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TEHKUMMAH TOYLAND—From left, Tammy and mother Betty Russell arrange treat bags by the dazzling Christmas Tree at the municipal office property in Tehkummah. For this third-annual event, the Russells requested that everyone keep physically distanced with masks on to ensure the Island's safety. Hundreds of shimmering lights bathed the parking lot in a warm glow, shining the way toward goodie bags at the base of the tree.

photo by Warren Schlote

Central council set to vote Thursday on demolition of Old School building

Weengushk Film Institute interested in moving its school to the property

by Michael Erskine

(with files from Tom Sasvari)
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—In a surprise motion at Central Manitoulin's property committee, the fate of the Mindemoya Old School moved one step closer to its

demise with a recommendation that council move forward with its demolition.

The demolition of the Mindemoya Old School was not on the property committee agenda, according to Mayor Richard

Stephens, who was on the record as "strenuously opposed to the motion."

"That came kind of out of the blue," he said. "It was not on the agenda, but they wanted to have a

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Hawewater doctor working on COVID-19 front lines in Philly warns Islanders of disease's nasty effects

by Warren Schlote

PHILADELPHIA—Hawewater Dr. Stephanie Hart is working as a pulmonary and critical care medicine fellow at a Philadelphia hospital, working between the intensive-care unit (ICU) and the main hospital in the midst of COVID-19's devastation across the United States. Her first-hand experience has led her to share a cautionary tale of just how badly COVID-19 can ravage a population, even among those without any pre-existing health conditions.

"I've seen people in their thirties and forties die of COVID-19. It's no joke," Dr. Hart told The Expositor following the call. "I'm only 30 and sometimes we can think we're invincible or that this is just like a flu. I've had the flu before and this is not like that; it's very serious."

Dr. Hart joined a Zoom call this past Monday, December 14, with Island health care leaders who have taken the lead on preparing for the COVID-19 pandemic locally. She shared clinical treatment information and best practices to help Island doctors plan their care regimes should the Island see a COVID-19 critical care surge.

"Early on, there was not a lot of evidence-based medicine for this, so in my experience, hearing what other people have been doing has been invaluable and

I'm happy to share. Hopefully, none of this ever becomes important for you guys to know," she said.

Dr. Hart left Manitoulin to study at the University of Toronto, followed by medical school in Ireland. She has been living in Philadelphia since 2016 and is in

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COVID-19 case at Wiiky prompts quick contract tracing

WIKWEMKOONG—On Saturday, December 12, Public Health Sudbury and Districts announced a new case of COVID-19 in the Manitoulin District with Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier announcing that same day that the new case, the 13th for Manitoulin District, is in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories.

"There is a confirmed positive COVID-19 test result in Wiikwemkoong on December 12," a public service announcement from the community issued Saturday night reads. "The individual is currently self-isolating under the standard 14-day self-isolation protocol. The confirmed case took all precautionary measures and self-isolated immediately."

The announcement goes on to note that contract tracing for

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Little Current hospital receives \$375,000: first installment of bequest from Ross family

LITTLE CURRENT—The Little Current site of Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has received a generous bequest from the Estate of Alvin Ross with the first installment of \$375,000. At the request of the Ross family, these funds are to be directed to the Little Current site. According to long-time board members, this is the largest bequest in the Little Current site's history.

John and Lillian Ross moved to Little Current in the winter of 1954 from their home in Newfoundland. John served as an OPP officer in Little Current, Manitowaning, Mindemoya, Sudbury, Gore Bay and Espanola. He enjoyed his time on Manitoulin where the area reminded him of PEI. Lillian always provided a warm, welcoming home for their family and friends. Lillian passed October 4, 2015 and John passed November 12, 2017.

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Bone marrow donor sought

Young Birch Island man's life on hold from leukemia

New donor process less invasive, no hospital stay required

by Michael Erskine

BIRCH ISLAND—Tristan McGregor was looking forward to starting his electrician's apprenticeship this past September. The 22-year-old Whitefish River First Nation member was ready to embark upon a solid career when a health disaster struck.

"It was a couple of weeks before he was to start, he was sleeping constantly, he began to have no energy," said his mother Anita



Tristan McGregor of Whitefish River First Nation has been diagnosed with leukemia, he and his family are reaching out to ask potential donors to come forward and assist in his recovery.

McGregor. "He couldn't even walk up the stairs. He had shortness of breath, his chest was very constricted."

The tests came back confirming a diagnosis of leukemia, a group of cancers of the blood cells. It begins in the bone marrow where the blood cells are produced. White blood cells in the body function to fight against infections, red blood

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Public Health Sudbury and Districts prepares for COVID-19 vaccine

MANITOULIN—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) is preparing for the arrival of COVID-19 vaccine in area communities. With Health Canada's recent approval of the Pfizer vaccine and several other vaccines undergoing federal review, all three levels of government are

preparing for vaccine distribution. Public health is leading the local collaborative planning that it will take to actually get the vaccine into people's arms, a press release from PHSD states.

"Although many aspects of vaccine planning and rollout are still evolving, it is not too early to

plan for implementation. We want our communities to benefit from the vaccine the moment it is available locally—to do this we need to be prepared," said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, medical officer of health for PHSD. "This is a huge undertaking and it will require the partnership of many in the health system and beyond. The success of the vaccination program will rely on the coordinated actions of many key players."

To date, public health has hosted two initial meetings with area leaders from health care, municipal, policing and pharmacy sectors, as well as with Indigenous health representatives. These initial planning sessions—one for Greater Sudbury and one for the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts—mark the beginning of local discussions of the distinct factors that need to be considered for vaccine rollout in the area. "Given the rapid developments and frequent announcements, participants shared updates from their various sectors," Dr. Sutcliffe continues. "Among other topics, early consideration was given to co-ordinate efforts for vaccine storage, delivery, distribution and administration, as well as communication and ensuring unique issues of geog-

raphy, accessibility and equity are taken into consideration."

"Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have engaged closely with our partners at PHSD. This latest phase of the pandemic response is no different and together we will all ensure a proactive local response and a comprehensive plan for our communities," said Dominic Giroux, president and CEO of Health Sciences North. "We are fortunate to have close working relationships with provincial partners to help inform our local vaccine planning and rollout. This is a large, co-ordinated effort and one that can't be done alone."

There are essential roles for all levels of government. At a federal level, the Government of Canada is responsible for the overall procurement of COVID-19 vaccines and ensuring their safety and effectiveness through approval by Health Canada. The Province of Ontario is leading the overall immunization strategy for Ontario and identifying who will get the vaccine first. At a local level, municipalities and key stakeholders are collaborating for the planning and rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes co-ordinated efforts for the distribution, administration

and public communication of the vaccine. Vaccine storage is also co-ordinated locally with Health Sciences North as it has been identified by the province as a potential site for the distribution of the Pfizer vaccine.

According to a fact sheet from Pfizer, the vaccine can last for up to six months when stored at extreme low temperatures, -70°C, via specialized freezers. The Pfizer thermal shippers, in which doses will arrive, can be used as temporary storage units by refilling with dry ice every five days for up to 30 days of storage. After storage for up to 30 days in the Pfizer thermal shipper, vaccination centres can transfer the vials to 2-8°C storage conditions for an additional five days, for a total of up to 35 days. Once thawed and stored under 2-8°C conditions, the vials cannot be re-frozen or stored under frozen conditions.

As for refrigeration units that are commonly available in hospitals, the vaccine can be stored for five days at refrigerated 2-8°C conditions.

When asked about storage for the COVID-19 locally, Manitoulin Health Centre president and CEO Lynn Foster said, "We've been talking about this at the

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Manitowaning's Lane Phillips is selling keychains to raise funds to assemble care kits for Manitoulin Family Resources. The keychains are \$5 each and on sale until December 31 as part of a high school assignment.

Grade 11 student raising funds for COVID-19 care packages

MANITOWANING—Lane Phillips of Manitowaning is hoping to effect change on Manitoulin and is asking Islanders to open their hearts, and pocketbooks, to help those in need.

The Grade 11 student is working on a culminating project for his Manitoulin Secondary School social justice and equity class that is meant to bring about change. Lane decided that, given the current global pandemic, he would attempt to help those who are less fortunate source hand sanitizer and masks (for both adults and children) to help keep them safe.

To do this, the young man has created keychains that look like the coronavirus structure which are available for purchase between now and December 31 for \$5 each. If you're not in Manitowaning, no prob-

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CN operates the Algoma Central Railway, including the popular Agawa Canyon Tour Train as seen above, but earlier this year indicated it may try to sell the line. A CN spokesperson confirmed to The Expositor December 14 that a sale was in the works.

photo by Warren Schlotte

Northeastern railway updates:

CN to sell off Algoma Central Railway subsidiary, Huron Central Railway gets six-month extension

by Warren Schlotte
SAULT STE. MARIE—A last-minute deal has extended Genesee and Wyoming Canada (G&WC)'s operation of the Huron Central Railway (reporting mark HCRY) between Sudbury, Espanola and Sault Ste. Marie until June 30, 2021, allowing the railway's stakeholders, parent company and all levels of government a six-month reprieve to find a long-term solution to save the rail line. Meanwhile, transcontinental rail operator CN has confirmed that it has initiated the process to sell the Algoma Central Railway (ACR) that runs between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst and has an interchange with HCRY in Sault Ste. Marie.

Huron Central has six months to secure funding
G&WC president Rick McLellan said he was pleased with the six-month extension to ink a long-term deal regarding the freight-only line along Highway 17.

"Given the progress made in these negotiations and the clearly expressed willingness to come to an agreement, we have carefully considered and agreed to a request by the government of

Ontario to postpone the planned end to HCRY's operation on December 18," he stated.

The announcement offers a break for the 43 people directly employed by the railway and thousands of other related jobs in the Northeast, as well as the economic viability of the communities that depend on those jobs.

G&WC has cited a target of \$44 million to keep running trains on the line. Of that, it hopes the federal government will provide \$22 million, the provincial government would contribute \$16 million and G&WC itself would add

in \$6 million.

Canadian Pacific Railway owns the tracks between Sudbury and the Sault and G&WC operates it under the HCRY name through a lease agreement.

Despite the trans-Canada railway's ownership and the financial benefits it receives by charging to ship freight cars to customers away from the HCRY, it does not contribute to the line's upkeep.

The HCRY moves more than 12,000 freight carloads per year, much of which comes from Dometar in Espanola and Eacom in

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Pearl Debassige finds support for her garden projects through work

Anyone who has stopped into United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Castle Building Supply in M'Chigeeng over the past few decades will have likely seen the smiling face of Pearl Debassige, a sales clerk who has worked there for 30 years.

"My ex-husband used to be a carpenter," she said, explaining how she found her way into the position in the first place.



Pearl Debassige

It's a natural fit for Ms. Debassige, who likes to spend her downtime with her family going camping, fishing, working in her garden or enjoying other outdoor activities.

She recalled being three years old when she would wander into the garden and help gather food for the family. Ms. Debassige now grows an assortment of

foods including cucumbers, tomatoes, sweet peppers, onions and beans.

Working at Castle has been a boon to her passion as she has been able to gather nearly any supplies she may need, from a cultivator to an assortment of seeds.

"It makes me feel good to grow this food and share it to help other people locally," Ms. Debassige said.

She does her own canning and gives away a lot of her harvest to family, neighbours and friends. The life-long M'Chigeeng resident particularly enjoys seeing her hard work pay off as the plants shoot from the ground and bear fruit.

It is a blessing to be able to buy all of her supplies locally through the businesses that support workers across Manitoulin, said Ms. Debassige, adding that it feels good to contribute to growing vibrant communities on the Island.

Remember that when you shop locally, you're supporting your friends and neighbours like Pearl Debassige at UCCM Castle Building Supply in M'Chigeeng.



In support of stray and abandoned animals

Jean Narozanski, president of the Grass Roots Garden Club, presents a \$500 cheque to Bleu Fisher of Rainbow Rescue to support her work in helping stray and abandoned animals in our community.

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editorial

A Merry Christmas message from all of us to all of you

It's customary in this space at this time of year to look back through the year that has nearly ended and reflect on trends and unique events on which The Expositor has reported and, in so doing, has chronicled aspects of the evolving story/history of Manitoulin Island, possibly for future generations to read and, perhaps, to marvel at.

This year on Manitoulin, reflective of the rest of the world, the big story has been the COVID-19 pandemic.

Manitoulin's response to the universal threat to public health has been typically unique and resourceful.

In the early days of the pandemic, we learned that people hard hit by the disease to the extent that they required hospital care sometime required apparatus to assist their breathing and to keep their airways open while they fought off the infection. This apparatus is called a ventilator and, at that time on Manitoulin, ventilators at the Mindemoya and Little Current sites of Manitoulin Health Centre were nearing the end of their service lives.

But in the early days of the pandemic, and reflecting what was the news from other parts of the world that had already been hard hit by the virus, would up-to-date ventilator systems be necessary for proper patient care?

M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige took a leadership role in getting these new ventilator units into the Island's hospital system and her community pledged \$10,000 towards a fund to purchase additional ventilators, at the same time challenging other Island communities, individuals and businesses to contribute to this fund.

Typical of Manitoulin's response, the fund grew to just over \$200,000, more than sufficient to purchase the ventilators, with money left over to help fund other health initiatives at the hospitals.

The pandemic conditions stirred ingenuity into action in other ways.

Bill Cranston of Mindemoya, a retired paramedic and former owner/manager of the Island's paramedic system, put his thinking cap on and devised a way to adapt snorkel masks for medical personnel in pandemic conditions.

Mr. Cranston, concerned about the availability of N-95 masks in the early months of the pandemic, began tinkering in his shop with the idea of adapting snorkel masks, used ordinarily for near-surface underwater activities. His friend Dr. Mike Bedard was a fellow tinkerer.

The adaptation Mr. Cranston came up with involves the retrofitting of snorkel masks with a replaceable filter on the end of the air intake pipe (the part of the mask that, for underwater explorers, protrudes above the water to ensure the wearer a continuous air supply) and another filter at the exhaust end of the apparatus, where the wearer breathes in and out.

This innovation is the reusable equivalent of the N-95 mask and combines the advantages of the snorkel mask's large window for face shield protection as well as the air filtering capacity.

Mr. Cranston's innovation led to a partnership with Ontario snorkel mask manufacturer Cobra Mask and the first units the company produced were appropriately purchased by Manitoulin Health Centre for use at its two sites.

In addition to these good news stories, the pandemic has produced a good deal of hard news as well.

M'Chigeeng First Nation, concerned about its own citizens' safety and the possibility of a general spread of COVID-19 on Manitoulin, and because two of the Island's main highways (Highway 540 and Highway 551) traverse that community, undertook in the early spring a survey of where passers-through were bound.

Disturbed by the fact that sufficient numbers of the travellers were from 'off-Island' and were passing through M'Chigeeng on non-essential business, the ogimaa-kwe and council made the controversial decision to limit highway traffic to only essential traffic and to discourage M'Chigeeng citizens from leaving the community.

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories made a similar decision with respect to people entering and leaving its community via the one road in and out.

In both M'Chigeeng and Wiikwemkoong, security personnel were posted at entry/exit points to ensure the travel in/out/through was "essential."

While these measures were eventually relaxed, an ongoing consequence of the controversy surrounding the slowdown of traffic through arterial highways has been the creation of an Island-wide leadership committee where First Nations and municipal leaders meet, virtually, every other week to share information and then to report developments and best practices to their respective councils. A crisis often brings people together.

Manitoulin people adapted fairly quickly to the necessity of mask-wearing in public places, seemingly without the controversy that some Canadian communities have experienced in this regard.

Manitoulin Island's citizens have done a good job, one that we need to keep on doing: as of this writing (December 14) there have been 13 reported COVID-19 cases on Manitoulin since the beginning of the pandemic and this includes a couple who contracted the illness while on a winter cruise and returned home to recuperate and self-isolate as well as one case that further testing proved as a 'false positive.'

But 13 cases are still 13 cases: better than 25 or 100 but worse than none and the fact that people have simultaneously adapted to mask-wearing and have also tangibly thanked (and continue to do so) front line workers by means of window signs, heart-shaped cut outs (in various symbolic colours) also prominently posted in windows as well as through a community-driven 'thank you to front-line workers' supplement to this newspaper.

The fact that front-line workers put themselves in the path of danger by the nature of their work came into the sharpest-possible focus when Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Constable Marc Hovingh succumbed to gunshot wounds he received in the course of serving and

protecting during a police assignment on November 19. To say it was to have been a "routine" assignment simply wouldn't be true for, after Constable Hovingh's death, it is clear that civilians should understand there is nothing about police work, even on Manitoulin Island, that can be assumed to be "routine."

