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HONOURING THE FALLEN—Pallbearers walk the Ontario-flag-draped casket containing the body of fallen OPP Provincial Constable Marc Hovingh into Manitoulin Secondary School and past a brand new police vehicle bearing a unit number of 8340, PC Hovingh's badge number. Selected guests attended the funeral in person while others watched the ceremony live online.

photo by Warren Schlote

Family, friends lay slain constable to rest *Premier Ford, Lieutenant Governor, Solicitor General attended Constable Marc Hovingh's funeral at MSS*

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Hundreds of people gathered Saturday afternoon to pay their final respects to Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Provincial Constable (PC) Marc Hovingh at his funeral, held for a limited audience of family, colleagues and dignitaries at Manitoulin Secondary School.

Before the service, a procession of vehicles transported PC Hovingh's body from Island Funeral Home in Little Current to the



From left, Premier Doug Ford and Solicitor General Sylvia Jones speak with Deputy Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Commissioner Chris Harkins and OPP Commissioner Thomas Carriague before the funeral's start

M'Chigeeng high school.

Behind two bagpipers, pallbearers led the Ontario-flag-draped casket toward the school next to a brand new OPP cruiser, not yet in service, with the unit number 8340. The Hovingh family followed them into the gym.

Pastor Joel Lock of The Island Community Church led the service. Organizers set up chairs in a physically distanced fashion in the school's gym; overflow ...continued on page 18

Wiiky PPE industry will create 50 new long-term positions

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—The grand opening of a FN Procurement factory in Wiikwemkoong's new light industrial park will not only bring 50 new long-term jobs to the community, but the ribbon cutting on the facility symbolically opens the route to a bright new future of hopes and dreams.

The Thursday, November 27 opening barely interrupted the

steady flow of newly dubbed FN-95 masks emanating from a plant which, at full capacity, provides more than 1,000,000 masks a day—not only a made-in-Canada solution, but bearing a made in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory label.

Wiikwemkoong director of operations Kevin Wassegijig acted as master of ceremonies for the

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Nature Conservancy seeks to purchase Vidal Bay Forest

by Warren Schlote

VIDAL BAY—Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has expressed an interest in purchasing the high-profile Vidal Bay Forest property in Western Manitoulin, contingent upon its ability to successfully fundraise toward the purchase price, which would see the massive property protected by the Canadian public entity.

"It's hard to put into words how unique this opportunity is, especially with the significant wildlife species there and globally rare habitat. It's an opportunity we didn't think we'd ever have and we're certainly excited," said Esme Batten, program director of midwestern Ontario for NCC, who made a trip up to tour the property in recent weeks.

Vidal Bay Forest is 20,141.3 acres (8,150.9 hectares) in size according to the real estate listing, though NCC pegs its size at 18,800 acres (7,608 hectares). It includes lakes, streams, forest and nearly 20 kilometres of North Channel shoreline.

Listing brokerage Chestnut Park Real Estate Limited cites the property as being among the largest privately owned parcels of land in the province. It makes up approximately three percent of the total landmass of Manitoulin Island.

It first hit the market in September 2018 for \$24.7 million, then dropped to \$19.5 million five months later in February 2019. In November 2019 it dropped again to \$18.5 million and reduced to its present asking price of \$15 million in June 2020.

If the purchase goes through, it would more than triple NCC's total land holdings on Manitoulin

Island (which currently stands at 8,243.25 acres).

"Our conservation program has identified Manitoulin as a priority to work on for a number of years now," said Ms. Batten. "Vidal Bay Forest is a good opportunity to protect alvars, the shoreline, as well as habitat for many

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Wiikwemkoong man loses life in Prairie Point fishing mishap

WIKWEMKOONG—On November 27 at 1:47 pm, officers from the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, with the assistance of Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, Wikwemikong Fire Services and the Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services responded to a report of a possible drowning on the Georgian Bay North Shore off of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

Investigation revealed two persons were heading out to go fishing when both fell overboard into the water and started swimming to shore. Only one made it to land.

Donald Maiangowi, age 47, of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory was transported to hospital via Ornge Air Ambulance where he was pronounced deceased.

A post mortem examination has been ordered for Wednesday, December 9 at Sudbury Health Sciences North.

The investigation is ongoing under the direction of the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

Island agencies hopeful of teamwork response to opioid overdose crisis

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin is, at this moment in time, covered by a pall of grief and sadness. This island community has been rocked by tragedy after tragedy in recent weeks, among those calamities several overdoses that, in a one-week span, claimed at least two lives.

Manitoulin is known for operating in 'silos,' each community and organization doing its own thing, but some community members are saying it's time to break away from that mentality and come together to save lives.

Last Friday, November 20 The Expositor learned of the suspected overdose death of a young man of Little Current. This newspaper also learned that the overdose was the result of suspected purple heroin, or 'purp'—pills or heroin laced with the deadly carfentanil. Concerned that this could be the start of a trend, an email was sent to Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) to see if a warning should be issued for the public, but nothing was received.

A week went by and another man, this time from ...continued on page 15



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Jury trials on hold, will eventually resume in Gore Bay

by Michael Erskine
 SUDBURY—Sources familiar with the issue of where Island jury trials will be held during the pandemic restrictions have indicated that the trials will be held at The Inn at Gore Bay complex and conference centre, but it may well be some time before any

such trials are held. A plan had been in play to hold Manitoulin jury trials at Laurentian University in Sudbury, but the reaction of Island communities was swift and overwhelmingly negative, leading to a reassessment of options. The court house complex in Gore Bay

was not an option due to a lack of sufficient space to enable physical distancing for jurors and staff.

A number of potential locations were assessed by staff at the Ontario Attorney General's office, including the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in

Little Current. According to informed sources, the decision to keep jury trials on Manitoulin Island has been made in favour of the Inn at Gore Bay.

But as the region covered by Public Health Sudbury and Districts has been placed in the yellow zone of the province's colour

coded pandemic restrictions chart, all jury trials in the region have been put on hold. Jury trials are proceeding in Sault Ste. Marie, as that region is coded as "green" and so not under the stricter regulations of a yellow zone.

Enbridge shutdown will impact Ontario-based refineries

by Michael Erskine
 MICHIGAN—The energy industry on both sides of the border was rocked by the news that Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer had followed up on her campaign promise to shut down the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline that runs along the lakebed of the Straits of Mackinaw to supply more than half a million barrels of oil and gas a day to refineries in several US states, Ontario and Quebec.

groups, including those on Manitoulin Island, but not so much by Canadian provincial politicians and energy companies.

On November 24, Enbridge lawyers filed a federal complaint in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan seeking an injunction to stop the State of Michigan from taking any steps to prevent the operation of Line 5. The complaint alleges that the "attempt to shut down Line 5 interferes with the comprehensive federal regulation of pipeline safety and burdens interstate and foreign commerce in clear violation of federal law and the US Constitution. Enbridge is also today moving the complaint filed by the state against Line 5 on

November 13 in Michigan state court to the Federal Court."

"She's (Governor Whitmer) on the right track," said environmentalist Mike Wilton of Spring Bay following the news. "I'm sure there is going to be a lot of hoopla surrounding this and that court action will be taken by Enbridge. I admire the lady; this is what she was going to do all along."

As anticipated, the embattled Calgary-based pipeline company has announced it will push back against the move, maintaining that the 65-year-old pipeline remains safe and that the 1953 easement should not be revoked. The company announced that, "The notice from the State and the report from Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are a distraction from the fundamental facts," said Vern Yu, executive vice president and president of Liquids Pipelines in a release sent to The Expositor. "Line 5 remains safe, as envisioned by the 1953 Easement, and as recently validated by our federal safety regulator."

Line 5 is an essential source of energy for not only Michigan but

for the entire region including Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Ontario and Quebec, maintains the company, adding that any disruption would have devastating consequences.

It is a sentiment shared by at least two Canadian provincial governments.

"The impact of this would be devastating," Alberta Premier Jason Kenney told 'The Roy Green Show,' a nationally syndicated news radio show and podcast based in Montreal.

"It is the single largest supply for gasoline, ultimately, in southern Ontario; for aviation fuel out of the Detroit airport; for heating fuel in northern Michigan; for the refineries in northern Ohio that fuel much of the Midwest US economy," Premier Kenney said. "So this is a very, very big deal."

The Alberta premier pointed out Line 5 has operated safely without a significant environmental incident for 60 years and called the effort to shut it down "part of the broader campaign to land-lock Canadian energy." Premier Kenney said he visited Michigan last year and attempted to meet with

Governor Whitmer but was not accommodated.

"Enbridge's Line 5 is a key artery that connects North American crude oil to Ontario," said Ontario Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines Greg Rickford in a Twitter post addressing the issue. "Ontario's four refineries ensure that Ontario, Quebec, Michigan and the entire Great Lakes region are supplied with essential products like home heating fuels, gasoline, diesel and jet fuel."

Minister Rickford went on to assert that "this shut down will put over 4,900 jobs at risk and jeopardize Ontario and Michigan's energy supply that we rely on daily."

The minister went on to assert that "pipelines are the safest way to transport fuels across ecologically sensitive areas like our Great Lakes." He pointed out that the shutdown was a counterproductive move environmentally, as it would lead to increased reliance on truck, rail and marine transport "leading to higher costs for consumers, growing congestion,

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SIU investigating death in Aundeck Omni Kaning FN

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—On Friday November 27 at approximately 10:40 pm. members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a request for assistance by the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Service regarding a domestic dispute.

The occurrence escalated to a barricaded person response. During the course of the investigation, the person inside the residence, a 42-year-old male of Little Current, was located deceased.

As a result of the interaction, the province's Special Investigation Unit (SIU) has invoked its mandate and has commenced an investigation. The SIU is a civilian oversight agency in Ontario that investigates interactions between police and members of the public when death, serious injury or allegations of sexual assault are involved.

The Expositor will provide more details in this newspaper and online as they become available.

Ministry orders issued against employer after worker falls in fatal M'Chigeeng FN incident

M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION—On October 21, the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development was notified of a fatal incident in M'Chigeeng. It was reported a worker fell from a roof sustaining fatal injuries.

The worker was later named as Tim Schell, age 42, of Sault Ste. Marie by friends and family.

The ministry told The Expositor that as a result of the investigation, three orders and one requirement were issued to his employer, Integrated Solutions.

As the investigation is ongoing, the ministry would not give any details of the orders/requirements.

Elon Musk's Starlink internet beta testing program reaches Manitoulin Island users

by Warren Schrote
 MANITOULIN—Internet speeds on Manitoulin Island just got incomparably faster for a few select users who have received beta-tester invitations to join Elon Musk's Starlink internet service, run by his SpaceX company, and they say the new service may revolutionize life on the island.

"I signed up the minute the link went live," said Gore Bay's Brad Wright, a beta tester of the new service. "I got an email Friday night that said what the (hardware) price would be, I ordered it and it showed up in a couple of days."

SpaceX is the astronomical brainchild of Elon Musk, who founded and heads electric automobile maker Tesla. SpaceX makes aerospace equipment and provides extraterrestrial transportation and other services, such as Starlink satellite internet.

It opened sign-ups for beta testers earlier this year and began to issue offers to selected Canadian users within the past couple of weeks.

The internet service comes with a substantial setup cost. The hardware (a motorized receiver dish, an internal switch and an optional wireless router) costs \$649 CAD plus tax and monthly service fees run at

\$129.

Despite the substantial cost, early users say the vast service improvements are worth the added expense.

"My biggest issue was I was paying for a certain level of internet and receiving very little from that. For me to pay a little bit up front and a slightly higher monthly fee, and get something 30 times faster, is kind of a no-brainer for my wife and I," Mr. Wright said.

Mr. Wright has long been a supporter of Mr. Musk's endeavours; he was the first year-round Islander who bought a Tesla as his daily drive.

Little Current's David Tuerk tried to sign up as a beta tester but Little Current was not part of the initial service area. He enrolled his Mindemoya-based parents (Jeff and Lisa Tuerk) instead and they got their invitation around the same time as Mr. Wright.

Getting away from the dominant internet provider near Mindemoya was a significant factor for the family.

"They have a monopoly here in town and they have no interest in improving the experience they sell. I

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Santa Claus coming to town

by Alicia McCutcheon
 MANITOULIN—It's official, Santa Claus himself will be making a pre-Christmas visit to Manitoulin this Saturday, December 5 to help get Islanders into this Christmas spirit.

In Central Manitoulin, businesses will be hosting a special Christmas Saturday shopping event from 9 am to 5 pm (although individual business hours may vary). Shoppers can expect in-store deals, door prizes and raffles, giveaways and so much more. Remember that when we 'prosper together, shop Manitoulin,' everyone benefits!

From 10 am to 3 pm, Mindemoya Missionary Church is accepting donations for a toy and children's winter clothing drive. The church is seeking toys plus new and gently used toques, mitts and socks for kids of all ages, which will then be given to Manitoulin Family Resources for distribution. Contact organizer Dale Scott at 705-377-4818 for more

information.

Manitoulin Meat Boss is sponsoring a free public skate at the Providence Bay War Memorial Arena from 11 am to 12 pm and Buie's General Store is also making this kind gesture from 1 to 2 pm. Ten spots are available for each time and reservations are required. Please call 705-377-4090 and state the time slot you are seeking and the date, the number of skaters and a contact number.

The Central Manitoulin Lions Club is having a bake sale from 1 to 3 pm in the Mindemoya Community Centre's upstairs hall. Donations will support the good works of the Lions Club.

Also from 1 to 3 pm at the Mindemoya Community Centre, a Christmas market featuring the works of local artisans and crafters will be held.

Hey kids! It's your chance to meet Santa himself! Santa will be at the Lions Club gazebo at the Old School Park from 3 to 5 pm.

