today's calls: Sherry, Helen, Mollie and Barb. Today's greatest ad on TV: "for the first time in history we can save the whole human race by lying in front of the TV!"

It's funny I guess, I kept saying we are going to have to go back. I was picturing horse and buggy, but I was thinking the electronic culture (which is no culture at all) would be the thing that would bring us down, electronics did too in the information department but it did give us a chance to prepare (kind of) by this all starting away from us. So, if there is any chance at all. But this will certainly change the way the world thinks. No more chest beating saying 'I'm boss, we know who/what controls.'

No more complacency. Me, as I watch from the sidelines, I have lived already 33 years longer than I ever expected. Feel saddened to see all the folks being tested as to their strengths and courage. So many changes yet to come. So, brace yourself. But after we get over all our suspicions, I think we may come out more thoughtful and kind and for gosh sakes, I hope the youth learn basic survival.

I just had a delicious garden pot supper! Lorna brought in some fresh dug parsnips. Put the pot of water to boil, peeled and sliced two good sized parsnips, then added a big carrot sliced and one potato and one good sized

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onion. A bit of butter and seasoning about 15 to 20 minutes it was on my plate. How easy and how good for me.

Had a visit across the road style with Mary and Floyd Hopkin today when I went for the mail. (We have to commiserate on the seclusion, right?)

Got a couple of cute cards, one is for a new baby, congrats (it does have baby bunnies on it, you just never know what isolation may bring?) I got a good laugh anyway.

Day 19: Another day another dollar? Well, maybe not! But a few laughs, talking old times with Nola Haner. What a lovely surprise call from her this morning. This lady was creative and

imaginative over the years with the fashion shows. We all have good memories and thank you for the compliment!

A laugh always with Lyle Dewar, this busy good-hearted fella. Also, Cal, we talk most days from our isolation towers! I'm writing notes and letters today. Lorna brings in Martin's sermons and Bible study for me to read. As I'm writing, I have a heavy-like lead cat cutting off the circulation in my leg and that can't be good? A phone call from Doris Bayer this morning, she sounds busy, packing beef away. I planted tomato seeds outside this morning. Old seeds so I'm taking a chance. Hey, looking to the future too!

A call from Dr. Shukla's office, to call.

Re-reading last week's obits and I had intended extending sympathy to the Finch family, especially old friends Vicky and Rita. I was thinking of you. We were, Sherry, too.

A phone chat with Earl and Liz late this afternoon. They are doing take-outs at the restaurant on Saturdays and Sundays. Call 705-859-3000. They are doing okay health wise, sounded happy and that's good!

Sherry brought Tara and I a lovely Easter rose, pretty bi-coloured, mine, hers, orange.

Day 20: "Prayer is a mighty instrument not for

getting man's will done in Heaven, but for getting God's work done on Earth."—Robert Law

A phone call from Derek. Mackenzie's temperature is -20 degree and lots of snow still and he's still hauling wood chips for T.P. I wonder what's up with the hoarding?

Talk with Eileen, Betty Jean, Susan, Kathy and Terry.

Ray dug out the rakes

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

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

Easter: To commit to being a life-giver as Jesus was. Christ's resurrection fills us with joy. It also animates us to go beyond being a believer. It asks us to do our Christianity and follow Jesus in being a life-giver. It is neither to believe in anyone rising from the dead, even ourselves, nor to live the helpful joy giving life of a Christian, but let us pay an even closer attention to the words of the liturgy of the Eucharist today and to allow these words to speak Easter joy to our hearts, minds and actions. At Easter it is the resurrection, it is new life, and we pray and we hope that the dark times we are in today that we will see the light. To see the light we need hope, we need faith and we need wisdom. Happy Easter to all. Amen

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

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Welcome back to Kids (not presently) in the Hall! I hope everyone has been diligently washing your hands.

As of Monday, April 6, a new routine for students and staff began with online classes. Distance learning does bring its challenges, but teachers and students alike are learning how to adapt to this new way of schooling. Secondary school classes are sticking to a Day 1 (Monday or Friday) schedule. Block A classes begin at 9 am; Block B at 10:20 am; Block C at 12:20 pm; Block D at 1:40 pm. Teachers will be available during these times for students in their respective classes through Google Suites.

Each class could look different in terms of how it is set-up depending on the teacher. Students will be expected to mark their attendance for each class. The structure of each class could include pre-recorded videos for lessons, activities and instructions posted on Google Classroom, or students could have live video conferences with their teacher and fellow classmates through Google Meet, or both. Students are encouraged to speak with

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

their individual teachers if they have any questions or concerns about the online set-up of their classes, or how things will progress. The current plan is to have approximately three hours' worth of work for each class per week. Staff and teachers are currently working out a plan for students who do not have access to the internet and/or a device.