The circumstances of Constable Hovingh's death, which also involved the tragedy of a civilian death, and the ensuing Island-wide tribute to the officer that culminated in a funeral attended by Premier Doug Ford, Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell and Anishnaabe Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare as well as the OPP's commissioner and deputy commissioner stands in parallel to Manitoulin Island's response to the COVID-19 pandemic: in both situations, the community's responses were appropriate and universal. We are an Island with our own institutions and community customs, and generally we think that because of our separateness and relative isolation that we are somewhat immune to the ills that plague other Canadian regions.

We may be somewhat immune, but clearly what aids society in general, both in terms of public health and mental health issues, impacts on our secluded bit of Ontario as well.

This is underscored by the opioid crisis that is claiming the lives of Manitoulin people at an alarming rate and is indenturing many more of them to lives of misery and dependence.

Similar to the response to COVID-19, ordinary Manitoulin citizens are beginning to see the need for concerted action to eliminate the sources of illicit drugs and to seek help for people who have become a slave to this other pandemic and to demand that this issue be a local priority.

This has been a year of reporting the news unlike any other in recent history. Who knew we would need a field hospital on Manitoulin? Who could have imagined all of Manitoulin's summer festivals and activities would be eliminated from the 2020 calendar? Who knows what will be the case for all these things in 2021.

Manitoulin people, like anyone else anywhere else, can be quirky. But as all of these references have hopefully indicated, at a critical moment our diverse communities, from Rabbit Island to Meldrum Bay, are fully capable of rallying to a common cause, whether assuming a joint defensive front as in the case of the threat of COVID-19 gaining more than a token foothold here or a common expression of empathy and such as in the death of Constable Hovingh or in awakening to the need for a grassroots response to the scourge of opioids.

These are the themes that have been most prominent in the pages of The Manitoulin Expositor this unusual year, proof that "Manitoulin Strong" is not only a slogan, but rather something that is real.

This 141-year-old newspaper comes together every week with the core support of those who toil at The Expositor Office. But they do not work alone. The community is very much a part of Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper.

In fact, a new feature penned by Heather Marshall of Sandfield runs every few weeks and introduces people who have chosen Manitoulin as their new home. The columns is titled 'New-ish to Manitoulin' and echoes the experience of its author: Ms. Marshall is herself a relatively new resident and, as she puts down her own roots, thought it would be edifying to tell the tales of 'other folks' recent encounters on the Island as well as their motivations to relocate here.

We're glad she did. It's a great idea. Thanks very much, Heather.

At the other end of the spectrum Petra Wall, for over 15 years now, has been treating readers every month to stories of the youth, young adulthood and life experiences of Manitoulin people now in their senior years.

'Now and Then' is a fascinating look at how the grandsons and granddaughters of pioneers kept faith with their ancestors and (largely) remained here as Manitoulin people.

Thank you for your perseverance, Petra. You have a devoted audience!

Rose Diebolt, after 28 years as owner (with her husband John) and chief chef at Garden's Gate Restaurant, retired last year. (The restaurant has new owners who look forward to reopening as the pandemic eases.)

But what Rose hasn't retired from, thankfully, is the authorship of the paper's eating well column, 'Rose's Recipes.'

Thank you very much, Rose. All the kitchens we know of have clipping files of your unique suggestions tucked away.

We love our pets and we want to keep them healthy. Dr. Janice Mitchell pens 'Paws for Thought' monthly with helpful suggestions for pet care gleaned from her own experience and research as a veterinarian.

We are all that much more enriched when professionals like Dr. Mitchell willingly share their insights and knowledge with the public. Thank you, Dr. Mitchell. It's a great feature.

If you want to know who's accomplishing what in youth sports, you only have to consult Page 7 and the deep double column feature on the left side (the 'gutter' side, in the trade!) of the page where 'Ice Chips and Canoe Quips' appears.

Everyone referenced in Andre Leblanc's column is a standout player, as evidenced by the boldface names that define the column. Lately, Andre has been including a feature, 'From the Desk of Dad,' where his father Larry (the column's first author) retells tales of past Manitoulin sports standouts.

Thank you, Andre. Yours is a big job and clearly you have a big network of contacts.

Rachael Orford is in Grade 10 now at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS). In Grade 9, she signed on to write the MSS 'Kids in the Hall' weekly feature and we want her to know that we hope this will continue to be part of her high school experience right until she graduates.

Excellent reporting, Rachael. School news is always important.

This year, the MSS 'Player Profile' feature has had two excellent

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letters

A health care worker's commendation of the community

Patience, kindness and compassion to one another keeps us functioning

To the Expositor:

As a health care worker speaking only for myself, I would like to commend the community of Manitoulin during this challenging transformation of our health care system as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our health care is made up of all of us "Manitouliners." We as individuals, our health care teams, our supportive infrastructure and complementary resources have stepped up to the plate to protect our people.

We are all in this pandemic war as a unit; we cannot fight without having each other's support and this has been a daunting task.

Our communities have undergone so many changes that have affected each and every one of us in many different ways, but have touched us none the less. Our health care and extended communities have essentially shut down and reopened to help protect us all.

We have seen health care teams rearrange themselves in order to continue to deliver care in a manner that safeguards our communities.

We have seen community leaders, health care providers and individuals step up to the plate to ensure that access to health care is continuing to be delivered, albeit in ways we have never seen before or thought possible.

COVID may have hit us, but as we go forward in full support of one another it has allowed us to become stronger and more cohesive.

Patience, kindness and compassion to one another keeps us functioning, we are stronger together than apart. Being able to share and understand the feelings of one another allows us "Manitouliners" to continue to grow together.

My heart goes out to all and I am pleased to be a part of such a collective caring community.

Tara Rollins
Sheguiandah

Urgent message urging a pause in Central Manitoulin's demolition plans

There are many uses for the Mindemoya Old School building

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an open letter to the mayor and council of Central Manitoulin and has been reprinted here at the author's request.

Dear Mayor Stephens and councillors of Central Manitoulin,

I urge you to reject the Central Manitoulin Property Committee's recommendation to destroy the historical Mindemoya Old School, 100 years old in 2021. Now, near Christmas, during the pandemic, when it is difficult to rally opposition, the committee has chosen to wield the wrecking ball. The Old School wasn't even on the committee's agenda, it came up under 'new business,' out of the blue.

Despite what some say, council has not exhausted all alternatives. The feasibility study by Tulloch that was completed in September 2019 zeroed in on one option only, an option that did not qualify for grant money. Before that study was even completed, an opportunity arose for a building infrastructure grant, but instead of applying for the grant for the Old School, the municipality kept news of this opportunity hidden from the Old School Repurposing Committee, and instead hired the same company, Tulloch, to put together a grant for a multiplex which as envisioned would entail the demolition of the Old School, as well as the adjacent park! Now that the \$15

million multiplex application has failed, it appears you would rather have it destroyed than look further or let someone else take it over.

I sat on the repurposing subcommittee, which council disbanded in November 2019. Some of us have carried on. Architects from ERA Architects in Toronto answered our plea for help from the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, coming here in January 2020 to assess the structure, the heritage value and the potential of the Old School, pro bono. They prepared a Statement of Significance which I forwarded to council in April 2020, and they offered to make a presentation. You may not remember that you did not even reply. The ERA covering letter concluded:

"It's our opinion that the Old School, as well as its neighbouring arena, hall and church have inherent cultural value and would likely meet the criteria in the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) for listing or designation given its civic contribution to the area ... Additional time may be required to comprehensively study various uses for the building, such as the potential location for start-up businesses or student housing for the local college, for example ... ERA understands the value of the Mindemoya Old School, and together we believe we can realize the full potential of this built

asset as an important component to the town's and Island's civic commons."

Last August, when we learned that the \$15 million multiplex proposal was rejected, we felt a sigh of relief! In the midst of the pandemic, we did not expect you would want to spend the \$115,000 to \$150,000 Tulloch estimated would be needed to demolish the building.

Honestly, if the Old School was just a wooden frame building, I would not be fighting to save it even considering its 100-year history. But it is solid brick, well-constructed, built to last! Consider the Old School's brick exterior. Clay brick is inert, naturally fireproof, it emits no gases, needs no maintenance, and is impervious to chemical leaching. It lasts almost forever, and that means it has a very low environmental cost over its life-cycle. Brick buildings in Europe are hundreds, even thousands of years old.

Bricks are a wonderful building material, and they take a lot of energy to make. To calculate roughly how much energy is embodied just in the Old School's bricks, I estimated there are at least 12,000 bricks, that means it would take 20.4 Megawatt-hours to replace those bricks.

There are many potential uses for this building, some of which would qualify for substantial grant money. Some of these

potential uses—social, recreational, artistic—were listed in the failed multiplex infrastructure grant proposal as things the community needs! I would add the acute need for affordable housing, which has lately become a focus of federal concern in much of the nation. For arts and culture, the federal Building Communities through their Arts and Heritage - Legacy Fund provides funding for community-initiated capital projects, intended for community use, up to 50 percent of eligible project expenses up to a maximum of \$500,000. An arts centre would be eligible, and the Weengushk Film Institute may be interested in a partnership, which would be a wonderful addition to Mindemoya. I'm sure there could be other opportunities for other projects.

Another idea that council has never seriously entertained is the idea of advertising and selling this building as a heritage structure in order to save it. Initially I didn't like this idea, but it is far better to let someone else take it over than to reduce the Old School to rubble. What a loss to the community!

Sincerely,

Jan McQuay
Mindemoya

Message to Central Manitoulin council: haste makes waste

Don't make a wasteful decision on the Mindemoya Old School building

To the Expositor:

The Township of Central Manitoulin is well on the way to proving that, more often than not, haste makes waste.

While some will argue that the old Mindemoya public school has been sitting empty for a long time and that, therefore, the controversial, upcoming vote to demolish it is not one hastily put forward, many Islanders will counter that it seems few resources, and even less creative thought, have been expended to explore alternative, new lives for a building that, within the town of Mindemoya is,

arguably, singular in both its architectural and historical appeal.

Deciding to demolish this building is, by many current and future residents, likely to be regarded as extremely shortsighted. Why, you might ask, do I feel comfortable making this assertion? Well... Firstly, as the primary educational facility for generations of Haweaters, the building's local historical import is self-evident, of course.

Secondly, its (relative) aesthetic value seems equally obvious, a fact which it would be folly to

undervalue. Most people enjoy the many charms old and ancient architecture provides elsewhere.

Wouldn't it be great to engender a little of that experience on our home turf? If you don't quite "see" it, try imaging what a little TLC, landscaping etc. could do to enhance and highlight the building's innate character and how, in turn, this might improve the otherwise somewhat dreary main path through Mindemoya.

Thirdly, with a little vision, creativity, a modest financial investment and minimal environmental impact, there is little doubt this

building and adjacent property could be turned into an attractive, potentially revenue generating hub. Since for me alone, a plethora of ideas spring to mind immediately, I imagine many other Island residents can, with little difficulty, conjure up a great variety of interesting, viable suggestions.

I could easily rhyme off a number of additional reasons why this building deserves to be spared, but will conclude with this final thought: it might be wise to remember that we are merely stewards for future generations.

Why not honour this by leaving a historically and aesthetically meaningful structure intact and letting it age into the historical site it deserves to eventually become?

As Central makes its decision, I hope they bear in mind that there will always be time to demolish the school, but once down it can, of course, never be restored.

Let's make sure a wasteful decision is not made in haste.

Malene Brynildsen
Providence Bay

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...A Merry Christmas message from all of us to all of our readers

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authors: Mackenzie Cortes for the first part of the school year (and until she graduated) and, as of September, Zoe Redmond took over the file. Thanks to you both. It's great reading every week.

Our literary types, also known as Assiginack librarian Debbie Robinson and Mindemoya librarian Claire Cline (Assiginack Library News and Mindemoya Book Mice, respectively) bring authors and their creations from their libraries' shelves to life in their monthly columns. Thank you very much, Claire and Debbie.

Our hospital auxiliaries in Little Current and Mindemoya are constantly working to help their respective hospitals maximize high-quality patient care. Representatives from the two auxiliary groups post accomplishments and events in periodic columns which we are pleased to publish. Thanks to authors Laila Kiviahio and Judy Mackenzie.

Talented nature photographer John Savage continues to send photos of birds he encounters with his keen eye. Thank you, John.

Dr. Joe Shorthouse, Laurentian University professor emeritus, spends a large part of his summers on Mani-

toulin and notices things that simply pass most of us by. Who knew monarch butterflies gather in enormous flocks near South Baymouth before taking off on the next leg of their journey? Dr. Shorthouse knows and has shared that, and a great deal more, with this paper. Thanks very much, Dr. Shorthouse.

At one time in this year-end reflection, The Expositor would have thanked up to a dozen rural correspondents. This year, sadly, we said a final farewell to Pat Hall, intrepid (and popular) author of the paper's last country column, Tehkummah Talk and Times. Ms. Hall passed away in mid-July and we feel her loss each week.

On Manitoulin, our particular business relies heavily on the postmasters/postmistresses at our Island post offices and the contract rural route delivery cadre to deliver the papers in a timely way. They deliver, literally. Thanks for jobs well done, year after year.

And to you all, dear readers: thank you for your loyalty and suggestions. Thanks as well as to the myriad of letter writers who utilize the letters to the editor space in the way it's intended.

This has been a year of the unexpected and the paper's editorial staff have done their best to ensure that it is rep-

resented accurately and for the record in these pages. We'll see what 2021 brings us!

Best wishes to all for a happy Christmas and all the best for 2021.

Sincerely,

Alicia McCutcheon
Kerrene Tilson
Marilyn Harasym
Dave Patterson
Robin Anderson
Michael Erskine
Warren Schlote
Debbie Bailey
Kendra Edwards
Lori Thompson
Rick and Julia McCutcheon
Jake McColman
Al Dionne

And from our Western Manitoulin office,

Tom Sasvari

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Boat response prompts revisit on revitalizing Canada's Coast Guard

Search and rescue should not be dependent on police

To the Expositor:

Richard and Gail Foucault: I appreciate your December 9 letter to the editor in the recent edition of The Manitoulin Expositor, ('Improve emergency response for boat access cottagers,' Page 4). It reminds me of my previous rant that Alicia McCutcheon published about two and a half years ago: 'Revitalize Canada's coast guard.'

Much of my letter focused on how the government could easily pay for this, by reducing the propping up of the largely foreign-owned fossil fuel industry and to re-establish the original agenda of The Bank of Canada, to provide

the government interest free loans for essential programs.

Here is an excerpt: "As a lifelong lover of nature and water sports, years ago I had a profound experience as a volunteer with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary on the west coast of British Columbia. I continue to be outraged that previous Liberal and Conservative governments have contributed to the ongoing reduction in funding for the Canadian Coast Guard. Despite the stalwart efforts of devoted volunteers, there is only a minimal coast guard presence on either the coastal salt water or central Great

Lakes fresh water territories. An improved search and rescue capacity for both commercial shipping and recreational boating, let alone the monitoring and maintenance of the sovereignty of Canadian water, is more necessary than ever.

"Due to spending my life by the water in rural parts of the country, I'm unimpressed by the cavalier attitude of provincial and federal governments to the desperate need for greater protection for those who ply

the water, let alone the water itself. Major investment is required to build various Coast Guard bases on each of the Great Lakes, let alone throughout the Arctic, the B.C. and Maritime coasts. Manitoulin Island is perfectly situated for a central base and Coast Guard Training Centre, to spearhead this initiative."

Search and rescue for land and sea across Canada should not be dependent on the police, who have enough on their plates, or on devoted volunteers.

This service is a real job and the hard-working individuals that provide this service should be well paid and supported by both the federal and provincial governments.

All the best with your related lobbying efforts.

Merry Winter Solstice and a happy Christmas,

Derek Stephen McPhail
Mindemoya

Old School plan saddens

Delay the impending destruction

To the Expositor:

The recent decision of Central Manitoulin Council's planning committee saddens me. The committee's recommendation to destroy the old Mindemoya Continuation School is to go before council for ratification at the December 17 meeting. If this decision reaches final acceptance by council, it will mean the removal of a monument of historic and sentimental value.

The legacy it leaves goes far beyond its bricks and mortar, deep into the founding and growth of our township. Once the pride of another Carnarvon council 100 years ago, this building served township constituents for many years with education, socialization and the teaching of human behavioural values. It taught self-respect, self-worth, self-confidence and the desire to make the world and one's own life better. Next year, the school will be 100 years old, making it a candidate for heritage grant money.

Central Manitoulin Council, the decision is yours. You can delay the impending destruction to see what could be done with the building when designated as a heritage site. Your decision will become your legacy.

Jim Smith
Mindemoya

Why not sell as heritage?

An early vote to forestall opposition

To the Expositor:

I am a long-time summer resident on The Manitoulin. I am dismayed and disappointed that the Central Manitoulin Property Committee has voted to recommend the destruction of the old schoolhouse, one of Mindemoya's few remaining landmark historical buildings.