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Reece Wallace is an equal-opportunity horticulturalist

Barista Reece Wallace has worked at Loco Beanz in Little Current for about two years now. In fact, she not only enjoys the job and the people she meets, she even lists her gig as one of her main preoccupations these days. "I mostly do school and work," she laughs.

But the Manitoulin Secondary School student does find time for her pets, two dogs and a cat.

Ms. Wallace also has a decidedly green thumb predilection. "I do like plants," she said. "Inside ones, I'm not much of an outdoors person."

As for what her favourite plant might be, that's a bit of an issue. "I don't really have a

Reece Wallace
 favourite, I like them all," she said.

Remember, when you shop locally, you are not only supporting local businesses like Little Current's Loco Beanz, you are helping to support your friends and neighbours, like hard-working young students such as Ms. Wallace.

CRISIS SUPPORTS AVAILABLE

Thousands of people have been deeply impacted by the recent shooting deaths of Provincial Constable Marc Hovingh and civilian Gary Brohman on Manitoulin Island as well as several other tragedies over the past several days.

Manitoulin-Northshore Victim Services offers its condolences to everyone affected by the incident and has supports available through its office, 705-370-3378; ConnexOntario at 1-866-531-2600; Maison McCulloch Hospice Grief Support at 705-674-9252 x227 and Crisis Centre Sudbury at 705-675-4760.

Visit the association's website at mfvictimservices.ca to learn more about the supports this organization offers.

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Lack of transparency on drug overdose numbers cloak a crisis

There are currently two epidemics raging across our nation—one of those epidemics is receiving massive media attention, complete with regular reports of its escalating numbers across the globe and massive amounts of national treasure are being applied to combat its ravages. The second receives little in the way of concern or profile and remains stymied by a reluctance of all levels of government to find ways to stem the tide of its casualties.

Over the past few weeks, a veritable avalanche of drug overdoses have been reported in our Island communities, with at least two lives being lost within just the last week. Blessedly, so far, the COVID-19 pandemic has failed to claim a single life on Manitoulin—may it continue to be so.

The most visible of these two epidemics, the COVID-19 pandemic, is indisputably a matter of serious concern—no question. But we cannot simply ignore the ravages of the second pandemic, the current opioid crisis and the toll that epidemic it is taking on families across the nation and the globe.

There is much being made of the urgent need for contact tracing and isolation of those who are carrying the COVID-19 virus, but little seems evident of any co-ordinated effort to combat the wave of opioid deaths that are occurring with distressing regularity among Island families.

While there are currently efforts underway to bridge silos between organizations whose mandates encompass various aspects of the opioid crisis, an investigation by The Expositor has revealed a startling lack of information one would consider vital to effectively allocate resources and efforts needed. No one seems to have a handle on the actual number of overdoses occurring in our communities—but we do know that number is large and that it is escalating.

Seven overdoses over one weekend in one small community alone (and no community is immune) have been confirmed, but those who

would be expected to have a better idea of the numbers suggest the numbers are at least double what The Expositor can verify.

The social problems that accompany addictions are legion—underpinning human trafficking, domestic abuse and widespread property crime.

Other jurisdictions are finding ways to share information and best practices in an effort to stem the tide when it comes to the opioid crisis, but even where a concerted effort is in place, a lack of resources hampers their efforts.

While the COVID-19 pandemic may be a complicating factor in dealing with the opioid crisis, that excuse falls flat because the opioid crisis is not new. Its ravages have been sweeping across our nation for years. Since 2016, there have been more than 9,000 apparent opioid-related deaths in Canada and in 2017, at least 11 lives were lost each day due to opioid overdoses.

The reason for the lack of urgency in dealing with the opioid crisis can largely be traced to the stigma attached to addictions, but as evidence has proven time and again, many of those addictions came from the indiscriminate prescription of opioid-based painkillers for chronic pain, prescribed by well-meaning physicians.

It is long past time we set aside our prejudices and set our political will to finding a solution to the opioid crisis that is causing so much pain and grief in our communities. There are few families that have not been impacted by this crisis and their grief and pain are not bounded by blame or shame.

As a compassionate and caring nation we must do more to combat the underlying causes of this plague upon our families and, as communities, we urgently need to work together to plumb the true extent of this "other" epidemic—that is the first step to finding a path forward.

letters

A letter of thanks to Constable Hovingh and Manitoulin OPP

Going out of the way to make sure a young woman did not become a statistic

To the Expositor:

I actually met Constable Hovingh a few times. Firstly, he went to our Christmas concerts in Manitowaning. I remember seeing him and thought he looked out of place, but I wasn't sure why at that time. He stood taller than everyone there, not because he was the tallest, that honour went to Officer Mellan. No, I think he, and Officer Mellan too, stood out in a crowd because of pride. See, at the time I also couldn't understand how anyone could be proud of this place. There were so many petty arguments and unhealthy relationships that all the adults I knew at the time complained non-stop about living on the Island. So it was rare for me, a young Islander, to see anyone genuinely happy in their hometown. I'm sure there are more now, but back then they were far and few between.

Another reason why I think the plain-clothed officers looked out of place is because they wear their uniforms daily. I imagine after many years you would grow accustomed to wearing uniforms over ordinary garments. Usually, they only get to wear jeans when they get time off for a special occasion, or the rare off-duty days. I'd like to quote a certain Quentin Tarantino movie and say, "that's what Superman wears, to blend in with us." I truly believe that just further proves real heroes could be just your average neighbour blending in. The police, fire fighters, paramedics, PSW workers, Tim Hortons employees with good work ethic, etc. The ones who dress up awkwardly to go to your kids out-of-

tune Christmas concert, even when their own kids aren't in school, or all grown up. They go because of pride, to show the community that they are there, and they care.

Constable Hovingh and the Manitoulin OPP also drove me home a few times. They knew where I lived because they made a point to know everyone in the community, even that single dad and child in Manitowaning. Maybe they also do that to make sure that in an emergency situation, everyone in the town can be safely accounted for? Anyways, I'm embarrassed to recall how many times Constable Hovingh and other OPP officers drove me home, but I'm so grateful they did.

I was a stupid, lost girl, clearly developing a drinking problem, wandering alone between towns, in the dark, non-street-lighted bush roads. I'd also like to point out this was back when we weren't aware of the rising missing and murdered Indigenous women cases. Actually, during that time the number of cases were growing rapidly, and I was also, stupidly I'll add again, hitchhiking during that time as well. Who knows what could have happened to me?! From the bottom of my heart! Thank you! Thank you Manitoulin OPP for getting me back to my dad safely.

Lisa Peltier
Wiikwemkoong

Beloved snowman kidnapped from Little Current

Grandchildren devastated by stolen Christmas decoration

To the Expositor:

On Sunday, November 29 between 2 and 6 pm, someone came into my yard on Robinson Street, Little Current, and stole a four-foot snowman who was wearing a blue hat. My grandchildren are upset about this. So, whoever took my snowman hope you enjoy it as much as the children did.

I thought this person must really need it, so Santa will leave a piece of coal in their stocking.

Upset and disappointed,

Linda Sinoski
Little Current

Nature Conservancy announces massive Vidal Bay purchase

Fundraising for 18,800-acre conservation acquisition underway

To the Expositor:

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) wishes to share with the communities of Manitoulin Island our intention to purchase a significant property on the Island, located at Vidal Bay. The property is an incredible 7,608-hectares (18,800-acres). NCC is currently fundraising in order to purchase the property in early 2021.

NCC is a not-for-profit, charitable organization focused on the conservation of Canada's most ecologically sensitive lands. Since 1962, we have worked with communities across the country to conserve over 14 million hectares (35 million acres). Boasting globally rare alvar communities, coastal cliffs, over 18 kilometers of undeveloped Lake Huron shoreline, inland lakes and wetlands, and intact forest systems, the Vidal Bay property presents an incredible opportunity to conserve a vast coastal wilderness south of the Canadian shield in Ontario and the unique species it sustains.

NCC's motivation for purchasing the property is to maintain the significant habitats and species that are found there. In addition, we want to conserve the land for people to enjoy in ways that are compatible with these goals. If NCC is successful in raising the funds necessary to

purchase this property, we would welcome the opportunity to work with First Nations communities, townships, local politicians and representatives from tourism and business groups to ensure the lands are managed and promoted in a manner that provides traditional, economic and recreational benefits to the local community. We will also welcome the help of those interested in managing the land.

NCC owns significant lands on Cockburn Island and is very much aware of local community issues and looks forward to continuing to work closely with the community with a view to a successful outcome for everyone.

For the time being, our focus is raising the funds necessary to acquire the property, and we would be grateful for your support. If you are interested in making a charitable donation in support of this project or if you have questions, please contact NCC at ontario@natureconservancy.ca.

Sincerely,

Mike Hendren
Regional Vice President, Ontario
Nature Conservancy of Canada

"With the participation of the Government of Canada."



more letters

A call for a compassionate response to both lives lost in Gore Bay

‘Both lives had meaning’

To the Expositor:

The Manitoulin Expositor is one of only a few independently-owned newspapers in the province. I think this to be an outstanding achievement given the shocking fact that the news media business has become a corporate reality with a limited or non-existent voice from its readership.

This type of mass journalism not only negates the readers’ intelligence, but creates a certain amount of apathy towards the news being reported.

It is therefore with a feeling of expectation that I express a sincere desire to the management of The Manitoulin Expositor to present the recent happenings in Gore Bay last week as an unbiased reporting of the facts.

Two individuals died that day. One was awarded military style honours while the other disgraced into anonymity.

Both lives had meaning. Why should we think one life more important than another. I believe this question also became relevant when an OPP officer shot and killed Dudley George a few years ago.

We have a constitution that guarantees us certain rights. We should take these rights more seriously because that is all that stands between us and anarchy. All should be treated equal but we know this is an unsubstantiated fallacy. There is a class system. Those with jobs, those without. Those who own property, those who don’t. Those who are labeled mentality ill, and those who think they are not.

It is a known fact that the apostle, Paul, suffered terribly from mental anguish as did Peter during the night of the crucifixion. He became almost hysterical upon denying Christ and had what looked very much like a panic attack.

The same could be said of Elijah who despaired so greatly after his encounter with Ahab on Mt. Carmel that he literally ran all the way to the deserts of Sinai to get away from Jezebel and there prepared to die in a mentally depressed state of mind. So all those who have been labeled mentally ill are in good company. And in fact, almost 90 percent or more of the population have experienced episodes of depression at one time or another. Welcome to the human condition of being less than perfect.

In no other time in the history of Canada has a society been so well-educated. How has that education served us to be more compassionate to those who are most vulnerable to the vagaries and cruelties of life.

**Lee Weimer
Manitowaning**

First Nations of independent means have greater flexibility

Government funding has always been inadequate

To the Expositor:

Where do bands get their funding to operate their reserves?

All First Nations see their funding serviced through “contribution agreements” on an annualized basis, categorized into one year, or multi-year block funding agreements and 10 year grants with multiple conditions attached. First Nations who opt into 10-year grants through new funding arrangements require less reporting than that of the one or multi-year agreements, under existing “contribution agreement” processes.

First Nation governments or (bands) who are fortunate enough to have their “own source revenue”—money received in terms of dividends from oil and gas deposits, large land claim settlement agreements or large scale mining projects. Those First Nations have far more flexibility in terms of finances and stability than those First Nations who are less fortunate and struggle with what they have under current “contribution agreement” protocols and processes with the government of Canada.

It is estimated that 12 billion dollars is appropriated for First Nations, Inuit and Metis people across Canada on an annualized basis and this money comes directly from the Treasury Board based on budget estimates, planning and priorities as determined by various agencies and ministries of the Government of Canada. However, a majority of those funds is flowed and administered through the Department of Indian Affairs, with its head office in Gatineau, Quebec, its regional offices and district offices throughout Canada. Only \$2 billion is split between First Nations, Inuit and Metis.

In a report titled ‘Departmental Plan 2019-20’ published by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) in 2019, it stated, “In August of 2017, the Prime Minister announced the dissolution of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the creation of two new departments: Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) and ISC.” This has caused a lot of uncertainty among First Nations, citizens and the general public, it has also caused confusion by adding unnecessary government bureaucracy. The report also cited, a \$30 billion deficit in infrastructure, meaning no water treatment plants for those First Nations with decades old boil water advisories.

The dissolution of AANDC by the prime minister in 2017 was desperately needed, but to create two new departments was unnecessary, intrusive, paternalistic and a step backwards in fostering reconciliation and improving relationships on a government to government basis with First Nations people. First Nations don’t need further bureaucracy, they need to rebuild their foundations for independence, not dependence.

The transfer of payments to the provinces and territories comes directly from the Treasury Board and doesn’t include funding for First Nations and while the standard for equalization is not a component in the determination of funding for First Nation communities in transfer payments from CIRNAC and ISC, that funding is delivered under a different financial process then those provinces and territories because provincial government aren’t considered wards of the state. Understandably, there is a lack of coherence and clarity as to what is appropriate in terms of funding or what formula(s) are used to make those

determinations for provinces and territories and First Nations. I would argue that First Nations governments hold independent sovereignty as recognized under section 35 and 91(24) of the Canadian Constitution. In retrospect, First Nation governments ought to be considered to hold the same paralleled equalization in the transfer payment process as provinces and territories, since First Nations are recognized by law as standalone governments.

So, whatever planning and priorities chiefs and councils have in terms of their present “contribution agreements,” planning is limited in scope and practice and that needs to change. I’ve been around politics long enough to know that funding has always been inadequate and the status quo isn’t working under existing “contribution agreements” arrangements. I would rather see a direct transfer of payment from Treasury Board to each First Nation that is sustainable, proactive and not reactive.

