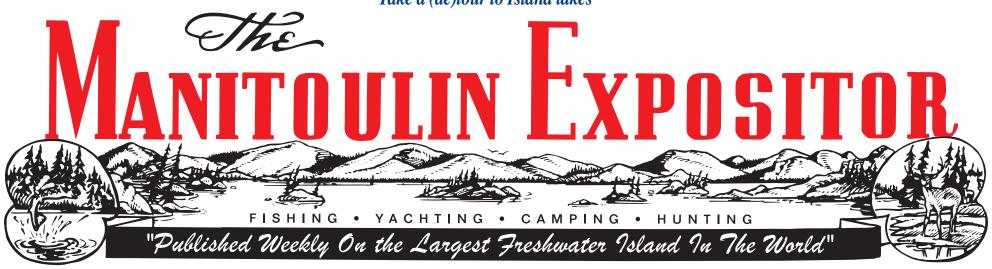
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A WELCOMING OF ISLAND HOSPITALITY-Ontario by Bike executive director Louisa Mursell and her boyfriend Murat Saman pause by the new sign at the Little Current Information Centre after enjoying several days of "delightful" hospitality nestled on the shores of Lake Manitou. The colourful new sign in the background was created by Little Current artist Duncan Pheasant and consists of four Island-themed panels. Although the outlook for the Island's tourism industry looked bleak at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, reports coming in from cottages and lodges are encouraging for the Island economy and the day this photo was taken, the staff at the Welcome Centre had assisted over 100 Island visitors

photo by Michael Erskine

# MNRF announces cormorant hunt

Sports, commercial fishermen pleased with news while animal rights activists, bird enthusiasts think bag limit of 15 per day is too high

## by Expositor Staff

QUEEN'S PARK—The provincial government has announced that as of September 15 and until December 31, an open season will exist for the hunting of double-

crested cormorants. Perhaps the most reviled of local native avian species, the cormorant has been the scourge of Manitoulin Island anglers and cottage owners for decades since population num-

# Manitoulin in good position to weather potential next wave of COVID-19 illness

bers rebounded for the second time in two centuries.

"It's about 25 years too late." observed Little Current Fish and Game Club president Bill Strain, a long-time advocate of population control measures. "It's been a long time coming. I think it is a good move-better than nothing." The government rationale for introducing the new cormorant hunting regulations are allegations that the birds deplete commercial fish stocks and that their droppings destroy vegetationallegations disputed by animal rights organizations but wholeheartedly endorsed by the sports fishing industry. Mr. Strain points to his observations of the cor-...continued on page 8

# **Tragic fishing mishap** claims Little Current man's life at Pike Lake

Brad Alston, 28, was a well-liked hard worker, called a 'gentle giant'

LITTLE CURRENT—The Little Current community is mourning the loss of a 'gentle giant' this week following the drowning death of 28-year-old Brad Alston.

On Saturday, August 1 at 9:15 pm, officers from the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Sudbury-Manitoulin emergency medical services (EMS) responded to a report of a possible drowning in Pike Lake in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

Investigation revealed that Mr. Alston had been observed fishing. A short time later, witnesses saw the boat drifting and subsequently found the Little Current man, who was living in an Aframe cottage on Pike Lake at the time of his death, floating. He was not wearing a lifejacket.

Mr. Alston was transported to hospital by ambulance where he was pronounced deceased.

Mr. Alston worked for Mark Anderson of JJ Pole Line Construction for over six years, coming to work straight after graduat-



The late Brad Alston was an avid outdoorsman.

ing from Manitoulin Secondary School following a stint with the company during a high school coop program.

"I'm going to miss the young fella," Mr. Anderson said when reached by phone Monday morning.

Mr. Anderson said he was pleased to teach Mr. Alston the trade. From running an excavator, climbing poles to operating a chainsaw, his young student was a quick learner and eventually enrolled as a linesman apprentice.

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Assiginack, Tehkummah like idea of single lane Rogers Cr. bridge by Warren Schlote Tehkummah clerk-administrator Silvio Berti, whose council MANITOULIN—The bridge over Rogers Creek at the border of approved the plan in principle at a Assiginack and Tehkummah is July 28 meeting. "It's good news that we're getting that bridge slated for replacement following open again at a reasonable cost.' an agreement in principle Assiginack Mayor Dave Ham between the two townships that went to the Assiginack council and that township's public works superintendent Ron Cooper gave table for approval yesterday, August 4. a presentation to Tehkummah "We're going to be moving council to discuss the proposed ahead with the bridge," said solution. The bridge has been closed for five years. Replacement cost estimates have ranged from \$250,000 to \$750,000, but two area residents—Andy Bowerman and Jim Mortimer-brought forward a solution for about \$90,000 in 2015 when the issue first emerged. Their plan was to use a modular Department of Lands and Natural steel bridge to span the gap. It Resources (WDLNR) has been would rest on the ground on releasing turkeys into the wild. either side and not require the The mzise (turkey) release prosame approvals as rebuilding the gram is part of the department's existing structure. four S approach focusing on sustain-The file has remained relatively ability, food security, subsistence

#### by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN-Manitoulin Island has largely been spared from the COVID-19 pandemic to date, but many infectious disease experts believe a 'second wave' of the disease is all but inevitable. Island health care providers have continued to work through the recent period of lower case activity and say Manitoulin is reasonably well positioned for the future.



June 22 was the last new reported case in the PHSD zone before a quiet month that ended with a new case on July 20. Numbers

have since increased—fast. By the following Saturday, July 25, there were three additional cases.

On Monday, July 27, PHSD reported eight new cases and last Wednesday, July 29, PHSD reported 10 more new cases, for a total of

22 new cases within a week and a half.

"Do I think we're ready? I think we're pretty close. It depends how

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still in the past five years but the

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# Wild turkeys in Wiikwemkoong Birds set free to establish domestic flock

#### by Michael Erskine

WIIKWEMKOONG—Folks around Wiikwemkoong are starting to call Stitch Manitowabi (Gzaagitwin Anishinaabe) the 'turkey whisperer' due to his uncanny ability to gather up the notoriously skittish creatures. It has proved to be a valuable skill these days as Wiikwemkoong



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# WE Charity controversy fallout affects hopeful Islanders

#### by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN-WE Charity and the federal Liberal government have suspended plans to launch the Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG) amid controversy over the Trudeau family's close ties with the WE group of organizations,

leaving long-time WE supporters and those who may have benefited from the grant program feeling disappointed.

"My faith in the charity has wavered. I know the work they've been doing for many years has made a huge difference, but I have



Expositor staffers Warren Schlote, left, and Kendra Edwards took home a total of three awards at the 2019 OCNA Better Newspapers Competition awards. This year's ceremony was shared online, rather than in-person, after the organization cancelled the April gala due to COVID-19 restrictions

photo by Michael Erskine

# **Expositor nabs three awards** in the 2019 OCNA Better **Newspapers Competition**

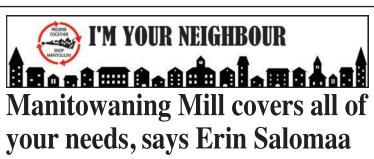
MANITOULIN-The results are in and your community newspaper has done it again, taking home three awards from the 2019 Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) Better Newspapers Competition

The annual awards gala is typically held at the OCNA's spring convention in April, a chance for Ontario's community newspapers to show their might, but this spring being the spring it was, the gala was put off and an online issuing of the awards was instead made on Friday, July 24.

The Expositor Office tuned into the Friday announcement, watching with bated breath as the best and brightest of community and student journalism and creative content was highlighted.

This year Expositor reporter Warren Schlote took home two awards; a first for feature writing for his story 'Newfoundland tradition survives in the North Channel,' which introduces the reader to Dean Riggs and the 24-foot punt his father Andy built by hand, and a second place for 'most creative grip and grin' ('grip and grin' is the newsroom term for the typical 'handshake and smile for the camera' shots). The awardwinning photo captured the ribbon-cutting ceremony of Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy upon its purchase of Willisville Mountain and it is atop this mountain that the photo was taken.

Warren Schlote's beautifully written feature story brings its readers on the water with the boat-builders and reveals their personalities while adding interesting technical and historical information into the mix," wrote judge Gail Sjuberg, editor of the Gulf Islands Driftwood of ... continued on page 10



a lot of questions around (the corporate side) because there's a lot of inconsistencies and not as much transparency or accountability," said Yana Bauer, a Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) teacher who is also its WE School supervisor.

"I do hope (WE) can survive this and manage to get better in the end." she added.

WE Charity partnered with the feds to deliver the CSSG. Government staff had identified WE as the only organization that could pull together a program of this scale within the tight timeframe before the school year began again in the fall.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau did not recuse himself from the final decision, despite his family members having received hundreds of thousands of dollars in speaking fees and expense reimbursements from WE in recent years

Opposition have parties launched substantial inquiries into the matter, with the Conservatives especially calling for resignations and a heavy reckoning.

Further complicating the matter is the division between WE Charity and Me to WE, the nonprofit and for-profit divisions of WE, respectively.

Craig and Marc Kielburger cofounded both divisions. Me to WE raises money to support the charitable efforts of WE Charity under a social enterprise model.

As the controversy continues, the student program has been mostly paused.

"My immediate concern (when the controversy emerged) was 'what about students that I've encouraged to take advantage of this? Are they still going to be eligible for the grant? Can I continue to support them?" said Ms. Bauer.

Ms. Bauer said the cancellation was especially hard on students given the global climate.

"In this uncertain global environment, it's yet another piece (students) might have thought was solid but is now another piece of uncertainty," she continued.

As a WE School supervisor, Ms. Bauer had gotten involved with the CSSG to help guide students, answer questions and connect them with resources.

Her long list of students has since been pared down to about a dozen that regularly keep in contact for guidance: the rest have not reached out and Ms. Bauer has not been asked to contact those who do not initiate conversation.

She said WE and the government are actively working on solutions and said she has heard students are still eligible, but the number of available positions is ... continued on page 10

# Province outlines plans for students' fall return

TORONTO—The Ontario government has announced its plan for the safe reopening of schools for in-class instruction beginning this September. The government has unveiled a plan that it says will prioritize the health and safety of students and staff, while providing school boards with unprecedented resources and flexibility, and accommodating regional differences in trends of key public health indicators.

A provincial government release says the plan was developed in consultation with the chief medical officer of health, the COVID-19 command table and pediatric experts.

Details on the safe restart of the 2020-2021 school year were provided on Thursday, July 30 by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, deputy premier and minister of Health, Stephen Lecce, minister of Education and Dr. Barbara Yaffe, associate chief medical officer of health.

Elementary schools (Kindergarten to Grade 8) will reopen province-wide, with in-class instruction five days a week. Secondary schools with lower risk will reopen with a normal daily schedule, five days a week, while most secondary schools will start the school year in an adapted model of part-time attendance with class cohorts of up to 15 students alternating between attending in-person and online. Students from Grades 4-12 and school staff will be required to wear masks.

"It's been hard on families to balance work and child care, while kids have been separated from friends and other kids their own age," said Premier Ford in making the announcement. "We want to get our kids back to school, but it has to be done safely. That's why we've worked with our public health experts, Ontario Health and the medical experts at Sick Kids to develop a plan that ensures students can return to the classroom five days a week in a way that protects the health and safety of our children, teachers and school staff.'

Under the provincial plan, parents will continue to have the option to enroll their children in remote

delivery, which the province says respects parents' "fundamental role in making the final determination of whether they feel safe with their children returning to school.

The release goes on to say that, "based on the best medical advice available," the province is implementing extra public health protocols to keep students and staff safe when they return to school in September. To support the implementation of these protocols, the government is providing over \$300 million in "targeted, immediate, and evidenceinformed investments," including: \$60 million in procurement of medical and cloth masks for students and staff, with direction to boards to ensure that students who cannot afford a mask are provided one; \$30 million for teacher staffing to support supervision, keeping classes small and other safety related measures; \$50 million to hire up to 500 additional school-focused nurses in public health units to provide rapid-response support to schools and boards in facilitating public health and preventative measures, including screening, testing, tracing and mitigation strategies; over \$23 million to provide testing capacity to help keep schools safe; \$75 million in funding to hire over 900 additional custodians and purchase cleaning supplies for schools; \$40 million to clean school buses, to ensure that students are in a thoroughly cleaned transportation environment; \$10 million for health and safety training for occasional teachers, who have historically not been covered by professional development that is offered to permanent teachers; \$10 million to support special needs students in the classroom; and \$10 million to support student mental health.

The newly announced funding is in addition to a \$25 million investment in mental health and technology, which will see an additional \$10 million dedicated to mental health staff, resources and programs, as well as \$15 million in technology funding to support the procurement of over 35,000 devices for Ontario's students to support their synchronous ... continued on page 10

# Six Islanders recently cited for Seventh Generation **Charity Anishinabek Lifetime Achievement Awards**

by Tom Sasvari MANITOULIN—Six Manitoulin Island and Whitefish River First Nation residents have been cited and recognized for their efforts to their First Nation communities with prestigious awards through the Anishinabek Nation Seventh **Generation Charity Anishinabek** Lifetime Achievement Awards. The list of local award winners includes James Megwanabe of Whitefish River First Nation, Sandra Margaret Peltier of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, Hazel Recollet of M'Chigeeng First Nation, Theresa Recollet of Whitefish River First Nation and Mary Jo Wabano and Myles Webkamigad, both of Wiikwemikoong. "The Anishinabek Lifetime Achievement Awards recognize those individuals who have made a lifetime commitment to improving life on First Nations through volunteerism, political service, language preservation, health services, social services, personal achievement, cultural practice, as well as survivors of resident

the military." Jason Restoule of Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charity told the Recorder. "we are hoping to be able to host a celebration event in the fall to present the awards." He noted the event will probably take place in November although a final date hasn't been set as of yet. "In light of the current situation we have postponed our 2020 Anishinabek Evening of Excellence. We look forward to honouring award recipients and celebrat-

school and those who served in ing with family and friends in the near future," a release notes. "Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is honoured to announce that our finance manager Myles Webkamigad, is one of this year's Anishinabek Nations 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients! Anishinabek Lifetime Achievement awards recognize those individuals who have made a lifetime commitment to the quality of life on First Nations. What an honour Myles! We are very proud!" a post on the WTPS Facebook page notes.

MANITOWANING-Erin Salomaa has been a familiar face at Manitowaning Mill Home Hardware for just over 10 years. Erin holds the title of office clerk at the busy store.