I understand that there has been a years' long attempt to save the building for some other purpose, apparently to no avail.

The building will be 100 years old in 2021. Why has the Property Committee not tried to sell it as a heritage structure? An early vote to forestall opposition during the pandemic?

With concern,

Ann Elizabeth Carson
Toronto and Central Manitoulin

First of its kind in Ont.

Council legacy will mirror the times

To the Expositor:

One hundred years ago, a group of strong-minded, imaginative people had a vision of a consolidated school for Carnarvon Township. This would be the first of its kind in Ontario. Subsequently, hundreds of people residing in Central Manitoulin benefited from this unique idea and the beautiful brick building stands as a legacy of this first council.

One hundred years later, another group of people in this same township have a vision of levelling this building, but so it might not be completely forgotten, building a miniature model for all to admire! The irony is astounding.

The pandemic has made the year 2020 a period of stress and discouragement for many. Somehow, the legacy of this council, involving the proposed destruction of this 100-year-old building, mirrors the times.

Joanne Smith
Mindemoya

A lack of vision

"Shame on all of you!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an open letter to the mayor and council of Central Manitoulin and has been reprinted here at the author's request.

To Mayor Stephens and council:

Although it should come as no surprise, it still boggles my mind that council has so little vision.

Apparently, the final vote to demolish the Old School happens on December 17. Again, no surprise as it seems all of these decisions take place when the population of the Island drops. To add insult to injury you are doing it during COVID which makes it harder to gather and protest such a mindless endeavor. It seems council always tries for "out of sight, out of mind."

It's hard to believe that there has been little or no thought given to how useful this structure could be now that the tourist population has started to boom and will continue to do so.

Canada has discovered Manitoulin and one only has to look to Tobermory to see our fast-approaching future.

There are so many undiscovered possibilities in such a solid, beautiful and historic building. Some enterprising young entrepreneurs who see the potential in the area would gladly scoop it up, if it could be sold. That whole issue has always been such a grey area!

Sure, parking will be needed but getting it this way—seriously?!

I envision that someday your grandchildren will look 'proudly' at a parking lot and say, 'My grandparents tore down a beautiful historic building and are responsible for this!' Wow, what a legacy.

As I've said repeatedly, shame on all of you!

Lynn Quesnel
Big Lake and Collingwood

Shortsighted and wrong

Save this lovely building

To the Expositor:

Mindemoya is a great town, but it doesn't have an attractive main street. Really, the only nice stretch is from the Old School through to the lovely park, community centre and municipal office. I was relieved when the funding didn't go through for a new complex/arena.

I thought it was shortsighted, awful and wrong to tear down the beautiful Old School building, rip up the park, the waterfall and the newly refurbished ball park. I am very dismayed to learn that yet again the Old School has been recommended for demolition! I ask that the Central Manitoulin Township council save this lovely building.

Sincerely,

Laurie Landry
Mindemoya

Loss of a 100-year history

Not a case of glass and chrome

To the Expositor:

I have recently learned that the Municipality of Central Manitoulin is likely to vote in favour of demolishing the old Mindemoya Schoolhouse.

If that happens Mindemoya and the Island will lose a building that is very appealing to the eye, after almost 100 years.

Many government buildings today are most likely to be constructed of plastic, glass and chrome (admittedly an overstatement), but there is certainly a lack of the craftsmanship that was so commonplace "back in the old days."

While I am not a Haweater (my wife is), I am a fervent Manitouliner and feel that we will lose a part of the Island's history if this demolition takes place.

Sincerely,

Mike Wilton
Dominion Bay

Care for history

Hope for the future

To the Expositor:

"If we don't care about our past, we cannot hope for the future ... I care desperately about saving old buildings." This quote was made by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, former First Lady, and historic preservationist on the imminent threat to New York's Grand Central Station in 1976.

I understand that Central Manitoulin's property committee is recommending the demolition of the Old School. Up until now, the story of the Mindemoya Consolidated School has been a good example of progress through controversy, the democratic system working for the benefit of all concerned. When the plans were finally made to build a school that comprised two school sections of Carnarvon Township, No. 1 and No. 4, and pupils from Grades 1 to 12 were educated in the same building, our township was ahead of its time. It had built one of the first consolidated schools in Ontario! Our early settlers were progressive indeed, and this building is a tribute to their persistence and tenacity. They worked together to make positive changes in our community.

"We've all heard that it's too late, or that it has to happen, that it's inevitable. But I don't think that's true. Because I think if there is a great effort, even if it's the eleventh hour, then you can succeed and I know that's what we'll do." That is what Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis said about the Grand Central Station in New York, but I think the same thing can be said about Mindemoya's Old School. It can't be too late! There has to be a way that we can save this school!

Pat Williamson Costigan
Member of the Central Manitoulin
Historical Society
A taxpayer in Central Manitoulin

Many memories encased

A chance for real impact

To the Expositor:

I have been reading responses regarding the decision of Central Manitoulin council's planning committee to destroy the Old School in Mindemoya, and I would like to share my thoughts.

I feel my age group is underrepresented in these responses! I was in the last Kindergarten class to pass through this school, and the building holds many memories for me from my childhood. I made some of my first friends at this school! It is also a unique building that is part of the beautiful Mindemoya landscape.

In 2021, the Old School will be 100 years old, making it an historical building. Does it seem strange that we are in a rush to make the decision to demolish this building before 2021? Before it's 100th birthday?

Council has a chance to make a real impact on the community by preserving memories, and history, for many generations—past, present, and future!

Tara Smith Kennedy
Copper Cliff

Technology has a lot of influence on citizens

Be careful what you believe

To the Expositor:

Technology we have today has a lot of influence on citizens, especially with social media or any other kind of chat line. It's so easy to misuse it. It's being used for spreading hatred and racism. Citizens are getting scammed for their money, sometimes in the thousands of dollars, and cannot recover their loss because these scammers are all over the world, out of reach for law enforcement. Then there are those who are spreading conspiracy theories online, some people end up believing them and that is dangerous. People could end up getting hurt or even killed.

Citizens need to be very careful what to believe what they may see or read. Get the facts first before you believe

anything because there is a lot of misleading information going around within the internet services. It is not a safe place to be in and citizens need to understand that because these brainless morons who are coming up with this kind of service cannot even figure out how to make it foolproof. They are just trying to make a fast buck. We have a lot of unstable people out there who have access to the internet services and I think these people who are spreading conspiracy theories online are probably very unstable people.

Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Stairwell Challenge

Mindemoya's **Evan Bayer**, now a Calgary high school teacher, recently posted a challenge to his phys ed classes. Evan is always one to not just, "Do as I say, but do as I do!" In Calgary, every spring they would host the Calgary Tower Stair Challenge. The tower itself is 802 steps and would be offered up to be a fundraiser. Because of the COVID restrictions that challenge has been on hiatus. Evan, never deterred, found a stairwell of just 23 steps but then filmed himself running up and down them, 35 times! He clocked himself at 7:24 and that included 35 descents as well! Keep up with the real-world and real sweat challenges, Evan.

Snow Kata!

Scrolling through social media searching for sports news I spotted an adorable video of Sensei **Anya Wright**, herself a second-degree black belt, performing a Kata with her daughter **Aria** out in the snow! For the uninitiated, Wikipedia describes a Kata as "a detailed choreographed pattern of martial arts movements made to be practiced when training as a way to memorize and perfect the movements being executed." Aria, herself a yellow belt, has to duplicate the intricate movements of Mom as well as navigating her snowsuit and boots! Keep up the amazing training, Aria.

No Winterfest hockey

The Little Current Lions Club regrets to announce the cancellation of its 2021 Winterfest Hockey tournament scheduled for February 5-7, 2021 due safety concerns. They hope to see you all again next year.

Wiikwemkoong Condolences

A sad week for the Wiikwemkoong community as they faced a number of sad premature deaths. The community mourns the passing of one of its "favourite sons." Thirty-one-year-old **Brandon Ominika** succumbed to a long illness. Brandon had been a hockey star in the community and off the Island for many years. The love for the young man was illustrated by the flood of Facebook posts sadly discussing his journey that he experienced over his life. His legion of friends and fans both in Wiikwemkoong and off-Island painted a picture of a well-liked and respected young man. The vast number of tributes touted not only his hockey exploits but also his endearingly positive personality. The old saying that the "room lights up when he walks in" is surely true in this young gentleman's case.

He was loved for his personality and admired for his athletic ability, especially in hockey and ball where he was a pitcher. He spent his minor hockey with the Wiikwemkoong Hawks where he was a goal-scoring wizard. Eventually he leapt to Jr. A hockey in the NOJHL. In 2008 he made the lineup of the erstwhile Manitoulin Islanders. In his first year he contributed immediately playing 42 games and acquiring 31 points including 19 goals. The following year he started like a barn on fire, notching 29 points in only the first 18 games. As the Islanders were having a tough year when the Blind River Beavers sought out his prowess. Brandon topped off that year (09-10) in fine style with 34 points in only 23 games that included a sparkling 22 goals. With the Islanders he was a point a game forward with 60 points in 60 games! Once he aged out he continued as a force with the senior hometown Hawks winning many a tournament championship as he and his teammates also did in fastball. Condolences go out to his large family and friends. He will be sorely missed.

Wiikwemkoong also lost a former elementary school (Pontiac) soccer star with the passing of **Mary Lou Dokum** at the young age of 39. Mary Lou was a fine young lady who smiled easily. A guitar player and singer, she was always ready to cheer up friends and help out in the community. Mary was the daughter of the late **Felix and Frances Dokum**. She was given the Anishinabe name of Giiwedi Noodin Kwe. Condolences to surviving siblings **Felix Jr., Edwina, Aarin** and **John**. Sympathies also to her life-partner **Julian Wemigwans**.

Mindemoya Condolences

Over in Mindemoya, the area is sadly missing a very community-minded sportsman. **Ron Kenney** was the type of guy that you could call up last minute to umpire a very long day of Elementary Manitoulin Championship 3-Pitch officiating. He was a longtime golfer at Brookwood Brae and Mens' Night Golf will not be the same without him. On top of that he was a Mindemoya Curling Club member and even sat on the executive of the organization. Ron was also a big supporter of Special Olympics and gave up many valuable hours over the years. Condolences to his family and friends.

A good sport is good for sports
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Mindemoya and Manitowaning U18 players scrimmage in three-on-three fashion last month.

photo by Jackie White

Minor hockey association pauses until new year

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) has suspended all games until the new year after a recent cluster of COVID-19 cases in Mindemoya, with a hopeful return date of January 4 as long as case levels resolve.

"We're sad to have to shut down but we completely understand why it had to happen. I don't think anybody is fighting to get (hockey) to come back before it's safe for us to do so," said MMHA president Mike Zegil. "We want it to be a safe, fun, healthy activity for the kids and give them something to do during the restrictions. We hope we'll come back sooner than later."

A cluster of five COVID-19 cases emerged in the District of Manitoulin during the first weekend of December, many of which were in Mindemoya. Nearly immediately, the Mindemoya Thunder Hockey Association suspended all games and practices until after the Christmas break, at which point the group would re-evaluate its situation.

The MMHA executive had a meeting already scheduled for the following evening, December 8, at which the board decided that the best course of action would be to suspend games (and, by extension, inter-community travel) until the new year. Each club would decide for itself whether to continue practicing or not.

"The sad part of it is that, having adopted the three-on-three for-

mat and all the COVID restrictions, we were finally getting the league up and running and the kids were having a great time. There was a lot of laughter in the arenas and we were witnessing lots of good hockey and some great examples of sportsmanship between the teams," said Mr. Zegil.

After the full shutdown in Mindemoya, Little Current suspended practices for a week, Manitowaning continued with its practice schedule and Gore Bay had intended to continue practicing before the municipality closed down the arena later in the week.

The association normally pauses for Christmas in line with school closure dates.

"If things are going well, we'll try and get the season going again as of January 4. Once again, it depends on the comfort of the communities and the situation on the Island," said Mr. Zegil. "The first thing we want is for everybody to be safe and healthy. The MMHA doesn't want to be a source of anxiety or fear for anyone in the community."

The associations that are able to do so will likely hold an occasional practice during the Christmas break.

The 2021 portion of the season remains uncertain. At this point, a playoff period is not likely to take place and organizers are deciding whether to add additional games or end the season at the usual time around March Break.

"The focus of this year has been

kids having fun, getting exercise and developing hockey skills," said Mr. Zegil.

He said this has been a unique year in many ways, including how the teams have addressed player shortages. Ordinarily, local players would get called up (from a U13 team to a U15 team, for instance) locally to fill in for an absent player. Due to Northern Ontario Hockey Association's directive to not mix cohorts, players have instead stayed within the same age division and filled in from other towns.

"It's kind of neat because these kids normally only got to play against each other but now they're getting the chance to play on each other's teams. It's a bit of a unique situation but we're hearing positive things about that," said Mr. Zegil.

He also cited exceptional displays of good conduct, such as teams that decided to switch goalies in the middle of a particularly lopsided game or an opposing teammate volunteering to sub in as a goalie for the opponents who lacked their own that night.

"I'd really like to thank all the associations and all the volunteers for the hard work they've put into getting this season off the ground. They've really gone above and beyond to provide a safe hockey environment for the kids to be able to play and get a bit of relief from all of the COVID stuff," Mr. Zegil concluded.

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those who would have come into contact with the positive case has already occurred and all those deemed 'close contact' to the individual have been notified and instructed to self-isolate to await testing. "If you have not received a call from our community health nurse, you are not considered a close contact."

As a result of a case of COVID-19 in the community, all Wiikwemkoong schools will be closed for in-person learning and will instead move to a virtual format until January 7, 2021. All in-person community programming has also been cancelled until January 7. Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories departments, such as the health centre and Wiikwemkoong Board of Education office (with the exception of the schools), will remain open.

"If there is any uncertainty that you may have been in contact with a

positive case, or if you or a family member is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please call Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre at 705-859-3164 ext. 221 or ext. 226. The health centre will be open on Sunday, December 13 from 8 am to 4 pm. Testing will be offered to those showing no symptoms but who would like to be tested.

"We are reminding our citizens to continue to follow all health precautions and guidelines that have been set forth since the beginning of the pandemic," the announcement continues. "It is important that we continue to support one another, but most importantly, be honest about where you have gone, who you have been in contact with and if you are experiencing any symptoms. Each person's responsibility and honesty will help prevent further spread of the virus into Wiikwemkoong."

As was reported previously, five cases of COVID-19 were pronounced

in the Manitoulin District between last Saturday, December 5 and Monday, December 7, including a Central Manitoulin Public School student. As a result, all Central Manitoulin municipal halls and arenas are shut down until at least December 23. Lakeview School and the community day-care in neighbouring M'Chigeeng First Nation have also closed their doors until the new year.

Anyone who is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or has concerns that they may have been in contact with a known case should contact the Manitoulin Health Centre COVID assessment centres by calling 705-368-2300 (Little Current site) or 705-377-5311 (Mindemoya site) and follow the prompts. Testing is based on a clinical assessment of each person.

Visit Manitoulin.com for more information on the status of cases on Manitoulin as information becomes available.

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discussion about the building."

"I think we have to talk about the elephant in the room," said property committee chair Councillor Dale Scott.

Councillor Angela Johnston agreed. "We budgeted money this year to take the Old School down." She pointed out that due to the pandemic, it hasn't taken place thus far, "but the situation hasn't changed. I still think we need to take it down."

"I agree with Angela," said Councillor Derek Stephens. "The money is there. We need to address this issue and if we are planning to rebuild or have some type of new facility there needs to be a buffer for the property. Right now the building is in the way of anything we want to do concerning a new facility. The money is there and we need to proceed."

Councillor Scott noted that \$150,000 has been included in the municipal budget to tear down the Old School building and that inspections have been carried out on the building. "We need to get the person best qualified and have the building taken down."

"I will oppose this quite strenuously," said Mayor Stephens. "This is an historic building, it is unique and it has a very solid base. There is no reason to bring it down. I would like to find a purpose for it, not destroy it just because it is sitting there."

Mayor Stephens said the manner in which the matter was brought forward also left something to be desired.

"It looks unfortunate," said Mayor Stephens, who had called the procedural process into question when the motion was first put forward by Councillor Stephens. "I didn't know there was a plan to do a motion."

The unannounced discussion and motion also dismayed Mindemoya community activist Jan McQuay.

"We were lulled into a false sense of security," she said. "I only found out about the motion when I bumped into (Mayor) Richard (Stephens) at the grocery store and he told me."

Ms. McQuay said that the ad hoc group lobbying to save the Mindemoya Old School had stood down during the pandemic, assuming (incorrectly as it turns out) that when the municipality was turned down for its multiplex funding by the province, that there was no longer an urgent push to move forward with demolition.