Given the rise of the deficit calculated to be \$343 billion slated for the end of 2020, how many First Nation communities will continue to suffer? Will the proposed economic outlook scheduled for November 30, 2020 include First Nations? As it stands, the pandemic is driving force of the economy and will continue to drive the deficit to unprecedented numbers. Will 2021 be any different? Who knows; time will tell.

Yours truly,

**Donald J. McGraw
M’Kwaa Dodem
Aundegomniikaaning First Nation**

More good news regarding polar bears

Reports from Nunavut show a rebound in population from over-hunting

To the Expositor:

I indicated in my last note that I would leave the polar bear discussion to rest for a bit but alas, fate has intervened! On November 16, 2020 the Nunavut Department of Environment published online the results of two bear sub-population surveys including the M’Clintock Channel and the Gulf of Boothia. Key points for the channel include a population estimate that more than doubled from 284 at last count to 716 now. Also, body condition improved between the two counts. The authors make the point that

the population has clearly recovered from overhunting during the 1970s to 1990s.

Key points for the gulf are first, that the bear numbers now are about the same as the last survey, 1,525 now vs 1,592. Body condition improved in this area as well and the authors state that population survival indicators suggest a “good potential for growth.”

Note that because of the difficulties in accurately estimating bear populations, it is standard practice to provide a range (low and high) for the estimated population and

then state the median which is what I have used here.

It is becoming more evident with each survey completed that the condition of spring sea ice is the critical factor in bear health. Areas that are ice free in the summer season also appear to be beneficial since this results in better feeding for the seals that are the primary food source for the bears. These points are discussed in both reports.

**Shane Desjardins
Mindemoya**

Keep the borders closed until our neighbours get their house in order

‘We still have to take precautions when we go out’

To the Expositor:

Toronto area is going into lock down again, but I would not blame the government for this; they are just doing their job to protect citizens from this virus and control it. It’s those who continue to have their gatherings or parties is why it’s happening. It is their fault because the coronavirus is not a hoax like this idiot was saying across the border. I want to see these borders remain closed until they get the coronavirus under control. We are still doing a little

better here in our country even though it is spiking a little, but as long as the government keeps taking action to control it, I think we will get through it again without having to many lock downs.

Northern Ontario is doing a lot better than southern Ontario. It is not the end of the world, this is just a temporary setback; we will get back to normal if we all listen to the warnings. As for me, I do not miss any socializing because I do not bother with it either and sometimes you

do pick up bad habits from it. That’s one of the reasons why I stay away from it, so, it’s not a problem for me. They do have a vaccine now but, it’s going to take a couple of months before everybody gets vaccinated. We still have to take precautions when we go out. It may take at least another year before we back to normal.

**Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong**

Kudos offered for Assiginack’s resolve in addressing trailer issues

No more blind eye to an uncollected tax base

To the Expositor:

Congratulations to Assiginack Township for having the resolve to finally address travel trailers. This is a long-standing problem on Manitoulin that has needed to be addressed for some time.

The burden to subsidize travel trailers has been borne solely by taxpayers on Manitoulin, who have invested sig-

nificantly to ensure they have proper septic systems to protect our water, we invest our tax money towards landfills, while travel trailers get a free ride and have no checks and balances to make sure they properly pump out their holding tanks, and they do not use local landfills, according to their tax contributions based on vacant land.

The municipalities have been leaving this burden on the

legitimate taxpayers for far too long and have continued to turn a blind eye to an uncollected tax base. I wouldn’t mind a reduction in taxes by not subsidizing someone else’s vacation tenement on wheels.

**Matt Gray
Rockville**

Northeast Town Council Notes

November 24

The November 24 virtual meeting of council began with a moment of silence for fallen Ontario Provincial Police constable Marc Hovingh.

Zoning bylaws

A public portion of the meeting was held for two zoning bylaw applications. First up was a request for a zoning change by Patrick Glover for his 27 Worthington Street property (the former fire hall). Mr. Glover requested that the zoning be changed from industrial to general commercial, which was a condition of

sale when the property was purchased from the municipality. There were no speakers, either in favour or opposition, to the change. Council approved the zoning change.

Justin and Kerrene Tilson also had a site-specific zoning amendment request to create up to four rental camping units within the existing shoreline residential zoning which will provide for Airbnb spaces and, with it, local employment.

CAO Dave Williamson told council that the Ministry of Transportation did not see an issue with what

could be an increase in traffic exiting from Highway 540 into the Tilson property.

Councillor Barb Baker asked about washroom facilities for the rental units, to which Mr. Tilson replied that customers would be welcome to use the Tilson home. Councillor Laurie Cook questioned whether that is a good solution.

Mr. Tilson agreed that it was not a perfect solution, but said it was what they could offer at this point in time. Mr. Williamson noted that the Tilsons had many options at their disposal in this regard, such as port-potty rentals or outhouses.

The motion to approve the site-specific bylaw was approved.



Recent vandalism to the Little Current sign comes with a \$3,700 pricetag.

Northeast Town's busy year-of-the-project is the lagoon expansion, which is nearing completion by contractor Algoma Bio Septic.

Mr. Smith also reported that operations are going well and that the equipment is being prepared for the winter season.

Manager of community services Reid Taylor reported that the ice users' schedule is at full capacity (Skate Canada Manitoulin, Manitoulin Panthers, Little Current Howland Minor Hockey Association) and that adult recreational hockey has also begun at the rec centre. Students are taking advantage of ice time rentals as well.

In terms of the municipality's outdoor assets, Mr. Taylor told council that all buildings have been closed, winterized and are being monitored. The town docks have been moved to safe harbour at Spider Bay Marina for the winter with some repairs to complete on the docks as weather allows.

As for events, Mr. Taylor, reporting on behalf of events coordinator Lisa Hallaert, spoke of the success of the downtown Little Current trick or treating event on Halloween. He also made reference to the Northeast Town's new Christmas website, christmasinnemi.ca and the upcoming Christmas events being hosted by the municipality, such as the December 5 Santa Claus parade and in-person workshops.

Mr. Taylor also reported that the curling club would not be putting in ice this year.

Councillor Bill Koehler asked who was responsible for hockey groups sticking to the "one child, one parent" rule. Mr. Taylor responded that it was the job of the organization but that there was some wiggle room as the total number allowed in the arena is 50.

The building control report showed that from January 1 to November 6, the municipality has issued 84 permits and 14 permit renewals. The breakdown is as follows: residential, new, 20 permits, \$46,632; garages and accessory buildings, new, 27 permits, \$8,728; residential, additions and renovations, 14 permits, \$6,410; multi-residential, new, one permit, \$7,860; seasonal dwellings, new, six permits, \$12,765; seasonal dwellings, additions and renovations, four permits, \$1,618; demolition/moving, five permits, \$250; and permit renewals, 14, \$700. The total revenue generated from permits to date is \$105,330. (This report period has a construction value of \$1,370,000 and a permit value of \$18,190. The total value of construction to date is \$10,995,000 with a total building permit revenue of \$105,330.)

"This certainly is an exceptional year," said CAO Dave Williamson.

Streetlight concerns

Council received a letter from Little Current resident Brenda Ritchie, requesting the placement of a streetlight at the corner of Shaftesbury Street and Harbour View Road as well as a streetlight at Highway 6 and the entrance to Highway 6 Service Centre.

She also suggested the municipality look into the possibility of a four-way stop at Harbour View Road and Highway 6 as well as at Highway 540 and Cockburn Street.

Mr. Williamson reminded council that there is a list of streetlight requests, some of which have been on there for years and suggested adding Ms. Ritchie's requests to the list then having council review and prioritize it.

As for the four-way stops, "There is no valid reason why you would want to impede the traffic at either of those locations," the CAO said.

Councillor Al Boyd agreed and said he would not support four-way stops.

Councillor Koehler queried why the streetlights along the Highway 6 portion of the recreation centre parking lot are facing the parking lot instead of the road. Mr. Williamson said staff would investigate.

Vandalism on the rise

Mayor Al MacNevin broke the news to council that there has been yet more vandalism in the Northeast Town, this time to the 'Welcome to Little Current' digital sign located near the welcome centre. A vandal(s) has removed some of the lettering. Unfortunately, single letters cannot be replaced, the entirety of the wording needs to be replaced to the tune of \$3,700. This, the CAO said, brings the cost this year of vandalism to the municipal assets in the municipality to \$5,000.

Law & Order

Two people charged with first degree murder in Point Grondine death

On October 25 at 10:20 am, members of the Nipissing West (Sudbury) detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a sudden death incident where a person was located on a trail, in Point Grondine Reserve, off of Highway 637, Killarney.

Police identified the deceased as Brant Burke, age 56, from Killarney.

A joint forces investigation was conducted by Wikemikong Tribal Police Service, with the assistance of the Nipissing West OPP Crime Unit, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and OPP Forensic Identification Service under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch.

On November 24, police arrested and charged Mr. Burke's brother, Kerry Burke, age 58, of Killarney with first degree murder.

The following day, on November 25, police arrested and charged Brant Burke's estranged spouse, Melissa Sheridan, age 39, of Sudbury also with first degree murder.

The accused are being held in custody and scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice-Bail Court (video conferencing) on December 8 in Sudbury.

The investigation is continuing.

Officers are asking anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or their nearest police authority.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit information online at sudburycrimestoppers.com where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Bolton driver charged with impaired on Manitoulin

On November 21 at approximately 12:10 pm, the Manitoulin OPP received a traffic complaint of a possible impaired driver on Highway 540 near Honora Bay Road, in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

The complainant reported a vehicle driving dangerously and unable to stay in its lane. Police located and stopped a black sport utility vehicle. The driver was spoken to by police and a strong odour of alcohol emanated from his breath. The driver was arrested, had their driver's licence suspended and the vehicle towed and impounded. Additionally, there was a loaded hunting rifle on the back seat.

Dean Wright, 52 years of age, from Bolton was charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs; operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus); and unlawfully have a loaded firearm in conveyance.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on January 13, 2021.

The OPP remind motorists that no amount of alcohol or drug is acceptable to consume and drive. Report impaired drivers. Should you observe a suspected impaired driver, please dial 911 or contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122.

Manitoulin OPP taking part in the Festive RIDE campaign

The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP will be participating in the Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign, which runs from November 26 to January 3, 2021.

The Festive RIDE campaign is an annual police enforcement and education initiative aimed at taking impaired drivers off Ontario roads during the holiday season.

During the campaign, OPP officers will be highly visible as they conduct RIDE initiatives throughout the community. The OPP is reminding the public to do its part during the campaign by never driving after consuming alcohol or drugs and never letting anyone else drive if you know or suspect that they have consumed alcohol or drugs.

If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture.

The holiday season is a time to enjoy with family and friends; let's work together and make sure everyone gets to and from their intended destinations safely. If you know or suspect that a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, call 9-1-1. In doing so, you may be saving lives.

Strategic plan preliminary review

Council reviewed its strategic plan as set out last year with an eye to removing things from the list or adding new items.

Councillors had a number of suggestions, including: a review of pending sidewalks and hard-topping; a water levels study; options for water treatment plant filtration system replacement; working with Immigration Canada to attract new Canadians to the municipality; working with local businesses to see the installation of an electric vehicle charger; more bike-friendly initiatives; composting at the landfill; and attracting a car rental company to the municipality.

November 17 Manager's reports

Fire Chief Duane Deschamps was not available for the virtual meeting of November 17, but supplied a report which showed the fire department responded to four calls for service between October 22 and November 11: A chimney fire in Rockville on October 22, a single vehicle collision at Highway 6 in Sheguandah on October 25, a bush fire on Highway 6 on November 2 and a lift assist in Little Current on November 10.

The public works report was delivered by Ed Smith, lead hand for the Little Current section of public works.

Mr. Smith reported that regular maintenance is occurring when required, as is grading and patching. Entrance and shoulder repairs are also being done as required.

The final project in the

Central maintenance department to receive 'lone worker' app

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—A new level of worker safety is coming to the Central Manitoulin maintenance department following a municipal council decision to supply workers in that department with a lone worker app. Lone worker apps are software applications that work on a cell-phone to provide real time oversight on the wellbeing and security of workers when they are conducting their duties alone.

The motion to supply this safety feature was moved by Councillor Angela Johnston and seconded by Councillor Derek Stephens and reads "proceeding with the lone worker app for the maintenance department, and further, that other departments/employees can be added at a later date." The motion was carried.

Councillor Stephens questioned whether staff had ascertained if the staff at the landfill have cell phones. CAO/clerk Ruth Frawley responded that she had looked into that and had determined that one staff does have a cell, while the other does not. There was some question as to whether the employee without a cell would be amenable

to having one, given that employee's somewhat advanced age.

Councillor Stephens questioned that not insisting the cell-less employee carry a cell might have a bearing on municipal liability and insurance.

CAO Frawley responded that she would inquire with the municipal health and safety officer.

Mayor Stephens questioned whether the municipality should be insisting that its staff acquire certain equipment in order to do their job.

Councillor Stephens responded that the municipality already does just that with safety equipment. CAO Frawley noted that staff are provided with a stipend to cover the cost of that equipment.

Councillor Steve Shaffer noted that the recommendation from the safety, security and health committee was specifically worded to target the maintenance department because those employees all do have cell phones.

In the end it was decided to acquire the app for the maintenance department and to add other workers as it was deemed necessary at a later date.

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Sporting Life



Wiiky has strong hockey program within its boundaries!
Late this past summer, Wiikwemkoong announced that its minor hockey teams would not participate in the Manitoulin Island league this season due to safety considerations over COVID-19. However, that did not mean there is no hockey being played this winter under the Thunderdome.
In fact, as reported by the Anishinabek News, 119 Wiikwemkoong players have registered for a hockey program being offered through its youth centre. Players have been divided up into 16 squads in six different age groupings. Lawrence Enosse, the manager of the Brighter Future program which runs through the Waasa Naabin Youth Services Centre, said the hockey interest in the community has not waned at all. "That's about the usual numbers that we would see [of children registered]," Mr. Enosse said. The result is still a vibrant league with teams in all divisions from age three on up to 18. Way to go teams, stay safe!