Originally from Sudbury, and with a stint in Calgary, Erin and her husband decided to make the move to Manitoulin over a decade ago to be closer to family-it's a decision they're glad they made

Erin and her husband live in Tehkummah with their two dogs and four parrots. Erin explained that she developed a love of parrots while living in Calgary. "Our neighbour had a garage full of them she got me hooked! It's like having a twoyear-old forever," she laughed. The Salomaas' particular variety of parrot has a life expectancy of 60 years.

Erin admits to being a "homebody" who loves to spend time with her pets and tending to her garden too. (She cannot say

enough about potato grow bags, coincidentally enough available at Manitowaning Mill!)

Erin says she loves the people and the community that is Manitowaning Mill. "It's such a good place to work.'



#### Erin Salomaa

"You don't need to go to the big city, everything is here,' Erin reminds Island shoppers. "And if we don't have it, we can get it."

Remember that when you shop locally, you're supporting friends and neighbours like Erin Salomaa.

# **Expositor correction**

The July 29 Page 1 story 'Cliff diving tragedy claims a young life at Birch Island' contains a series of errors that occurred in a postediting technical process due to human error. Those errors were unrelated to the author of the original story whose copy contained the correct information. The name of the individual who drowned is Jangweshens, whose English name is Brian 'Beej' Waboose Jr., not Wabasso as listed in the story. The victim's parents are Brian and Iris Waboose. The name UCCA Antisana Police Service was referenced instead of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service. The Expositor deeply regrets these errors.

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# "who dares not offend, cannot be honest" One Manitowaning Road

## <u>editorial</u>

# Community trust is a vital commodity when it comes to policing

The recent announcement of the closure of two satellite police stations on Manitoulin Island dropped like a bolt out of the blue for local elected officials who had been promised that they would be consulted before any such action took place.

There may be plenty of good reasons why those stations were declared redundant and no longer play a meaningful role in helping to keep the peace on Manitoulin and were therefore superfluous to public safety, but there was an explicit obligation on the part of the provincial government when they downloaded the cost of policing onto the tax rolls of residents and property owners. That obligation, fundamental to an open and transparent democracy, was to include those who paid the piper when making up the song list.

To that end, various community policing advisory conduits were set up, including the latest Community Policing Advisory Committee, which is itself currently under review. That committee, generally referred to by the less cumbersome acronym of CPAC, learned of the decision to close the substations long after the decision was made.

The current provincial government is fond of touting the hunt for "efficiencies," generally accomplished by unilaterally cutting the budgets of various government departments and letting the bureaucrats scramble to do the heavy lifting of implementing the service cuts that lie beneath the political rhetoric.

So it was that the OPP budget was slashed by \$30 million. Perhaps the resulting "efficiencies" being implemented are not connected to the closure of the substations, but without meaningful consultation, who knows? Even our elected MPP was not privy to the decision before it was handed down from on high.

Of course, there were assurances by the provincial government of Premier Doug Ford that those cuts were not to impact the frontline services provided to communities, or the officer on the beat. One could even interpret those cuts as some kind of a prescient response to "defund the police," the current rallying cry for seeking social justice from our legal system.

But beware the promises of princes.

The first efficiency to see the light of public day was the oddly picayune decision to no longer provide secretarial services, i.e. the taking of minutes, during CPAC meetings. Even though those meetings were ostensibly being held to ensure that the communities (read: the people paying the bills) concerns were being heard at the detachment command level. Further, those written records served as a mnemonic aid for those making decisions that impact local community safety

Greater transparency? More accountability? We think not.

The recent assertion that the decision to close the substations in Mindemova and Manitowaning was made, not at the local level by the detachment commander or even at the regional or provincial command levels, but rather by an agency charged with overseeing provincial property holdings is beyond simply alarming-it defies the tenets of basic managerial logic.

The decision to close those two OPP detachments may well have been a sound and sensible efficiency. It may well be that officers now do the work once completed at the desk in a brick and mortar office on a tablet in their cruiser. But the deterrent impact of a highly visible police detachment office on the major highway running from the ferry to the bridge will be gone. The sight of cruisers and a police office located beside the shelter protecting women and children fleeing domestic abuse will no longer add to the succor of those most vulnerable.

Perhaps worst of all is the fact that despite assurances and promises to the contrary, despite paying the vast bulk of the freight (policing costs lie at the very top of municipal budget expenses), there was no conduit for a local voice to provide input into this decision.

There have been assurances made that the substation by the Town of Gore Bay is not currently on the efficiency block—but wither now lies our trust?

The communities of Manitoulin Island lie far from the seat of power in Queen's Park and we have become far too accustomed to the decisions impacting our lives at the local level being dictated by faceless bureaucrats. Public services should not be determined solely on the number of beans contained in the recipe or the heat emanating from dominant political orifices-the chef should consult the diner on their tastes, if they are to be presented with the bill.

# Let's just continue to bury our heads in the sand, folks

After all, once the bees are dead we've got just four more years

To the Expositor:

Having read a recent editorial regarding herbicides and the dying bees, I realize that bees, trees, water and human health are of supreme importance when compared to making more money.

Our benevolent politicians sign laws that always engender the wellbeing of the citizens who elected them. They never favour big business and the monied class.

Our representatives would never make laws that would force us to put highly carcinogenic chemicals into the creeks and onto the roadways. I am certain that only the Americans sell out their citizens by dumping Agent Orange onto men, women and children and their own soldiers.

The previous sentences are, obviously, "tongue in cheek" but they lead a thinking person to a grim reality.

Big business and government sign our pay checks so that we may pay our rent and buy our porkchops. Our dependence is undeniable and, as history has proven, we will put babies into ovens if our paymasters and money changers so demand.

Forget about it folks. Go back to your TV and propaganda news bytes. Hate and fear your brothers who are brown, yellow and red. Do not question the laws, read your bible, follow the script and go back to sleep. Besides, after we kill all the bees, according to Einstein, we still have

four years to live.

All the best,

#### **Tommy Lough** Tehkummah

PS: Dear Expositor, I will be shocked if you print this. Cold, hard truth scares all of us.

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# Pat Hall will be greatly missed

*How will we keep up with Tehkummah goings on?* 

#### To the Expositor:

To the Expositor:

We were very saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Pat Hall. We are all Haweaters, living off the Island and Expositor subscribers. We always looked forward to "Tehkummah Talk" by Pat Hall. We loved her poems, sense of humour, love of nature, birds and animals. She loved to bake goodies and was a great supporter of her beloved church and hall. How will we ever know the news of all the community activities?

Thanks Pat! Rest in peace!

You will be missed!

Sincerely,

Betty (Hembruff) Johnston, Mary Ellen (Reed) Bradley, Mary (McLennan) Manion Sudbury and Thessalon

and seed to plant for another year. He in fact owned everything. In return, he imposed a 20 percent fixed taxation rate which in comparison to the rate charged by our government today, which can be calculated as high as 44 percent, doesn't look like such a bad business investment. After all, there was bread on the table.

I'm hoping the more conservative thinkers in our society will show us the realism of unrestrained debt. Our government already burdened down with debt before this pandemic crisis happened continues to borrow heavily as the days go by. With each announcement Mr. Trudeau is mortgaging our children's and grandchildren's future. The amounts he is borrowing are staggering in the extreme. Millions. billion of dollars. What would your grandmother think of that outrageous expenditure? She would never allow it.

I believe Mr. Pearson was the

last prime minister who knew how to budget the country's economy on simple basic principles. You don't spend what you don't have. And you restrain yourself from going into debt. That is good down home Manitoulin Island common sense. Otherwise debtors' prison and the workhouse become unpleasant realities. The economists don't like these old-fashioned words. They use newer trendier euphemisms. But it means the same thing. It means you will be sold into slavery by the creditors who loaned us the money. And more than likely sooner than we think possible. So who is our Pharaoh?

I overheard a question at the Freshmart not too long ago which made perfect sense. 'Where is the money coming from?' Good question. It is obvious we don't have any so where is Mr. Trudeau going for the cash?

> Lee Weimer Manitowaning

# Solar a good option for going off-grid on Manitoulin Island

#### by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter TEHKUMMAH-André Probst has been living with solar for over 20 years. When he got started, cost was the limiting factor with the outlay for solar panels in the thousands of dollars. A lot has changed over the past two decades and solar is definitely worth consideration now, he says. "It's totally doable and makes sense for somebody who's looking for long-term solutions, 20 years ahead. The cost of hydro is not going to come down and keeps going up and up.'

The price has come down to \$1 per watt, but it's the batteries that are the most expensive component of a system. Batteries are critical for storage capacity. The main types are the standard flooded battery and the AGM (absorbed glass mat) battery. Both are lead acid batteries. Flooded batteries have a longer life but require maintenance and monitoring. AGM batteries are generally maintenance free but will only last 10 to 12 years compared to a well maintained flooded battery that can last up to 20 years. Mr. Probst does not recommend using flooded batteries for seasonal residents as they can freeze. He doesn't recommend lithium batteries for the same reason.

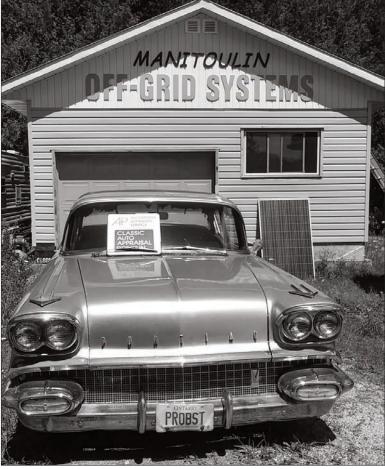
A residential system is generally made up of solar panels, batteries, charge controllers and inverters. The smaller the batterv the smaller the inverter size: that's what limits the number of panels you can have. "You take the wattage of the panels and divide by the voltage of the batteries to determine how many amps are coming from the panel into the charge controller," explained Mr. Probst. "Charge controllers can cost anywhere from a couple hundred to a couple thousand dollars.'

While the cost of panels continues to decrease, the price of other components are always edging up a little due to manufacturing issues or cost of parts and labour. Battery prices have been stable. "The only thing that's really coming down in price is that panels themselves," he said. "You can add more panels which in turn grab more sunlight but then you have to have a charge controller that can handle the power."

Mr. Probst owns Manitoulin Off-Grid Systems, located on Government Road between Mindemoya and Michael's Bay. Interest in residential solar power is strong, so much so that whether you want to build new or switch



André Probst with his nine-panel solar array custom designed and installed for a residence on Blue Road near Providence Bay. photos by Lori Thompson



Manitoulin Off-Grid Systems located at 2304 Government Road provides full solar system design and installation for easy off-grid living.

that's the issue. "I try to steer people toward the stuff that I know works from my own experience."

A typical system with nine solar panels and eight or nine batteries will provide four or five kwh energy a day. "City people are used to using more than that," he said. Some people use more than 20 kwh a day with baseboard heating, air conditioning, an electric oven, dishwasher, clothes dryer and televisions in every room. They may need to wean themselves away from that, he suggested. It would be a significant cost difference: \$50,000 for a 20 kwh system versus \$20,000 for a five kwh system. Every system is unique. It takes about a day to design a system once he knows what the expected loads are. Once the system and quote are approved it would be another week or two for all the parts to come in. With COVID-19 it has been a little longer, sometimes three or four weeks. A typical system will only take two days to install. Once a system is installed the only additional cost is battery replacement. The average life is about 10 to 12 years for an AGM type if you don't discharge them

too deeply, he said, and a well maintained flooded battery can last up to 25 years. Solar panels themselves will last 20 years.

Mr. Probst installed what he calls a typical system for Kevin and Ginger Cranston about three years ago and they have nothing technology is advancing and prices for (AGM) batteries are starting to come down because they're becoming more popular," he said. He highly recommends going solar, especially for new builds on the Island. "We've never had a problem, never had to shut it down. The generator has kicked in only a few times over the three years it's been in place."

Renewables are where it's at, Mr. Probst said. "The environmental benefits are one thing. Every bit of reducing our greenhouse gas is going to help. More sun will give us more energy producing days and in that way, it makes more sense to go solar."

The other thing, he said, is there are a lot of properties on the Island that are too far from the grid and it's often not practical to connect. "It really makes a lot of sense to compare the cost of running hydro poles and lines to the cost of an off-grid system. An off-grid system can be designed and built to be very reliable and lasts many years and



This nine-panel solar array was a new build which enabled consultations with the builder for precise placements of panel mounts. A hand winch allows for angle adjustment in different seasons. Even though this property has a very small clearing surrounded by tall old growth trees, owner Kevin Cranston says the system is always charging, even on cloudy and rainy days.



to off-grid you might be looking at next year for installation.

He receives a lot of calls for parts pricing or technical questions. He can help hook up a system that he hasn't designed or supplied the parts for but he can't guarantee how long the parts will work, or even if they will. "When someone buys parts frugally through Amazon or similar the quality of the equipment can't be guaranteed," he said. "The components might not work together. They might not be the right components or sizes, and they may not last as long."

Mr. Probst said he installs systems that will last 20 years or more and come with guaranteed technical support and troubleshooting. He prefers to use parts manufactured in Canada or North America. "I know it works and it's reliable." His suppliers have good technical support teams in place that will either walk him through a problem or will replace the equipment if but praise. Their system consists of nine solar panels and eight batteries with a charge controller and inverter. It puts out 120/240 and powers both sides of the electrical panel. "I check it every morning," said Mr. Cranston. "It's working really well. We have electric hot water even. The biggest draw is probably our washing machine. Our fridge is a regular fridge built by Moffat. We bought it at Jake's."

Many Moffat appliances are designed to use pure sine wave energy now and work well with solar power, he said. "Your motors run smoother, your clocks keep better time and they're energy efficient. When it's running our refrigerator barely shows on the meter, only 0.8 amps. In a home powered by hydroelectricity, that would be 1.2 amps."

At any given time, there could be kids playing games in the trailer outside with the lights on André Probst with a typical 48V solar inverter he has installed.

and the adults in the house watching movies, he said. "The fridge comes on, the freezer. We don't lose any draw. I'm always getting phone calls or text messages from friends asking if my hydro is out. We get that all the time. We don't even know when the power goes out."

You can supplement with wind but it's not reliable, said Mr. Cranston. It also may not be necessary. "Yesterday it was pouring rain. It was cloudy and raining and the system was still charging." In the winter it continues to charge even when covered with a few inches of snow. "You can just use a roof rake to clear the panels. The panels won't break. Usually once the sun comes up the panels warm up enough to melt the snow."

"I'll have to change the batteries maybe 10 years from now but

will actually be cost effective."