Mayor Stephens expressed disappointment that the municipality had not been able to secure an offer from a business or organization to save the historic building. "It's a good solid building," he said. "We did have a philanthropist put up \$50,000 to put a new roof on the building, but we couldn't accept it."

Even at the eleventh hour, potential clients were touring the building with an eye to how it could be utilized. Weengushk Film Institute (WFI)'s Shirley Cheechoo led a small group of WFI managers to the facility to inspect its potential for their planned expansion of the school—tak-

ing the building back to its roots as an educational institution.

"They seemed interested in it," said Mayor Stephens.

"We are interested in it, it is a beautiful building," Ms. Cheechoo confirmed. "It would be a terrible shame to have it torn down. It is an historical landmark."

WFI is looking at the need for a major expansion, she noted. "We have 50 students applying to come to our school each session, but we only have room for 10 to 13 at most right now."

Ms. Cheechoo said she is confident WFI could source the necessary funding. "There is a lot of money in the arts right now for historical buildings," she said. "If an arts centre is organized it would be there for years and years."

Earlier in the process, the group hoping to save the historic edifice had engaged an architectural firm specializing in saving buildings with historical significance. "A statement of significance prepared by ERA Architects Philip Evans and Jeff Hayes assessed the Old School building, its heritage value and its potential," noted Ms. McQuay. "I asked for the opportunity for the architects to make a presentation to council or an appropriate committee. I never got a reply or an acknowledgement of the email I had sent." She said that she was going to resubmit her request.

"It's our opinion that the Old School, as well as its neighbouring arena, hall and church have inherent cultural value and would likely meet the criteria in the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) for listing or designation given its civic contribution to the area," reads the opening of the report. "However, its full potential can only be realized if its adaptation and reuse fulfill a clear need for the town and Manitoulin Island as a whole, identified through

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Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Zoe Redmond
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SOPHIE HIETKAMP

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Sophie Hietkamp is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. She is a Grade 11 student, who certainly keeps herself busy. When she isn't busy with practices and school, she can be found enjoying herself painting, and playing the piano. Before coming to M.S.S., Sophie attended C.C McLean Public School. During her years at C.C McLean Public School she participated in some great team sports, as well as individual sports. Sophie took part in sports such as volleyball, cross country, track and field, basketball, flag football, baseball and soccer.

Throughout Sophie's sports experience she has achieved a lot, and is especially well rounded when it comes to both sports and life skills. When it comes to working as a team, Sophie is always working to make people feel included in the team, as well as constantly reassuring her teammates, and working to boost their motivation. In her earlier years she and her school teams won quite a few sports competitions, and they often put on a good show when it came to track and field. Over her years in high school she has received many medals for track and field. Sophie was an overall NSSSA track and field winner, and has received three silvers at NOSSA. At OFSAA she has placed 10th, 13th and 15th. At legion meets Sophie has received an outstanding nine medals, and in volleyball she and her team went to NSSSA as well as NOSSA.

She continued to play sports in high school, and in Grade 9 she took part in the girls' volleyball team and track and field. In volleyball she played right side. Sadly this year volleyball has yet to start due to COVID-19. In track and field she ran the 200m and in the field events she did high jump, long jump and triple jump. She also did some relay as well. For Sophie, Grade 9 was an exceptional start to many more wins to come. Sophie and her volleyball team have been all round successful over the years and have had many undefeated season games. She and her team went to NOSSA, as well as NSSSA for volleyball. Sophie has not yet made it to OFSAA for volleyball but certainly hopes to one day, especially given her and her teams valiant efforts at NSSSA and NOSSA, as well as in their regular season. Sophie however has been to OFSAA, NSSSA and NOSSA for track and field.

Sophie is looking forward to playing volleyball, as well as she is looking forward to track and field, and is hoping that COVID-19 does not intervene in her continuing to join her team in competition in the attempt at victory. Sophie is very happy with the sports she currently plays and doesn't think she will be trying any other sports besides the ones she plays/does now. She definitely thinks about how she's played or how a competition went, however, it sometimes depends on the sport. She tends to think about how she has played so that she can reflect on it for the future, and take from games new things to try in practice. From thinking about how she did she can think about new techniques she may use for the future.

Throughout Sophie's sports season, she sets good examples for her teammates and shows just how dedicated she is. Her determination and reassurance never fails to keep her and her team ready to challenge their next opponents, or help to encourage those around her. Sophie's favourite overall sport is track and field because she finds that in track and field she is able to feel like part of a team but at the same time be able to do what she loves on her own. She also likes track because she finds it comes with the best training.

Sophie certainly shows that she loves track as when the season is in she is constantly preparing and practicing. She likes playing sports because they help her to make and build connections with new people, and they are very fun as well as enjoyable. For Sophie playing sports is a way to spend time with friends. She likes that it's a great way to exercise, in the way that you can have fun at the same time, and do it with others. Sophie finds that she makes lots of friends along the way, and sports help to teach her lessons about life. A lesson that she has learned is that team sports such as volleyball are important, and can be lots of fun. However, individual sports such as track are just as important as you have to learn to rely on yourself and your own skills.

When it comes to her own motivation Sophie finds that the inspiration comes from Greta Thunberg. Greta is someone who is around the same age as Sophie, Greta has made a great amount of change when it comes to environmental activism. From Greta being so young and making a lot of change it inspires Sophie to make change in areas that she can. Sophie tries her best to make change in her skills as a runner to help bring improvement. This year her favourite classes that she is taking are math and chemistry because they are both very straightforward for her. Her plans after high school are to get a biochemistry degree, and move out.

Sophie is one of many exceptional Mustangs, and with her independence, smartness, and all round kindness, she is sure to represent MSS well. Have a great year, and keep up the amazing work Sophie!!



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...PHSD prepares for COVID-19 vaccine rollout

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senior management level for a few weeks now. None of our units meet the required temperature thresholds to safely store the vaccine to prevent spoilage. There is one freezer, however, that was used for a specialized chemotherapy drug as part of our satellite program at the Mindemoya site. Its parameters are still under review.”

“Public health has a mandate to reduce vaccine-preventable diseases through immunization and has much experience in community-based publicly-funded immunization programs,” Dr. Sutcliffe added. “Public health’s work is informed by a depth of experience with the seasonal influenza vaccine campaign as

well as with immunization campaigns in response to the H1N1 pandemic and local cases of meningitis and hepatitis A, among others.”

PHSD goes on to note that public health measures, such as wearing a face covering and practicing physical distancing, will still be required following the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines until more is known about how the vaccine protects against asymptomatic spread.

COVID-19 vaccines are expected to be delivered in phases, and the Province of Ontario has identified key groups of people who should receive the vaccine first: Residents, staff, essential caregivers, and other employees of congregate living settings (e.g., long-term care homes and

retirement homes) that provide care for seniors as they are at higher risk of infection and serious illness from COVID-19; health care workers, including hospital employees, other staff who work or study in hospitals, and other health care personnel; adults in Indigenous communities, including remote communities where risk of transmission is high; and adult recipients of chronic home health care.

The initial rollout will begin in regions with the highest rates of COVID-19 infection.

For more information, or if you have questions, please visit phsd.ca/COVID-19 or call PHSD at 705-522-9200 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200).

...Huron Central Railway gets six-month extension

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Nairn Centre. Both companies employ Islanders. The balance of traffic largely comes from Algoma Steel in Sault Ste. Marie.

If it secures a deal, G&WC would invest in upgrading the roadbed and crossings so trains could travel faster. A decade ago, trains were limited to speeds of 10 miles per hour on much of the 179-mile route but much of the track has since been upgraded to 25 mph zones.

Algoma-Manitoulin NDP MPP Mike Mantha, who serves as the official opposition’s critic for Northern Development and Mines, said the line has operated with temporary solutions for far too long.

“We welcome the last-minute commitment for (HCRY), but instead of doing this each year, let’s all sit down and figure out

a long-term strategy for rail service in Northern Ontario,” the MPP said.

Estimates have shown the closure of the rail line would put more than 100 more trucks per day on Highway 17 between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie, though some of the railway’s main customers have said their operations may cease to be viable without rail service.

Sudbury-based Milman Industries Inc., which services mining and industrial sectors and has locomotive repair facilities in that city, has expressed an interest in taking over the line if G&WC pulls out.

That company’s executives have suggested that, rather than subsidizing an international corporation that makes hundreds of millions of dollars in net income each year across its North American opera-

tions, those subsidies should go toward a Northern Ontario-based company that has been developing long-term strategies to expand the service.

Milman Industries has already operated trains on the HCRY line under its Diesel Electric Services brand; its crews and equipment helped to complete the major rehabilitation work when HCRY received its first government stimulus funding a decade ago.

CN to sell Algoma Central Railway

In Sault Ste. Marie, HCRY interchanges with the ACR, the latter of which runs between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst. That line may also be on borrowed time.

CN, which owns and operates the ACR as a subsidiary, has not run any freight traffic on much of

the southern half of the line since mid-April. It is now running freight between Hawk Junction (near Wawa) and Hearst.

At an investors’ meeting this past summer, CN announced its intention to plan to sell “certain non-core lines in Wisconsin, Michigan and Ontario,” with industry publications reporting that many of the lines in question were brought into CN when it acquired Wisconsin Central Railway in 2001.

The ACR was part of that acquisition.

On December 14, a CN spokesperson confirmed to The Expositor that the company had initiated the process of selling that line.

“Interested parties have been contacted and the process is ongoing. Since it’s a commercial process, we will not comment further,” the spokesperson said.

...student raising funds for care packages

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lem—Lane will ship the keychain to you. Each keychain he sells will equate to one care package, which will be delivered to Manitoulin Family Resources in Mindemoya, which will then take over the distribution to those individuals who need the help.

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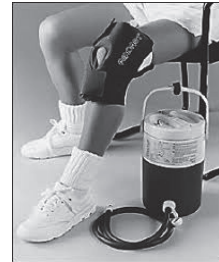


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...Thursday vote on demolition of Old School

...continued from page 8 consultation with area residents.”

In their recommendations, the architects suggested “the Old School, arena and the hall have some degree of individual cultural heritage value, as well as a collective heritage value as a cluster of civic assets as the town’s centre. We recommend that council carefully review the precise needs of Manitoulin-wide residents to which the asset could respond. Additional time may be required to comprehensively study various uses for the building, such as the potential location for start-up businesses or affordable housing, for example.”

In regards to the failed multi-plex proposal, the report suggested the town “incorporate the existing Old School into the new multi-plex development or sever and retain the existing property as a stand-alone structure, to be repurposed as affordable housing or a similar purpose.”

The architects went on to recommend the municipality “develop an Island-wide cultural economic strategy and vision,” noting that “shifts in the cultural economy are affecting Manitoulin Island, Mindemoya and towns across the country. Representatives from each area should be involved in developing a strategy that leverages the strengths of their respective networks in the wake of this change. We recommend a robust strategic plan be developed and implemented in order to limit the loss of many of the former pillars of the Island, so vital to the social fabric of Mindemoya and larger areas. This vision requires the thoughts, opinions and perspectives of area residents across the Island, including Indigenous communities, other municipalities, educational institutions and community organizations.”

The architects spoke of the history of the school, noting it “is a one storey, buff (yellow) brick structure with a raised base constructed of local limestone. Built in 1922 by contractors Charters and Brown of Sault Ste. Marie, the school operated as an educational institution until 1969, then operated as a commercial space until 2016.”

The architects’ report went on to note the “school has historical value for its association with themes of early 20th century education in rural communities. The Mindemoya Old School was constructed as an early ‘consolidated school’ in Ontario. Consolidated schools were a result of rural educational reform in Canada in the early 20th century which sought to address the disparity between rural and urban schools.”

“These consolidated schools amalgamated school townships, offering horse and carriage school vans for student transportation. By construct-



Representatives of Weengushk Film Institute, from left Jonathan Zagula, Nano Debassige and Shirley Cheechoo, toured the Old School last Friday as a potential new home for the film school.

ing and implementing larger and more substantial schools for students from multiple school sections, consolidated schools were able to offer a broader range of subjects. This revised program included classes on beneficial skills and knowledge for rural life and allowed students to be placed in classes based upon their age and education level. The consolidated schools led to a dramatic rise in attendance in rural schools and increased the average level of education achieved by rural students.”

The report included a couple of potential renovations into a dormitory-style residence as alternative uses.

Ms. McQuay also questioned the timing of the decision. “These things always seem to be sprung on us during the winter when so many people are not here,” she said. “It really is upsetting that they do this kind of thing.”

“This issue has been discussed for years,” said Councillor Scott said during the property committee debate on the fate of the Mindemoya Old School, going on to note the municipality has already spent \$60,000 on consultation (fees).

“I like the idea of a proposed replica (of the Old School) being put in the Pioneer Museum park area,” said Councillor Johnston.

This idea to utilize some of the materials from the building to make a replica was brought up last summer, agreed Councillor Scott.

“I like to see old structures rebuilt, reused and preserved, but I think we’ve gone through all the steps we needed to go,” said Councillor Scott. “We’ve given a lot of time to repurpose the building. It would take money to refurbish it and we haven’t had an entrepreneur or philanthropist come forward with \$2 million with a use for the building. Meanwhile, the municipality is paying \$5,000 a year on water and sewer and insurance. I don’t think it is proper to sit and wait anymore.”

In a recorded vote on forwarding the demolition recommendation to council for its Thursday, December 17 meeting Councillors Scott, Johnston, Stephens and Rose Diebolt voted in favour, with Mayor Stephens voting against the motion.

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...Birch Island man's life on hold from leukemia

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cells transport oxygen throughout the whole body and platelets contain clotting factors to assist in blood coagulation in case of injury. With leukemia, there is an extremely high amount of abnormal white blood cells that grow faster and do not stop growing. In time, those abnormal cells (also known as leukemia cells or blasts) crowd out normal blood cells, bringing with them issues such as anemia, infections and bleeding.

Without a suitable donor being found, Mr. McGregor faces a daunting two-year regime of chemotherapy. While at the moment he is in remission, doctors do not recommend Mr. McGregor work while he is dealing with this health issue, placing his hopes and dreams on hold.

That hold will be substantially shorter and his prognosis much improved if a bone marrow stem cell donor can be found. "Three months to six months," said Ms. McGregor. "Three months just to see if his bone marrow accepts and starts reproducing good cells and his body accepts the transplant with no complications."

Bone marrow donation was once an intrusive procedure—the donor would have the bone marrow extracted from their hip bones (where bone marrow is plentiful) but since around the year 2000 and the discovery of stem cell therapy, the process has become much simpler and less intrusive.

According to Dr. Kareem Jamani, an oncologist with the Alberta Health Service, the process these days is analogous to donating blood—quite literally. The donor is given medication that encourages blood marrow stem cells to migrate into the bloodstream from where it is taken intravenously and placed in a type of medical centrifuge. "It is really quite good at separating out the various components in the donor's blood," he explained. "The stem cells are removed from the donor's blood and then that blood is transferred back to the donor."

The donor may feel a bit achy before the transfusion, but in a couple of days the donor is usually right back to feeling their old selves.

There are two sets of five HLA (human leukocyte antigen) proteins contained in the immune system, one set coming from the mother and another one from the father. The aim of the process is to harvest at least two copies of the five.

The historical preponderance of donors from those of Western European and/or Caucasian descent means that there is a greater likelihood of a match for patients in those groups, but that does not preclude finding a match in other genomes.

"A good study by the New England Journal of Medicine showed that chances of a match were about 80 percent for donors coming from those groups, for other groups that drops off considerably, down to 50 percent," said Dr. Jamani. "We need a greater diversity of samples in our registry to better reflect the diversity in our communities."

While the donor for Mr. McGregor does not need to be of Indigenous descent, such a donor would have a greater likelihood of providing a match. But greater participation in the donor program by individuals of Indigenous background will go a long way toward creating a better balance in the nation's registry and will assist people like Mr. McGregor find donors faster.

Unlike organ donation, the stem cell donations are totally replaceable as the human body creates new cells to replace those that have been harvested. "Really, in just a couple of weeks everything is completely back to normal for a healthy donor," said Dr. Jamani.

Ms. McGregor has requested that The Expositor reach out to the community to ask potential donors to step forward and help save a life. To learn more about donating contact Canadian Blood Services at blood.ca/en/stemcells/donating-stemcells/stemcell-eligibility-and-registration.



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...Little Current hospital receives \$375,000: first installment of bequest from Ross family

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John and Lillian were parents to two children, Waveline (Wavie) and Alvin. Wavie attended Assiginack Public School and Mindemoya Public School. She went to high school in Sudbury and finished Grade 13 at Manitoulin Secondary School. Wavie went on to receive her Diploma in Nursing in Sudbury in 1975. Wavie spent much of her nursing career at MHC in Little Current.