Merry Christmas to us!?

As we approach the Christmas season, everyone has special memories that they hold dear. Of course we all have Christmas Eve and Christmas Day traditions that will never fade, but there is one annual occasion that may as yet be in danger. The International Ice Hockey Federation's (IIHF) World Junior Championships were always my Boxing Day bonus prize after all the great Christmas Days over the years.
Of course there were the absolutely unforgettable Boxing Day shinny games out on any frozen surfaces we could find with all our friends who were still wanting to play after a day of festivities. The problem was often a weather problem with nature resulting in; no-ice, snow-ice, shell-ice on the lakes. In latter days it was pre-booked ice or pre-booked friends when we counted on the rinks.
As amazing as those time were, they were unfortunately inconsistent. What was always reliable, of course, were the World Junior Championships that were always part of many of our family's holidays. Many of ours, and many other's, holiday planning circled around the Canada-Russia game, certainly the Canada-USA game and hopefully the Canada-gold medal game or not so much, the "consolation" Canada-bronze medal game!
Canada, after winning one of the few international championships of 2020 before COVID-19 reared its ugly head, is hoping to ice a team to compete once again in this festive season. The World Junior Hockey Championships are still holding out hope that the tournament, slated this month at the Roger's Centre in Edmonton, will continue. This despite many teams having issues keeping their prospects healthy. Closest to our Canadian hearts, Hockey Canada suspended its selection camp last Wednesday and quarantined all players for 14 days (retroactive to November 23) due to two positive COVID-19 tests among participants.

Dean McIntosh, Hockey Canada director of marketing services, is "confident the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship will be played in a safe environment" despite this setback. No fans will be in attendance for the tournament's games, and the teams will be placed in a secure zone similar to the one used by the NHL during the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Any player who tests positive after November 29 would be disqualified from playing in the tournament. There are no plans to bring in additional players in the event of multiple positive tests, with the exception of course with Alexis Lafreniere, who was selected by the New York Rangers with the No. 1 pick of the 2020 NHL draft and was last year's World Junior's tournament. The 19-year-old forward is training in New York for the start of the NHL season, which is targeted for January 1, 2021.

Battle of the Blades!

In a televised sport that veers away from hockey, but only slightly, Battle of the Blades returned for a new season this fall. For the uninitiated, it was the return of the initially risky premise of professional figure and hockey players teaming up to compete as pairs figure skaters. The pairs were selected over the years with male and female skaters assuming both roles with success with either pairings. This season it was Lively's Megan Duhamel, multi-medalist in world and Olympic competition, who teamed up with Wojtek Wolski, who was an Olympic bronze medalist who came out on top!

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Hunting charges, warnings decrease from last year, Ministry of Natural Resources reports

Number of hunters in annual deer hunt on Manitoulin also down

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—With less hunters taking part in last month's annual rifle hunt on Manitoulin Island, it also led to less charges and warnings handed out by Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) conservation officers.

"The (conservation) officers noticed that both the number of deer harvested along with the number of active hunters appeared to be below what they typically have observed in the past," reported Jolanta Kowalski, senior media relations officer with the MNRF. "Officers observed that some hunt camps that are typically occupied for the deer hunt were vacant. Also, officers reported some hunters hunting for the day versus overnighing on the Island. This varied depending on which part of the Island was patrolled."

Charges laid by conservation officers as well as the number of warnings they issued decreased this year. "A total of 16 charges were laid," Ms. Kowalski told The Expositor. This is down from 25 charges laid during the 2019 hunt.

Ms. Kowalski explained that of the 16 total charges laid this year, the most common occurrences included: fail to invalidate tag immediately after kill, deer; unlawfully have loaded firearm in conveyance; fail to properly attach invalidated tag, deer; fail to wear hunter orange while hunting; hunt big game without licence; permit dog to run at large; fail to wear proper helmet; fail to produce documentation when hunting with a gun; and possess for hunting a product containing cervid fluids.

In 2019 there were a total of 31 warnings issued by the conservation officers. This year, "a total of 26 warnings were issued," said Ms. Kowalski. She noted that the common warnings included fail to properly attach invalidated tag, deer; hunt without having licence on your per-



Richard McDonald harvested this large buck in the Meldrum Bay area during the annual Manitoulin rifle hunt. The buck has 17 total points, with 15 countable points.

son and fail to wear proper helmet.

"Two firearms were seized due to non-compliance and charges are pending," wrote Ms. Kowalski. There were no deer seized.

"Conservation officers contacted 295 people during the deer hunt on Manitoulin Island. This was down significantly from last year (441)," reported Ms. Kowalski.

Ms. Kowalski also noted that there were no hunting incidents or injuries reported to the MNRF Sudbury Enforcement Unit.

For this year's hunt, "conservation officers were brought in from Kapuskasing, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins to

assist the Sudbury enforcement conservation officers in monitoring compliance during this hunt. Also, conservation officers conducted marine patrol to check hunters on the islands in the North Channel," continued Ms. Kowalski. There were no joint Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)/MNRF road checks conducted this year.

Ms. Kowalski added, "the Sudbury MNRF conservation officers would like to thank the Manitoulin OPP for their assistance during the hunt and the members of the public for reporting resource violations to the MNRF TIPS line."

Council appoints former mayor as part-time building official

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—On a recommendation from Central Manitoulin's office and administration committee, a motion to hire former mayor Gerry Strong as an associate chief building official under a three-month contract at approximately 10 hours per week to review building department files for completion was moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Angela Johnston following a closed session of council.

The debate on the motion was moved in camera

at the beginning of the November 26 meeting of council held by videoconference over Zoom in a motion by Councillor Derek Stephens, seconded by Councillor Dale Scott under the "identifiable individual" provision.

Following the closed session, a recorded vote on the motion was requested by the mayor. In favour of the motion were Councillors Rose Diebolt, Dale Scott, Angela Johnston and Derek Stephens. Opposed to the motion was Mayor Stephens.

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Police deal with explosives at Gore Bay shooting site

GORE BAY—Last week, the Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS) Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU) was

on-scene at the Hindman Trail property near Gore Bay's East Bluff where one Ontario Provincial Police

(OPP) officer and one civilian were killed on Thursday, November 19.

"The EDU is assisting in ensuring the scene is safe as there were improvised explosive devices located at the scene," Kaitlyn Dunn, corporate communication officer with GSPS, told The Expositor. "Members of our EDU are taking the necessary precautions to ensure officer safety and community safety."

As was reported previously, on Thursday, November 19, two officers with the OPP responded to a call regarding an "unwanted man" on a property just east of Gore Bay.

Shortly after they arrived, the officers located the individual who was inside a trailer. Investigators later revealed that the man on the property was 60-year-old Gary Brohman of

Gore Bay.

Around 11 am on Thursday, Mr. Brohman and 52-year-old Provincial Constable (PC) Marc Hovingh exchanged gunfire. Both were fatally injured and both men were pronounced deceased in hospital that day.

While GSPS is investigating the death of PC Hovingh, Ontario's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) invoked its mandate to investigate the November 19 incident. The SIU is a civilian agency that conducts investigations when police actions have caused death, serious injury or an allegation of sexual assault.

The SIU is now investigating two incidents on Manitoulin following the death of a 42-year-old male in Aundeck Omni Kaning on Friday, November 27.



Nature Conservancy Canada seeks to raise \$15 million in donations to purchase Vidal Bay Forest.

...NCC seeks to purchase Vidal Bay

...continued from page 1 species at risk. It will allow us to hopefully work with the local community to see it protected for the future."

The negotiations are presently in an early phase and NCC continues to work with its partners to help secure the land before this small window to purchase the land expires. It hopes to buy the property in early 2021.

"Right now, our focus is on raising the money we need to secure the property. We're trying to work with the local community to see that happen and we're working with our supporters across Canada," Ms. Batten said.

NCC, which also owns more than 60 percent of Cockburn Island to the west of Manitoulin, is a non-profit group that has become Canada's foremost land conservation association since its inception in 1962.

The association is actively inviting donors and other supporters to help contribute to the purchase effort. It will be sharing further details shortly.

"We suspect this area will become part of the largest protected area complex south of the Canadian Shield in Canada. It's an opportunity to create conservation at a large scale; you don't get the opportunity to do that in southern Ontario," Ms. Batten said.

NCC properties are generally open for public use, but Ms. Batten said there were no definitive plans yet for what degree of public access this property would have, if successful.

Vidal Bay Forest lies just north of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Mnisoo Mnisoo Provincial Park, meaning this property would help to create a 'conservation corridor' in the area.

Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) executive director Bob Barnett said the prospective conservation handover would be an exciting development for the Island, adding that his agency had attempted to buy it about 15 years ago at a Detroit auction.

EBC, which completes conservation projects apart from NCC, recently acquired another 25 acres at Misery Bay Provincial Park and is working on two other "good-size" projects on the Island at an estimated 250 acres.

"It's a very important place. If you look at the coincidence of ecological features in Ontario, they really do all meet up around Manitoulin. It's

right at the border of north and south," he said.

NCC regional vice president for Ontario Mike Hendren said his organization's goal was to conserve sensitive habitats and species while also supporting ways for the public to enjoy the lands.

NCC estimates the property stores the equivalent of 8,749,969 tonnes of carbon dioxide, adding 22,675 tonnes per year. The property supports black bear, gray wolf, mottled dusky-wing, lakeside daisy, Hill's thistle, eastern wood-pewee, Blanding's turtle, least bittern and otter populations.

The Expositor contacted the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club but did not receive a statement by press time Monday.

For more information about the project or to donate to the efforts, visit NatureConservancy.ca and search for 'Vidal Bay.'

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by Zoe Redmond
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Jenna Taylor 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 baking cupcakes, playing with kittens, hanging out with friends, and helping to foster cats sometimes when Manitoulin Pet Rescue needs her to.

During her years at Little Current Public School, she participated in almost every school sport she possibly could. Jenna took part in sports such as soccer, flag football, volleyball, baseball and track and field. For the field part she took part in shot put, and in Jenna's earlier years she did some running events. Jenna began her skating experience at the age of four and was just learning to play hockey. In hockey she played for the Little Current Flyers from first year novice to first year bantam. From Grade 9 to Grade 10 Jenna played for the Manitoulin girls' Mustang team. In Grade 11 she started playing for the Little Current Kam or better known as the Ice Angels.

Throughout Jenna'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, Jenna is always working to make people feel included, as well as having fun interactions with her teams. In her earlier years she and her team won quite a few times at tournaments for hockey. Over her years Jenna and the teams she was on have won various medals, and in public school she represented her school well in volleyball. She also received a few MVP medals over the years from Sudbury tournaments for her hard work and persistence. Last year Jenna's high school hockey team won a tournament in Toronto and when she was younger she would often win medals at the Flyers' banquets.

She continued to play sports in high school, and in Grades 9-10 she took part in hockey. Sadly in this past year it was cancelled due to COVID-19. For Jenna, Grade 9 was an exceptional start to many more wins to come. In Grade 9 she was able to join the girls Mustangs team, where she met many new friends and grew her skills as a defence. Jenna has not yet made it to OFSSAA but certainly hopes to one day, especially given her and her teams' valiant efforts when competing against other teams. Jenna and her team came second in the SDSAA for hockey. Jenna is certainly excited for the hockey season to continue, and is hoping that COVID-19 does not intervene in her continuing to join her team in competition and build her connection with her team.

Throughout Jenna's sports season, she is kind and supportive towards her teammates. Her excitement and happy personality never fails to keep her and her team ready to challenge their next opponents, or help to motivate her coaches. Jenna's favourite overall sport is hockey because she finds it really fun and it boosts her adrenaline. She also finds that she just loves the excitement of the game. Jenna certainly shows that she loves playing hockey as she is constantly reminding her team of games and practices in hope of victory and the preparation of victory. 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 Jenna playing sports is a way to spend time with friends as her friends do many of the sports she does. She likes that she and her team have a lot of fun, especially when it comes to playing together whether she and her team win or lose. Sports also help to keep her active. From the various sports Jenna has played she has definitely learned a lot, such as the relationships that can be made through sports.

When it comes to her own motivation, Jenna finds that her sister Faith is her main source of encouragement and perseverance, as well as her sister inspires her every day. Her sister is very caring. Her sister has always been very helpful and supportive of Jenna, Jenna's older sister Faith inspires her because she was the reason that Jenna started playing hockey in the first place. From Faith loving hockey Jenna wanted to take up hockey and she is really glad because she loves hockey. Without Faith ever motivating Jenna to play hockey she may have never joined hockey, and from hockey Jenna has made many friends and an almost second family. This year her favourite classes that she is taking are her science classes because they are easy courses for Jenna and very useful for the future. In her class they are learning what Jenna will need for her future and these classes will also help to prepare her.

Jenna certainly looks forward to practice because she constantly learns new and more things and it helps her and her team to get ready for games that might be coming up. She has been considering playing tennis on the high school team but last year she wasn't at the school for the tryouts. Jenna is one of many exceptional Mustangs, and with her smartness, generosity and all round hard working attitude, she is sure to represent MSS well. Have a great year, and keep up the super work Jenna!

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Paramedic services offering naloxone delivery to at-risk individuals on Manitoulin

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—While Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Chief of Paramedic Services Paul Myre is careful in his wording, he admits to having “suspicions” that there is an increase in overdoses in his catchment area, including Manitoulin Island. Because of concerns for this vulnerable sector, those living with substance use disorder, the DSB’s paramedic services is initiating a naloxone program and staff will be personally delivering naloxone kits to those deemed to be at-risk across Manitoulin.