Right now, he has two or three serious inquiries from people who want off the grid. "Hydro One just bumped everyone's rates up 50 percent last fall and distribution is very costly to rural areas. Last November they bumped up delivery charges to \$60 per month. That's when you have to look at it and wonder if it makes sense. Switching to solar is really a win-win. It's making more and more sense as the price of panels goes down and the cost of electricity goes up."

Someone who is frugal with their hydro usage can still be paying \$800 per year just to be connected, he said. "Spread that over 20 years and you can just about buy yourself a system and use as much hydro as you want."

# High, increasing costs of substance use in Canada can't be ignored

#### by Lori Thompson.

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter MANITOULIN-Substance use cost Canadians almost \$46 billion in 2017, led to over 275,000 hospitalizations and contributed to the loss of nearly 75,000 lives, according to a report prepared by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) and the Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research at the University of Victoria. Alcohol and tobacco use accounted for almost two-thirds of the total costs, followed by opioid and cocaine use.

This represents a 3.3 percent increase in per-person cost between 2015 and 2017, from \$1,218 in 2015 to approximately \$1,258 in 2017 according to the report, Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms 2015-2017.

The high cost related to alcohol and tobacco use was not surprising, said study co-author Bridget Maloney Hall (with CCSA). That finding was the same in an earlier iteration of the study, but it is one of the most important.

"When it comes to public health and the Canadian economy we really can't ignore the impacts of alcohol and tobacco use," she said, "but we saw the biggest increases in costs in stimulants and in opioids."

The stimulants category is broken down into cocaine and central nervous system stimulants, mostly methamphetamines and amphetamines. Overall, costs associated with opioid use increased 20.9 percent; costs associated with cocaine use increased 10.5 percent and with other stimulants, 22.1 percent. The overall alcohol use increased 1.6 percent and the per-person cost of tobacco use decreased overall by 5.1 percent. The costs associated with alcohol (\$5.4 billion) and tobacco (\$6.1 billion) use accounted for 62.9 percent of the total per person cost.

The study goes up to 2017, which is the beginning of the opioid crisis, so that increase was also not surprising but is a trend to watch in the future. "If you look at our numbers for opioid deaths as well as more recent numbers posted by the Government of Canada, we saw national opioid deaths decrease from 2018 to 2019 but it looks like there's been an increase again during COVID-19."

There is a relationship between different substances and different types of crime and that really drives the cost, said Ms. Maloney-Hall. "For example, there's a strong relationship between alcohol use and crime in general but particularly violent crimes. About 20 percent of all violent crimes wouldn't occur without alcohol, compared to other substances that don't have a strong association with violent crime. With cocaine, it's the same thing; there's a very strong association between cocaine use and crime.'

There continues to be costs associated with impaired driving; 95 percent of costs related to impaired The cost of substance abuse in this country continues to rise. driving were due to alcohol.

Lost productivity costs are calcu-

lated by looking at long- or short-term disability as well as at premature deaths (prior to 65 years which is counted as the year of retirement). "Someone who passed away from opioid use at the age of 40 would count 25 years of lost productivity because that's where they would have been in the workforce contributing to the economy. While tobacco by far had the most deaths associated with it, a lot of those deaths occur at a much older age, past the age of retirement, whereas with opioids a lot of those deaths are at a much younger age so that partly accounts for why they make up a large amount of lost productivity costs," she said.

Tobacco was by far the deadliest substance, according to the report, with its use leading to 47,707 deaths in 2017. This was followed by alcohol at 18,320 deaths and all other drugs combined for 8,872 deaths. Although more deaths can be attributed to tobacco use, alcohol use led the way in total costs because it can be attributed to injuries and deaths of people at a younger age and was therefore responsible for more lost years of productive life.

"We suspect this is the curve because fewer people are using tobacco following decades of public health campaigns showing the risks associated with tobacco use. Those costs are still quite high but they are



going down," Ms. Maloney-Hall continued. 'One message that we hope comes out of our study is that not only are alcohol costs the highest but they're also still increasing and while we've had those really strong public messages with tobacco we haven't seen that to the same extent with alcohol. It's still promoted quite widely across the country and it seems that people don't really see the same risk with alcohol that they do with tobacco so I think one of the things that we hope will come out of this study is raising awareness and maybe leading to some policy change around how alcohol is promoted and made accessible in Canada."

The report noted that at the same time, some provincial and territorial governments have loosened restrictions on the sale and availability of alcohol, national advertising codes have not been updated in a quarter of a century and do not apply to digital media, used by many young people to communicate. A 2020 NANOS Research poll pointed to increasing alcohol consumption during COVID-19 due to lack of regular schedules, stress and boredom, which suggests there will likely be more harms attributable to alcohol in future estimates.

There are additional questions that will be addressed in future updates. It is likely that the crime-related costs associated with cannabis will decrease when we update our data to include 2019, the first full year that non-medical cannabis was legalized. Will health care and other costs increase? Will the costs of alcohol use continue to rise as some provinces move to privatize its sale and distribution? Will tobacco and nicotine-related harms and costs increase or decrease as people who smoke switch to vapour devices for delivering nicotine? What will be the short- and long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on substance use and related harms in Canada?

The report concluded with the need for evidence-based decisionmaking in efforts to reduce the costs and harms from substance use in Canada, particularly at a time when researchers and lawmakers are

assessing the impacts of legal, non-medical cannabis, the country remains in the midst of an opioid crisis and many regions are seeing increases in harms related to methamphetamine use, all during a pandemic that is changing our social landscape

"What we're most interested in is seeing how the trends change over time so we plan on continuing new years of data to this study," noted Ms. Maloney-Hall. "This study ends in 2017 which is right when the use of cannabis was legalized so we're very curious to see how the costs associated with cannabis use change with that. We anticipate that maybe the criminal justice costs might go down but health care costs might increase so exactly how that looks will be really interesting to see. With the opioid crisis continuing it will be important to see how those trends continue or change. The COVID-19 pandemic has kind of thrown a curveball. A lot of substance use trends seem to be coming out of COVID-19 so it will be important to capture that in our study. It's important for people to see that substance use does lead to significant costs in Canada and we really need to ensure that our policies create appropriate access to substances while also limiting harms and that's the tricky balancing act.'



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## Ice Chips and Canoe Quips MINDEMOYA—Mickey McKinny **Manitoulin Sporting Life** has been a golfer for over 60 years. He worked at the old Sudbury Golf Club starting at the age of 14. He caddied and worked at the



## Where are they now!?

From the desk of Dad. It seems that it wasn't all that long ago that Aundeck Omni Kaning's Mike Abotosaway was patrolling the blueline for the Manitoulin Panthers. He would've been 15 years old. As we get older time seems to fly faster, doesn't it? This past week, Mike's daughter Michaela tuned 20 years old. Holy Moly! I thought multisport athlete Mike was still a youngster. He was and still is a great sportsman. Besides hockey, Mike participates in fastball (he can slam home runs), strength-building, golf and any other sports activities. Did I see him refereeing too? Congratulations, Mike and wife on raising a fine young daughter. You were always a pleasure to coach and watch. Cheers.

#### Hockey is back!?

While hockey fans are holding their breath to the return of some normalcy the real players and teams are already planning on getting back on the ice to play their game. Aundek Omni Kaning's Sam Assinewai has signed to play Jr. A with the Rayside-Balfour Canadians of the NOJHL. Way to go, Sam!

#### **Stroll for Liver**

So many worthy causes have had to adapt to keep fundraising dollars trickling in. In order to keep safe for participants and the public the annual 'Stroll for Liver' hosted by the Canadian Liver Foundation (CLF) is imploring everyone to still participate, albeit virtually.

Locally, liver transplant recipient Wayne Aelick of Kagawong was looking for a way to give back to the CLF in appreciation of his life-saving surgery. He found out about the 'Stroll for Liver' rally taking place on August 30. Participants can join by taking part themselves or for a team and go on a "virtual walk."

Mr. Aelick and his wife Anna, "registered as Team Aelick, and will be taking part in a walk in their back yard and community." Manitoulin residents can support them and the CLF by sponsoring Team Aelick or creating their own team. On the Canadian Liver Foundation website they explain that this endeavor is "to help raise awareness and vital funds to propel life-changing research forward. We do this to help find cures and better treatment options for the people who need help right now. And we do this to make sure that anybody living with liver disease in Canada is able to access the support they deserve.

#### Sportsfisherman extraordinaire!

Hats off once again to Sunsite Estate's and Maple Point's Dane Gibeault who won his dad, Mark, a mug from Ontario Out of Doors. Dane caught and released an awesome, 18 lb pike but not before dad snapped a picture for posterity. Dane, just 12 years old, has become a master fish-predator over the last few years.

In other Gibeault sporting news, when not fishing, Dane and his sister Brooke can perform amazing kayak rolls to self-rescue themselves after capsizing. They can do the 'crook of the elbow roll,' 'standard layback,' 'hand roll,' 'butterfly roll' or even the 'shotgun roll!' In my case I would need to do the 'stomach roll and swim out maneuver.' Good work guys!

#### Under the category of ultra-tough athletes

Although not Manimeany local, in fact just about as far away from toulin as possible, is the story of a groundbreaking ultra-marathoner, Cliff Young. Every year, Australia hosts an 875-kilometre endurance race from Sydney to Melbourne. It is considered among the world's most grueling ultra-marathons. The race takes five days to complete and is normally only attempted by most hardened athletes who are often less than 30 years old and backed by company sponsorships. In 1983, a man named Cliff Young showed up at the start of this race. Cliff was 61 years old and wore overalls and work boots. Of course everyone was skeptical but Cliff was optimistic. He figured growing up on a sheep farm of 2,000 acres and 2,000 animals, he had been training all of his life. He described that on occasion he would take several days to get all of the sheep herded and was not worried about this mere 875km race. When the race started, the pros quickly left Cliff behind. The crowds and television audience were entertained because Cliff didn't even run properly; he appeared to shuffle. Many even feared for the old farmer's safety. A classic tortoise and the hare scenario. Cliff kept running. Each night he came a little closer to the leading pack. By the final night, he had surpassed all of the young world-class athletes. He was the first competitor to cross the finish line and he set a new course record. The efficiency that Cliff ran has since been adopted by world class ultra-marathoners and is known as the Young - Shuffle. Still hope for us all, right!?

# Noah Thorpe an up-and-coming golf phenom

course for 35 cents a round. He met up with a young Island golfer, 12-year-old Noah Thorpe (grandson of John and Cheryl Seabrook) at Brookwood Brae Golf Course last week.

Mickey was impressed by his play and was also reminded of the past Northern Ontario golfers that started out young.

"You have to see Noah golf," Mr. McKinny told the Recorder "If he keeps up his game, he is going to go a long way. He was taught the game by Kathryn Corbiere (of M'Chigeeng) from the time he was four years old. He is an excellent player and beat me in our game."

The Sudbury Golf course that Mr. McKinny worked at hosted the Seagram's tourney. Syd Sedgeworth and Berk Keaney would remember that, especially Syd who lost the tournament on the last hole to Billy Morland.

Other notable golfers that started out with their parents include Brent Hatton, who won many golf tournaments, and Rvan Willoughby, who won the famous match play Idylwylde invitational tourney against players from all over Ontario. Also, Sudbury Sports Hall of Famer Vince Palladino at the age of 15 won the Northern Golf Tourney which included the Morland brothers and many more

Mr. McKinny talked to Vip Palladino (father of Vince) and mentioned the latest Island golf star. He said, "well, you never know. Vince got a golf scholarship to Ohio State!"



Following a successful day on the links, Noah Thorpe, centre, poses with Kathryn Corbiere and Mickey McKinny.

Mr. McKinny and Noah played a round of golf at Brookwood Brae, with the latter challenging Mr. McKinny to nine-hole match play. He even gave Mr. McKinny some strokes. No matter though; after seven holes, Mr. McKinny was "dorme" (French for sleep). Noah won by two holes.

"If this young man keeps his game, next year he'll be going to MSS (Manitoulin Secondary School); hopefully, playing with the school team, getting more competition and looking forward to his future golf aspirations," said Mr. McKinny.

Mr. McKinny spoke to Noah's mother (Sarah Seabrook) and she said that she received a call late Sunday from Justin Lockeyer (assistant pro at Idylwylde Golf Course in Sudbury) saying that Noah will be receiving an invitation to a junior tournament, hopefully, later this year.

"No date has been set as of yet for the tournament but it will probably be held in September," Mr. McKinny said, pointing out he has will offered to take Noah over to Sudbury for the tournament.



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# ... Tragic fishing mishap claims Little Current man's life at Pike Lake

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Mr. Alston went on to work in the Detour Lake mine as well as running heavy machinery for E. Corbiere and Sons Construction at off-Island construction sites. Friends close to Mr. Alston say he was planning a move west in the weeks to come.

"He's the hardest worker I ever had," Mr. Anderson continued. "It's been said many times, Brad was a gentle giant. He loved to laugh and had tons of friends-he was just one of those guys who loved people. There was not a mean bone

#### in his body."

From all accounts, Mr. Alston was a people person who had friends of all ages. He was known for making tours with his beloved pickup truck and stopping in for visits wherever he went.

Mr. Alston had a passion for the outdoors and especially looked forward to the annual moose and deer hunts.

Mr. Alston is survived by his parents Craig and Kelly Alston, siblings Katrina and Jordan and nieces and a nephew, all of Little Current.

# Ministry of Natural Resources cormorant hunt

...continued from page 1 morant population while engaged in the annual Little Current Fish and Game Club walleye stocking program centred on Sheguiandah Bay and the Bass Creek spawning area.

'Every spring, when the walleye and other fish are coming in, it's disgusting what you see," he said. "There are 25 to 30 cormorants at any given time. They come up with 15- to 20inch walleve and gulp them down." So greedily do the avian fishers harvest their meals that they are "too loaded down to be able to lift off.'

While Mr. Strain applauds the government decision to introduce control measures through hunting, he said the effort is ill-timed. "They should be putting in some measures for the spring," he said. "That is when the fish are trying to reproduce for future generations.'

Once the feeding frenzy of the spring spawn is over, Mr. Strain said the cormorants move on to inland lakes, dispersing across the region to continue their voracious habits in smaller waters and reproducing rapidly. "They stay around until the fish go out of the river," he said. "Then they spread out over all of Manitoulin."

Fuel the Fire TV host and owner of Island Sunrise Fishing Charters and Cottages Neil Debassige said that he feels some type of control of the cormorant population is needed. "They are a species that needs to be controlled," he said, "if we are going to find a balance. Although we are not seeing the hundreds of cormorants filling the sky as much, they really do a number on the baitfish."