Lynn Foster, CEO of MHC, recalls, "When I arrived at MHC, almost 16 years ago, Wavie worked as

a nurse manager. Like her mother, I suppose, she too was warm, welcoming and always wore a smile. It was clear that nursing was her calling." Wavie passed away on November 2, 2014.

Alvin attended school in Assiginack and Mindemoya. Alvin began his high school career in Sudbury but soon returned to Manitoulin where he graduated from Manitoulin Secondary School. Alvin studied forestry in Sault Ste. Marie. He then pursued his passion for "big trucks," working for Manitoulin Transport for the balance of his work life. Alvin passed May

4, 2019.

"It is truly humbling to know that MHC touched the lives of the Ross family to such an extent. We will honour their memory and wishes," Ms. Foster added.

MHC and the board of directors expressed their sincere thanks to Mr. Ross for the generous gift and his interest in the health of the Manitoulin community.

RIGHT: From left, Alvin Ross, his father John, mother Lillian and sister Waveline (Wavie). The estate of Alvin Ross bequeathed the largest sum in the hospital's history.



Espanola Lions support Manor Tree of Lights campaign

Espanola Lions Club president Randy Edwards, right, presented Wendy Gauthier, a Manitoulin Centennial Board member, with the club's \$1,000 donation to the Manor's Courtyard Reno fundraiser. Again this year, the Espanola Lions are generous platinum level sponsors of the Manor's Tree of Lights.



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...Hawewater doctor on front lines

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year two of three in her pulmonary and critical care medicine fellowship.

In the hospital, Dr. Hart wears an N95 mask with a surgical mask over top, as well as a plastic eye shield and a gown. She said employee transmission has not been a major issue at her hospital thus far.

Dr. Roy Jeffery asked what the timeline was between a patient losing their stable status and needing critical intervention, which may require a trip to Sudbury. Dr. Hart said health teams generally have sufficient time to stabilize a patient.

Dr. Mike Bedard, who coordinated the session, added that the Island health providers were closely watching Health Sciences North's ability to accept critical care patients and said the difficulty in getting nurses on the Island was a challenge.

"It's important to get the message out that our little 'boat' can be swamped very quickly here, in my opinion. We're having a lot of people not buying in to public health messages, getting fatigued (of the restrictions) or saying that they don't believe in it," he said.

"The Island is nice because people have the ability to be socially distant. If everybody follows the rules, wears a mask and only sees the people they need to see, that will mean no surge in COVID on the Island. I really, truly believe that," said Dr. Hart, who added that Manitoulin's caseload could explode without health measures.

"I know there's lots of families spread out over the Island who want to see each other, especially with the holidays coming up, but we've seen whole families get hospitalized in the last two weeks since American Thanksgiving. That could have been completely avoided if we just tried to socially isolate as much as possible," she said.

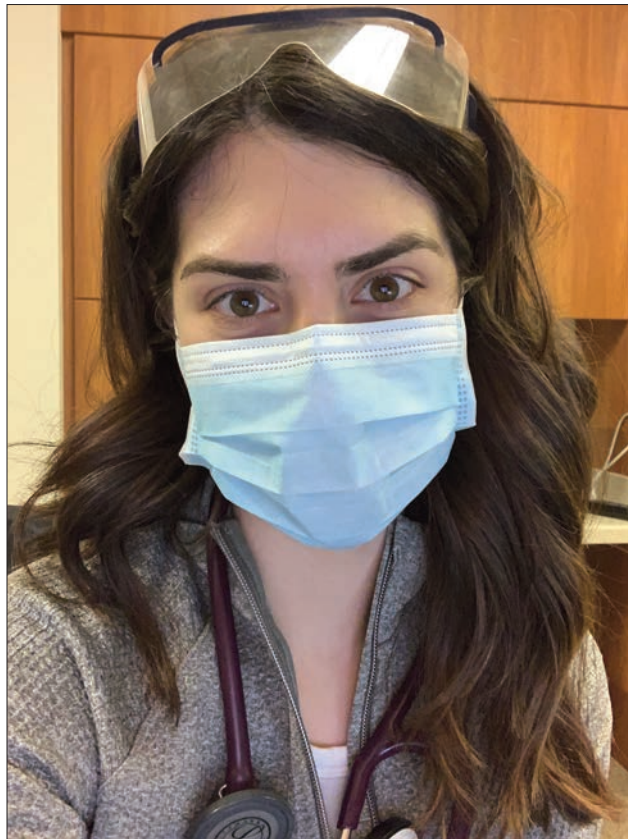
Being in an American hospital during this time has been a challenging experience, Dr. Hart said. The US currently leads the world in total COVID-19 cases and total related deaths, though it does not top the list of deaths per capita.

"I've learned way more in the last nine months than I did in the whole year or more," she said, adding that she has appreciated being directly involved in the efforts rather than stuck at home.

In the nine months since the start of the outbreak, health care teams have gotten a much more fulsome understanding of the virus and its impacts on people.

"In March, I think I can speak for everyone that it was very scary," Dr. Hart said. "It was so new and we didn't know how contagious it was; all we'd hear was horror stories from elsewhere, so it was very scary to go into work."

Her pulmonary fellowship meant she was on the team administering oxygen, so she has often han-



Dr. Stephanie Hart, a pulmonary and critical care medicine fellow at a Philadelphia hospital, took some time from her busy schedule working between the intensive-care unit and the main hospital to speak with Island physicians about clinical treatment and best practices to help plan their care regimes should a COVID-19 surge occur.

dled the most severe cases.

"It's definitely changed the way we do medicine in hospitals. Families can't come and visit, so people are completely alone. We try to Facetime family members on the phone as much as possible," she said.

Dr. Hart is in line to receive a vaccine in the coming weeks and said she was very excited for what long-term changes it may bring to the world, being careful to note that the vaccine would not mean an immediate return to 'normal' for the public.

"Studies of the vaccine are so far very promising," she said. "The vaccine cannot give you COVID. It is not a live virus, it's just a gene of what makes up the virus; of the 18,000 people that got the (Pfizer trial) vaccine, only eight people actually got COVID. That, to me, is pretty solid."

Dr. Hart acknowledged that some people are concerned about side effects but very few people have reported serious reactions.

"I think it is very safe and very effective based on the studies published so far. Getting COVID is 100,000 times worse," she said.

Fresh from the surge after American Thanksgiving, Dr. Hart urged Canadians to continue abiding by public health measures and to avoid gatherings over the Christmas season.

"The only way the virus can be contained is to wear masks, (wash one's hands) and to socially distance. I know it's tough if you can't see your family at Christmas, but if someone gets COVID then they might not be here next Christmas," she said.

On a personal level, Dr. Hart said the pandemic has been difficult because border restrictions have kept both her and her Canadian fiancé (who works nearby as a surgical resident) from seeing

their families in Canada.

"There are many other people in the same boat as us. I feel very proud and lucky to have the opportunity to help people, but there have certainly been sacrifices. Fortunately, we have amazing support systems," she said, adding that technology like video calls have been a major help.


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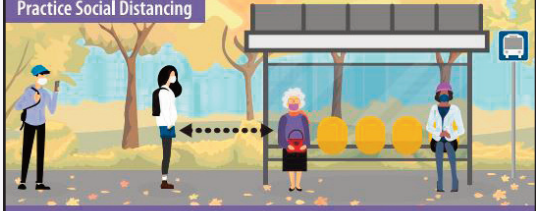
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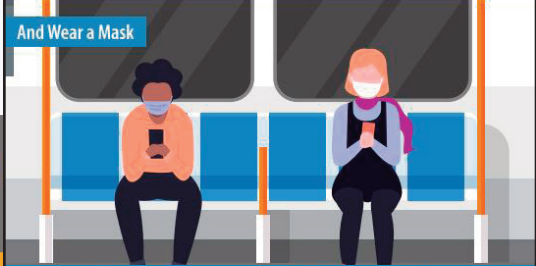
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Volunteers sub in for students at annual eyed egg event

by Warren Schlote
 MANITOWANING—This year's Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association eyed egg event, at which 10,000 brook trout eggs get processed and stocked in Assiginack's Norton's Creek, went ahead without students in early December, using a team of volunteers instead to support healthy ecosystems on Manitoulin Island for generations to come.

"It was funny because with our school groups, it's usually loud and there's a lot of chatter. This year it was all adults and it got really quiet when everybody sat down and went to work," said Seija Deschenes, project co-ordinator at Manitoulin Streams.

For just over a decade, the conservation group has invited school children to help take brook trout



Volunteers are hard at work in the Assiginack arena atrium stocking Scotty boxes full of brook trout eyed eggs to be placed in Norton's Creek.

Assiginack Arena, a place where there was ample space to spread out and abide by physical distancing protocols in a warm environment. Ms. Deschenes

ing gravel are in place to create a suitable ecosystem.

"You can really see the progression of the stream. The trees are getting a lot

ry and other berries along the fenceline; they're starting to get quite high now," she said.

After the in-stream work, Manitoulin Streams held a board meeting at the arena because all of its members were present already. The group is largely working remotely but continues to plan for fundraising and projects in the new year.

One of the new projects is in partnership with Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories, pending available funding.

"We've been working

with them over a few years to identify sites along Smith Bay Creek that we want to start restoring. Hopefully we can work with schools in that area and get the kids back out

as it fits with land-based learning along the stream," Ms. Deschenes said, adding that the creek is a spawning zone for rainbow trout.



Maria Diebolt and baby Lily were happily volunteering their time at Norton's Creek earlier this month.



Volunteers stack the Scotty boxes filled with brook trout eyed eggs into the cool waters of Norton's Creek.

eyed eggs (thus named because the eggs are at a stage when the fish's eyes are starting to visibly develop inside the egg) and place them into Norton's Creek at the late Bob Hutton's property on the Bidwell.

The eggs arrive to Manitoulin Streams in coolers and students use spoons and eye-droppers to place one in each cell of specially designed hatchery cases, called Scotty boxes. Then, the group travels to the creek and secures the Scotty boxes in an area with spawning gravel, all the while learning lessons about ecosystems, biology and mankind's impact on the natural world.

For much of the program's run, Manitoulin Streams has stocked 10,000 brook trout eggs into the creek. Studies have revealed that the fish are returning to the creek at various stages of their life cycle.

All field trips are on hold this year during the COVID-19 pandemic, meaning the students that normally help out weren't able to take part in the in-person education portion. Instead, a group of nearly two dozen volunteers from Little Current Fish and Game Club turned out and made quick work of the task at hand.

They met at the Assigi-

brought in the eggs after the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry dropped off a shipment at her home from its Hill's Lake Fish Culture Station in Englehart.

"We were just thankful that MNR was still able to provide the eggs and continue the program. I was talking with the gentleman that delivered the eggs and he mentioned they'd gone through cut-backs this year," she said. Normally, representatives from Collège Boréal visit Manitoulin to conduct an electrofishing survey on the creek, but this was also cancelled during the pandemic.

"From what we understand, people fishing on Lake Manitou are catching nice sized brook trouts now. What's happening is the fish are using the creek as a rearing and nursing area; they'll come up to spawn and go back out to the bigger water when they get larger. We're getting a variety of sizes throughout Norton's Creek," said Ms. Deschenes.

Manitoulin Streams has done considerable work to rehabilitate the stream and near-shore habitat around Norton's Creek in recent years, including reducing contaminants and ensuring spawning

taller that we've planted over the years, the grasses are high, there's not as much sediment occurring in the spawning gravel areas, and I was looking back and we had planted some high bush cranber-



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Island faith communities are riding out the COVID-19 storm

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The Expositor reached out to Island churches to discover how they are dealing with the challenges being presented by the ongoing pandemic and how the restrictions and health concerns have changed how they fulfill their spiritual mission and how they are managing to keep the lights on.

Many churches have reopened their doors with strict physical distancing and other health-related precautions, while others have elected to remain closed or have closed once again as the district moved into the yellow zone designation under the provincial pandemic strategy.

Little Current United Church began the first phase of the COVID-19 pandemic with a series of livestreamed services by Pastor Paul Allard, noted spokesperson Scott Mosher. "After Paul left, some of us stepped up." The church has worked at keeping up connections via its online presence, Facebook and other social media links, as well as through the website littlecurrent-sheguiandah-unitedchurch.org.

Beginning Sunday, November 8 the church held its first indoor service in the sanctuary. "We had 18 people participate," said Mr. Mosher. "It's very different, there is no singing, everyone is wearing masks and no hugs." The church has an active outreach committee and several dedicated volunteers have been working to keep the community connected, especially for those with no computer access—and a community newsletter helps to keep folks in touch. There is also food distribution of mini-meals to shut-ins taking place, and the community Good Food Box volunteers are still working out of the United Church Hall.

As for the church finances, Little Current United is currently without a pastor, so finances have been given a timely reprieve in that department, but the church has also been the recipient of generous donations from summer parishioners, including a number of folks who live in the US and couldn't come up this year.

United Church services via Zoom can be accessed through the united-in-worship.ca website, and are delivered by George Butt.

Lyons Memorial United Church minister Rev. Mercedes Hughes said that the church has partnered with the Manitoulin Pastoral Charge and the congregation has been enjoying a "very successful Zoom church."

Rev. Hughes and Rev. Janice Frame of the Manitoulin Pastoral Charge have been taking turns leading the church services.

"It's been wonderful," said Rev. Hughes. "We have large gatherings."

But there are a lot of people in the community, particularly the elderly, for whom Zoom is not a viable option. An old school newsletter helps to keep members in touch to a certain degree, and there are numerous phone calls going out from both the clergy and community volunteers.

St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Little Current is remaining closed and probably will remain so until the spring as the priest and most of the congregation have health challenges that leave them particularly vulnerable to the virus. Each Sunday, Father George Gardner makes the rounds of his flock by telephone to deliver a spiritual communion message. Those seeking an in-person mass would have to travel to one of the other Island Catholic churches.

When it comes to finances, the church has also been the recipient of generous donations from many of its summer parishioners living south of the border.

"We are doing alright," said Father Gardner. "People are experiencing some challenges, but those who can are still contributing what they can."

Our Lady of Canada Roman Catholic Church in Mindemoya is one of the churches holding services; a regular Saturday evening service at 7 pm and a new Thursday service that takes place at 4 pm.

"We closed up at the start, but opened up as soon as we were allowed," said spokesperson Sam Bondi. "The turnout is okay, not huge, so we are able to follow all of the regulations. We rearranged the furniture and set up disinfectant and all that."

The parish consists of many older people, he noted, "so we don't have a lot of other things going on."

As far as finances, the parish is managing to hold its head above water. "We managed, people have been generous," said Mr. Bondi. "We started out in reasonable shape and our expenses are down."

Necessity is the mother of invention, so it came to be that drive-by communion becomes a thing. "We follow all the COVID protocols, but that is one way that I am able to reach people," said Rev. Hughes.

"People are struggling," said Rev. Hughes, noting the impact the loss of the fellowship that the church provides for many people. "We still have our food cupboard and we also deliver food to those people who are in need."

The food cupboard received a \$15,000 boost from a bike-athon held by the Rotary Club in July. "We are a very giving community," said Rev. Hughes. Although there are not a lot of places that people can donate, they can drop off items at the church on Thursdays. At this time of the year, items such as mittens for children are particularly needed.

Holly Scott from Mindemoya Missionary Church admitted that the pandemic has made things "really challenging" when it comes to church operations and programming. The Missionary Church is also currently without a full-time pastor, with Pastor Ray Kloestra retiring in May, but those challenges have led to a broadening of ideas.

"I think, in a way, it has been good for us," said Ms. Scott. "It changes forever what church is all about." Things are tending toward the more introspective and holding youth programming and Sunday school within the church pres-

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ent deep challenges.

The loss of community connections has been particularly hard on the close-knit community. In addition to regular get-togethers, the loss of simple camaraderie over coffee following Sunday services. "That's a huge loss," said Ms. Scott.

Like many Island churches, in a normal year the congregation expands dramatically during the summer months with an influx of tourists and summer residents. "That didn't happen this year," she said. But lower expenses, coupled with some innovative ways of giving such as an app that allows people to donate from their phones, has helped stem any stream of red ink flowing onto the church books. "Young people don't send a cheque," chuckled Ms. Scott.

The Island Community Church is also taking full advantage of technology, noted Joel Lock, one of the pastors at the church

and the manager of Strawberry Point Christian Camp.

Reaching out to the faithful through the internet has actually expanded the congregation, with celebrants signing in from Sudbury and beyond.

"There is a very social nature to our gatherings that people are missing," admitted Pastor Lock. "We are trying to find ways to minister to them." That outreach includes phone calls, or even harnessing the power of snail mail with an old-fashioned letter can help alleviate some of the isolation that comes from the pandemic restrictions.

"This is one of the great challenges of our times," said Pastor Lock. "None of us has experienced this before."