Naloxone, or sometimes referred to as naran, is an opioid antagonist that can reverse the effects of overdose, namely respiratory distress, and save lives when administered in a timely manner.

“When we look at stats, there is a possibility (of an increase in overdoses),” Paramedic Chief Myre told The Expositor. “Younger, at-risk folks are succumbing to some sort of tragic means.” The chief of paramedic services is careful because overdoses cannot truly be named until after an autopsy is completed.

Paramedic Chief Myre shared that since January 1, 2020, DSB paramedics have administered naloxone 21 times, which he admits to not being a good indicator of the overall situation facing the region.

“(Paramedics) may not administer naloxone as a first option,” he said. “If they can support the respiratory system first with the means at their disposal, they will do that. A lot of times they will breathe for the patient (using oxygen) until they come around.”

While paramedics may not use naloxone as their first choice when responding to an overdose, Paramedic Chief Myre urges all those who are using opioids, or friends and family of users, to carry a naloxone kit which can



Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board paramedics have begun to deliver naloxone kits to those at-risk members of the Manitoulin community. Naloxone kits come in two forms: intramuscular injection, as seen above, or nasal spray. In the time of pandemic, intramuscular injection is seen as the least intrusive method.

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and does save lives.

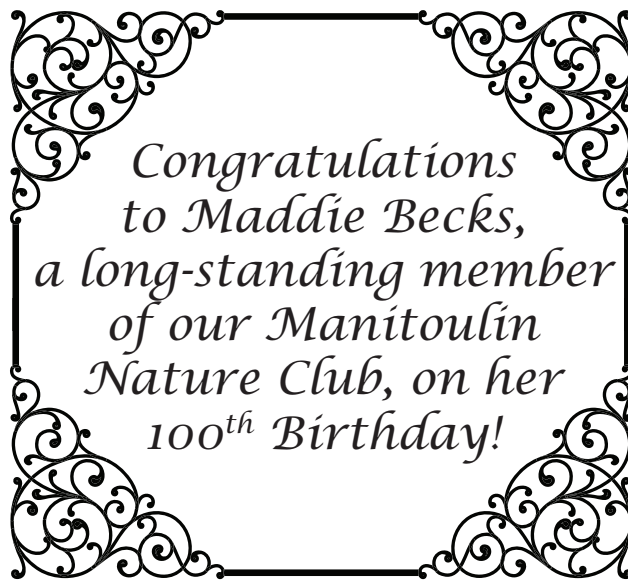
The naloxone distribution program will work through the DSB’s community paramedicine program which sees paramedics being proactive in the community and offering services such as COPD monitoring, blood pressure taking and more. The DSB will receive referrals for at-risk individuals who might benefit from a naloxone kit from its partners in public health. They will then personally deliver the kits to their front door and give them step-by-step instruction on how to administer the medicine.

Naloxone comes in two forms: a nasal spray or an

intramuscular injection. While Paramedic Chief Myre is not yet sure which form the naloxone kits will take for the paramedicine program, he said the intramuscular injection kits are preferred during times of COVID-19, as it is less invasive.

Signs of an overdose include: blue lips or nails, dizziness and confusion, the person can’t be woken up, choking, gurgling or snoring sounds, slow, weak or no breathing and drowsiness or difficulty staying awake.

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ribbon cutting event, welcoming a host of dignitaries that attended either in person or by video conference links. "It's an exciting day here in Wiikwemkoong," said Mr. Wassegijig, who noted the unceded territories' slogan is "a proud progressive community."

Among the dignitaries providing remarks were Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde, Ontario Regional Chief RoseAnne Archibald, Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes who attended by videoconference; Ontario Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Michael Tibollo, Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare, Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier, Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha, who attended in person, along with FN Procurement Inc. CEO Matthew Owl and Dent-X president Jimmy Emms.

Wiikwemkoong councillor and elder Margaret Manitowabi delivered an opening invocation with a prayer for the community and all of those who would be working at the facility.

"The building has already been blessed by one of the spiritual people in our community—Joseph Corbiere," said Councillor Manitowabi, before delivering a prayer to the Creator in Anishinaabemowin.

Ogimaa Duke Peltier opened his remarks also in Anishinaabemowin, welcoming the community and its partners and thanking the dignitaries who were in attendance.

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome Jimmy Emms and Jeff May," said Ogimaa Peltier, noting that the partnership between Dent-X and FN Procurement enabled welcoming them as the first tenants of the new light industrial park. He noted that First Nations have been historically excluded from economic opportunities in the past and characterized the location of the facility on First Nation territory "a step toward reconciliation."

"Like all other Ontarians, our Anishinabek citizens appreciate the security of a full time job and all the benefits," said Ogimaa Peltier. "Who doesn't want or need a regular paycheque? From the health benefits to a sense of meaning and purpose, we all need stability and security."

Ogimaa Peltier noted that in addition to the benefits it will bring to his community, the facilities will provide significant economic spinoffs for all of Manitoulin and surrounding communities.

After noting the day's events were the culmination of 15 years of strategic planning, the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories chief went on to offer special thanks to

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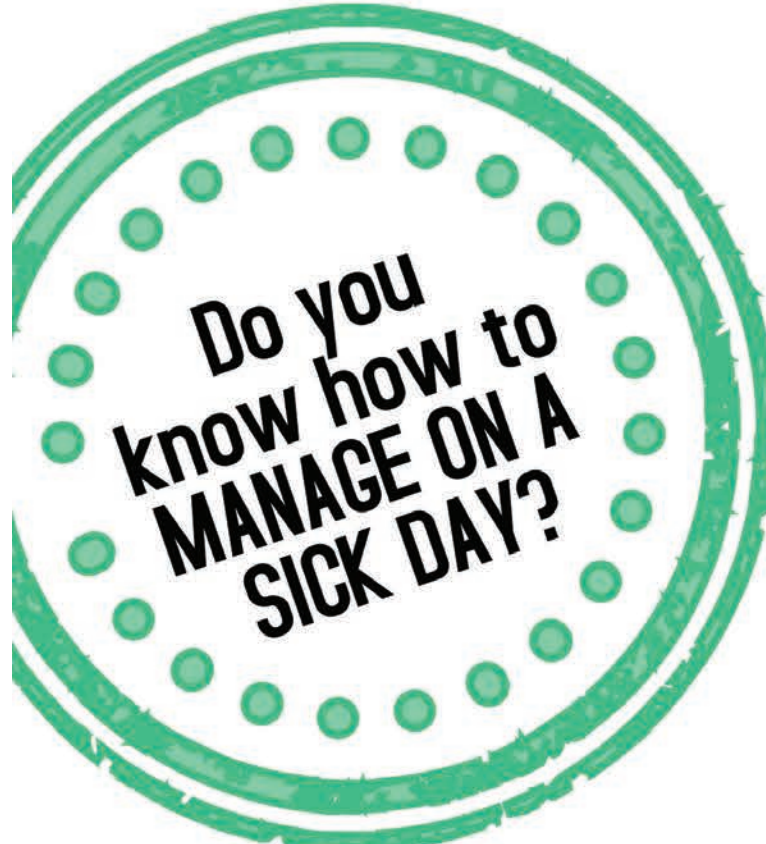
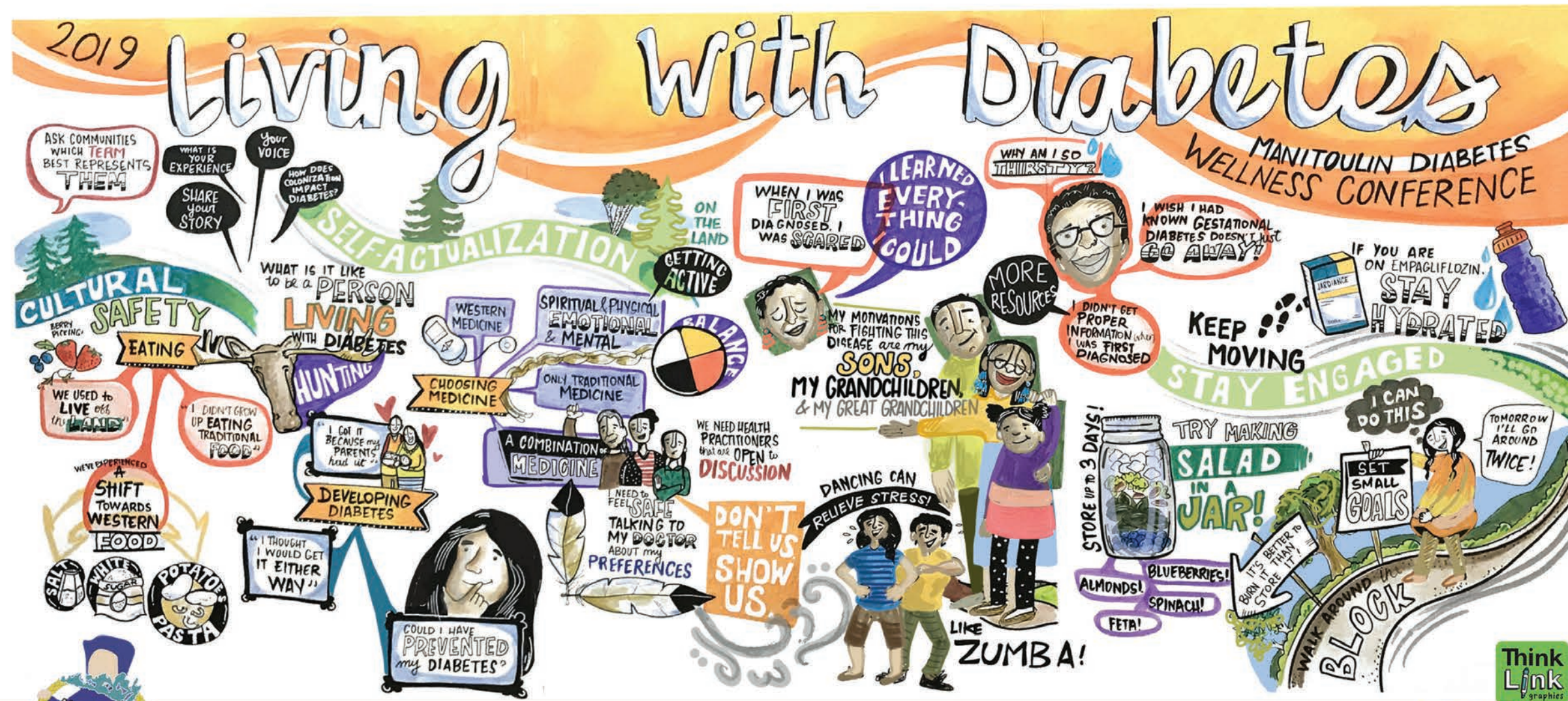
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"This is a difficult loss for our community as we consider the places where Marc completely gave of himself to neighbour and friend and to so many families that are represented today," said Pastor Lock.

Islanders Chris and Heather Theijsmeijer, who also teach at the high school, then sang a trilingual version of 'O Canada' (featuring English, French and Anishinaabemowin) as Ms. Theijsmeijer hand-drummed.

This led into a minute of silence followed by a slideshow of memories from PC Hovingh's life.

Next, OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique addressed the room.

"I am very confident that his competence and commitments very likely saved others from enormous risks that unknowingly awaited them on that day. Truly nothing short of heroic," the commissioner said. "Yours was a meaningful life well-lived. We are saddened beyond words by your passing, while at the same time, we are grateful and are forever indebted to you for your service."

Next to speak was his colleague, PC Marie Ford. She reflected on their time spent as co-workers and the caring, humble and dedicated person PC Hovingh was.

"If we could all be a little more kind to one another, if we could be a little more humble and if we could do things, kind things, when no one was watching, I am sure that our little corner of the world would be brighter," she said, then addressed each member of



The funeral procession for PC Marc Hovingh travelled through his home community of Manitowaning where hundreds of residents came to pay their final respects before the officer was brought to his final resting place at Hilly Grove Cemetery.



Manitoulin OPP officer Marie Ford carries her friend and colleague Marc Hovingh's constable's cap into the funeral. The cap was later given to the Hovingh family.



Special memorial patches bearing PC Marc Hovingh's name, date of birth and death were worn by all eight of the pallbearers.

PC Hovingh's family and said the policing family would always be there for them.

Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier was next to speak, followed by PC Hovingh's brothers Al and Hans.

"In the midst of our tears of sorrow and pain and grieving, we have been able to share stories about Marc that would bring us to tears of joy and laughter," Hans Hovingh said.

He reflected on his brother's willingness to help anyone in need and said he hoped everyone would grieve without losing hopefulness.

PC Hovingh's eldest brother Al then reflected on growing up with his youngest sibling, and their few shared musical interests they enjoyed in Al Hovingh's truck (which Marc Hovingh liked to think was his own).

"To me, Marc was always

tend to fully understand why it took a tragedy like this that has affected so many people to reveal this outpouring of love, but I will trust that there's a reason I am not writing the story and God is," Ms. Hovingh said.

She then shared a reflection from a family friend's son who went for a ride-along with PC Hovingh years ago. The officer said he would never hand out tickets without first considering the welfare of the people he had been blessed to serve.

Sarah Quackenbush read a selection of scripture verses to comfort the mourners before Pastor Lock offered a final reflection about the guiding power of faith, hope and love, as well as a prayer for everyone affected by the tragedy. He reflected that many people have chosen to live on

photos by Warren Schlote

Manitoulin for its quiet, calm pace, which has made the past month's events especially troubling.

The assembly listened to 'The Story I'll Tell' by Naomi Raine before the pallbearers assembled to remove the flag from PC Hovingh's coffin.

The Redman drum from Wiikwemkoong sang honour and travelling songs for the fallen officer before the indoor ceremony ended.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford, who attended alongside Ontario government officials including Solicitor General Sylvia Jones and Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell, said he was heartened by the strong community support for the Hovingh family.