Moe Gauthier, owner of Screamin' Reels Sportfishing Charters out of South Baymouth was enthusiastic when asked about his take on the plan. "I think it's fantastic," he said. Mr. Gauthier said that he sees firsthand the depredations on the baitfish population by the voracious birds. "I see them every day," he said, "you don't have to go out of the harbour."

baitfish The (like alewives) are the primary food source for game fish like salmon.

A quarter century ago, cormorant numbers began to rise in the North Channel and inland lakes, including Lake Manitou, and the popular sports salmon fishery on Lake Huron coincidentally went

into decline and the competition for food with the growing cormorant population was blamed by Island tourist operators and fish and game clubs.

The salmon fishery has rebounded, coincidentally, as the number of cormorants has declined over the past seven to 10 years, as evidenced by the annuallv increasing weights entered into The Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic organized and sponsored by this paper over the past four years. (This would have been the fifth year except for the COVID-19 pandemic.)

The Ministry of Natural Resources, as it was known 25 years ago, disagreed with the call for a cull, arguing that the cormorants would eventually outgrow the local food source and move on. The ministry did, however, support two years of egg oiling (a process that preventing the eggs from hatching) at North Channel island nesting sites and there was also a sanctioned campaign to frighten nesting birds away from their eggs by setting off noisemaking devices nearby on a regular basis to dislodge them from this region.

The Ministry of Natural Resources, until now, has resisted continued calls for culls on the birds. Like Mr. Strain, Mr. Gau-

thier said he was "a little disappointed" in the tim-ing. "I think it's a little late," he said. "Most of the birds will be gone by then (when the hunt will take place)."

Cormorants tend to migrate south, wintering primarily in US east coast states such as the Carolinas come fall—where fish farm operators have an ongoing battle with the birds.

Local avian enthusiast and the driving force behind the annual Manitoulin Christmas bird counts, Chris Bell, said he was "not in favour" of the cormorant hunting season, but that it was not as objectionable as the original government proposal to allow hunters a 40 bird bag limit. "But 15 a day is still very high, too high. We don't have the numbers of cormorants we had a few years ago. I think it's a shame."

Fish and game clubs across the province have been advocating for control ... continued on page 11

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# ITO launches five-year strategic, COVID-19 recovery plan

#### by Warren Schlote

AUNDECK OMNI KAN-ING—Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) last week unveiled a five-year strategic plan and COVID-19 recovery framework to offer its members guidance as they adapt to a post-pandemic reality and commit its support to those operators as they rebuild.

"We've taken into consideration a lot of the lessons we've been learning over the last 15-20 years and implementing things that will help business operators mature a little quicker and also help them diversify their product lines in a good way," says Kevin Eshkawkogan, president and CEO of ITO.

The Conference Board of Canada estimates the GDP of Indigenous tourism in Ontario could drop by 63 percent and result in the loss of nearly half of all jobs in the sector. This could mean between 200 and 350 business closures and more than 7,500 lost jobs, says ITO.

ITO estimates of pre-pandemic sector data indicate there are more than 600 Indigenous tourism businesses in Ontario supporting 12,000 jobs. This comprises 34 percent of all Indigenous tourism in Canada.

The organization had been preparing to renew its strategic plan this year but has instead gone deeper into measures specific to COVID-19 recovery. Indigenous tourism has only started to break into the mainstream in recent decades, making it more susceptible than established offerings.

Conversely, though, its newness has enabled it to be more responsive than many legacy tourism models.

"Given the current situation, we really had no choice but to take into consideration the effects of COVID-19 on the Indigenous tourism industry," says Mr. Eshkawkogan. "This will help the Indigenous tourism business and the tourism industry as a whole recoup from these deficits."

The 20-page plan outlines several areas in which ITO will aid its members, as well as an overview of \$9.1 spending million in between now and 2025



ness areas.

The next five years are broken into three phases: preserve, from 2020 to 2021, involving maintaining operators' livelihoods and making strategic investments alongside non-Indigenous partners; renew, from 2021-2022, focusing on adapting to new trends and aligning to traditional values, as well as product development, marketing, training and fostering cultural authenticity; and rejuvenate, from 2022 to 2025, which focuses on continuing the plan to strengthen businesses and grow the sector.

The phases overlap and concurrently. continue Plans are underway to create an elders' council and an app-based digital storytelling portal.

"We believe in the resiliency of our people and we know that our members will emerge from this experience with a rejuvenated sense of accomplishment and the opportunities that lie ahead," reads the planning document.

For the first phase, ITO has hired seven business support brokers to work with its members and gather information about their challenges and the support they require. Four key needs emerged in this process: leadership and advocacy, communication, collaboration and partnerships, financial support and investment, and adaptation and innovation.

Those brokers then tell ITO which areas the organization is best suited to address.

Much of the work in the years ahead will be to rebuild consumer confidence and attempt to draw domestic tourists who may be seeking getaways closer to home. The present downtime will be used to train operators, re-focus and restructure operations and

tailored to smaller groups and many of them are based on the land-both of which align with public health advice to avoid large especially gatherings, indoors.

Intimate educational such as experiences, Indigenous through tourism, are popular. Mr. Eshkawkogan says supply levels have not been able to keep up with the "unprece-dented" demand across Canada, which is higher than ever.

However, Indigenous tourism offerings often exist in remote communities that lack the same health care support resources as urban centres, so trying to draw tourists into vulnerable areas can be questionable if the virus threat has not yet abated.

"Following public health guidelines in discouraging non-essential travel to our remote area (with very limited health services) is a shared responsibility," says Michelle Savoie of Voyageur Wilderness Programme in Atikokan, quoted in the strategic plan document.

One way to address supply concerns as well as uphold community health responsibilities is to shift to more virtual- and augmented-reality experiences; ITO plans to release further details on virtual tourism developments this week.

"The number one commodity in Indigenous tourism is the business operator themselves and the knowledge they carry. They can help to develop a product but they don't always have to be physically involved in every experience," says Mr. Eshkawkogan.

Virtual tourism offerings speak to the final 'rejuvenate' phase. ITO seeks to expand the industry to offer traditional on-the-land activities as well as offerings at a distance, with an aim of converting online into future observers tourists.

"The marketplace is opening up in a lot of ways to experience travel while staying at home. We're looking at ways to ... help share the stories of Indigenous peoples in an easier, accessible way," he adds.

But offering meaningful, authentic experiences can be difficult when traditionlenge ITO has been exploring lately.

"It's a matter of finding that threshold where we're not compromising the integrity of our culture while still capitalizing on the content and the new model we're developing," Mr. Eshkawkogan says.

The tourism outfit has identified four key pillars or directions to its success, including cultural authenticity, marketing and branding, product development and human resource development. ITO is working with partners like Ontario Tourism Education Corporation to build capacity in its membership, as well as Destination Northern Ontario and Tourism Excellence North.

Mr. Eshkawkogan adds that ITO is working with those partners to share best practices and advice, including creating appropriate content for non-Indigenous operators and making use of tourism industry experts' best practices in the Indigenous-run market.

"We're not here to duplicate services; we want to work with our partners in the best way to serve Indigenous tourism operators, communities and the tourism industry as a whole within Ontario," he savs. "We're not going anywhere-these are our homelands, so we should be involved as part of the solution," says Mr. Eshkawkogan.

Mr. Eshkawkogan is careful to note that his organization is not being opportunistic during a global crisis, but rather trying to find small positives in a tough time.

"Being prepared leads to us doing a small part for Indigenous people to participate in the economy and manage wealth instead of poverty. Tourism can help with economic reconciliation," he says.

Indigenous tourism is a promising field, notes Tourism Industry Association of Ontario president Beth Potter.

"Before the onset of COVID-19, Indigenous tourism was the fastest growing sector in our industry," she stated in an ITO press release. "We know that not only will Indigenous tourism recover, but it will continue to al knowledge keepers are lead and take our industry not directly involved in to new heights."

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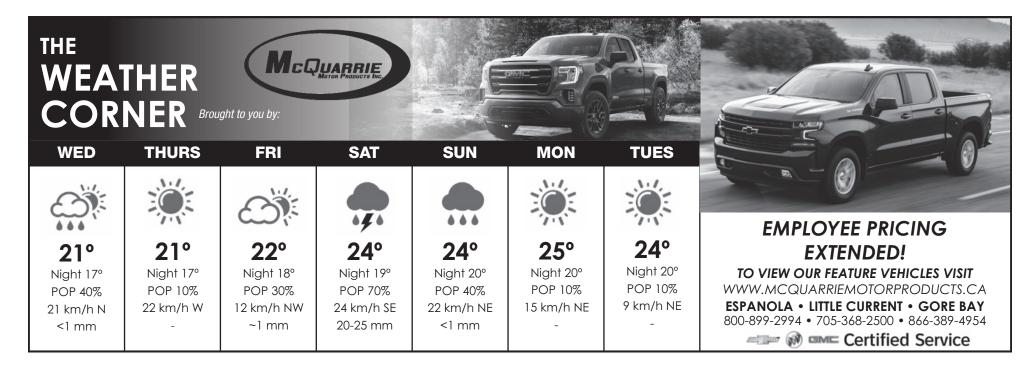


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# ...Ontario prepares to welcome back students

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learning in-school and beyond. "This plan reflects the best medical

and scientific advice with a single aim: to keep your child safe," said Minister Lecce. "While this plan will continue to evolve to respond to the changing threat of COVID-19, we will remain constant and consistent in investing in the resources, staffing, cleaning supports and strict health and safety protocols to keep our communities and our classrooms safe."

According to the release, the Ministry of Education has received "clear and compelling public health guidance to inform the delivery of instruction for boards for the 2020-2021 school year." The release notes that these decisions are adaptable to changing public health situations and were based on "the rigorous and data-informed guidance of leading medical, epidemiological and pediatric leaders in the province."

"Based on the current data, we are seeing that overall instances of COVID-19 are declining in Ontario. When considering the health of the whole child, and as long as this trend continues, we believe that with the appropriate measures and strategies in place to handle potential outbreaks and prevent spread, schools are expected to be a safe place for Ontario's students and staff who attend in person," said Dr. David Williams, chief medical officer of health. "We will continue to closely monitor the situation to ensure the safety of students and staff and will be prepared to transition to alternative options should circumstances change."

"As a society, we've made an important shift in the dialogue about our children and the adverse health impacts of school closures," says Dr. Ronald Cohn, president and CEO of SickKids. "While we recognize that COVID-19 will be with us for some time, continuing to stay home from school has become untenable for many children, youth and families. Effective, evidence-based strategies can help promote the safety of students, teachers, school staff and families as they return to school."

The release goes on to state that the Ministry of Education will continue working closely with public health and school boards to monitor and report on the health status of school communities, which is part of the government's outbreak management plan. This plan, which was developed with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Ministry of Health, outlines clear protocols and authorities of the multiple agencies and organizations involved in the public health landscape. In the event of positive cases of COVID-19 among students, parents, teachers or other staff, these protocols will enable immediate action by health and education sector officials to identify, track and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the education system. Every school board will have communication protocols in place to keep families informed.

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# ...WE fallout hits hopeful Islanders

... Expositor earns three BNC awards

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smaller than planned.

Supervisors were also previously able to monitor their students' progress through an online dashboard but this is now suspended.

Ms. Bauer said the program uniquely ensured opportunities for rural students who are often at a disadvantage. Training sessions for the supervisors included modules on creating local opportunities, but many of these have not come to pass.

One such opportunity was the Providence Bay Fair. Providence Bay Agricultural Society president Dawn Dawson was about 80 percent through the process of registering her group with the charity when the CSSG stalled.

"I've had some very emotional days. It's really upsetting to us. We've done the best we can and we've had a handful of students stay on, but there's things I'm afraid may fall through the cracks because I don't have the young people I thought I was going to have," said Ms. Dawson.

The society was hoping to draw a dozen young volunteers to adapt its Providence Bay Fair to have more virtual offerings this year. The amount of work involved in the plan, however, was insurmountable with only half of its expected numbers.

She has heard from Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes and was expecting a call from NDP ethics critic Charlie Angus to discuss the situation.

Ms. Dawson, like Ms. Bauer, agreed that WE has contributed much good to the world and that her own daughter had positive experiences with the group, especially through its WE Day events run through the for-profit branch of the organization.

"Those were so valuable for young people to hear the quality of speakers and to be motivated to be leaders. I think there's still some value in that," she said.

Ms. Bauer addressed one of the contentious items, the honouraria promised to teachers for helping to lead the program. Ms. Bauer said she did not receive any details of the amount before the program's suspension but said most teachers, including herself, were focused on supporting students rather than seeking to benefit.

"My only personal benefit would have been my daughter Cassandra, who is in college, but as far as I know she isn't currently participating in any placements," said Ms. Bauer.

Questions remain of the future of WE Charity and its WE Schools program, of which MSS is a member. At the current moment there are no plans to suspend the partnership but Ms. Bauer said some students may understandably be hesitant to get involved with WE activities going forward, including through MSS' SHARE/Go Green committee.

"Every year we come up with a plan at the start of the year of what actions we'll commit to for the rest of the year to make the world a better place both globally and locally. We'll still go through that same process with SHARE but the materials we normally use that are WE-branded, we may or may not continue to use those," she said.

Ms. Bauer and Ms. Dawson urged the government to extend the promised grant money to students, considering most would be unable to earn the full grant complement—if anything at all.

"If students don't benefit from this program because of the political stuff that's happened, then everyone has failed. That means students will be in worse states going back to school and more disillusioned with politics and service. That's not good for anybody," said Ms. Bauer.

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**...continued from page 3** Salt Spring Island, BC.

"Warren Schlote put a lot of effort into this photo. Very good job," wrote judge Joyce Webster, publisher of the East Central Alberta Review.

"I was not expecting to take home a firstplace finish from the awards ceremony, let alone a first and a second place across the two categories," said a humble Mr. Schlote following his wins. "It's a real honour and I need to give kudos to the other excellent entries and the judges for their efforts."

"I can still remember the cool morning when I got to go for a trip on the boat with the family, although I can't remember much of the writing process—I wrote it relatively soon after I moved to Manitoulin Island and, funny enough, the awards ceremony took place two years less a day from when I started at The Expositor," Mr. Schlote added.