Holy Trinity Anglican Church rector's warden Ursula Paxton noted that the church opened up on September 6, with services taking place on Sunday at 9 am. "We are getting a little bit concerned that

we will be shutting down again," she said, referencing the rise in cases that has placed Manitoulin in the yellow zone.

Anglican church services take place in Little Current and Mindemoya on the first and third Sunday of the month, Gore Bay services are on the second and fourth. Manitoulin has services on the first and third Monday. Anglican minister Rev. Doug Prebble conducts the services and the small congregations tend to make physical distancing less of a challenge.

There are virtual services that can be found online at the Anglican YouTube channel by searching for Doug Prebble.

As for finances, the church has been holding its own, said Ms. Paxton. "The diocese applied for funding and we have not been spending any money," she said.

The elderly are the hardest hit because of this pandemic, said Grace Bible Church pastor Jonathan Edralin. "The loneliness and lack of visitors hits home hard. There used to be a lot more visiting taking place before the pandemic," he said. "A lot of that stopped because people were afraid of spreading the virus, others refused to accept visitors."

The church had restarted a number of its services, including Wednesday night bible services, and Pastor Edralin said he was gratified to see a number of new faces making an appearance, but the church board decided to once again shut down in-person gatherings at the beginning of November as

the threat level in Public Health Sudbury and Districts moved into the yellow zone.

"I think we are all a bit more disappointed the second time around," said Pastor Edralin.

Nonetheless, services are continuing



Island churches missed out on many in-person events for outreach this year, such as Little Current United Church's Santa breakfast, seen in this Expositor file photo from a previous year.

through livestream on Sundays. "We also have a distanced walking group," he said. "Just so people who don't get any face time with people."

Contacting the church is a bit challenging, as there is usually no one at the church, but Pastor Edralin does check the messages a couple of times a week. "It may take a little longer," he admits, "but we will get back to you." Other options include contact through the church Facebook site and directly to Pastor Edralin through email at gracepastor705@gmail.com.



Law & Order

Hwy 540 accident results in impaired charge

On the evening of Sunday, December 13, officers with the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a single motor vehicle rollover on Hwy 540 near Bidwell Rd. Three



Police found this overturned vehicle in the ditch along Highway 540.

people were transported to hospital with minor injuries. The driver was arrested and charged with impaired driving, over 80 and G1 driver BAC over 0. If you suspect someone is about to drive while impaired, please call 9-1-1 and report it.

Manitoulin OPP lays charges in domestic dispute

On December 2 at approximately 10:07 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a domestic dispute at a residence in Central Manitoulin.

Officers attended and as a result of the

investigation, a 39-year-old of Campbell Township was arrested and charged with mischief under \$5,000.

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

The OPP will not be releasing the name of the accused in order to protect the identity of the victim.

OPP investigates motor vehicle collision, charges laid

On December 5 at approximately 7:49 am, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a motor vehicle collision on Cardwell Street in Assiginack Township.

Manitoulin officers along with Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Paramedic Services assisted in this investigation.

Police located the driver and determined they had consumed alcohol. The driver was arrested and brought to the Little Current detachment for further testing.

As a result, Adrianna Osawamick, 26 years old, of Wiikwemkoong was charged with operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

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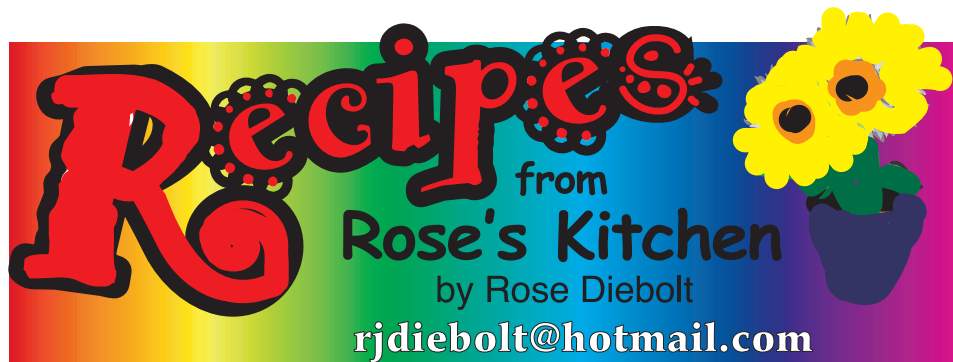
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There are three recipes this week that cover a lot of bases—easy to make, ingredients on hand, extra for another meal, and also to give as a gift! One of the recipes is “for the birds.” Read on.

Spiced Baked Beans

Instead of the typical Boston baked beans I found this recipe in the cookbook ‘High Fiber, High Flavour’ and like it even better. The bonus is no sugar except for 2 Tbsp of maple syrup. You have a choice of cooking the beans the overnight soak method, or using the Instant Pot (30 minutes) cooking method or buying canned. Make a double batch.

1 1/2 cups navy beans soaked overnight, or canned, or Instant Pot beans
1 large onion, finely chopped
2 Tbsp oil
1/2 tsp chili powder
1/2 tsp ground cumin
3 garlic cloves, chopped
Hot sauce to taste
14 oz can chopped tomatoes
1 cup vegetable stock
1 thick pepperoni or cooked garlic sausage, thickly sliced
1 Tbsp apple cider or wine vinegar
2 Tbsp maple syrup
Chopped fresh parsley to garnish

Drain the beans and rinse thoroughly; set aside. Cook the onion in oil until soft, add the spices and cook for another minute. Add the garlic, beans, tomatoes and stock. Add salt and pepper to taste with a little hot sauce. Simmer for 45 minutes. (The time changes when you use the overnight soaked beans. Add on about an extra two hours before the beans become tender.)

When the beans are tender or after the 45 minutes cooking of the canned beans add the sliced sausage, vinegar and maple syrup and cook for another 20 minutes. Taste test with hot sauce, salt and pepper if needed. Before serving garnish with parsley. (The beans tasted the best on the third day.)

Salmon in Creamy Sundried Tomato Sauce

I changed this recipe and made a bit extra to use the next night as a pasta sauce. The cream was switched to coconut milk and salmon to local whitefish—and why not! The honey and butter seems a bit different but do as the recipe says because the fish will come out perfect and very flavourful. You can use sundried tomatoes in oil but try to drain them a bit.

Four salmon fillets, skin removed or

Whitefish *serving size for 4 people
2 Tbsp butter
2 Tbsp honey
3 minced garlic cloves
2 tsp Italian seasoning blend or your own combination of thyme, basil, oregano and parsley
1/2 cup thinly sliced sun dried tomatoes (drain excess oil)
1 cup chicken or vegetable broth
1/2 cup heavy cream (whipping cream)
2/3 cup parmesan cheese (the good kind)
Make the sauce first and keep warm.
1. Sauté the garlic in a bit of oil, add the Italian seasoning, sundried tomatoes, chicken broth, heavy cream and parmesan cheese. Bring to a boil stirring periodically until thickened. Add salt and pepper to taste. Keep warm while you cook the fish.
2. Season the fish with salt and pepper on both sides. Melt butter in a large skillet and once melted add the honey. Add the fish to the pan and cook 4-6 minutes on each side until caramelized around the edges and cooked through the centre.
3. Place salmon or whitefish on individual plates and spoon the sauce over top. Garnish with some more parmesan cheese and fresh herbs.

Suet Cake

We have been making this recipe for years and have noticed that birds are also picky in what they like and don't like. We have two suet feeders that we use. One has the suet cake you buy from the store and the other the suet cake we make. Hands down, every time, the one we make is gone by the time the other is half eaten. The other bit of advice is if the temperature goes above freezing your homemade suet will disappear even quicker because the birds will take bigger chunks.

2 parts melted fat (bacon fat, suet, or lard)
2 parts yellow cornmeal
1 part peanut butter
(Add dried fruits like raisins or currants, extra sunflower seeds or millet at the end.)

Mix the fat, cornmeal and peanut butter together and cook until melted. Let it cool a bit so it becomes thick but still pourable and add your extras. Mix well.

Pour into a baking pan lined with parchment paper and place it in the fridge to harden. When hard, lift out the parchment paper and cut the suet into squares that will fit your feeder. You can also place the suet into a mesh bag. Hang outside a watch the birds go “yummy.”

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- Diploma/Certificate in Office Administration or successful completion in a related field.
- Diploma from Ontario Secondary School or equivalent.
- Advanced skills and knowledge in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook) software, strong internet, and research capabilities.
- Must have awareness of the Wikwemikoong First Nation culture and traditions.
- Ability to speak and understand the Anishinaabemowin language considered an asset.
- Must provide a signed WTPS Consent to Security Clearance Investigation Form and must pass background and investigative checks.
- No criminal record for which a pardon has not been granted.

Interested applicants must pick up an employment application package at the WTPS office and must provide the mandatory information when submitting their completed employment package, a letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three work-related references to:

Attn: Chief of Police Terry R. McCaffrey
Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service
2074 Wikwemikong Way, P.O. Box 27
Wikwemikong, Ontario
POP 2J0

Posting Deadline: December 28, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Only those selected will be extended a personal interview. The best qualified candidate will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation.



Violence Against Women Prevention Program Director – Full-Time

Department: Management, Non-Unionized
Reports To: Executive Director

The Violence Against Women Prevention Program Director is responsible for the successful leadership and management of Manitoulin Family Resources' VAW prevention program areas, including Haven House Women's Shelter and Transitional Housing Support, and Outreach counselling programs in the areas of woman abuse, sexual assault, addictions' support, Mothers in Mind and Building Bridges, in accordance with the agency's strategic plan and funder expectations/requirements. The incumbent will represent the agency at community activities, events and planning tables, and continue the implementation of an operational plan which incorporates goals and objectives that work towards the future direction of the organization. The successful candidate will oversee and support the Violence Against Women programs and policies, provide assistance of same within the Food Security and/or volunteer programs, and will oversee evaluation activities. The incumbent will be responsible for staff management, recruitment and training, as well as program budgets, Ministry reporting and compliance, fundraising and volunteer management.

Requirements/Qualifications

- Post-secondary degree in a relevant field; Bachelor's degree required, Master's preferred;
- Current membership and in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers and/or College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario required;
- Ability to adhere to standards of practice under the OCSWSSW and/or CRPO;
- Experience delivering Violence Against Women programming in the areas of client-led counselling incorporating both harm reduction and feminist frameworks;
- Current knowledge of cultural competency service provision and counselling women from different backgrounds;
- 1-3 years' experience in a management position required, experience working in a unionized environment an asset;
- Financial management skills;
- Computer and software proficiency (Microsoft Office Suite) required;
- Expertise in relationship building, conflict management, and creative problem solving skills;
- Excellent communication, presentation, and interpersonal skills;
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, insurable driver's abstract, current First Aid and CPR certification are all required and conditions of hire.

Please forward application with updated resume to:

Denise Leblanc
Manitoulin Family Resources
P.O. Box 181
Mindemoya, ON
POP 1S0
dleblanc@mfresources.net

Application deadline: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Medical Administrative Assistant Full-time Contract ending March 2021 (Position may be extended, pending funding approval)

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking a full-time contract for Medical Administrative Assistant. The Medical Administrative Assistant is responsible for reception for community members, visitors, individual clients and families, will collaborate as part of the interdisciplinary team, maintain an efficient computerized client encounter system by inputting and updating information into the Electronic Medical Record and/or other platforms, assist with the aging at home transportation with bookings and coverage of other Medical Administration as required. The Medical Administrative Assistant will report to the Director of Operations.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is an Aboriginal Health Access Centre that provides traditional healing, primary health, mental health & addictions, and health and wellness programs and services to community members of the seven First Nations of Manitoulin District and Espanola and surrounding areas. Visit our web-site at www.noojmowin-teg.ca.

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

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

Qualifications:

- Graduate of a Medical Administrative Diploma or equivalent;
- Minimum 3-5 years' knowledge/experience working in an Indigenous multi-service health and wellness environment preferred;
- Possess a thorough knowledge of medical terminology, anatomy and physiology;
- Excellent interpersonal and written communication skills within an electronic environment, mandatory;
- Knowledge of the cultural services available to the First Nations within the Manitoulin Island District;
- Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle;
- Must possess CPR/First Aid Certificate;
- Anishinabemowin, as well as knowledge of Anishinabe culture, traditions and local communities, is an asset;
- Ability to obtain a current and clear Criminal Records Check is necessary.

How to Apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) work-related references, and a copy of certification. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential." Email submissions are preferred. Employment offers will be contingent upon satisfactory reference checks and criminal record check.

Application Deadline: December 18, 2020 at 12:00 pm

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

Email: info@noojmowin-teg.ca
W: www.noojmowin-teg.ca
Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 235
Fax: 705-368-2229

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



Position: Wind Site Operations Engineering Assistant
Department: Operations
Job Type: Full-Time
Employment Type: Permanent
Work Environment: Site
Location: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm

About Northland

Northland Power is a global power producer dedicated to helping the clean energy transition by producing electricity from clean renewable resources. Founded in 1987, Northland has a long history of developing, building, owning and operating clean and green power infrastructure assets and is a global leader in offshore wind. In addition, Northland owns and manages a diversified generation mix including onshore renewables, solar and efficient natural gas energy, as well as supplying energy through a regulated utility. Headquartered in Toronto, Canada, with global offices in eight countries, Northland owns or has an economic interest in 2.7 GW (net 2.3 GW) of operating generating capacity and a significant inventory of early stage development opportunities encompassing nearly 4.0 GW of potential capacity.

Publicly traded since 1997, Northland's common shares, Series 1, Series 2 and Series 3 preferred shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbols NPI, NPI.PRA, NPI.PR.B and NPI.PR.C, respectively.

About the Role

The Wind Site Operations Assistant position supports wind operations at the McLean's Mountain Wind Farm. From time-to-time, the position may also support initiatives at other Northland wind facilities in North America. The role will report to the wind site manager and, together with the other members of the site team, be responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the wind farm. They must be able and willing to work overtime and be on-call as needed to meet the sites operational and business objectives, pass a background investigation and hold a valid driver's licence. Familiarity with NERC, IESO, MOE&CC, and Environment Canada and Climate Change standards would be an asset.

The work will involve all aspects of ensuring safe and efficient operational of the site including: planning site maintenance activities, coordinating site contractors, lock-out-tag-out activities, risk mitigation planning, troubleshooting site issues including root cause analysis and incident report creation (working with Northland's engineering personnel), compliance with environmental regulations and permits (working with Northland's environmental personnel), working with Northland's renewable monitoring centre to ensure coordination and compliance with grid operator and utilities, and proactively ensuring the site performs reliably and efficiently (working with Northland's engineering personnel).

The position will have the opportunity, through various interfaces, to participate in other company-wide initiatives, providing growth opportunities to the successful candidate.

What is Your Role?

Day-to-Day

- Ensuring safe site operations working with other site personnel and Northland's health and safety personnel
- Ensuring environmental permits and regulations are followed and working with Northland's environmental group
- Ensuring compliance with grid operating rules and utility requirements and working with Northland's renewables monitoring centre and Northland's engineering personnel
- Maintenance planning
- Coordination of contractors
- Ensuring positive community relations
- Monitoring and reporting on site efficiency and performance
- Troubleshooting site issues to restore reliability including event summary reports and root cause analysis
- General site maintenance activities as prescribed by the Site Manager.

Other Projects

- Working on projects to optimize site performance and improve maintenance practices
- Input into the development and construction support of new sites
- Contributing to the use/development of tools for improved site monitoring and optimization
- Other activities that benefit both individual and company growth.

Key Accountabilities

Education, experience and training is required in the following areas of expertise:

- Ensuring site equipment is properly maintained as required. This includes inspection rounds, planning of maintenance outage scopes of work, review of inspections and test reports, and follow up to resolve findings that require action.
- NERC: support the Organization in NERC compliance with site compliance audits, monitoring updates to NERC standards and regulations, and supporting the internal NERC Team.
- Performance Engineering: support the Organization with performance monitoring tools including data extraction and analysis, technological support, and ROTORsoft implementation.
- Compliance – Market, Environmental: support environmental and market compliance by coordinating with Compliance Specialists within the Organization.
- Maximo: support the Organization with site specific data entry, preventative maintenance scheduling, and procurement activities within Maximo software.
- Technical Documentation: support the Organization in creation of documents and procedures in coordination with perspective Stakeholders. Ensure policies and procedures are current with proper sign-offs and maintained in accordance with established document policies. Ensure drawings are updated, current, and stored correctly. Ensure Management of Change process is adhered to and documented.
- OT/IT: Support OT-IT initiatives to apply IT infrastructure & Security guiding principles across the facilities, and to ensure the OT environments are brought up to a baseline level of operations.