"These small communities stick together and they all support each other and they all have each other's

backs, and that is so critical," he told The Expositor, adding that his government would support all the families affected by the tragedy in any way they may need assistance.

"Schools and community centres throughout our province are critical in bringing people together and that's what we need to support."

A large, indoor gathering during a pandemic contrasts the importance of honouring a fallen officer with the risks of bringing people from locked-down parts of the province to a place that is vulnerable to a virus outbreak.

"Thank God there's no cases up here," the premier said. "We just have to make sure we follow all the protocols of the chief medical officer and the local med-

ical officer of health up here. From what I've seen, everyone's doing that. They're keeping socially distanced, they're wearing a mask and they're hand-sanitizing, and it looks the same way inside the service."

The funeral procession travelled back up to Little Current and then down Highway 6 to Manitowaning. Along the route and especially in the Hovingh family's town, people gathered at the roadside to pay their respects for the fallen officer. The procession arrived at Hilly Grove Cemetery as the sun began to set.

The feed from the ceremony and the funeral processions is available on the Ontario Provincial Police Facebook page.

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...Wiiky PPE industry will create 50 new long-term positions

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 Mary Lynn Odjig of Wikwemikong Development Commission (Enaadmaagehjik), business development manager Nikki Maniwabi and director of operations Kevin Wassegijig for his work on administration.

The president of Dent-X thanked everyone for the warm welcome they had received in the community, going on to note that the staff had been trained at the company's Vaughan facilities "and passed with flying colours."

FN Procurement Inc. president Matthew Owl said "it is an absolute honour and a privilege to be able to bring economic development to the North, and it is long overdue."

Mr. Owl also thanked the Enaadmaagehjik contingent and band chief, council and staff, noting that their efforts were "instrumental in bringing opportunity here."

"I look forward to the opportunities coming to the North," he said.

AFN National Chief Bellegarde thanked the elders and the leaders in his language, as well as the many dignitaries. "You are creating opportunities, you are creating jobs," he said. "We need the masks you are creating. There is only one economy, it is time we once again become producers."

The grand chief said the three Ps are important; not only profit, but the effects on people and on the planet are also keys to success.

Ontario Regional Chief RoseAnne Archibald took part in the event from her vehicle on the side of the road while travelling to her home community. She had recently toured the light industrial park and was effusive in her praise for the initiative. "Not only will your products preserve health, they will save lives."

A pre-recorded video message from Ontario Pre-

mier Doug Ford brought congratulations on behalf of the province. "I am proud to support great partnerships like this one," said the premier. "You are a true example of what we can achieve when we come together in the fight against COVID-19."

MP Hughes brought her congratulations as well by video conference, noting the riding is quite blessed by having the facilities in Wikwemkoong and Sagamok (the site of a second FN Procurement PPE operation).

Anishnabek Nation Grand Council Chief Hare noted that "Wiikwemkoong works! We have had more sad times than happy times in the past, but we are making gains on that, and this is one of them."

Algoma-Manitolin MPP Mike Mantha delivered thanks to the Creator in Anishinaabemowin, noting how inspired he is to hear the language being spoken, but brought gales of laughter when he noted that he always suspects the speakers are talking about him. He noted that at an earlier feast in the community, he saw a level of pride in the young eyes around him.

Associate Minister Tibollo delivered a poignant address, stressing the important role that economic opportunities such as those coming with the new PPE facility play in building strong, vibrant and healthy communities.

"This is remarkable," he said. "The one P we heard that is most important to me is people. When we look to try and find solutions, we have to look beyond just the therapies and supports that help the individual." The social environment in which community members live is of great importance, he noted. "We have to look at the issues of attachment,



FN Procurement Inc. President Matthew Owl cuts the ribbon at the official opening of the new personal protective equipment facility.
 photo by Michael Erskine

the family issues, we have to look at the social issues; if we do not address those issues, we will never find solutions to mental health and addictions."

Associate Minister Tibollo said that when Ogimaa Peltier told him what was happening he stood up and was pacing because he recognised that this would be "giving people the opportunity to regain hope, to believe in themselves, to feel strongly that they are capable and strong to do things." He referred to the new facility as the "planting of seeds" that would, in time, have an important and long-lasting impact on

the mental health of the entire community. "These changes will take time, but you have to start somewhere," he said. He pointed out that the solutions "have to come from within the community."


"South Bay electrics have been key to getting us hooked up today," said Mr. Wassegijig, adding another partner to the mix at the conclusion of the ceremonies. Following the expressions of congratulations by the dignitaries, the blue safety suit-clad staff came out to greet those attending the ceremonies, following which a tour of the facility was held.



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Why is gratitude important	What is a phone # for Maternal Child & Health	Why is eye contact important	Do dads get anxious & depressed when there is a new baby	One word from the newest parenting/ inspiration Poster
What is an upcoming event for Maternal & Child Health	Why is it important to include dads & siblings in pregnancy	When do women need to care for themselves in the Pregnancy	Who is most essential in your child's life	Who is it important to look after, as a Parent

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CPO1 Abigail Harper named Top Cadet by #348 Sea Cadet Corps at annual awards

by Alicia McCutcheon
 MINDEMOYA—While it wasn't full of the pomp and circumstance a typical awards ceremony would bring for #348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps (RCSCC) Manitoulin, the promotions and awards ceremony allowed for the cadets to celebrate one another live and in person.

Following a long pandemic-induced hiatus, the Sea Cadets have begun to meet again each Monday night, in person, at the Mindemoya Community Centre while following strict COVID-19 protocols. The cadets had been continuing to meet virtually, but #348 Commander Officer Sylvain Boucher admitted in a previous article that this came with challenges as not all Island communities are blessed with equal broadband access.

On Monday, November 9, the cadets of RCSCC #348 lined up in rows in the community centre, appropriately distanced of course, and awaited instruction from their CO. An excited chatter filled the air. The event was livestreamed on Facebook as family and friends were not permitted to the community centre due to in-person gathering rules.

CO Boucher bade everyone a good evening to which the cadets, briskly and in unison replied, "Good evening, sir!" and it was time to award the promotions—when cadets move up in rank.

The promotions for #348 RCSCC are as follows: Ordi-



CPO1, and coxswain, Abigail Harper was named #348's Outstanding Top Cadet.

nary Cadet (OC): OC Julian Eadie and OC Samuel Pennings; Leading Cadet (LC): LC Landon Aelick, LC Carson Beauchamp, LC Hannah MacDonald, LC Braedan Bond, LC Lilly Rich, LC Shea Williamson and LC Katelyn Shank; Master Cadet (MC): MC Rhys Allison, MC Savannah Crack, MC Lydia Pennings and MC Benjamin Pangowish; Petty Officer First Class (PO1): PO1 Declan Allison and PO1 Ryan Goddard; and the highest ranking cadets in the corps, Chief Petty Officer Second Class (CPO2): CPO2 Dayna Beauchamp and CPO2 Lauren MacKay.

Next it was on to the moment everyone was waiting for: the awards. CO Boucher explained that awards were typically given out during the annual review, held each year in June. This year the review was cancelled for obvious reasons and the cadets had been waiting anxiously for five months to hear the news.

The awards are as fol-



The Ed Kift Esprit de Corps Award goes to the cadet that "significantly contributes to the feeling of pride, fellowship and loyalty shared by the cadets at RCSCC Manitoulin." This year's recipient is CPO2 Lauren MacKay.

lows:

The Lieutenant Commander Roger Szydziak Outstanding First Year Cadet Award is for the demonstration of proficiency in dress, deportment and self-discipline: Congratulations LC Landon Aelick; Manitoulin Navy League Branch Outstanding Second Year Cadet Award is awarded for demonstration of proficiency in dress, deportment and self-discipline: Congratulations MC Cadet Rhys Allison; Outstanding Fourth Year Cadet Award is given for the demonstration of proficiency in dress, deportment and self-discipline: Congratulations PO1 Ryan Goddard; The Commanding Officer Outstanding Fifth Year Cadet Award is for top demonstration of proficiency in dress, deportment and self-discipline: Congratulations CPO2 Dayna Beauchamp; Most



The Bryan Chapelle Outstanding Citizenship Award goes to the cadet who is a good citizen and who strives to make a worthwhile contribution that benefits the country as a whole and not just themselves. Congratulations to MC Savannah Crack.

Improved Cadet Award is presented to the cadet who shows the most overall improvement in drill, dress and discipline: Congratulations MC Lydia Pennings.

Little Current resident and supporter of the cadets, retired colonel the late George Bury, was a veteran of World War II. Colonel Bury was a true gentleman and a positive influence not only with the corps, but in the Manitoulin community as well. The George Bury Memorial Award is presented to a cadet who exemplifies the Latin phrase 'fidus amicus' which means 'a true friend.' This year's George Bury Memorial Award was presented to CPO2 Lauren MacKay.

The Bryan Chapelle Outstanding Citizenship Award goes to the cadet who is a good citizen and



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who strives to make a worthwhile contribution that benefits the country as a whole and not just themselves. Congratulations to MC Savannah Crack.

The Ed Kift Esprit de Corps Award is a special award named for one of the founding members of the Manitoulin Navy League that goes to the cadet that significantly contributes to the feeling of pride, fellowship and loyalty shared by the cadets at RCSCC Manitoulin. This year's recipient is CPO2 Lauren MacKay.

The Top Marksmanship Award goes to the cadet who consistently achieved the top score in both practice and competition and was awarded to CPO2 Dayna Beauchamp.

The Cadet Service Medal is presented to a cadet who has dedicated four or more years of service to the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets.

Congratulations CPO2 Dayna Beauchamp.

The Legion Medal of Excellence recognizes individual endeavours of a citizenship nature, which meet or enhance the purposes and objectives of the cadet organizations. This award is sponsored by Branch #177 Royal Canadian Legion in Little Current and this year's recipient is CPO2 Lauren Mackay.

Lastly, the Manitoulin Northshore Navy Veterans Outstanding Top Cadet Award is presented to the cadet who best exemplifies the cadet movement. The cadet chosen each year exemplifies excellence in drill, dress, deportment and leadership skills and is the most outstanding Sea Cadet in the Manitoulin Corps. Congratulations to CPO1 Abigail Harper, also the corps' coxswain, on this most prestigious honour.

CO Boucher concluded the evening by encouraging all those who did not receive an award that night to keep working hard and saying with a little dedication and persistence, it will happen.

To learn more about #348 RCSCC visit 348Manitoulin.com or search '348 Manitoulin RCSCC' on Facebook. Families interested in the Manitoulin Sea Cadet program can also contact CO Boucher at sylvain@manitoulin.net.

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Northeast Town launches Christmas website for all your holiday needs

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTHEAST TOWN—The Northeast Town is taking Christmas to the next level with the creation of a new Christmas website, ChristmasInNemi.ca, where one can find Christmas recipes, contests, events, updates from Santa and Mrs. Claus and so much more.

There will be Christmas events each and every Wednesday in the weeks leading up to Christmas, beginning this Wednesday afternoon, December 2, at 1:30 pm with a glitter ornament workshop; December 9 features a cutting board Christmas sign workshop; and December 16 with a no-sew sock gnome workshop. All afternoon workshops are just \$6 and will be held at the information centre located on Highway 6 between the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre and the swing bridge. Pre-registration is a must as there are class limits (each participant gets their own work station; masks are a must). To register, email events co-ordinator Lisa Hallaert at lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca or calling 705-368-3500 ext. 226.

Also on Wednesdays, Ms. Hallaert is hosting after-school crafts. This week, on Wednesday, December 2, is 3D snowflakes; December 9 is snow globes; and December 16, decorate a birdhouse. Parents please register by emailing lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca. Only nine spots are avail-

able for each session. Kids must wear masks and physical distance. Snack and juice boxes will be provided.

The information centre is also the site of Wednesday evening workshops, held at 6:30 pm, starting this week on Wednesday, December 2, with a 48" welcome sign workshop; December 9, learn to make glitter ornaments; and December 16, create a Christmas tree wreath. The December 2 workshop is \$30, while the remaining two are \$6. Again, pre-registration is required by contacting Ms. Hallaert as spaces are limited.

The municipality is also hosting a number of Christmas contests, from a business and home decorating challenge to an ugly mask and gingerbread house competition as well as colouring contests and pages too; ChristmasInNemi.ca has got the Northeast Town covered.

This Saturday, December 5 marks the annual Santa Claus parade in Little Current, which is taking on a much longer route this year to accommodate physical distancing. Floats must be enclosed this year, walkers are not permitted, and candy will not be given out.

The route will run from the Northeast Town recreation centre to Wilson Street, down to Worthington Street (Highway 540) and heading north before taking a left onto Meredith Street and a right on Red Mill Road. The parade will run

past the Manitoulin Centennial Manor for the residents to enjoy before heading downtown via Robinson Street, up Manitowaning Road and ending back at the rec centre. Ms. Hallaert is hoping that floats will pre-register by sending her an email or calling the town office at 705-368-3500 ext. 226.

Don't forget to visit ChristmasInNemi.ca and to send your letters to Santa!

...Santa Claus coming to Manitoulin on Saturday

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Physically-distanced chairs will be set up at the gazebo for kids to have a safe chance to sell Santa everything on their list this year.

There is yet more public skating on Saturday afternoon, this time at the Mindemoya from 3:30 to 5 pm, sponsored by Wilson's Corner Store, from 6 to 7:30 pm, sponsored by the municipality, and again from 7:45 to 9 pm, sponsored by Kat's Pet Supply. Ten spots are available for each of the three time spots and reservations are again required by calling 705-377-6640 and leaving a message.

The Mindemoya Christmas parade will start at 6:30 pm and will start at the Manitoulin Inn, travelling south on Highway 551, west on Douglas Street then back east on Highway 542 to the municipal complex.