There will be no mid-term reports issued for students in Grades 9 to 11. Grade 12 students who will be graduating will be receiving mid-term marks to help support college and university applications. Teachers will be getting in touch with students and parents to communicate throughout the remainder of the semester.

Requirements to pass the Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test and the 40 hours of community service for Grade 12 students on track to graduate this year have been waived. All EQAO assessments for 2019-2020 have

been cancelled.

As for the elementary school students, there is a similar set up that has been arranged for students. Last week a letter from Education Minister Stephan Lecce was sent around to schools and directed to parents and guardians outlining the program and procedures that will be involved for their child's online learning. Parents and students are encouraged to check in with their RDSB Google account, Seesaw or other form of communication used by their child's teacher to keep updated. Distance learning for Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will include five hours per week of math and language; Grades 4-6's learning will include five hours per week of math, language, social sciences/science; Grade 7 and 8s learning will include 10 hours per week of math, language, social sciences and science.

Please regularly check the Rainbow District

School Board website (RainbowSchools.ca) and RDSB Gmail accounts for new information as things progress. Do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or school if you have any questions or concerns.

Great online resources for at home learning for all grades can be found on the Ontario government website or at

Ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home. The Rainbow Dis-

trict School Board website also has good learning and mental health resources for parents and students.

As of right now, schools are scheduled to open May 4.

On a lighter note, this weekend is Easter! I'm not too sure if the Easter Bunny will have to social distance since he works alone, but he will definitely be washing his paws between houses. An Easter joke for

you:

One Easter, a father was teaching his son to drive when out of nowhere a rabbit jumped on the road. Slamming on the breaks, the son said, "I nearly ruined Easter! I almost ran over the Easter Bunny." His father replied, "It's okay son, you missed it by a hare."

Keep washing those hands! Stay home and stay well!

Until next time, "Dream and Believe. Learn and Achieve!"



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COUNTRY PROPERTIES
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Stay Safe!

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and shovels and their family gathered up a lot of leaves out front and in my patio area, but I was not outside at all. Margaret brought a gift of moose burger and hung on my door knob. More thank yous for all my blessings.

Day 21: Finally, some rest, all this time on my hands and until Saturday, 8 am I had been sleepless, 29 hours, but today I am rested again. My body does weird stuff when it is overtired. (I think, I self-diagnosed!)

Two calls this morning already from Pauline and Sherry.

Who is starting 1,000-day project/puzzle? A lot of folks are doing puzzles. I've got some if anyone runs out.

I have written so many cards and notes since yesterday. My Lazee-girl has had a good work out. Actually, I think I'm wearing it out? Come to think of it, "Boy" company owes me for advertising.

Happy birthday today, Wednesday, April 8 to Skylar and my cat Ginger, they are double (almost) birthdays. Maybe I'll make "kitty cupcakes."

The Queen's message was spot on. The Lamb who died to save us is the Shepherd who lives to guide us. Easter blessings to you all. Keep safe and happy and to all who are fighting the good fight. Thank you so very very much.

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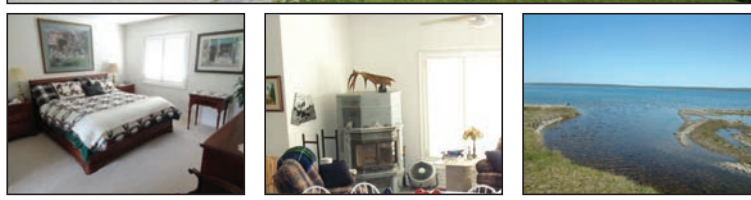
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BUILDING LOT - Level building lot in Little Current. Great location on quiet street. 35.66 x 150. Asking \$13,000. MLS#2079126

25 ACRE PROPERTY WITH YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS & 2 BDRM COTTAGE!! - Located on Union Road only 30 mins from the amenities of Mindemoya & only 15 mins from the Town of Gore Bay. The cottage comes with most contents included & is also adorned with a brand new roof, a drilled well & new water pump, hydro with a 100 amp breaker system, a storage shed, a wood-fired sauna & a new Bunkie. This lovely property has over 300 ft of road frontage, a kilometer of nicely maintained ATV trails & over 2 kilometers of walking trails & of course traversed by plenty of deer. Asking \$119,000! MLS#2079009