Qualifications

- You have demonstrated a focus on personal safety and safety of others.
- You have an Engineering Technologist, Bachelor of Science (Engineering) Degree, or similar education with a focus on electrical/power system equipment.
- Working knowledge gained from experience or training in NERC standards and regulations is required.
- You have experience with generation equipment.
- You are proficient with computer use and can quickly pick-up use of new applications as needed.
- Ability to audit NERC compliance is required.
- Ability to author technical documents and procedures.
- Ability to extract and analyze performance data on operating systems is required.
- Ability to obtain a passport.
- Currently holds a valid G driver's licence with clean abstract.
- Able and willing to work overtime and be on-call as needed to meet operational and business objectives.
- Ability to climb tower ladders up to 125 metres in height.
- Ability to pass a background investigation and a medical fitness test.
- Resides or willing to relocate to within a 30-minute drive time to the Operations and Maintenance building located south of the community of Little Current, ON.

Strengths and abilities

- You can communicate clearly verbally, write well, and get along with others easily and are a team-player
- You are a highly-motivated self-starter and have demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement
- You have and can demonstrate attention to detail and resolve issues to completion
- You are extremely organized and good at managing your time
- You can multi-task, prioritize, and work to deadlines
- You enjoy working with computers and technology
- You have practical knowledge of wind, solar, and/or thermal generation including processes, technologies, and equipment

Nice to have

- You have knowledge and experience working with SCADA/DCS and historian systems

Location & Travel

The position will be based at McLean's Mountain Wind Farm in Little Current, Ontario. However, the successful candidate may travel occasionally as necessary to support other facilities in special circumstances and for special projects. The successful candidate must reside or be willing to relocate to within a 30 minute drive time to the Operations and Maintenance building located south of the community of Little Current, Ontario. The successful candidate must have a valid passport and be unrestricted for travel throughout the world as required. All reasonable expenses associated with work-related travel, excluding flight costs, will be incurred by the individual and reimbursed by Northland.

Why Work at Northland?

- We are growing! A Northland career provides an opportunity to do more, learn more, and grow more as the Company continues to grow.
- We have an active Culture Committee that organizes events and fundraisers to get to know your fellow Northlanders, give back to our community, and have some fun.
- We offer great benefits, including a generous RRSP matching program.

Are we a Good Fit?

These are the values shared by Northlanders. If you also share these values, we would like to hear from you.

- Honesty & Integrity — Doing the right thing for all our collective stakeholders
- Respect — For ourselves, our partners, our host communities — and the environment
- Commitment — Seeing a project or challenge through to its successful conclusion
- Having Fun — Feeling passion and enthusiasm for our work drives our efforts
- Pursuit of Excellence — Striving to be the best in everything that we do
- Collaboration — Listening, sharing and working cooperatively is key to our success
- Creativity — Finding innovative solutions that stimulate positive change and growth
- Safety — Ensuring the health and safety of our people, partners and stakeholders is our top priority

Disclaimer

This document is a guide. The duties, responsibilities, and requirements of the jobs as described herein are not inclusive and are subject to change.

Whitefish River First Nation creates custom COVID-19 community app

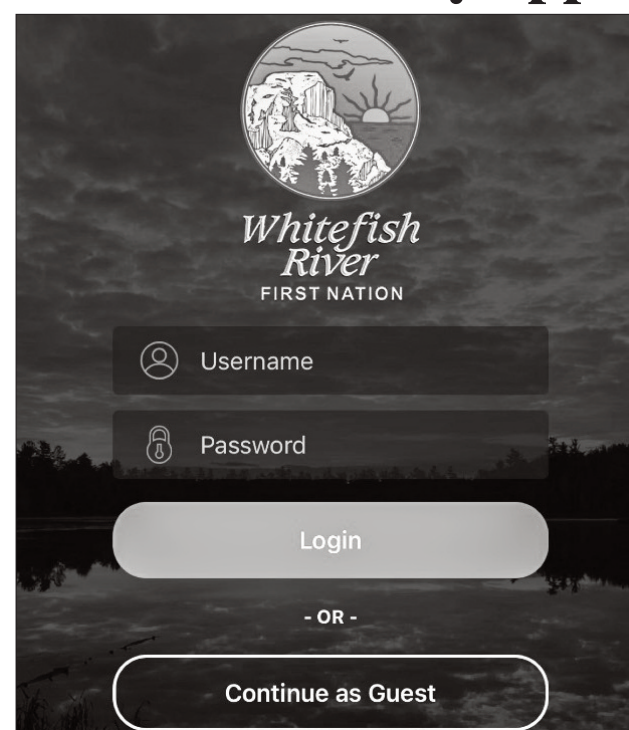
BIRCH ISLAND—Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) has developed an innovative, cross-platform mobile application by partnering with Aivia Design and Technology Engineering. The app allows band administration to better communicate with their membership while encouraging distancing by sending information directly to their members' mobile devices, whether they live inside or outside WRFN.

Members can now be reached at a moment's notice via push notifications with vital information such as community news announcements regarding COVID-19, general health advisories, information about testing and health

initiatives and closure notices. Also available within the app will be customized fillable forms and surveys where band members can provide information and feedback directly to the band administration.

Chief Franklin Paibomsai spoke to the need the app fulfills, stating, "We urgently needed a way to get communications out to our members about COVID-19. Being able to send information directly to their mobile devices lets us reach more of our membership no matter where they are."

The WRFN app is out now for Apple and Android phones through the Apple App Store and Google Play.



The Whitefish River First Nation app is available from the Apple App Store and through Google Play.

M.S.S.
Kids in the Halls

Rachael Orford

Only two more days until Christmas break! Students and staff have been busy participating in Christmas activities over the last few weeks that have hyped up their Christmas spirit. To increase the spirit even more, I have a Christmas joke for you!

What did the gingerbread man say at his job interview? "I think I am really cut out for this job."

Starting December 3, the countdown to Christmas break began with the 12 Days of Christmas. Thursday, December 3 was the door decorating contest. Congratulations to the two official winners, Ms. Brown's door with a Christmas tree and Section with a 3-D version of the Polar Express with a working light! Dr. Johnston's Grade 11 chemistry class gets a special mention with their 'Oh, Chemist-tree' door as the unannounced winner since their class was in the afternoon and could not receive the prize. The second day of Christmas on Friday, December 4 was Mustang Appreciation Day celebrated with the movie, 'Elf.' The third day of Christmas on Monday, December 7 was Red and Green day; the fourth day of Christmas on Tuesday, December 8 was the Christmas Tik Tok Competition. Students were able to vote for their favourite Tik Tok after a lunch time viewing. In first place was Jocelyn Kuntsi with her "The (Teacher) Naughty List" and in second was Lisa Ermilova with the Rasputin Dance. The fifth day of Christmas on Wednesday, December 9 was 'Twas the Night Before Christmas pyjama day; the sixth day of Christmas on Thursday, December 10 was Shrek the Halls day; the seventh day of Christmas on Friday, December 11 was a school-wide Christmas-themed trivia Kahoot! The final week of the celebrations started off with candygrams being handed out from the SHARE/Go-Green committee on Monday, December 14. This year, the chocolates that were handed out with a holiday wish attached were locally bought from Ultimately Chocolate - Finnia Chocolate and Cacao. Online students received a virtual candygram. Thank you to Santa's elves Mr. Theijsmeijer, Ms. Bauer, Jocelyn Kuntsi, myself, Trish Patterson, Lisa Ermilova, Katie Chapman, Rhys Allison, Ethan Leblanc, Cindy Middleton and Natalia Bell, who all stayed after school to get the candygrams ready for students.

The ninth day of Christmas on Tuesday, December 15 was Hawaiian Christmas shirt day; the tenth day of Christmas today, Wednesday, December 16, is Frozen day; tomorrow, Thursday, December 17, and the eleventh day of Christmas is the virtual talent show; and the twelfth day of Christmas on Friday, December 18, is ugly Christmas sweater day! Another random Christmas joke for you:

What did the gingerbread man say when his house burned down? "Darn, that cost me a lot of dough!"

The annual Awards Night will be held virtually this year with graduation set to take place at the same time on Thursday, December 17.

MSS is hosting a coat and toy drive. Gently used coats, mittens, hats, scarves, gloves and other winter apparel can be dropped off in a box in the front foyer. New and gently used unwrapped toys are also being collected in a separate box in the front foyer. Thank you to all who have donated so far!

Joke of the week: In keeping with the spirit of this Christmas season...How do the elves clean Santa's sleigh on the day after Christmas? They use Santa-tizer.

Upcoming events include Christmas break! I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday! Stay warm!

Until the new year, "Dream and Believe. Learn and Achieve!"

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If you wish, you could send your resume to staff3cows@hotmail.com
64 Meredith Street E,
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
705-368-3524

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Help Wanted

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Perfect work/life balance, signing bonus.

Mindemoya Dental Centre provides full PPE required by RCDSO and CDHO.

New Graduates Welcome

Send your resume to krogers@123dentist.com

Manitoulin Health Centre
STORES CLERK

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires a Store Clerk to work on a casual basis at its Little Current site.

QUALIFICATIONS: (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure)

Required:

- Secondary School Diploma
- Current driving abstract and valid Class G driver's licence

Preferred:

- Secondary School Diploma with courses in computer sciences and/or business courses

Please e-mail a cover letter and resume to the attention of:

Human Resources
E-mail: recruitment@mhc.on.ca

Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

Manitoulin Health Centre
HOUSEKEEPING AIDE

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires a Housekeeping Aide to work on a casual basis at its Little Current site.

QUALIFICATIONS (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure):

Required:

- Partial Secondary School (Grade 10)

Preferred:

- Previous cleaning experience in a hospital or healthcare setting

Please email a cover letter and resume to:

Human Resources Department
E-mail: recruitment@mhc.on.ca
Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

Manitoulin Health Centre
FOOD SERVICES AIDE

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires Food Services Aides to work on a casual basis at its Little Current site.

QUALIFICATIONS: (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure)

Required:

- Partial secondary school (Grade 10)
- Food Handling certificate
- Computer experience

Preferred:

- Previous experience in a food services environment

Please e-mail a cover letter, resume and three references to the attention of:

Human Resources
E-mail: recruitment@mhc.on.ca
Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Janice Mitchell is a veterinarian with Island Animal Hospital and Little Current Veterinary Services, and she's a beekeeper too!

Dear Santa Paws:
by Dr. Janice Mitchell

This past year our pets have seen their humans going through some new and strange rituals and sensing within their people high levels of anxiety. With their usual steadfast reliability, they continue to be by our sides, loyal, loving, providing joy and tapping off excess fear and stress like furry pressure relief valves. Pets are a medicine with no bad side effects. They can be deployed immediately and at literally no cost other than the ability to coerce extra treats out of us, or to take a healthy stroll with us. Thus, during these holidays, when we are reminded of all our loved ones and wish to bestow gifts on those who are near to our hearts, it is apt, of course, to think of ways we can bring a little joy and laughter into our four-legged companions. I thought a Holiday Gifts for Pets list was in order.

To start off, I called our wonderful local pet store, Kat's Pet Supply in Minde-moya, and queried as to what the current popular toys are. For cats, I was told that the classic "cat teasers" are invariably a hit. There are all kinds of versions but basically, it's a toy attached to a nylon line on a wand. This toy, especially with the younger feline crowd, can turn living room tiger into a Siegfried and Roy show tiger—jumping, twisting, and sometimes cartwheeling to catch the 'prey' on the line. So much fun for kitty, so good for exercise, and lots of laughter for the human in charge of the wand.

With regards to the canines, the crew at Kat's informed me that the whole Kong line of chew toys is also a hit. The Kong toy, shaped like a snowman, has been around for four decades and is durable, safe to chew and slightly interactive as you can stuff the core of this hardy rubber toy. My favourite is to tie in another favourite treat for dogs, freeze dried liver Benny Bully's, and use these to create a plug in the Kong. This keeps your pup busy for a while trying to free up those little delectable yum-mies. While in the Kong kingdom, I like their Zoom Groom brushes for both feline and canine. They are chubby bristled soft rubber brushes that give both species a wonderful massage as you brush, especially for the older pets that can't move as much and a therapeutic massage will feel good for their weary muscles.

Now, from the veterinary trenches, personally reviewed toys by my own pets or through staff pets include the chew toys and of course, toys that like to "make them move it."

For the chewing category, as you may know, the more chewing on safe toys and treats, the healthier a dog's and cat's mouth will be. For dogs, Greenies seem to get a two paws up. These chlorophyll coloured soft edible treats that are shaped like a toothbrush are available in many sizes and it is important to match



PAWS FOR THOUGHT



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these up with the size of your dogs' mouth. I always recommend to go with a larger size so that your dog has less of a chance of trying to swallow a big piece of Greenie whole. Cats like Greenies too, however the kitty version is obviously much smaller, similar to the large kibble size of the dental diets that exist on the market. **Tartar Busters** are also another great chewing aid for your dog. These oven-baked cow knee caps provide good scrubbing action on your dog's molars as they try to gnaw and get a grip on a roughly round object. Again, select an appropriate size for your dog's mouth and always monitor chew sessions in case of over-exuberance and thus swallowing larger pieces that won't digest very well.

Any toy that stimulates your pet to move is always a prized gift. The more we all move our bodies, the better. This list would be very long indeed, but for the purpose of keeping the Expositor editors content, this vet narrowed the list down to some tried and true products. **The Treat Launcher** was nominated by one of our staff members. There are numerous models out there and essentially they are a hand held unit that, through spring action, catapults a treat in any direction you point. Make your pet run for its treats. I would do the same if someone tossed chocolate balls in my direction! Along the same lines, but a non-edible version, is the **ChuckIt! ball and launcher**. With its grip handle you'll use the ChuckIt! launcher dog toy to throw the ball two to three times further than you can alone. The rubber ball is the best ball for the game of fetch. The ChuckIt! ball bounces higher, flies farther, and floats higher than most other balls. For kitty cats, as my own will contest, a **laser toy** is always good fun. Cats seem obsessed with trying to catch the animated red dot on the floor or wall. Two caveats with this one: don't shine the laser light into their eyes, and let them catch the red dot occasionally otherwise they can get frustrated and give up.

The Outward Hound

Agility Kit for both indoors and outdoors is another physically and mentally stimulating game for you and your dog. My mother's Havanese, Molly, received the indoor one last year for Christmas and she loves it! It involves a little training with liver treats and a lot of laughs as these non-professional dogs may not weave the poles, or jump the hurdle, or even run through the tunnel as well as the President's Choice Superdogs do. But the key point is, you are playing with them and that is what makes them happy! This year, Santa Paws is going to bring a **Wobble Wag Giggle Ball** which is a ball that makes fun giggly noises when pushed around, shaken around, or picked up by the easy grips, and no batteries are required!

Finally, keep holidays healthy for pets. During the holidays, pets are tempted to eat everything from people food to pine needles, brightly coloured glass bulbs and tinsel. Anchor the tree. Hang pet-safe ornaments at the bottom. Place netting around the base to prevent pets from drinking the water. And keep pets away from these items: alcohol, yeast dough, macadamia nuts, chocolate, coffee grounds and small bones.

Merry Christmas, from my pack to your pack. Speaking of pack, I was asked to submit these Letters to Santa if I may:

Santa, I really have had a great year of love and exercise and always good cheer

But alas, I must say I'm stumped by this fox who sneaks by my window despite my barking lots

So what I would like in my stocking this year is some kind of back-up to chase him from here

Love Willa, mixed collie, age 11 years

Merry Christmas Santa
What's top of my list?
I want lots of kibble
I know you get my gist

You see, you and I are two of a kind once winter arrives food is top of our minds

So please fill my dish with endless kibble I'll buzz with pleasure and not leave a dribble

† in memoriam

KIRK AND MARTIN—In loving memory of my husband Harold (December 2016), my mom Marjorie (2013) and my dad Elgin (2014). No longer in my life to share But, in my memory, they're always there. Forever loved and greatly missed, Marie 31c

NOBLE—In memory of Echo Noble who passed away December 21, 2009. Remember Me Don't remember me with sadness, Don't remember me with tears, Remember all the laughter. We've shared over the years. Now I am contented, That my life was worthwhile, Knowing that I passed along the way, I made someone smile. When you are walking down the street And you've got me on your mind, I'm walking in your footsteps Only a half a step behind. So please don't be unhappy Just because I'm out of sight, Remember that I'm with you Every morning noon and night. Love, Bordie, John, Vic, Melanie, Natalie and families 31c

EADIE/SMITH—In loving memory of Wilhelmina J. Eadie/Smith, April 1936 to December 18, 2005. Mother's hold their children's hands for a while, but their hearts forever. I truly never learned what the words 'I miss you' were until I reached for my mom's hand and it wasn't there. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place, no one else will ever fill. Remembered always, forever loved, your daughter Marilyn 31p

Love Miss Bee, tortoise shell, age - a secret

How are you Santa I'm so excited! I meant to write sooner I get so distracted.