Expositor production assistant Kendra Edwards has consistently taken home awards from the BNC awards for ad design and this year is no different. This year Ms. Edwards took second place for best creative ad for last summer's Explore Manitoulin photo contest series. "Great imagery and colour to set a mood with the ad and stand out from the page," judge Karen Kavanagh, a professor in the advertising department of Algonquin College, wrote. "Well done on the text treatment of the contest on the top right and the use of chevrons to draw the eye down. Very nice balance to all areas—text block spacing, line leading and logos."

"It's an honour to be nominated and I'm so happy to make this newspaper proud," Ms. Edwards said.

"Bravo to Warren and Kendra on the occasion of their awards," said Alicia McCutcheon, Expositor publisher, editor and OCNA vice president. "Week after week the calibre of storytelling in the pages of these newspapers is phenomenal; we're so fortunate to live in a place that is full of interesting people doing interesting things—it makes our job a lot of fun. Congratulations, Kendra and Warren, your accolades are much-deserved."

Mr. Schlote nabbed another award earlier this spring, first for best in-depth feature or series from the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario for his five-part series on the Manitoulin-developed Canadian Indigenous Cognitive Assessment tool.

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# ...MNRFannounces cormorant hunt

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measures for more than two and a half decades and in 2018, measures were proposed for public comment. Although the initial measures proposed were more severe, the open hunting season announced by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) last Friday reflect the concerns of the sports fishing and commercial fishing industry. According to an August 1 release from the ministry, the rationale for the killing of the birds is that they reduce fish stocks and their droppings damage natural habitat. The ministry goes on to assert the burgeoning cormorant population hurts "the livelihoods of commercial fishermen" adding that "property owners, hunters and anglers have all complained.'

"The harvest will help address concerns about impacts to local ecosystems by cormorants, a bird that preys on fish, eating a pound a day and that can damage trees in which they nest and roost," the MNRF release states.

Mr. Bell noted that hunters will be firing into cormorant nesting sites and that will inevitably lead to collateral damage amongst other, perhaps endangered, species. "There are other birds mingled with the cormorants on those islands," he said.

Liz White, a director of the non-profit Animal Alliance of Canada and leader of the federally registered Animal Protection Party of Canada, said the alliance and party are opposed to the hunt.

Ms. White is quoted in the national media as asserting the hunt is unethical because the birds are not eaten, cruel because many birds will be wounded and suffering and is unsound in science because the birds do not deplete commercial fish stocks.

"The problem is that the issues that they talk about as justification for the hunt are simply not held up in science," Ms. White said, noting that cormorants are found where fish are plentiful. "What we find out is that where there are a lot of birds, like a lot of cormorants and other colonial nesting birds, the reason that they are there in



The double-crested cormorant was thought of by many on Manitoulin as 'public enemy No. 1' during the 1990s.

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great quantities is there is also a very healthy fish population."

Ms. White said the hunt, despite being pared down from the 2018 proposals, could still devastate a recovered native wildlife species that has been driven to near extinction twice in the past 200 years.

In addition to the unrestricted hunting that was common in the early 19th and 20th centuries, the proliferation of the chemical DDT decimated populations of egg laying upper tier avian predators. The return to a hunt of any kind, especially one they believe is politically motivated rather than being based on science, alarms animal rights activists.

"We know that is a perilous activity and we believe it is put forward because people don't like the birds," Ms. White said.

She points out that if only 20,000 of the 197,000 small game licence holders take the 15 birds allowed per day, the cormorant population could be wiped out.

Mr. Bell said he believes the numbers should be studied. "Papers should be written and government scientists should be making decisions on it," he said. "We certainly don't need a season that goes into November and December."

The MNRF release notes that together with its partner agencies, it has surveyed cormorant colonies across the Great Lakes and some of the inland lakes in Ontario in 2019 and, based on nest counts, it is estimated there are a minimum of 143,000 ...continued on page 12



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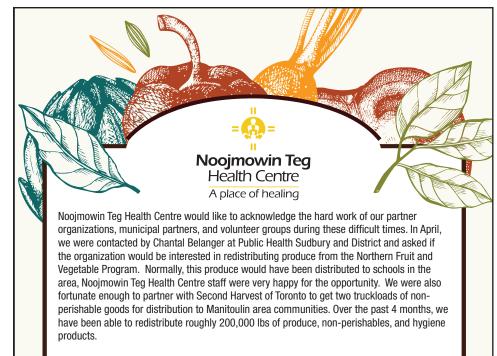


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Cormorants flock in large colonies, like the one seen above.

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breeding cormorants located in 344 colonies.

MNRF Minister John Yakabuski said in the release, "We've heard concerns from property owners, hunters and anglers, and commercial fishers about the kind of damage cormorants have caused in their communities, so we're taking steps to help them deal with any local issues."

But bird advocates such as Steven Price, president of Birds Canada, a non-profit charitable organization that touts itself as Canada's "voice for birds" raises alarms over the difficulty of enforcing the bag limits on cormorants, particularly given how unpopular the cormorant is in some circles. Mr. Price does admit that he, unlike Mr. Strain, is pleased the hunt will take place outside of the cormorant breeding season.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), which has long advocated for control measures said on Sunday that the hunt lines up with other waterfowl hunting seasons and suggests that concerns of imminent extinction of the species are overblown. "It's a pretty minor hunt, to be honest," said Lauren Tonelli, resource management specialist with the OFAH. "The season lines up with pretty much every other waterfowl species in Ontario. We really don't think that this hunt will have a huge impact on the population. We really see this as a starting point and a way to recognize that something needs to be done and it gives individuals a means to begin to reduce their own local concerns."

The new regulations stipulate that hunters can use shotguns, including muzzle-loading shotguns, not larger than 10 gauge with non-toxic ammunition, but cannot use a shotgun loaded with a shell containing a single projectile.

Hunters can shoot double-crested cormorants from a stationary motorboat, meaning the motorboat is not in motion and the power to the motor has been turned off.

The release notes that all other relevant federal, provincial and municipal laws/rules related to hunting apply (for example trespassing, municipal discharge of firearms bylaws, federal firearm licencing requirements).

When it comes to retrieval or disposal of the dead cormorants, hunters must follow additional rules, including having the adequate means of retrieving any bird that is shot; immediately retrieving the bird; dispatching the bird if it is alive when retrieved; and including that cormorant in their bag limit.

If a hunter chooses to not use the birds they harvest, they must dispose of the carcass either by delivering the bird to an approved waste disposal site that permits the disposal of dead animals; delivering the bird to a disposal facility, or using the services of a licenced collector, under Disposal of Deadstock the Regulation (Ontario Regulation 105/09) made under the Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001; or burying it on private land owned by the hunter, or on private land occupied by the hunter with consent of the land owner.

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idea of a steel bridge recently resurfaced at an Assiginack council meeting, with an estimated cost of about \$100,000. Tehkummah is seeking to contribute its portion over some time as it was not in the budget for this year.

"It's been a very contentious area but I'm glad to see they're finally putting their heads around it," said Mr. Mortimer, who is finally seeing progress on his original idea. He and neighbour Mr. Bowerman included details such as tonnage, length and proposed costs in their presentation to council. The two visited a bridge company to see its products in person and make sure they would be appropriate.

Mr. Bowerman has property on both sides of the creek and must drive several kilometres around since the bridge closed. He has advocated for the bridge in recent years.

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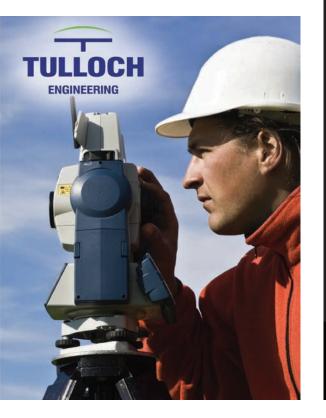
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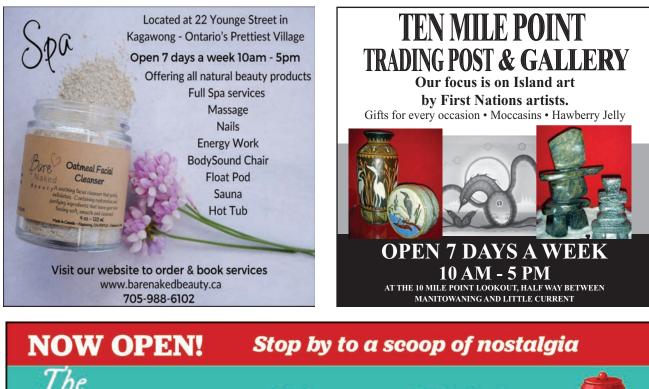
#### by Isobel Harry

MANITOULIN—With all our usual celebrations and gatherings cancelled this year, we may become more adept at finding joy in what is already here, perhaps taking some time we might not normally have to appreciate our exquisite, all-too-brief Island summer. Sure, we miss the festivals, powwows, concerts, fairs, homecoming weekends and every other curtailed activity, yet quieter pleasures are here to be enjoyed, more intimately, certainly. The summer spectacular is still on, everywhere we look.

Sometimes the motivation can be a yard sale in the next

township, with tables spaced out in a field and shoppers wearing masks and staying safely distanced—as all yardsalers know, these are hit or miss affairs but there are some (muffled) people there and stuff to see. This can count as socializing these days. Bonus points if you find something you "need."

There are markets in Little Current (Saturday) and Kagawong (Wednesday) plus a new one on Saturdays at Sugar Bush Coffee in Kagawong, and in Sandfield (Thursday, Friday, Saturday). All kinds of Manitouliners have set up farm gate stands and it's fun (and rewarding) to stop











Potter Lynda James welcomes visitors to last weekend's Studio Tour around Big Lake.

#### photos by Isobel Harry

and survey the veggies, honey or crafts on offer.

Or the prospect of browsing (masked) the work of artists and artisans (masked) displayed outdoors at their home studios can be the lure out of the usual confines. As was demonstrated this past weekend in the Big Lake Studio Tour, a feast for the senses in three locations around the lake, off Hwy 542.

But going to this part of the Island also lends itself to a little wander around—since Lake Mindemoya is on the way, well, why not take a look at the old lakeside roads? Many old-time cottages and resorts, built to accommodate the increase in tourism by automobile of the 1930s and '40s, still stand today, enjoyed by succeeding generations. A drive around the lake on the west side can go up Monument Road at Monument Corner on Hwy 542 for a glimpse into the lush campgrounds and rental cottages that seem to distill the essence of times past. We take two roads around the lake on the east side, off Hwy 551, turning onto Lakeshore Road. Large, newer homes line the road as the lake is glimpsed through cedars on the left, then fields with cows, barns and properties established here in the late 1800s. Early, small cottages and homes pop up, with newer builds, each with dock, lawnchairs, firepit; swimmers, a speedboat, some kayaks and a giant unicorn water toy dot the lake. Drivers are asked, via road signs, to "Please slow down or go around"-there are bicyclists and strollers and children to consider in this quiet outpost of the busy town of Mindemoya.

Ketchankookem Trail meets Lakeshore Road and is equally enticing with views of a vintage concrete silo, some large farms, the Mindemoya Cemetery. Interspersed with cedar rail fences, and lanes shaded by huge maples, this is prime old-fashioned style sided with the Mindemoya Court Cottages and Campground, a wide circle of traditional log cabins around a lakeside play-

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Backtracking south on Hwy 551, down to Hwy 542, we head east toward na Treasure holds a clay 'Nut Bird' the Big Lake Studio Tour. she makes especially to dispense. On the south shore of

Big Lake, the pottery of

Lynda James, which she creates "for fun and function" is laid out on tables spread widely apart in the cottage-y garden of her studio, where her kiln is. Striking platters, plates and bowls in all sizes are boldly swished with colour in thematic series; the air is sweet with the scent of hydrangeas and the lake glistens. Further along the highway, in a woodsy setting on the lake's west shore, Linda Williamson and Ellen Lewis show their fine art oil and acrylic paintings in a bright and airy loft studio surrounded by pines, each artist reflecting the landscapes and flora of their Island surroundings. A little further on, on the east shore, Glenna Treasure has displayed her pottery bowls, mugs and fused glass pieces on shelves and tables outside her studio and kiln; among the hostas, her whimsical garden sculptures peek out in a riot of shapes and colours. On the porch of a cabin in the garden, artisan Vic Laberge has exhibited his hand-tooled take on woodcraft. In the absence of the annual Manitoulin Art Tour, the Big Lake Studio Tour is a welcome creative innovation, reflected in the robust attendance and brisk sales.

Big Lake is separated from Lake Manitou by a thin half-kilometre of land, begging the question: 'why not sneak a peek at some of the lakeside roads on Manitoulin's largest lake?' To get there, we turn back a few kilometres east and north onto Gibraltar Road, a long, cedar-lined country road that ends at Rockville Road, an even longer road on the eastern shores of Lake Manitou. The Rockville Memorial Hall was erected as a United



Church in 1929; converted into the present community hall in the 1960s, it continues to serve for events and as a historical reminder of this farming community's origins.

Rockville Road covers the whole upper east side of Lake Manitou and is also a bike route. This area was settled in 1895 and quickly became a magnet for tourists seeking the fishing and boating pleasures of the massive lake. Rockville dock and boat launch on Newby's Bay offers access to the lake. The Rockville Road ends at the Bidwell Road—take it going east then south to Hwy 6 and Manitowaning, almost completing a circuit of the lake. Take it



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# ...Manitoulin in good position to weather potential next wave of COVID-19 illness

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many cases hit at the same time. Even though we've made plans, if everyone drops their guard we will still not have the capacity to deal with a huge surge," said Dr. Mike Bedard, physician lead at the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) field hospital in Little Current, which has yet to see any patient use.

"We still have to work collectively on all levels and not wait in hope that the cavalry, like a vaccine, will come save us. But on that note, regarding all of the public's efforts of the first three months, I can say with great confidence that we've definitely saved lives," he said.

Island health care providers have all been given the gift of time since the slowdown in new COVID-19 cases in the

Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) catchment area, which includes the District of Manitoulin.

As the rest of Ontario joins this area in stage three reopening and as more people experience 'pandemic fatigue' from the many restrictions and disruptions on daily life, leading to a laxer approach to public health measures, case numbers are likely to grow.

"We could be better prepared. Not just the health sector, but individuals need to step up. I'd personally appeal for tolerance in some folks who are frustrated that the system is not what it used to be," said Dr. Bedard. "I get it, because I'm in their boat too and I'm getting sick of it all, but we can't start to think that just because we don't see it, it's not real."

COVID-19 spreads "like sparks through a hayfield" if left

uncontrolled, as seen across the United States, said Dr. Bedard.