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

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

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

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



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



LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Demand the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Mixed forest with mature hardwood, cedar & pine. Great access off East Road close to amenities in Mindemoya or ferry access at South Baymouth. Over 35 acres & 610 ft frontage on Lake Manitou for excellent privacy! Asking \$199,000. MLS#2083312



EXCEPTIONAL WATERFRONT ACREAGE - 62 acres with 1,931 ft frontage on Manitowaning Bay at High Falls. This exceptional property features include mature hardwood forest, great beach area, hydro, access road to site & a tremendous setting for waterfront development. Only \$390,000. MLS#2084827



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 & new windows. The 3.77 acre lot comes with two driveways & a 31 x 24 ft garage with storage loft. Many other great fishing lakes are close by & the amenities of Gore Bay are just 30 mins 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 and friendly community!!!! Asking \$39,000!!!! MLS#2084460



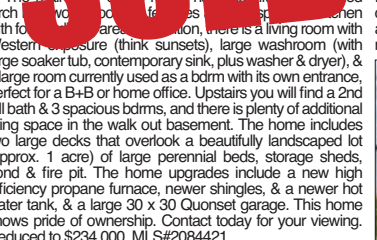
JUST SOLD - Call now to see this home in the outskirts of Little Current. The house is on a 6. The main floor has a living room with a large fireplace, a dining room with a wood stove, a kitchen with a granite countertop, and a living room with a large window overlooking the lake. The house is in excellent condition and is ready to move in. Call now to see this home. MLS#2084421



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



BUILDING LOT - 2 level building lots in Little Current. Great location on quiet street. 71 x 150. Call for details. Asking \$26,000. MLS#2079124



READY TO BUILD LOT IN SUNSITE ESTATES ON MANITOULIN ISLAND - Lot has a new 60 ft driveway & the 55200 water levy has been paid in full. Lot backs onto a park area & is only steps to the water. View the beauty of this lot now. Asking \$23,900. MLS#2066908



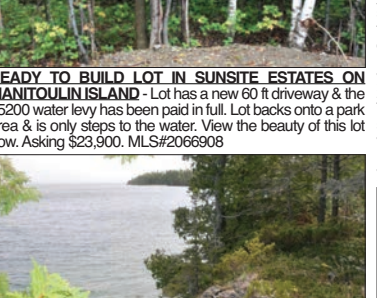
HIDDEN GEM ON MANITOULIN ISLAND - This Lake-shore Log Home has almost 2 acres of total privacy, & 620 ft of frontage on Lake Huron!! Spend Romantic evenings curled up in front of the huge stone fireplace. Sand beach perfect for swimming. You also have your own harbour for your boat or plane! There is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



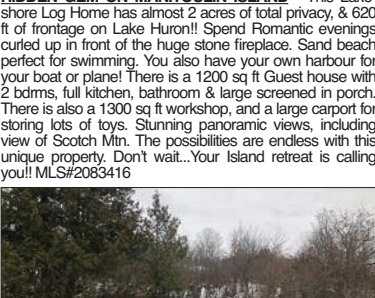
LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME - Located on Maple Lane close to the Town of Mindemoya and featuring mature hardwood forest on one of the finest lots in the area. Spacious 2 bdrm dwelling with relatively low maintenance, detached garage, sauna & small harbor area make this a perfect spot on the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



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



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



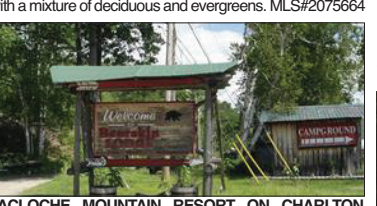
DOUBLE WATERVIEW LOT - across from Spider Bay Marina on Water Street West in Little Current. This residential building lot has 134.64' of frontage, municipal water/sewer, and is ready for you to build your new or recreational home! Asking \$164,500. You may want a single lot at 67.32' frontage - Asking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



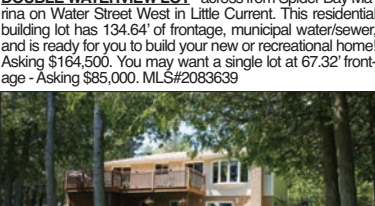
WHITE'S POINT WATERFRONT HOME - Very well laid out, architecturally designed home with spacious room sizes, large deck, attached garage, gas fireplace and several outbuildings. Features exceptional location and views, close proximity to schools & shopping plus a great area for swimming and fishing opportunities.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