Following the parade, at 7:30 pm, the community Christmas tree lighting will take place once again at Island Home Outfitters, complete with Christmas caroling. Bring a family ornament or find a past ornament on the ornament table and help decorate the tree.

In Little Current, the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is hosting its annual Santa

Claus parade on Saturday, December 5 beginning at 6 pm. The parade route is much different than previous years to allow for physical distancing. Also new this year is that all floats must be contained (no walkers) and candy will not be given out this year.

The parade gets underway at 6 pm from the Northeast Town recreation centre, heading north on Highway 6, taking a left onto Wilson Street, a right onto Worthington Street (Highway 540), followed by a left onto Meredith Street, a right onto Red Mill Road, through the Manor parking lot and back onto Robinson Street and downtown, taking a right on Manitowaning Road and back to the rec centre. To register a float, please contact Lisa Hallaert

by email at lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca.

Saturday, December 5 is also the last day for businesses to register for the decorating contest in the Northeast Town. Call 705-368-3500 to enter your business for a chance at bragging rights!

Billings is offering a Christmas workshop on Saturday, December 5 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Kagawong Park Centre where participants will have the chance to create a four-foot tall Christmas welcome sign. The cost is \$60 per participant. Email Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack at alkens@manitoulin.net to reserve your spot.

Also on Saturday, children will have yet another

opportunity to meet Santa, outside at the Kagawong Park Centre parking lot from 5 to 6:30 pm. Goodie bags will be available!

On Monday, December 7, the Township of Assiginack has organized a very special chat session with Santa, live from the North Pole! To book your time with Santa (he will be available from 6 to 9 pm), visit assiginack.ca and click 'online bookings.'

The municipalities would like to remind everyone taking part in these events that COVID-19 rules will apply and that masks are mandatory to help ensure that everyone has a safe and healthy holiday season.



The kids will have to wave to Santa from afar this year. Pandemic restrictions don't spare the big man, who has to keep physically distanced like the rest of us commonfolk.

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Dear Santa: _____

...Island agencies hopeful of teamwork response to opioid overdose crisis

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antagonist naloxone is being used in good numbers among the substance users in the community, which is saving lives. They said they hope to see an even greater effort in seeing these life-saving kits distributed to vulnerable members of the community.

There is also the trickle-down effect this silent epidemic is having on the community, such as employers having a hard time retaining employees, an increase in drug paraphernalia in the community and, perhaps most troubling, prostitution. The

community member shared with this newspaper a conversation they had had with a young woman in recent weeks. They had been propositioned by out-of-town drug dealers for sex in exchange for drugs. If drugs were not to their liking, they would be willing to pay money. This story is not unique to this one young woman, either; they added.

While the M'Chigeeng resident said they were glad to see steps being taken, both by the PHSD and the Manitoulin Leadership Committee (which is rallying

to try and obtain statistics from the various partners on drug use and overdoses), they hoped to see things move quickly as "lives are literally on the line."

"It's a problem that's affecting all of us; we have to work together."

The following is a list of ways to prevent overdoses and save lives provided by PHSD: Avoid using drugs when you are alone. If this is not possible, ask a friend to check on you; reduce your risk of COVID-19 infection by staying at least six feet away from other people; if possible, call

someone before using drugs. They can call 911 if you become unresponsive; when using drugs with a friend, do not use at the same time; when switching substances or if you have not used in a while, start with a lower dose; Carry a naloxone kit. Get your free kit at your local pharmacy today; use multiple doses of naloxone, as needed; call 911 if you suspect an overdose; avoid mixing drugs, including prescribed, over the counter and illegal drugs; and avoid drinking alcohol while using other drugs.

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Parkinson's Disease Support Group. For those affected by the disease and their caregivers, meetings will be the third Thursday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Mindemoya Public Library (at the Municipal office building), Mindemoya. Call Marilyn at 705-368-0756, Ext 238 if there are any questions. All welcome.

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Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.

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Codependents Anonymous Manitoulin for information, email codamanitoulin@gmail.com or visit Facebook [codamanitoulin](https://www.facebook.com/codamanitoulin). No meetings running at present.

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livestock

Beef calves for sale by mid-December. Call 705-859-3569 evenings or Bruce Moggy at 1-647-395-9282.

29-30p

wanted

Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289.

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Sea Cadet Events

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Legion Events

Renew your legion membership or join as a new legion member. Just contact Judy Miller by emailing jmiller@nemfht.ca or call 705-968-0091. The cost of a membership is \$55. All memberships sold before January 30, 2021 will be eligible to win a gift certificate from a local business. Thank you for your support to our local Branch 177, Little Current.

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Wing Night, Thursday, December 3 from 4 to 8 pm. Cheese balls, two for \$1; wings, \$1 each; jalapeno poppers, \$1 each; cheese sticks, \$1 each. Take-out only, pick up at the Legion. To preorder call 705-348-0123. Delivery within Town limits.

28-29p

coming events

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox Church in Manitowaning will be open on Fridays and Saturdays only, from 10 am to 3 pm, now until mid-December.

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Knox Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open from Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm and will continue until further notice. It will be "Bag" day: Fill a large bag for \$5 or a small bag for \$3. Social distancing and masks required. A limit of 10 customers at a time.

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The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox Church in Manitowaning will be holding a '50% Off Everything' sale on Friday, December 4 and Saturday, December 5. Open 10 am to 3 pm.

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Private classified word ads, like this, are \$8 for up to 25 words and 10 cents for every additional word, per week, plus HST. Pre-payment (VISA, MasterCard, cheque or cash) is required. Private sales only. Call 705-368-2744 to book your ad.

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The following experience would be considered an asset to the position

- Equipment maintenance and repair (truck, grass cutting equipment, etc.).
- Building maintenance and repair.
- Ice making and ice maintenance.
- Groundskeeping.

The position offers enrollment in OMERS (Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System) and an optional benefits package.

Resumes may be sent to the address below and must be received **no later than 12:00 (Noon) December 13, 2020**
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Part II of a series: Island businesses have adjusted their operations to offset high shipping costs

EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin Island businesses and consumers have often raised concerns over the relatively high cost of shipping goods to the Island, especially when compared to farther distances on mainland routes. The Expositor is working to better understand why this is the case and what can be done to manage the situation.

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—In the face of high and rising shipping costs, Manitoulin Island businesses often have to adjust their operations to ensure they can be profitable despite the added expenses.

To better explain how courier costs can impact a company's operations, a Sudbury-based business owner requested to share their experience with shipping their company's products to Manitoulin Island. This, they said, would highlight the real-world impacts of the high costs associated with shipping products to locations considered remote.

This individual's concerns prompted The Expositor to look deeper into the state of shipping goods to Island destinations. This newspaper has agreed to not name them because of fears that it may impact their ability to conduct business in the future.

The business owner explained that Manitoulin Island is off of the main ship-

ping routes so it is considered an away destination by transport companies. This means, in order to serve the locations, the shipping companies often hire special contractors at extra cost.

This individual said that with the factor of corporate consolidation, the problem is only getting worse over time.

"I like to call it President's Lack of Choice, because you see it in the food business especially," they said.

The person said they formerly worked closely with Muskoka Delivery Service to fulfill orders to their customers.

"(Muskoka) had excellent price coverage for Eastern Ontario, including the Island and up to Timmins," they said. "Since then, prices have gone up 20 or 30 percent at least."

The Expositor was unable to obtain historical price data for delivery companies but the business owner compiled a list of shipping price estimates (based on that business' rates) to a handful of Ontario locations through two major shipping outfits—FedEx and Purolator.

For that company to ship a case of its goods to Espanola, the base charge it quoted was \$15.80 through FedEx and \$12.05 on Purolator. The same goods being sent to Little Current would incur a price of \$35.59 on FedEx and \$27.11 through

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Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE MANAGER

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is currently seeking a Community Health Nurse Manager for the Primary Care Program.

Summary

Under direction of the Health Services Director, the Community Health Nurse Manager is responsible for the management of Community Health services. Key activities include planning, organizing, implementing, marketing and evaluating Health services.

Responsibilities

Service Responsibilities

- Facilitating effective service planning processes within Wikwemikong Unceded Territory along with promoting strategies which will support achievement of defined goals and objectives;
- Providing advisory and consultative services related to Community Health planning and options for community-based models of delivery; interpreting professional regulations, program standards and organization policies; recommending goals, objectives and program activities for culturally relevant programs that include Nursing as a primary component; and other matters upon request;
- Providing collaborative nursing management services to: implement WHC's Nursing policies and procedures and the transfer of Community Health and Mandatory Health programs from government control.

Organizational Responsibilities

- Reflecting and interpreting the organization Vision, Mission and Core Values in his/her own work with enthusiasm and commitment;
- Promoting commitment in others for organization Vision, Mission and Core Values;
- Understanding and acting in accordance with the legislation, policies, standards and procedures of his/her own service, program and agency;

Qualifications

- Four-year BScN Degree is required;
- Five (5) years' nursing experience, preferably in community health or primary care setting;
- Three (3) years' nursing supervision preferably with rural service experience;
- Comprehensive clinical and administrative knowledge base, preferably specialized in community health along with knowledge of delivery of mental health nursing services;
- Sound knowledge of primary health care systems and resource technologies;
- Demonstrated expertise in nursing supervision and capacity to apply nursing principles and theories to assessment, planning, management and delivery of culturally appropriate services.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related references with contract information marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Community Health Nurse Manager

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164
Fax: 705.859.3300
Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: December 11, 2020 @ 4:00pm

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Licence and Abstract and Accreditations. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.



Employment Opportunity ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Summary

The Associate Director, under the direction of the Health Services Director, will primarily be responsible to direct the overall daily office operations of the company including office management, technology, human resources, health and safety, contracts and administrative staff. This position will create and/or approve company-wide policies and procedures. This role will also develop and implement both short and long-term tactical and strategic plans in accordance with business goals and objectives. The Associate Director must have a clear and solid understanding of the issues faced by the organization and the industry and ability to build and maintain lasting relationships with key external stakeholders.

Responsibilities

- Assist Health Services Director with project management to ensure effective milestone planning and timely completion of deliverables.
- Evaluate policies and procedures and provide recommendations for changes to improve efficiency.
- Work in collaboration with the Systems Administrator to prepare and present proposals relating to departmental budgets, resource allocation and work processes.
- Coordinate activities by scheduling work assignments, setting priorities, and delegating work accordingly.
- Establish and oversee the community Research Advisory Group.
- Maintain data management practices; provide quarterly data/narrative report.
- Analyse departmental operations and identify areas requiring improvement.
- Plan and conduct quarterly meetings with department managers to review health plan deliverables and key performance indicators.
- Determine staffing requirements for the administration department and oversee the recruitment of staff.
- Provide human resource feedback and support to meet the needs of employee relations.
- Translate strategic goals into practical actions.
- Commitment to learn/use Anishinaabemowin and work toward fluency.

Qualifications

- Degree in Health Administration or Health Services.
- Five years of experience in a management role and five years of experience in a related industry.
- Ability to identify measures of performance and actions needed to improve or correct performance.
- Ability to plan, organize, develop, implement and interpret goals, objectives and policies.
- Experience in working and communicating effectively with elders.
- Experience in working with(in) Anishinabek Communities.
- Experience in Health Policy, Federal and Provincial.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related references with contract information marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Associate Director

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164
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WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Experienced Officer/Police Constable 1 Year Contract

Position: Police Constable
Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The WTPS is accepting applications from police officers who have served or are currently serving with a Canadian police agency. Applicants may also be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary by the Ontario Police College as a condition of employment.

Summary:

The WTPS Police Constable will be responsible to the Chief of Police and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting to establish peace and harmony within and around the Wikwemikong Territory.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Ability to work shift work, comprised of both day and evening shifts, weekends.
- Preserving the peace.
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist WTPS Officers with community policing and safety concerns.
- Respond to routine and emergency calls, assisting crime or accident investigations with WTPS officers.
- Assist with vehicle patrol operations as directed.
- Assist with the containment and preservation of crime scenes as directed, and assisting with the determination of the extent of personal injuries, identifying victims, witnesses and the extent of damage, documenting evidence; assisting to ensure that the safety of officers and the public is maintained at all times.
- Assist WTPS members in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units.
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.
- Such other duties, not inconsistent with the above, as the Police Chief should direct.

Basic Requirements:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada of at least 21 years of age.
- Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset.
- Diploma from Ontario Secondary School or equivalent.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence in good standing with driver's abstract.
- Possess valid First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Disclose any McNeil Reports.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Ability to speak and understand the Anishinaabemowin language considered an asset.
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position.
- 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/driver's licence/driver abstract, 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 11, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Only those selected will be extended a personal interview. The candidate will also be required to successfully complete psychological, medical, vision and hearing examinations. The best qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation. The candidate will be notified before any contact is made with their current police service. Salary and merit level will be open for discussion, upon successful completion of the interview process.

Members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service participate in the Ontario Pension Board (OPB) pension plan. It is compulsory for members to contribute to the plan. Experienced officers who have contributed to another pension plan may contact their current plan administrator to determine if their plan is transferable.



JOB POSTING 5th posting
POSITION: Medical Transportation Driver
Full time, Six Month Probation Period
HOURS: 40hrs, On Call

Job Brief:

Provide the transportation of patients/clients to and from hospitals, convalescent facilities, dialysis centres, rehabilitation centres, medical offices and their private residences in a safe, secure and professional manner.

Requirements

1. Valid G driver's licence.
2. Clean driver's abstract within the last two years.
3. CPR and First Aid.
4. Clear CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Check
5. To be able to drive anywhere in Ontario, major highways and large cities.