He added that there are still ways to have fun while staying safe by thinking through one's actions more carefully; he said he was pleased to see so many face masks in public. Dr. Bedard also works with the Assiginack Family Health Team in Manitowaning and said the staff there

have been preparing for whatever the future may bring.

"I did my first 'deck call' (recently), where an older patient agreed to see me in a private location outside where I could do the simple examination I needed to do, which saved me a set of PPE (personal protective equipment). It's little, simple manoeuvres like that to think outside the box

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# ...Wild turkeys in Wiikwemkoong: Birds set free to establish domestic flock

...continued from page 1 harvesting and sovereignty.

"So far we have released 11 of the 50 birds we are planning in this phase," said Mr. Manitowabi, who noted that the program has faced some challenges in sourcing the turkeys due to the travel restrictions in reaction to the pandemic.

"We have been trading with our cousins to the

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300 taxpayers from both

townships that wanted to

see this bridge replaced,'

he said. "Dave (Ham) called

me up recently and said it

was going to go ahead, and I

said 'well, you've told us

that the original bridge was

more than 100 years old, but

it had been rebuilt around

Hobbs said his councillors

were likely to approve the

bridge because of their

recent interest. That meet-

ing took place after press

deadline for this newspa-

The bridge will be cost-

shared between the two

municipalities and no time-

line has been established.

If the company has stock

and municipal crews are

Assiginack CAO Alton

Mr. Bowerman estimated

that before.'

1974.

"I've got a list of about

south," he said, noting that accessing chicks would normally have been fairly straightforward were it not for the pandemic.

But the birds that have been released into the wild in the northern portion of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories have a good shot at establishing a population. "They are around five to 10 pounds each and

...like idea of single lane Rogers Cr. bridge

available, it could be

installed as soon as this

Manitoulin Bears Inn co-

owner Rick McCann said

he was excited to hear the

news about the bridge

replacement, especially

because the bridge closure

has confused some cus-

tomers who worry when

a sign near the bridge

"They actually let us put

they see these signs

The Rogers Creek bridge has been closed since 2015.

ready to roost in the trees," said Mr. Manitowabi.

The turkeys received a great send-off. "We made it a big event," he said, "walk-ing out ceremony and every-thing."

The key reason that the WDLNR chose the more remote areas of the territory to release the turkeys in the hope that the community will refrain from harvest-

closed notice to say Bears

Inn was still open," said Mr.

here and want to get to the

other side, they have to go

all around the block. It's

going to make a hell of a difference," he added.

The bridge reopening

should be popular among

the recreational traffic that

uses the route, including

quadders and cyclists.

"For people who live near

McCann.

ing the birds in the short term, allowing them to become well-established with a self-sustaining population.

"Hopefully, these 50 turkeys will become hundreds and thousands so that down the road we will have another healthy local food source for the community," said Mr. Manitowabi.

The turkey release program is just one of a number of initiatives that are being pursued by the WDL-NR. An Anishinaabe corn program is also underway as is a wild rice project.

"Indian corn is different from the regular corn you find in the grocery store," explained Mr. Manitowabi. "It's not just something you take home and throw in a pot to boil, there is a whole process to preparing it."

They have also been working on the introduction of a wild rice program as well, and exploration and assessment of the lakes and rivers of the Unceded Territorities seeking natural stands of the staple are ongoing. Underlying the program is a retro application of the traditional Indigenous trading networks.

"We have accessed 90 pounds of corn seed from our partners in New York," said Mr. Manitowabi. "We are hoping to trade wild rice



Stitch Manitowabi tends to his flock of turkeys, recently set free in Wiikwemkoong.

with them."

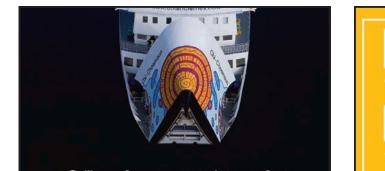
The WDLNR is also exploring the re-introduction of wood bison to the region. "They are very well adapted to the territory," he said. Wood bison were a staple of the traditional food sources of the Aninishinabek, as well as being a source of raw materials for tools, clothing and a host of other uses.

Grant programs have been accessed to provide funding for the purchase of nets and other fishing equipment as well. Those programs are seeking to enhance community sustenance and food security, as opposed to commercial applications, he notes.

"We are trying to take a diversified approach," said Mr. Manitowabi, stressing that the programs are not about economic development, but rather bringing the community back to a more land-based traditional diet. The processed foods found on grocery store shelves that Indigenous communities have become dependent on have been linked to numerous health issues, particularly diabetes.

With 150 community gardens in play across the Wiikwemkoong communities providing a strong base for local food security, the turkey release program could be considered just the tip of the iceberg (lettuce?) when it comes enhancing sustainable food security.

"We are following the four-S path with a view to the long term," said Mr. Manitowabi. "That's sustainability, food security, subsistence harvesting and sovereignty."



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# ...next wave of COVID-19 illness

...continued from page 16 to be as ready as we possibly can," said Dr. Bedard.

The Manitowaning clinic has been gathering an adequate supply of PPE as availability slowly increases. There are stricter access control measures in place for those visiting the office.

Anyone calling the clinic gets sent to the appropriate person; the team is offering as many services over the phone as possible.

Assiginack has also launched its own drivethrough COVID-19 testing service as well as a supportive care centre with a halfdozen beds and four oxygen concentrators for people who do not require hospital-level care but cannot yet return home.

On the MHC side, the health centre's field hospital in Little Current has reached a 48-hour standby state, meaning it can be put into action within 48 hours' notice. The hospital is also following Ontario health directives to have between one and two beds free at each of its two sites (based on 10 percent of its total bed capacity, which is 14 in Mindemoya and 18 in Little Current).

"One thing that's been very helpful through wave one is we've had a great collaboration on the Island with our health care partners; we had this already but it's really been solidified through various meetings," said MHC president and CEO Lynn Foster.

MHC continues to monitor regional stats and data, including the recent influx of Sudbury-based cases.

An advantage to the second round is having evidence of the way the virus has interacted with Canadian populations already, adding to broader knowledge, compared to the first wave which saw doctors worldwide trying to find a way forward in the midst of the outbreak.

The COVID-19 assessment centres at the two sites continue to see a steady client volume. Tests are presently available to anyone who seeks them, though this may be cut back to symptomatic patients only if a surge arrives, Ms. Foster said.

"The message through our organization here is 'yes, it's summer, yes we



Dr. Mike Bedard

can enjoy ourselves, but we cannot let down our vigilance," she said. "We are seeing a little more traffic of visitors on the Island, so that may bring on some added risk; however, we have to trust that everyone is taking all the necessary precautions."

The influx of seasonal residents may also pose a risk because the health centres are oriented to serve year-round population levels.

Ms. Foster said the loosened restrictions in stage three (such as the reopening of indoor dining and bars) may increase the rate of infection. However, this risk can be mitigated somewhat by following physicaldistancing and mask-wearing guidance.

An important consideration heading into the second wave will be the impacts of the pandemic on mental health, ranging from rebellious behaviours to edginess or depression. Many people's mental wellness deteriorated sharply amidst reduced social interactions and the stress of knowing that a deadly virus was spreading in their communities, as explored in Expositor writer Lori Thompson's series on mental health effects during the pandemic.

Multi-generation households also pose a significant risk, especially when one member of the household comes into contact with the virus and has to self-isolate.

"What do you do in that case? We may have to start appealing to people with underused spaces like a winterized camp for possible isolation locations," said Dr. Bedard. He gave thanks to the many people who have worked together on the COVID-19 file, both in structured working groups and in less-formal settings. He said it is the most cohesive representation of Island health workers in his 30 years in the field here.

Certain questions and concerns remain, however, including how long PPE and testing kits will last if a second wave is longer and more intense, but Island physicians are experimenting with ways to responsibly conserve these items.

The Expositor has reached out to Island longterm care providers to learn about how they are getting prepared for a possible second wave of COVID-19. This information is contained within sidebar story on Page 24, 'Island LTC braces for possible second wave.'





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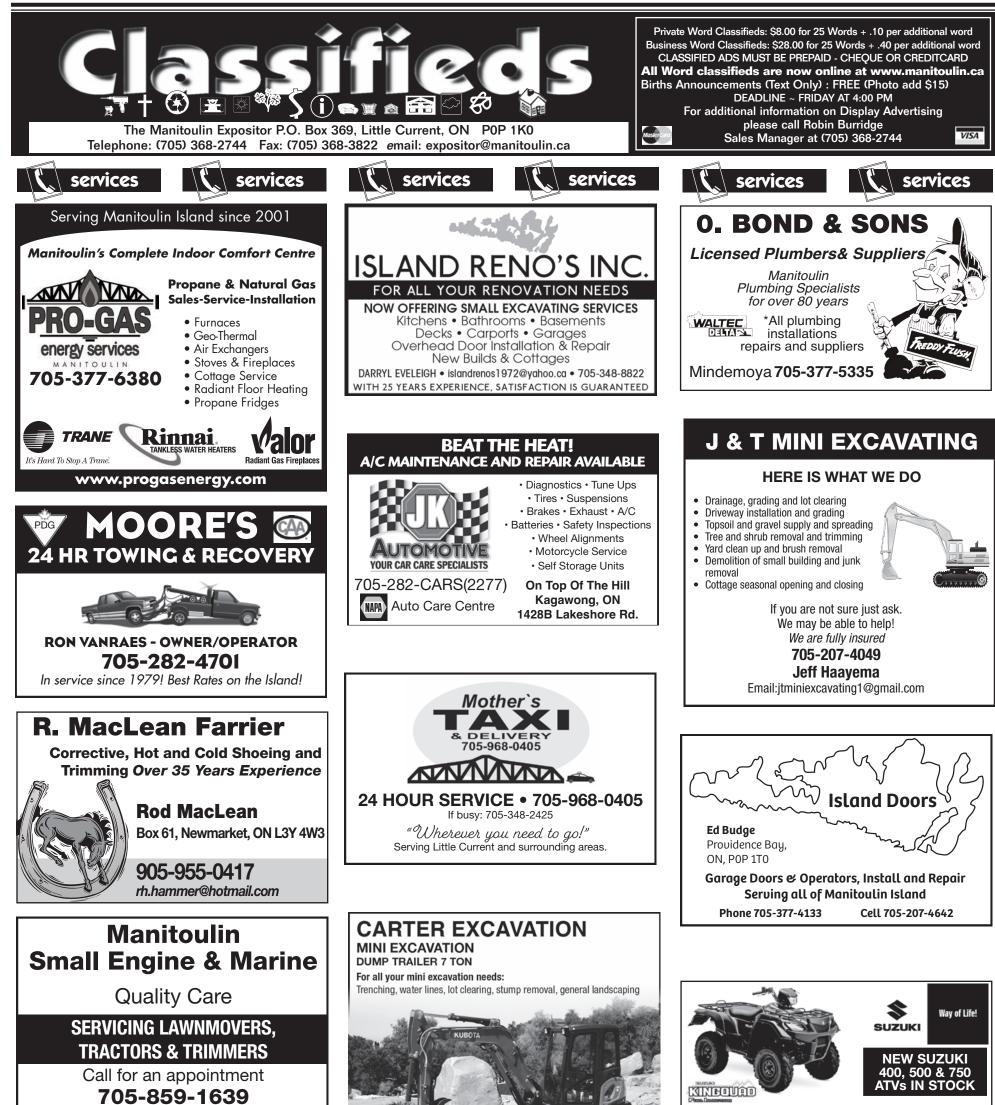
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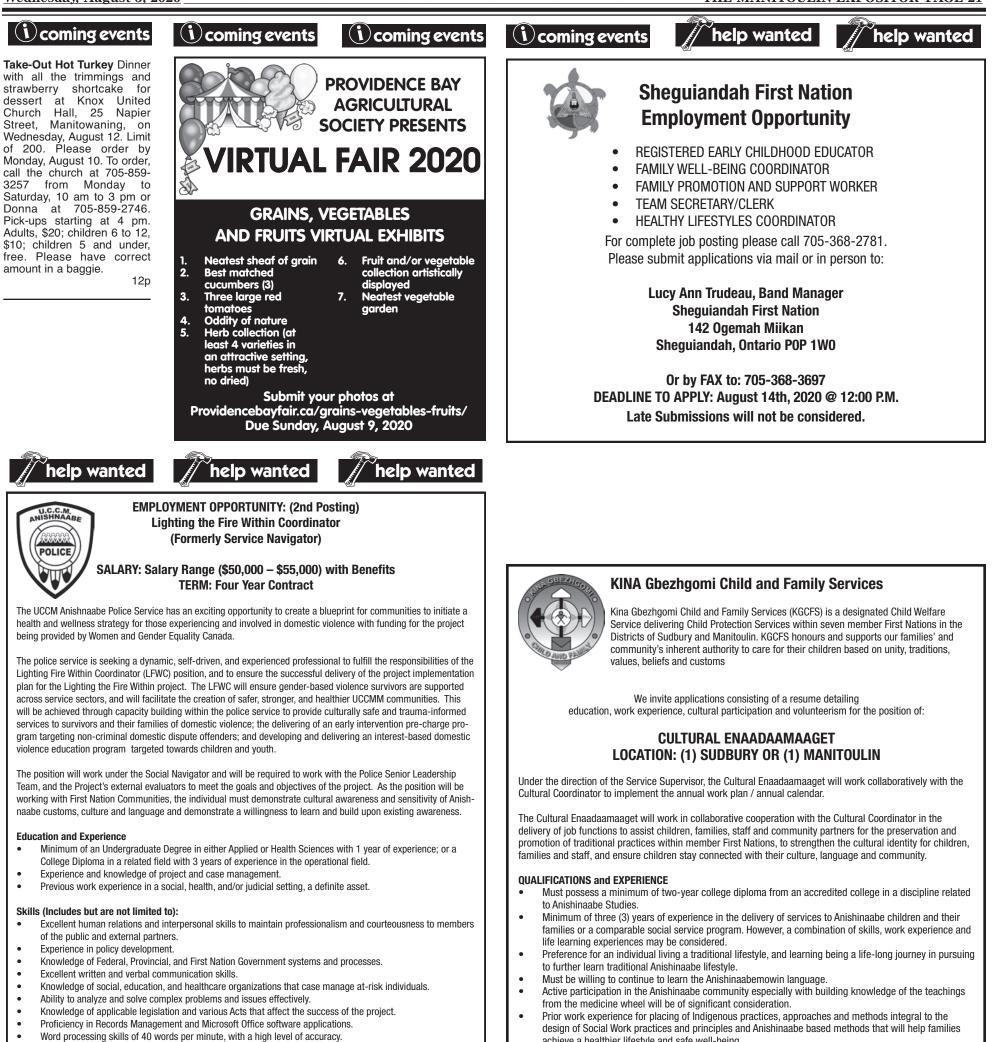
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# News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice

**Claire's Top 5 Picks** 1. 'The Immortals' by Jordanna Max Brodsky 2. 'The End of October' by Lawrence Wright 3. 'The Persuasion' by Iris Johansen 4. 'Every Step She Takes' by K. L. Armstrong 5. 'Muzzled' by David Rosenfelt

'The Immortals' - Another genre I don't normally read but this was another page-turning book that I couldn't put down. It is part of a trilogy and I am waiting to read No. 3, thoroughly enjoyed one and two. Manhattan has many secrets, some are older than the city itself. The city sleeps. Selene DiSilva walks her dog along the banks of the Hudson. She is alone – just the way she likes it. She doesn't believe in friends, and she doesn't speak to her family. Most of them are simply too dangerous. In the predawn calm. Selene finds the body of a young woman washed ashore and her ancient rage returns. And so does the memory of a promise she made long ago – when her name was Artemis.