There are new things to sniff and new people, woo hoo! I just love to play and say 'Hi'...don't you?!

...oh right, so my list now what was I saying ...wait, there goes the mop gotta go, time for playing!!

Love Molly, Havanese age 2 years

thank you

The family of the late Georgina Holmes would like to express their sincere thanks to all who expressed their condolences and made donations in her memory. 31p

† in memoriam

In Memory
Nancy Lou (Hayden) Harper
March 15, 1947 - December 21, 2019
Ever Close in Mind and Heart
No further away than a picture,
A smile or remembered phrase,
Our loved ones live in memory—
So close in so many ways.
For how often does a sunset
Bring nostalgic thoughts to mind
Of moments that our loved ones shared
In days now left behind!
How often has a flower
Or a crystal autumn sky
Brought golden recollections
Of happy days gone by!
Yes, memory has a magic way
Of keeping loved ones near –
Ever close in mind and heart
Are the ones we hold most dear.
- Marjorie Frances Ames

Death Notices

LANCE ALEXANDER WILKIN
March 7, 1991 - November 19, 2020



In loving memory of Lance who passed away at the Manitoulin Health Centre with his family by his side on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at the age of 29. Beloved son of William "Bill" Wilkin and Sandra Ritchie. Loving brother of Michelle (Craig) and Dustin (Amy). Special uncle of Cameron and Trenton. Will be missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Lance was a trickster with a mischievous smile and mighty laugh that brought so much joy to his family and friends He had a love for fishing and hunting and the outdoors. He was a son, brother, uncle and a friend to so many and will be missed dearly. Visitation was Saturday November 21, 2020 from 5 to 9 pm at Island Funeral Home. The funeral was Sunday, November 21, 2020 at 1 pm at Island Funeral Home. Burial followed at Mountainview Cemetery. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the doctor and nurses in the emergency department for their care and compassion.

Death Notices

BRUCE GORDON BLAIR KNIGHT 1951 - 2020



It is with saddened hearts that the family of Bruce Knight announces his passing at 69 years. Bruce was born on Sunday, April 15, 1951 in North Bay, Ontario to Josephine and Gordon Knight and left for the spirit world on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 in Little Current, Ontario. He is survived by his devoted honey and wife of almost 48 years, Sylvia Knight (nee Kaboni) and daughter Melanie Knight, both of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. Bruce grew up with his brother John Knight (Nancy) of Slave Lake, Alberta, sisters Eileen Douglas (Al) of Toronto, Ontario, Beth Schat (Rick) of Beamsville, Ontario and Kelly Steele (Michael) of North Bay, Ontario, along with Michael Chevrier and Judy Arksey, and many cousins from the Knight, McLean and Liberty families. Bruce will be fondly remembered by his in-laws from the Kaboni family and many nieces and nephews, including his godchildren Fraser Douglas and Tara Dowdall. He held his friendships dear to his heart, and they included Billy Dowdall, Victor McLeod, Leo Norman, Ron McEwen, Noel Redmond, Danny "Chiefy" George and Allan Jolly. Throughout his life he worked hard, but always found time to enjoy it as well. Bruce was a storyteller who never shied away from talking to all those he encountered. He hunted moose and fished the waters of Bassy Lake since he was a child and hunted deer at his sister's cottage on Go Home Lake every fall. He even had the opportunity to hunt goose with his buddy Allan on James Bay and Hudson Bay. During high school, he played football for the Widdifield Wildcats and was the MVP in 1968. He had great pleasure in watching football and cheering on his beloved Montreal Canadiens. Together, Bruce and Sylvia, built a cabin on the shores of Jocko Bay on Manitoulin Island, where their time was spent peacefully overlooking the Bay and gathering with family and friends over the past 20 years. He retired from the MTO in 2001 as a highway survey technician. He took great pride in grooming his yard and taking care of the graves of his family in Kaboni. Every Sunday, The Gospel Hour and Country Classics filled his home and CBC radio was also a staple each day. Bruce suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for many years but that never stopped him. If anything, it motivated him to stay active up to his final months when cancer weakened his body. His love for his honey, Sylvia, spanned close to 53 years from the time they met at Widdifield High School in North Bay. Bruce doted on his honey and ensured she would be prepared and taken care of upon his passing. He is no longer suffering and will be remembered in the stories and hearts of many. In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place. Family and friends will be invited to attend a religious service and a Celebration of Life at a later date when health and safety restrictions have laxed. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Arthritis Society, and/or the Wikwemikong Nursing Home.

BOB CLARKE (AKA BUCK)



It is with great sadness that the family of Bob (Buck) Clarke announces his passing on December 3, 2020 after a brief fight with cancer at the age of 73. Predeceased by his wife Shelley Desmarais. Loving son of Gladys Galloway and Bill Clarke, (both predeceased). Dear brother of Willie Keller (Morris), Jim Clarke (predeceased) (Janet), Don Clarke (Judy) and Myrna Lewis (Jack) (both predeceased). Loving father of Tammy Walters (predeceased) (Dave). Lovingly remembered by his other children Lori Nicholson (Geoff), Shawn Clarke (Linda), Patty Bois (Gordon), Troy Campbell (Kerri), J.R. Clarke (Chancey) and Holly Clarke. He will be missed by his grandchildren Jessica (Mitchell), Thomas (Alix), Amanda (Andrew), Erica (Eric), Kelsey (Chris), Curtis (Jaymie), Dawson (Madisen), Kohan, Joshua, Deakon, Colby, Hudson and Sawyer. He will be fondly remembered by his great-grandchildren, nieces, nephew, special friends Nathalie, Alain, Hunter and Gavin, as well as many other friends. Bob liked the simple things in life and enjoyed hockey, camping, boating, hunting, spending time with family and friends. Bob was an excellent cook and enjoyed cooking big meals for his friends and family, always making sure you were well fed. He had a huge heart and would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. A long time resident of Little Current until 2014 before relocating to his home town of Falconbridge/Garson. A Celebration of Life will take place at the Long Bay Cemetery in Kagawong in the early summer of 2021.

EVERETT PATTISON



Everett Pattison passed away peacefully on Friday, December 4, 2020, in his 90th year. He will be sadly missed by his sister Winnie McAllister, nephews Terry McAllister (Sharon Field), Michael McAllister, Billy Gaston nieces Debra McAllister (Eric Sheffield), Alison McAllister (Jean Marc Pharand), Betty (Don) Oriet, Sally (Darko) Stracic, Sharon (Robert) Duncan, Betty Richards, Marguerite Cameron, as well as many great-nieces and great-nephews. Predeceased by his parents Delbert and Dorothy (Pipher) Pattison, brothers William and Alvin and sisters Evangeline Gaston, Muriel Blue, Olive Love and nephew Bobby Gaston. A graveside service will be held in the spring of 2021. Interment in Providence Bay Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary or the Manitoulin Lodge as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

JOYCE SPRACK

August 29, 1936 - December 11, 2020.



Joyce Margena Sprack of Manitowaning passed away at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current on December 11, 2020. At the age of 84, Joyce passed peacefully surrounded by her loving family. Dear daughter of the late Audrey and Beatrice Hembruff. Beloved wife of 64 years to Brian George Sprack. Loving mother of Debbie (Larry), Michael (Norma), Anne (John), Shari, Marc (Wayne), Stacey and Scott (Courtney). Cherished Nan of David, Danny, Devon, Jason, Teri-Lyn, Bobby, Vanessa, Kate, Samantha, Lucas, Tyler, Hailey, and great-nan of Eric, Jared, Josh, Jake, Ethan, Hunter, Taylor, Austin, Danika, Jordyn, Emerson, Lynken and Easton. Joyce was predeceased by her brothers Grant, Lyle, Randy and her sister Mary-Ellen, and survived by her brothers Alan and Lynn. Joyce will be deeply missed by all of her adoring family, including her two sisters-in-law Stella and Lyn, and her many nieces and nephews whom she adored. Joyce always said that she could count the most important things in her life on one hand. Brian, her children, her family, her friends and Manitoulin Island. Joyce was a dedicated businesswoman who had numerous businesses in Manitowaning which she operated with such pride. Joyce and Brian loved to host poker games with some of the "boys" and she rarely lost. She was an active member of the Manitowaning community by participating in sports and recreation, especially baseball and curling. A proud member of the Southeast Lion's Club, Joyce ran the local beauty pageants for many years, helping young women build both confidence and collegiality. She and Brian enjoyed many travels, however, she was always eager to come back home to "God's Country." Brian would say that Joyce always threw an anchor off the middle of the bridge so she could find her way home. Joyce had many lifelong friends whom she cherished. She was a proud Budge's School graduate, proudly sharing their anthem "thunder, lightning, rain or sleet, Budges, Budges, can't be beat." She and Brian spent many days driving through parts of the Island, exploring roads untravelled and reminiscing days of ole and memories enjoyed with friends and family. Joyce loved her home and welcomed all whom needed a place to stay. She loved entertaining people and was happiest when her house was full of family and friends. In the last four years, Joyce was a resident at the Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home where she was cared for by a dedicated team of individuals who became her extended family. Joyce was known as the "Lady in Red" who was often found sitting at the front door of the home. When anyone said hello and asked her how she was, she would respond by saying "better now that I see you." As a family, we felt great comfort in knowing that the dedicated staff were there to care for our dear wife, mother and nan. For that, we are eternally grateful. We would like to thank Dr. Cisa, the nursing staff at both Health Sciences North and the Manitoulin Health Centre for their care. We would also to thank all of those who have reached out with condolences to our family over the last few days. We plan to have a Celebration of Life in 2021. The date, time and place will be announced. We will look forward to having you share your memories of Joyce with us. To our dear lady in red, know we love you and that this is not our goodbye to you. We will see you later. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joyce's name can made to the Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home.

MARGARET LUCY "MAGGIE" SHAWANA (nee Animikwaan)

"Mashkawaa – Ode – Kwe"

September 13, 1940 - December 8, 2020



In loving memory of Margaret Lucy "Maggie" Shawana (nee Animikwaan) "Mashkawaa – Ode – Kwe," who passed away Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at her place of residence in the village of Wiikwemkoong at age of 80. Predeceased by parents Joseph Animikwaan, Elizabeth Osawaiens and stepmother Ester Animikwaan-Wemigwans. Predeceased by her husband Lloyd Shawana. Leaves behind her loving partner of 40 years, Bert Vedova, and beloved canine Cinnamon. Loving mother of Jean (James), Ivan (Debbie), Martha (Martin), Theresa (Bruce), Bernie (Michelle), Lori-Ann (Jeffrey predeceased), Ken and foster son Leslie (Maureen). Cherished grandmother of Lisa, Lance, Liberty, Jeffrey, Perry, Shaun, Neil, Lionel, Ian, Lindsay, Jake, Stephanie, Victor-Lloyd, Samantha, Baby (predeceased), Jeffrey, Sebastian, Pierce, Brill, Mia, as well as great-grandmother of Cassidy, Kendra, Charisma, Karmalee, Tyrann, Ethan, Morgan, Tiana, Riley, Acasius, Silas, Maverick, Elora, Elton, Hope, Letty, Cedar (predeceased), Dom, Brianna, Alice, Shanelle, Lionel Jr, Zoey, Lena, Madison, Jackson, Vince and Jackson. Dear sister of Lillian (predeceased) and Julian Osawasiens. Dear sister of Ronald (Gail), Patsy (Arnold) and Brenda. Dear step-sister to Nancy (Joseph Alexis), Marcella, Lawrence (Agatha) and Frances (Leona) (all predeceased), Beatrice (David predeceased) and Rozina. Will be missed by godchildren Jim, Wayne, Julie (predeceased), Glenda, Regina and Shaun, and missed by nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Margaret was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2006. She carried this disease with a strong heart, beautiful sense of humour and enormous amount of love. She welcomed and loved her visitors. She loved to travel to the casinos and enjoyed her family adventures. She spent most of her time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her hobbies included knitting, crossword puzzles, various crafts, scratch tickets and watching her favorite tv shows. She was a terrific seamstress and loved spending time in her beautiful flower garden and listening to the birds. She was loved and will be missed by many. Sacred Fire was lit at her home, 5 Gabow Bend. Family and friends gathered at St. Ignatius Church, Buzwah after 1:30 pm on Thursday, December 10, 2020. Funeral Mass was Friday, December 11, 2020 at 11am. There was a maximum 25 people allowed in the church for the service. Cremation followed. Arrangements entrusted to the Loughheed's Funeral Home.

AMY LOU DOKUM "Giiwedi Noodin Kwe"

Sunrise June 25, 1981 - Sunset December 9, 2020



Amy started her spiritual journey early Wednesday morning with her family by her side at the Sault. Ste. Marie Area Hospital at the age of 39. Beloved mother of Kyle-Lee Dokum (Santana Clause), Dalton Dokum-Wemigwans (Chassity Hodgson) and Carson Dokum. Special grandma of Tony Hodgson, Dayanara Dokum-Clause (predeceased), Benjamin Dokum-Wemigwans and Dariela Dokum-Clause. Sister of Terence Fox (predeceased), Marlene Dokum (predeceased), Felix "Junior" Dokum, Michael Dokum (predeceased), Edwina Dokum (James "Jimmy" Trudeau), Aarin Dokum (Stephanie Shawanibin) of Lansing, Michigan and John "Zhaab" Dokum. Predeceased by parents Felix Dokum, Frances Dokum-McNabb (nee Fox) and Howard McNabb. God daughter of Clinton Fox and Lee Ann Dokum. Special friend of Julian Wemigwans. Amy enjoyed having the great company of her friends and family and is known to have a good laugh and contagious smile. Amy loved playing the guitar, singing, beading and crafting. Family and friends gathered at St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kaboni on Sunday, December 13, 2020 after 1pm. Funeral Mass was Monday, December 14, 2020 at 11 am. Burial at Wiikwemkoong Cemetery, Kaboni.

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Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services

Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services 2020 Annual General Meeting

Members of the public are invited to attend via Zoom the Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services Annual General Meeting.

Date and Time:

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 4 pm

This year we will be holding the AGM via Zoom. For further details or to have your name added to the Zoom meeting, please call 705-370-3378 or email mnvs@vianet.ca.



Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services

Services aux victimes de Manitoulin Northshore Assemblée générale annuelle 2020

Les membres du public sont invités à assister à l'assemblée générale annuelle des Services aux victimes de Manitoulin Northshore par l'entremise de Zoom.

Date et heure :

Mercredi 20 janvier 2021 à 16 h

Cette année, nous tiendrons l'AGA par Zoom. Pour plus de détails ou pour ajouter votre nom à la liste de participantes et participants à la réunion Zoom, veuillez composer le 705-370-3378 ou envoyer un courriel à mnvs@vianet.ca.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

**19 Vankoughnet Street
Shaftesbury Town Plot 2, Pt Lot 26, SS Vankoughnet Street
TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. through a virtual meeting.

The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning amendment to Zoning By-law No. 2018-41, as amended for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C. P. 13. to amend from Residential (R1) to Multi-Residential (R2).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed By-law Amendment.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

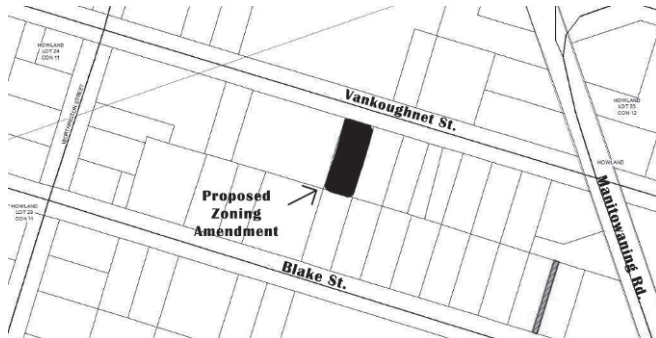
For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact Pam Cress, Clerk, Box 608, Little Current, ON, POP 1K0.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Pam Cress, Clerk, Box 608 Little Current, ON, POP 1K0.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed By-law Amendment, describing the affected property, a Key Map showing the location of the affected property to which the proposed By-law Amendment applies, and a copy of the complete proposed By-law Amendment is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current.

DATED at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands on 2020-12-16.

Pam Cress, Clerk
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
14 Water Street East;
P.O. Box 608
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Ph.: (705) 368-3500



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

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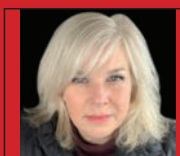
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Happy Holidays



It has been our privilege to both serve and be a part of this wonderful community. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the great people we've had the opportunity to work with this year.

Best wishes for a happy & healthy new year from the Management and Staff



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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May the holidays bring you plenty of love and joy. Thank you to our clients and community for the incredible support this year. We look forward to serving you in the new year.

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