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



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



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



162 ACRE WATERFRONT ESTATE - Approx. one square kilometer waterfront acreage offering the utmost in privacy! Features one of Manitoulin Island's finest homes with 4850 square feet including 12 rooms, 6 baths, 4 fireplaces, 9 foot ceilings, attached grannie suite and full unfinished basement all constructed to the very highest standards of quality and appeal. Also included is a double attached garage plus a huge detached garage offering 3 bays W8 foot doors plus 1 drive-through w/10 foot doors. Extras include two full kitchens, two wells, two furnaces, two built in safes, generator back up, etc., etc. to cover almost all eventualities. Other extras include built in appliances (two or three of most), central air & vacuum and spacious maintenance free Trex sun decks overlooking the waterfront. Mature hardwood forest surrounds trout river & ravine that dissects this 162 acre property. Absolutely outstanding acreage boasts 3,040 feet of desirable waterfront comprised of 5 separately deeded waterfront sites located east Manitoulin and only 4 km to local airport. Numerous other features, please call for complete details. MLS#2084831



LARGE WATERFRONT ACREAGE!! - Approximately 133 Acres of mixed forest with some small meadows & 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 & 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 & small game. The lake itself has great fishing for most fresh water species, especially salmon, rainbow, lake trout, & musky. Asking \$199,000. MLS#2083525

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300 ACRES - 300 acres on the west end of Manitoulin Island in a desirable recreational area. Level land that is mainly treed. There is legal access off Burnt Island Road over an unmaintained road on a road allowance. \$190,000. MLS#2083406



PRIVATE ISLAND RETREAT - Your own private island is waiting for you in McGregor Bay. This charming cottage sits on 4.7 acres of land, and is located on the desirable south shore. In the cottage you have an open concept kitchen and living room and 1 bedroom. Outside you have a deck connecting you to the bath house. Plenty of room to expand! \$400,000 MLS#2084111



HOME ON 50 ACRES - Quiet country home. An unfinished upper level is ready to be your dream master suite, with bathroom plumbing roughed in. 2 bedrooms on the main floor, along with an open kitchen/living room area. Drilled well with new jet pump & foot valve. All mechanical equipment is easily accessible in the clean, dry basement. Detached garage with plenty of room for all your projects. \$229,000. MLS#2082083



5.45 ACRES - This lot located South of Little Current is a great camp or nature lovers retreat as it is private and close to Perch Lake. Private gated driveway. The lot has a 22 foot trailer, storage shed and fire pit. \$28,900. MLS#2083380



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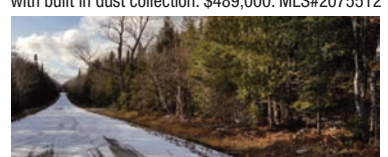
GORE BAY - Almost 250 feet of frontage and approx. 3.5 acres near the harbour in Gore Bay. The subject lot is currently zoned Residential, however it did not receive a Record of Site Condition from environmental testing. Therefore it cannot be used for residential purposes in its current condition. Industrial or commercial uses are possible pending rezoning approval. (Water and sewer service connection will be provided by the Seller before closing, and a severance will be required.) \$65,000 MLS#2084719



McGREGOR BAY - Charming cottage on a private island offers a boathouse, dock, workshop, bunkie & main cottage. Main cottage with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, eating area, living room with large windows, & large stone fireplace. Includes a bunkie with 2 sleeping areas & a half bath & outdoor shower. Workshop, boathouse, boats/motors & furnishings! \$389,000. MLS# 2062746



GORE BAY HARBOUR FRONT - Executive Tudor style home located on the Bay. This 2980 sq ft home offers 3 bedrooms 3 bathrooms 3 fireplaces with sunken dining room, and sweeping staircase from the foyer. Cedar shake roof with brick and stucco surrounding the home. Large 3 car garage allows access to the basement that is designed as a wood working shop with built in dust collection. \$489,000. MLS#2075512



SILVER WATER ACREAGE - 100 acres of recreational property near Silver Water. Fronts on a fully maintained township road. Short distance to Cook's Dock which has a public boat ramp. Mostly treed with an entrance in place. Great price of \$80,000. MLS#2083407

Why local matters?

In an uncertain time like this, Islanders do what we have always done. We pull together and support each other. Stay safe and stay home! We continue to work for you by phone and email. Supporting our community for over 50 years.



GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY! This turn key Restaurant sits along the Blue Jay Creek and is ready for a new family. All restaurant furniture & fixtures included, seating for 80. 16 Acres of land. Successfully operated for 27+ years! \$329,900. MLS#2064232



SERVICED BUILDING LOT - Ready to build! This level, serviced lot is ready for your home or rental. Quiet neighbourhood, in central location, within walking distance to downtown, school, park & waterfront. Ideal for a small retirement home. \$30,000. mls#2084855



WELCOME HOME TO PARADISE! Maintained private island cottage with all amenities & equipment included. Main cabin boasts 2 bedrooms, full bath with claw foot tub, kitchen, dining room, living room with propane stove & enclosed porch to enjoy your view. \$385,000. MLS#2080359



BAY ESTATES - Recently built bungalow perfect for year round living set on private 3/4 acre lot. Open concept layout loaded with upgrades including stainless steel kitchen appliances, hardwood and porcelain floors, pot lights, custom door and window trim, efficient European heating, 200 amp service, metal roof and much more. Full foundation offers plenty of storage. Septic system designed to accommodate additional full 2nd bathroom. \$258,888.



RARE LAKE MANITOU - One of kind waterfront property! 2.5 acre level lot on a point (670 ft. of frontage), offering east to south-west views. On the south side is a sand beach and on the east side is a natural boat ramp beside a nice limestone shoreline. Hydro service in place. 3 bdrm cabin (approx. 680 sq.ft.) can provide short and long term benefit, plus a trailer. A place to stay while you develop this amazing property! \$339,000. MLS#2084411



GORE BAY Wonderful family home with 2+1 bedrooms & 3 full baths. Fireplaces on both levels. Upgrades include all windows (except 4), new laminate flooring (entrance-way, living room, dining room - 2016), insulated garage doors, roof (2017). Functioning ceiling radiant heating system. \$249,000. MLS#2072795



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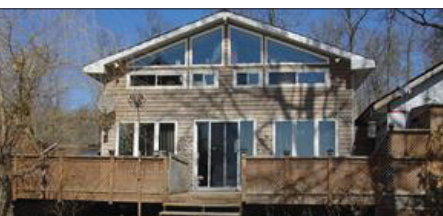
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4 BDRM HOME WITH SAND BOTTOM WATER FRONT!! - This beautiful 1400 sq. ft home is located in a park setting on the north shore of Lake Mindemoya on leased land. The lease is generally 5 years in length & is to be negotiated with land owner. This home is used year round & has plenty of sand beach shoreline along the waterfront. Lake Mindemoya has great year round fishing for walleye, perch, whitefish & pike. Amenities such as hospital, golf course, grocery stores & restaurants are close by. Rent is much cheaper than taxes. Asking \$219,000!!! MLS#2084865



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SOUTH FACING 2 BDRM FOUR SEASON WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME ON SOUTH BAY ONLY 15 MINS FROM THE FERRY!! - This cottage/home has deep water, bald rock frontage and comes adorned with beautiful white stone walls and a 32ft X 29ft metal sided and roof, fully insulated garage. The cottage comes turn-key with all furnishings and appliances. The Bay is great fishing for all fresh water species and amenities such as shopping, medical center and golfing are less than 30 minutes away. Asking \$299,000!!!! MLS#2077447

SUCCESSFUL AUTO REPAIR AND BODY SHOP BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN GORE BAY!!

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



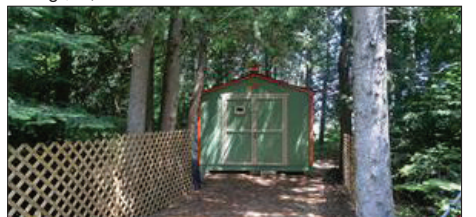
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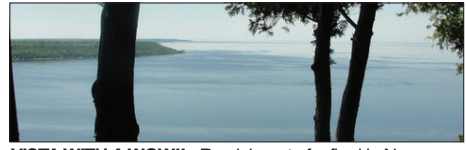
2.77 ACRE VACANT LOT ON LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - This estate size waterfront lot comes with a beautiful sand beach, great for swimming on a lake that has very good fishing for walleye, bass, perch and whitefish. The lot is located only 10 minutes from the Town of Mindemoya which consists of such amenities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



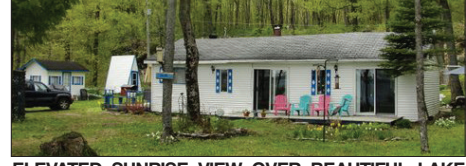
LARGE VACANT BUILDING LOT ON A YEAR ROUND ROAD!! - This property is 1.3 acres on the outskirts of Espanola and comes with a driveway and cleared building site. Asking \$28,000!!! MLS#2083820



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



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



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



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