'The End of October' The timing of this book being released is scary as it is an electrifying thriller about a mysterious killer virus bringing the world to its knees. It kept me reading far into the night and when I came to the end I realized how devastating a virus like COVID-19 can be and how we all have to practice safety in wearing masks, and social distancing, it's either that or hide under the bed.

'The Persuasion' – Eve Duncan (one of my favourite characters in a



novel) has just found out her daughter Jane Macquire has become a killer's target. Eve and her husband Joe have given Seth Caleb their trust for the most important duty of his life: keeping their daughter Jane safe at any cost. Her talent as an artist has caught the attention of a brilliant psychopath with a violent past. A really good read.

'Every Step She Takes' – Sometimes there's no use running from your past. Genevieve has secrets no one knows. In Rome she can be whoever she wants to be, her neighbours aren't nosy, her Italian is passable and the shopkeepers and restaurant owners now see her as a local and let her be. It's exactly what she wants. One morning she returns to her apartment and when she gets to her door, she pushes the key into the lock and the door swings open. It's unlocked. The apartment is empty, and exactly as she left it...except for the box on her kitchen table. A box that definitely wasn't there before. A box postmarked from New York City. A box addressed to Lucy Callahan. A good read.

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'Muzzled' – The murder victim called, he wants his dog back. Andy is a lawyer who would rather not practice law. He'd rather spend his time working with the Tara Foundation, his dogrescue organization and being with his family. But when his friend Beth asks him for a favour that involves both dogs and his lawyerly expertise, he can't say no. This is a novel filled with suspense and laughter in an engaging mystery.

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**Department: Health Services, Wellness Centre** Classification/Level: Community Services (CS-1) **Employment Status: Casual - On-Call - Supply** 

Reporting Relationship: Works under the direction of the Home Care Program Manager

Position Summary: The incumbent assists clients with daily personal care needs as they cope with the effects of aging, injury or illness by providing support services and personal care to the residents of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Wellness Centre and within the community. Services are done in accordance with the long-term care policies and procedures, will assist clients with daily living activities, provide support resources needed to maintain healthy lifestyles while ensuring complete confidentiality; and works with the nursing staff by reporting required changes in care.

## OUALIFICATIONS

Minimum: Health Care Aide Certificate supported with additional training Preferred: Personal Support Worker Certificate with two years related work experience Other:

Knowledge of Ojibwe culture and traditions and willing to learn the Ojibwe language (Per Anishinabe



#### Details

Manitoulin Physiotherapy Centre is looking for a dedicated and reliable individual with administrative experience and strong customer service skills to join our team as a full-time receptionist. Must have excellent communication and problem solving skills and be able to multi-task in a busy office of health care practitioners.

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START DATE: AUGUST 24, 2020

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- Communicate efficiently with clinical staff provide ongoing support
- Experience with Microsoft office, electronic medical records, and Apple operating systems is an . asset

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Contact the clinic at (705) 377-6244 Visit our website: www.manitoulinphysio.ca

Please email the cover letter, resume and three (3) references to: inquiries@manitoulinphysio.ca

Application deadline: Friday, August 7, 2020

- Language Declaration, BCR #3839)
- Must demonstrate continuing education (Gerontology)
- Must have empathy for and understanding the needs of the elderly, injured and sick
- . Experience working with the elderly
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- Must have initiative, good judgement and assessment skills
- Must be able to work independently with minimal supervision
- Demonstrated ability to work within a team environment
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence
- . Willing and able to work shifts and flexible hours
- CRC/VSS requirement, must be thirty (30) days current, original or certified copy

It is mandatory for successful candidate to submit a current thirty (30) days VSS record; offer of employment will be subject to the receipt of a satisfactory VSS record.

Please submit your cover letter and resume and three (3) references to:

#### PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKERS (Casual/On-Call/Supply)

Attn: Marlene Debassige, Office Administrator M'Chigeeng First Nation M'CHIGEENG, ON PO Box 333 POP 1G0 Fax 705-377-4980 or E-mail marlened@mchigeeng.ca

Preference will be given to Anishinaabek. For complete job description send request via email to marlened@mchigeeng.ca.

- in memoriam

BAILEY-In loving memory of Evelyn Bailey, May 25, 1932 to August 1, 2019. Who never was one to boast

She just went on quietly working for the ones she

Her dreams were never spo-

And most of the times her

She was our firm foundation

through all our storms of life.

A sturdy hand to hold in times of stress and strife.

A true mother we could turn

to when times were good or

One of our greatest bless-

ings, the women we called

Always in our hearts and for-

daughter Carolyn, son-in-law

Russell, grandsons Todd

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worries went unspoken too.

Her wants were very few,

nor look for praise.

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Mom.

ever loved

and Trevor



# notice



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#### NOTICE IF YOU PLAN ON BUYING, IMPROVING OR CHANGING THE USE OF A LOT IN THE TOWNSHIPS OF ROBINSON OR DAWSON

#### This Notice Affects You.

ZONING BY-LAW NO. 96-01 is in effect for the Townships of Robinson and Dawson, and all development must conform to this By-law.

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SECTIONS 13 AND 13(A) OF ZONING BY-LAW NO 96-01 prohibits the erection, location, or use of any mobile home, car, van, truck, bus, coach, railway car, caboose, or streetcar body or parts thereof as a principal use or accessory use in any zone in the Townships of Dawson or Robinson.

UNDER SECTION 67 OF THE PLANNING ACT any person who violates the Zoning By-law in effect may be liable to a fine of up to \$25,000.

BEFORE YOU BUY, IMPROVE OR CHANGE THE USE OF A LOT verify that your proposal conforms with Zoning By-law No. 96-01. Application forms for Letters of Conformity as well as Zoning By-law No. 96-01 are available on our website at www.manitoulinplanning.ca/index.php/downloads

> For more information, contact Manitoulin Planning Board 40 Water Street Unit 1, PO Box 240, Gore Bay, ON, POP 1HO Telephone: 705-282-2237 Email: mpbcarlisle@bellnet.ca

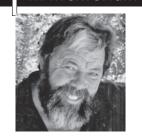


# We are seeking applications from women (18+) to join the advisory committee for "Lighting the Fire Within"

The Lighting the Fire Within Advisory Committee is a multi-sectoral collaborative that will include Police Officer & Civilian Personnel, Domestic/Sexual Violence & Child Welfare Providers and Women (18+) with knowledge and insights from lived



## in memoriam



BENNETT-In loving memory of Charlie Bennett, September 2, 1946 to August 8, 2013. We will remember you always, Life and times along the way. We still have the stories, You're missed every day. Love always, your family 12c

MCMURRAY-In loving memory of a wife, grandmother and great-grandmother, Lestie, who passed away August 4, 2003. We often think of by gone days,

When we were all together. The family chain is broken now

But memories will last forev-

Loved and remembered by Doug and family

12p

# **Death Notices RAYMOND "RAY" ROMÉO CHARETTE**

#### Gone fishing

"God gives us love, someone to love He just lends us."

t is with heavy hearts and great sorrow that the family announces Ray's peaceful passing at his residence, surrounded by his loving family in Little Current on Sunday, July 26, 2020 at the age of 65. Beloved husband of Claudette (née Rainville) Charette. Son of the late Roméo and the late Rachel (née Dupuis) Charette. Cher-HEW TP ished father of Diana Charette and grand-

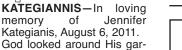
father of Aliya. Dear brother of Diane Kraft (Hans), Marie Claire Bruneau (Garry), Monique Berger (Charles), Carmen Adams (Charlie), Michele Stephen (Alastair) and Carole Labelle (Maurice). He is survived by his in-laws Norm Rainville, Diane Larocque (Mike), Yvonne Charette (Raymond), Nicole Ranta (Barry), Gilles Rainville, Suzanne Rainville (Claude Trottier). Sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. In keeping with his wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Celebration of Life to follow at a date to be announced. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Cooperative Funeral Home, Sudbury. www.cooperativefuneralhome.ca

# **BRIAN JOSEPH "JANGWESHENS" WABOOSE-JACKO**

## Zhaangweshenhs Little Mink Beej



Tt is with great sorrow that the fam-Lily announces the passing of Brian Joseph "Jangweshens" Wabooseacko Zhaangweshenhs Little Mink Beej. Loving son of Brian and Iris Waboose. Beloved grandson of Emily Jacko and Augustine Jacko (predeceased). Dear brother of his sisters Jennifer (Luc) and Amy (Johnathan). Loving partner of Tanya Osawanimiki of Wikwemikong. Will be missed dearly by Trista Owl, loving mother of his children Jackson (11), Rayden (9) and Avery (3) and their Uncle Wallace, Aunt Starr and grandmother Tanya and great-grandparents Patsy and Wally Trudeau of Sagamok First Nation. Will be greatly missed by his nieces and nephews Waylon, Louie, Cody, Devon and Kaitlyn. He will be forever loved by his aunties and uncles Jeanette, Paul (Baa), Genevieve, Rick, Clifford (Darlene), Rose, Morris and Jean (Mario). Beej will be sadly missed by his hunting buddies, hockey friends and most of all, his cousins Mitchell (Lauren), Johnny (Cassie), Shanna, Candice, Delores, Gregor, Mercedes, Montana, Victoria, Kevin, Lee, Jasmine, Michael, Myles, Christopher, Sara and Cory. His love of water and the outdoors helped define his spirit name "Little Mink". Brian's favourite activities included fishing, hunting, ice fishing, snowmobiling, hockey, baseball, water skiing and cliff jumping. Brian rested at Island Funeral Home in Little Current on Thursday, July 30, 2020 from 11 am to 3 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm. A traditional service took place on Friday, July 31, 2020 at 11 am. Cremation followed.



• in memoriam

den and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired

face He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.

With the help of His angels they flew you to your heavenly place.

God's garden must be beautiful; He always takes the best

He knew you were suffering, He knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting

rough And the hills too hard to

climb. He closed your weary eye-

lids and whispered, "Peace be thine.'

It broke our hearts to lose you,

But you didn't go alone. For part of me went with you the day God called you home.

You are always in my heart, my dear girl, your loving sister Sandy. 12p



Food Cupboard -- The Gore Bay United Church is continuing this service during the COVID-19 outbreak with some changes. They will be

experiences of gender-based violence.

Generally, the advisory committee will be responsible for ensuring women have a strong voice in the project. Further, that we are meeting the safety needs of the community and that we have meaningful relationships with the young people, youth and children in our communities. The work of the advisory committee will be quided by a Terms of Reference and the Project Implementation Plan (PIP).

Six positions to fill. Kweok (18yrs+) of Mnidoo Mnising are encouraged to apply by submitting a three-part application:

- Completed application form 1.
- Letter of interest 2.
- On a separate paper provide the name and contact information of two character references. 3.

Applications can be found on our website at www.uccmplice.com and must be received by August 14, 2020 at noon - by email, mail or dropped off in person at:

**UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service** PO Box 332, 5926 Highway 540, M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0 Email: daughness.migwans@uccmpolice.com (Mark \*\*Confidential - LTFW Advisory Committee Application)

For more details or an application please contact: Daughness Migwans, Social Navigator at 705-377-7135 ext. 203

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# Island LTC braces for possible second wave

#### by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Health experts, politicians, frontline workers and family members have described the way COVID-19 has impacted Canadian longterm care (LTC) homes as a failure, sparking public inquiries and calls to reckon with the high number of deaths within these facilities that outpaced many countries.

Manitoulin Island only had one LTC scare during the first wave but cases have recently begun to surge once more in Sudbury, including two new outbreaks within the past two weeks, renewing questions about how such facilities will fare when cases trend upward once more.

Canadians seem to be shocked by the level of care older people need, said Dr. Mike Bedard, one of the Island's leaders in efforts to prevent and contain COVID-19. He said this is evident in the conditions of these facilities and if the public had been attuned to their status they might have expected the devastating outcome.

Wikwemikong Nursing Home (WNH) was the Island home that experienced a COVID-19 scare in the first wave of the pandemic in Canada. Fortunately, the individual later tested negative twice, though the case remained registered as an outbreak.

"We were in disbelief," said WNH administrator Cheryl Osawabine-Peltier, who said her team was shocked because they had taken extensive precautions when the virus began to circulate in Canada. The entire community of Wiikwemkoong was additionally under a travel restriction, with a checkpoint set up at the only road access point.

The case's later results as negative were reassuring to Ms. Osawabine-Peltier, especially considher ering staff's commitment to prevent any spread.

"They really came together. Some of them moved out of their homes and into our community; Rainbow Lodge put up some accommodations for our staff so they weren't exposing their own families after that positive test result, because they were identified as close constaff only working at one Home in Gore Bay as well centre-we were already doing that," said Ms. Osawabine-Peltier.

The home is ready to reduce family visits should the threat level increase. Ms. Osawabine-Peltier said open communication among all employees at the home was crucial; all staff joined a meeting last week to discuss the recent COVID-positive visitor to Manitoulin Golf in Gore Bay as well as the 22 new cases within two weeks in the Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) catchment area.

She added that the staff at WNH are happy to undergo regular swab tests, despite the discomfort they cause.

"They don't like (the swab process) but they do it because they love the residents here. They're like a family," she said. The Expositor contacted

the administrators of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing

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as the Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current

Lodge administrator Sue Farren was out of the office but Stephanie Barber, a spokesperson for Jarlette Health Services (the operator of the Lodge), wrote an email response to The Expositor's inquiry about the home's readiness for a second wave.

"In tandem with our proactive infection prevention and control practices,

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# spirituality

With over 36,000 denominations, cults and sects in "Christianity" that teach conflicting doctrines. It is evident that there are a lot of false doctrines among "Christians"

According to GAL.5:19-21 believing false doctrines will keep a person out of the Kingdom of God.

There is not one subject where the New Testament spends more space on then on warning against false doctrines (Satan and his lies). In MAT 6:33 Jesus says, "seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." (Righteousness means doing things right or doing things God's way and obeying Gods commandments (all 10) LUKE 1:16). As it should be the priority of Christians to seek the Kingdom of God and we cannot enter the Kingdom when we believe false doctrines, it should be the priority of every Christian to make sure that what he believes is the truth.

The big problem is that every denomination will tell you that their Doctrines are sound but there will be hundreds of other denominations that will tell you that those doctrines are wrong. What follows are what I believe the key principles which will guide a person into truth and so into the Kingdom, health (mental, emotional, physical and spiritual) freedom (from all addictions and oppression of Satan) and hope and salvation, JOHN 8:31-44.

1) The foundation of the Christian faith is God's word, ROM 10:17. So the first step is accepting that what God says in the bible is the truth, JOHN 17:17.

2) Your willingness to do the will of God. Obedience to God is an act of your will. Before you can do the will of God or understand the will of God you must be willing to do the will of God, IS 1:19, JOHN 7:17.

3) Obedience to the decalogue (including sanctifying the Sabbath.) As long as a person disobeys any of the 10 commandments. He is a sinner, will have a confused mind (DEUT 28:28) and will stay blinded to the truth. True repentance is the decision that you intend to obey all God's instructions and commandments.

4) It is the Holy Spirit who guides into the truth, JOHN 14:7, 16:13. In order to receive the Holy Spirit, we must obey specific instructions, a) faith must include accepting the bible as the word of God and the truth and understanding who Jesus is and why he died. b) true repentance and c) correct baptism that is by complete immersion in water and in the name of Jesus. Infant sprinkling is not baptism, it is a lie of Satan and its sole purpose is to prevent you from receiving the Holy Spirit and so from being guided into the truth and receiving healing, salvation and deliverance. Please do not ignore this, Satan is your enemy and Sunday and infant sprinkling are Satan's two biggest lies to keep people from knowing the truth and from being guided into the Kingdom of God.



she said

Going through that experience, however, has galvanized the team and might have been a blessing in disguise heading into a possible second wave.

"What we went through was a real test for us," said Osawabine-Peltier. Ms. "We realized where we needed to step up a little bit but it also showed how strong our staff is. ... The sacrifices by our staff made us realize that we can handle an outbreak if we ever need to, but we hope that never happens."

The home has since reopened to family visits and swabbing requirements are in place for visitors. All staff in the home must get tested twice per month.

'We were always way ahead of (regulations that) got put in place, like 5) God uses people with conflicting opinions (with what you believe) to guide you into truth, ROM 10:14, 2TIM 2:25. So do not ignore conflict on doctrine.

6) Investigation. Jesus says, "seek and ye shall find, MAT7:7+ LUKE 11:9. You must understand the importance of truth and there must be a sincere desire to know the truth

7) Study what the bible says on the subject, meditate on it and pray about it.

One of the biggest enemies of truth is prejudice, most people grow up with beliefs of their parents. We must realize that with thousands of wrong beliefs those beliefs we grew up with may be wrong and we need an open mind. We must acknowledge that there is a strong possibility that these beliefs may be wrong and that the beliefs from the denomination you attend may be wrong

There are literally millions of theologians (including the Pope) who are sincere, intelligent, well-educated and know the bible who believe and teach false doctrines. But you will be held accountable for what you believe. Therefore, it is your duty to make sure that what you believe is truth (sound right.)

Hank Reckman, Prophet of Manitoulin Search for Truth Biblical Ministries Box 210 M'Chigeeng, Ontario P0P 1G0



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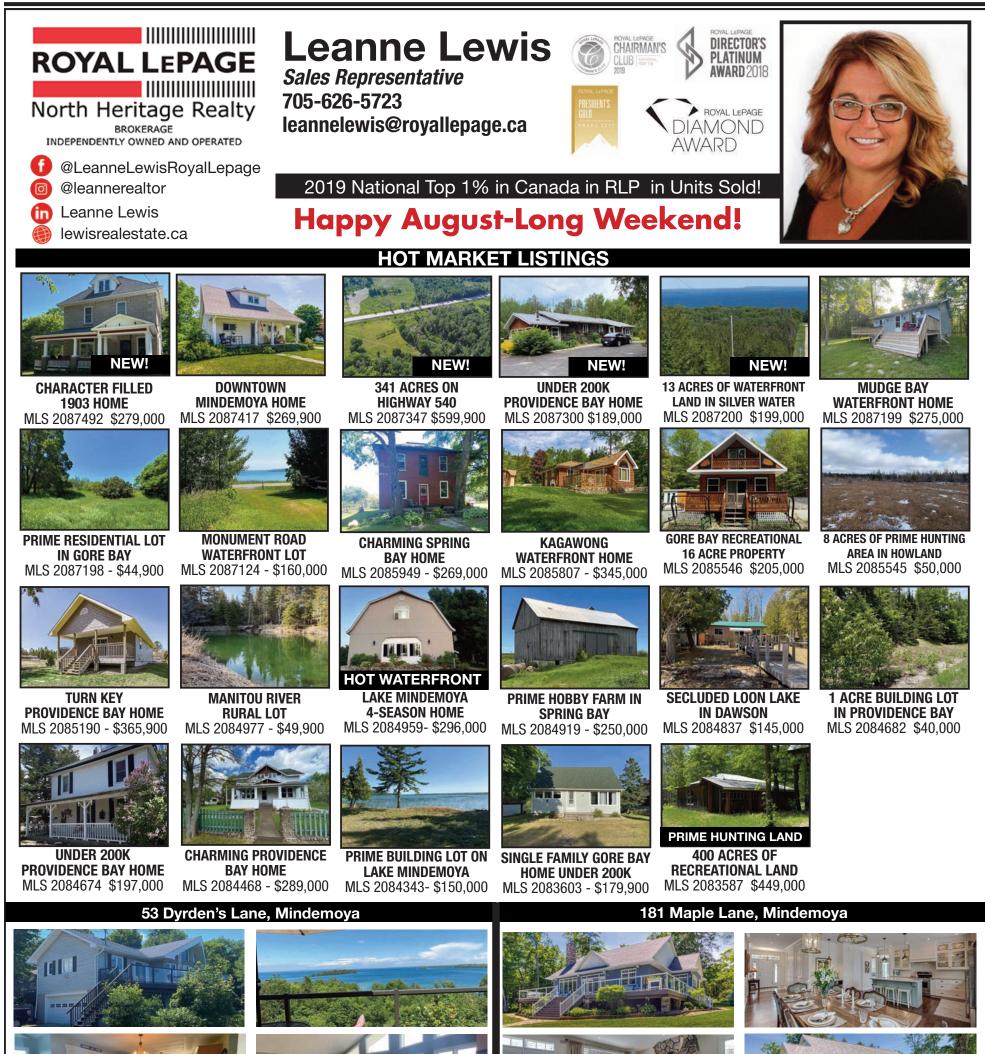


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# ...Island LTC braces for possible second wave

...continued from page 24 which remain in effect in the home and will for the foreseeable future, we continue to maintain our PPE supplies and monitor our staffing while focusing our efforts on the comfort, safety and well-being of all those we serve," Ms. Barber stated.

She added that Jarlette is confident in the practices and protocols currently in place and, in the event of a second wave, the Lodge is ready to handle the pressure while adapting to Ministry of Health guidelines as they evolve.

Ms. Barber did not respond to a follow-up question about what risk factors remain to be watched in a second wave.

Manitoulin Centennial Manor administrator Tamara Beam did not multiple respond to requests for comment; The Expositor later received an email from Extendicare declining an interview, but offering a statement on behalf of regional director Keith Clement.

"The health care community learned a great deal about COVID-19 in the first wave and we are using that information to guide our practices and protect our residents,' read Mr. Clement's statement, adding that resident and staff health and safety is the organization's highest priority.

'Regular testing of staff is our best line of defence to keep community spread out of our long-term care homes," he stated, adding that the Manor has seen 280 tests and Extendicare has identified 67 asymptomatic staff members in Ontario thus far. "Simply put, we can't fight the virus if we don't know where it is.'

Mr. Clement's statement said Extendicare's national reach will aid in PPE procurement and said it would continue working with PHSD to ensure quick test results.

'We also learned during the first wave of COVID-19 that stable staffing levels are critical to a long-term care home's success in managing an outbreak and removing the virus from a home. We have hired additional staff to help ensure our homes are in the best position ahead of a potential second wave," read the statement.

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Relax

Staffing has been a deficiency across Canada. Ontario Health Coalition recently released a study of 150 LTC workers at several dozen homes in the province. Of the homes sampled, 95 percent have faced staff shortages during the pandemic which has jeopardized patient care quality.

The Ontario government has acknowledged the staffing crisis and offered a \$4 per hour pandemic pay bonus to eligible front-line workers. This is partly intended to entice more people to become personal support workers, registered nurses and registered practical nurses within the sector to address shortfalls.

Last week, the Ford government announced an independent commission into COVID-19 and LTC, with the aim of improving the system. Its findings are expected by April 2021.

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950 SQ. FT. 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND !! - This ake Mindemoya cottage is fully insulated with water drawn. from the lake and a septic system located in a park setting at the north end of the lake. The cottage is on the first street just a short walk to the nice sand bottom waterfront access which is very kid friendly. This cottage features a large deck, a forced -air electric furnace as well as a propane free standing metal stove for heating. The amenities of the Town of Mindemoya & M'Chigeeng are close by this great walleye fishing lake. Ask-ing \$115,000. MLS#2085649



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LAKE HURON WATERFRONT PROPERTY !!!! - This 1.6 acre building lot with 146 ft of water frontage is located in Central Manitoulin on the south shore of the island. The lot is accessed by a public year-round municipal maintained road with hydro and telephone available at the lot line. There is a partially cleared building site and a driveway to the site. Many beautiful homes are already built in this quiet subdivision and amenities such as golf courses, in land fishing lakes, hardware stores, grocery stores and the hospital are only 15 minutes away. Reduced to \$100,000. MLS#2085786



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 bedroom found at the top of a spectacular oak staircase. 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 and insulated double size garage. MLS#2085240

1080 SQ. FT. 2 BDRM COTTAGE WITH MANY UP-GRADES OVERLOOKING LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - Loated at the north end of this very good walleye fishing lake his beautiful cottage with its spectacular kitchen comes fully furnished and also includes a large storage shed, riding lawn-mower, dockage, waterfront deck and small aluminum boat. The 20 year lease is assumable and has another 15 years left before a new one needs to be negotiated. Asking \$199,000 MI S#2085673



SUCCESSFUL AUTO REPAIR AND BODY SHOP BUSI-NESS IN DOWNTOWN GORE BAY!! - Known as Jewell's Collision, the large 7200 square foot building is newly reno-vated 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 ev-ery 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



8 YEAR OLD 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!!!! - Located at the North end of Lake Mindemoya, this modern looking camp with a new roof comes adorned with a vaulted ceiling in the open concept kitchen/living room, indoor flush toi-let, water drawn from the lake, a huge L-shaped deck, several outbuildings, a large portable garage and a very large beau-tifully landscaped lot. The waterfront (a short walk from the cottage) consists of a kid friendly, sand bottom great for swimming. The lake features great fishing for walleye, perch, bass, pike and whitefish. The amenities of the town of Mindemoya only 10 minutes away. Asking \$85,000. MLS#2087341



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

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BAY OF ISLANDS WATERFRONT ACRE-



WELCOME TO 63 THIRD AVENUE - exceptionally well-built custom home in family friendly Sunsite Estates! Great location, salt-



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# LOT 8 MAPLE LAND SANDFIELD, ON - MLS: 2085713 - \$139,900









WONDERFUL EAST FACING WATERFRONT BUILDING LOT ON MANITOULIN'S POPULAR LAKE MANITOU. THIS PROPERTY HAS FOUR SEASON ACCESS AND IT OFFERS A NICE GENTLE APPROACH TO LAKE. FULLY TREED LOT WITH MANY MAPLES. CALL SCOTT MCDOUGALL, SALES REPRESENTATIVE, TO SCHEDULE A VIEWING - 705-210-0044.

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EXCEPTIONAL LAKE MANITOU OFFERING - APPROX 10 ACRES OF ROLLING COUNTRY SIDE, LEGAL/DEEDED RIGHT OF WAY ACCESS OVER OPEN FIELD (DRIVEABLE) TO PROPERTY. HYDRO AVAILABLE CLOSE BY ON JOHNSTON ROAD (YEAR ROUND ROAD). A SPECTACULAR BUILDING SPOT WITH GREAT PRIVACY! CALL CHRIS BOUSQUET, BROKER OF RECORD, TO SCHEDULE A VIEWING - 705-368-2271.

# PT LT 20 7 COSBY SUBDIVISION RD S NEMI, ON - MLS: 2085188 - \$140,000









EXCELLENT WATERFRONT LOT ON LAKE MANITOU. LOCATED AT END OF COSBY SUBDIVISION RD S, PRIVATE SETTING, 200' FRONTAGE, WELL TREED. EAST FACING LOT, IDEAL SPOT TO BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME OR COTTAGE. ADJOINING LOT ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE FOR \$140,000. CALL CHRIS BOUSQUET, BROKER OF RECORD, TO SCHEDULE A VIEWING - 705-368-2271.

LOT 3 CON 15 GORE BAY, ON - MLS: 2087412 - \$59,000



VERY PRIVATE WATERFRONT LOT OFFERING GREAT SUNSET VIEWS OVER JANET HEAD POINT AT THE MOUTH OF GORE BAY. OVER 850 FT. OF FRONTAGE AND 3.9 ACRES. A WATER ACCESS LOT. A 5KM BOAT RIDE FROM THE GORE BAY MARINA. (THERE IS LEGAL ACCESS BY LAND BUT CONSTRUCTION ON THIS ROAD ALLOWANCE IS NOT POSSIBLE, DUE TO THE ESCARPMENT. WALKING ACCESS ALSO VERY CHALLENGING.) CALL SCOTT MCDOUGALL, SALES REPRESENTATIVE, TO SCHEDULE A VIEWING - 705-210-0044.

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