Duties

Transporting patients and clients utilizing company vehicles in a safe and professional manner. Effectively communicates with CHR and/or Band Manager regarding schedule progress and to receive instructions. On call duties, for medical emergencies. To complete paperwork for all medical appointments. To transport clients for scheduled appointments. To complete vehicle checks before and after medical trips. To track mileage of the vehicle. To ensure clients get the doctor to fill out medical transportation forms. Assist clients in and out of vehicles to ensure safety, to and from home and to and from medical facilities. To be able to lift over 50 pounds if required, assist clients and their medical equipment. All other duties as required.

Application Deadline: open until filled
Only full Packages will be accepted.

How to apply:

Applications MUST include a cover letter, resume and three work-related letters of reference. Copy Valid G driver's licence, copy of CPR and First Aid.

Email to:

bobbisue@zhiibaahaasing.org

Attention:

Band Manager, Bobbisue Kells-Riberdy **RE: Medical Transportation Job Posting**

Successful applicants will be requested to submit a CPIC, vulnerable sectors check and clean driver's abstract.



JOB POSTING 4th posting
POSITION: CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
WORKER (CFSW)/
COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER (CSW)
TIME FRAME: FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
HOURS: 34.5HRS; WITH ON-CALL AND AFTER HOURS

Job Brief:

Zhiibaahaasing First Nation is seeking to employ a qualified candidate to work with the Social Wellness Team. The successful candidate will be responsible for influencing positive change and promoting self-reliance and family unity for community members. Community-based family preservation programming based on the Anishnaabe culture and lifestyle. Must be flexible and available for on-call after hours and during evenings and weekends as required. Reporting to the Band Manager.

Responsibilities:

To have knowledge of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act (Part IV). To advocate for the best interest of the Children to ensure the rights of First Nation children and their families. To plan and execute family prevention programming for families, children and youth. Coordinate and/or participate in activities including physical, outdoor, or other active elements.

Requirements:

Minimum post-secondary (Diploma or Degree) in Social Work, Social Science or related field; Minimum of three years' experience working in Social Services or a related field in a First Nation; Must have valid Class 'G' driver's licence with liability insurance with reliable method of transportation; Excellent time management skills and ability to multitask and prioritize work; Excellent written and verbal communication skills; Strong organizational and planning skills; Proficient in MS Office and in Apple Products, IMac, iPad, IOS.

Current Criminal Reference Check and Vulnerable Sector Search required (if position offered).

Application Deadline: until filled.
Only Full Packages will be accepted.

How to apply:

Applications MUST include a cover letter, resume and three work-related letters of reference.

Email to:

bobbisue@zhiibaahaasing.org

Attention:

Band Manager, Bobbisue Kells-Riberdy **RE: CFSW/CSW Job Posting**



JOB POSTING 4th posting
POSITION: ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT
TIME FRAME: FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
HOURS: 34.5HRS

Job Brief:

Zhiibaahaasing First Nation is seeking to employ a qualified candidate to work with the Administration Team. The successful candidate will be responsible to perform a variety of administrative and clerical tasks. Duties of the Administrative Assistant include providing support to Band Manager and employees, assisting in daily office needs and managing our company's general administrative activities.

Responsibilities:

The Administration Assistant, under the direction of the Band Manager will develop and maintain a filing system. Carry out administrative duties such as filing, typing, copying, binding, scanning, etc. Handle sensitive information in a confidential manner. Other duties are required.

Requirements:

At least three years of experience in the field or in a related area. Proven admin or assistant experience. Knowledge of office management systems and procedures. Excellent time management skills and ability to multitask and prioritize work. Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Strong organizational and planning skills. Proficient in MS Office and in Apple Products, IMac, iPad, IOS.

Application Deadline: until filled
Only Full Packages will be accepted.

How to apply:

Applications MUST include a cover letter, resume and three work-related letters of reference.

Email to:

bobbisue@zhiibaahaasing.org

Attention:

Band Manager, Bobbisue Kells-Riberdy **RE: Administration Assistant Job Posting**



JOB POSTING 2nd posting
POSITION: Administration/Complex Janitor
TIME FRAME: PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
HOURS: 15 TO 20 PER WEEK

Job Brief:

Zhiibaahaasing First Nation is seeking to employ an energetic and highly motivated individual to join our team as a Janitor. The ideal candidate for this position is detail-oriented, flexible and willing to take on non-routine cleaning and special projects as the need arises. The Janitor will be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing offices, meeting rooms, bathrooms, kitchen, dining room and public areas.

Responsibilities:

- Perform general clean up of all areas of the building
- Garbage removal
- Ensure rooms are maintained and fully equipped
- Perform detailed sanitizing of all offices and common areas
- Perform clean up after meetings, workshops, etc.
- Seasonal deep cleaning procedures
- All other duties as required

Requirements:

- Willingness to work early morning or late night shifts
- Ability to work well under minimal supervision
- Capacity to take direction
- Strong attention to detail
- Physically capable of lifting and moving objects up to 30 pounds as necessary

Application Deadline: Friday, December 4, 2020 at 10am
Only Full Packages will be accepted.

How to apply:

Applications MUST include a cover letter, resume, two work-related references and one Character, letters of reference.

Email to:

bobbisue@zhiibaahaasing.org

Attention:

Band Manager, Bobbisue Kells- Riberdy **RE: Administration/Complex Janitor**

I feel like I'm all over the map this morning! Can't get it together on what to include in this week's recipe column. Decision made: all three from a cookbook, to a bar and then a gluten-free recipe.

First: a cookbook for the collector or first time cook. The salads and dressing recipes are awesome. They work. I make the dressings all the time and they keep well in the fridge. My favourite is Mandy's House and Green Goddess.

The cookbook is called 'Mandy's Gourmet Salads: Recipes for Lettuce and Life' by Mandy Wolfe, Rebecca Wolfe and Meredith Erickson. Second: A recipe for the holiday season that is a little bit different. Grapefruit that adds tang!

Grapefruit Bars

Bars and squares are go-to desserts for holiday goody trays because they are often easier to bake than cookies. Remember to use parchment paper so you can lift out the cooled bars and cut them up with no fuss.

- 3/4 cup butter softened
- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

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Purolator.

Shipping the same case to St. Thomas, for instance, would cost \$19.89 on FedEx and \$17.16 through Purolator.

For various on-Island destinations, however, the story changes slightly—eastern Manitoulin destinations tend to hover around the same price on Purolator, increasing as the destination moves west past Mindemoya. For FedEx, though, on-Island destinations are all priced the same.

"There's something very prejudicial against the Island with couriers. I've taken it up with a representative from Purolator from Sudbury. He looked into it and said there was nothing he could do because prices are set in Toronto. As far as they're concerned, Manitoulin is an away place," the business owner said.

They also said that based on shipping estimates to a customer on the Nova Scotia coast, shipping costs would be cut in half if they shipped two 25-pound cases instead of just one.

"Now I've got to try to get our customers to buy two cases at once instead of one. The silliness of it," they said.

Kerry Bowerman at Manitoulin Chrysler said he has seen prices going up over the last three to four years. That business uses Purolator for many of its parcels.

"It ends up being, for example if we need a bumper, fender or something, usually \$100 to \$140 to have it shipped here. Espanola is a fraction of that price apparently, at least that's what I hear," said Mr. Bowerman.

Andy Campbell, owner of Campbell Heating, said he has also seen steady price increases to shipping costs.

"I have to figure the freight into the costs of the equipment I'm purchasing. I stock quite a bit, so I'll buy as many as eight furnaces at a time to keep the costs down. But, then I'm stuck with the overhead of owning the equipment until it does sell. Either way, we don't have the convenience of living in Sudbury and running to the supplier as we need it," said Mr. Campbell.

That added cost of overhead in storing materials ultimately gets passed to the consumer and can be

well over \$100 added onto the cost of a \$5,000 furnace.

"We're forced to hold a huge amount of inventory in stock of materials that are not readily available locally or within a reasonable distance. Not only that, but you have to have a shop and storage facilities for all this stuff. That does not come cheap," said Mr. Campbell.

Consolidating shipments is a tactic also employed by RedBow Floor and Wall Fashions sales manager Sara McDonald.

"We try to do all our shipments in one, especially for ordering parts or something for our customers, so we can split the costs among many orders. We also try to put that into our product rates, so the costs are still covered but not as an extra charge," said Ms. McDonald.

However, in her line of



FILLING:

- 4 eggs
- 3 Tbsp finely grated grapefruit zest
- 1/3 cup grapefruit juice
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp icing sugar

In a large bowl, beat together butter, 1/2 cup of the sugar and salt until light and fluffy; stir in two cups of the flour, one cup at a time. Press into bottom of parchment paper-lined 13- x 9-inch pan. Bake in 350°F oven until golden, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool slightly.

Meanwhile, in bowl, beat eggs with sugar until pale and thickened, about five minutes. Beat in grapefruit

work with consumers whose personal tastes vary widely, this is not as easily accomplished as standardized equipment like furnace parts.

"We have to stock those items to be able to give the best prices. Especially where we are, nobody wants the same thing so it's impossible to keep that stock for the simple fact that we don't have the room. And if we did order everything that way, we might sit on the product for years before it sells," she said.

"We try to be accommodating for everybody, but it can be frustrating for customers," said Ms. McDonald.

There is some hope for Island businesses in the form of smaller, independent companies that operate with lower overhead, including services used by some of the businesses dis-

cussed above.

Some companies that are not even in the courier business have found themselves assuming the roles of delivering goods to Island businesses and consumers and may be the key to sustainability despite the high shipping costs to Manitoulin Island.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic since this story was first written has only further exacerbated the challenging realities of shipping goods to and from Manitoulin Island. A future story in this newspaper will explore how the pandemic has impacted Island businesses in regards to their shipping requirements for their daily operations.

zest, grapefruit juice and lemon juice. Stir in remaining flour and baking powder. Pour over crust, smoothing top.

Bake in 325°F oven until centre is set but jiggles slightly, 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool in pan, about an hour. Lift out onto cutting board; cut into bars. Before serving sprinkle with icing sugar.

*Make ahead: layer between waxed paper in airtight container; refrigerate for up to five days.

Third: A recipe that is gluten-free, actually tastes awesome and doesn't use any sugar. The muffins are loaded with all sorts of healthful goodness. A required taste without the sugar but I always say "mind over matter."

Morning Glory Muffins

I added an extra banana, switched to walnuts from pecans and cut up dried figs instead of the raisins. To make the muffins nut-free use sunflower seed butter or tahini. Use pumpkin or sunflower seeds instead of nuts.

*Make a double batch, they keep well.

- 1 cup mashed bananas (2-3 large bananas)
- 3 large eggs
- 3 Tbsp coconut oil, melted
- 1/4 cup coconut milk or your choice
- 1/3 cup creamy almond butter
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1/3 coconut flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 3/4 tsp baking soda
- 3/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans or your choice
- 1/3 cup raisins or choice of dried fruit without sugar

Preheat the oven to 350°F and line 12 cups of a muffin tin with paper liners or grease with coconut oil.

In a large mixing bowl mix together the mashed bananas, eggs, coconut oil, milk, almond butter and vanilla until fully combined.

Add the coconut flour, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder, salt, shredded carrot, nuts and raisins. Mix gently together.

Divide the batter among the prepared muffin cups. You can fill them about two-thirds or right to the top. They will not rise. Bake for 16 to 19 minutes until a toothpick comes out clean and the top springs back when pressed with your fingertip.

Let them cool for 10 minutes before taking them out to cool on a wire rack.

Store on the counter in an airtight container for two days, or a week in the fridge, or three months in the freezer.



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We have made it into our fourth month of school! Isn't that crazy?! Christmas is also less than a month away, meaning it's time for our first Christmas joke of the season.

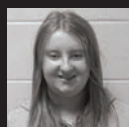
What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinsilitis!

MSS hasn't let the cooler weather dampen their spirits or spirit days lately. Rock Your Mocs day was held across the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) on Friday, November 13. Camo day was Friday, November 20, which was just in time for hunting season.

The RDSB and Public Health Sudbury and Districts have come to an agreement that as of Wednesday, November 18, gators as face coverings and face masks with vents will not be permitted in schools as they do not protect as well as medical grade or fabric masks. Just a reminder that masks are available in the office and at the front door each morning.

On Friday, November 27, RDSB students and staff across Manitoulin wore blue in honor of PC Marc Hovingh, and to collectively show that we honour, respect and appreciate our police officers. MSS staff and students walked to the intersection of Highway 540 in M'Chigeeng to show our

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

respect as the procession made its way from Little Current to Mindemoya Missionary Church. Deepest condolences from MSS staff and students to PC Hovingh's family, friends, coworkers and policing family.

Picture retake day was Monday, November 30. Picture proofs will arrive in the next few weeks so you can decide if you want to order the pictures. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Marshall in the guidance office.

MSS's winter virtual talent show is coming up soon! If you have a talent you want to show off, record a video of yourself and send it to Mr. T by Monday, December 7. It will be easier if the video is uploaded to your Google Drive before you send it. Don't be afraid to show off your talent, Mustangs!

This year, due to COVID-19, the MSS annual Awards Night will be held virtually on Thursday, December 17. Bursaries will be mailed out to the graduates.

Once or twice a week over the last month, members of the SHARE/Go-Green committee have been busy cleaning up the

school yard. They hope to continue doing this until the snow flies, and plan to get back out there in the spring. Keep the earth clean, Mustangs!

Speaking of green, the greenhouse at MSS is quite an amazing sight! Many different plants can be seen growing! Let's hope they continue to grow even as the temperature drops outside.

The MSS bees have also been super busy lately making honey. MSS has honey

for sale at \$7/bottle. Call 705-368-7000 if you are interested.

Are you in need of some one-on-one help in one or more of your classes? If so, talk to your teachers or the guidance office to set you up with a peer tutor. Or if you are looking to gain some volunteer hours and help out a fellow MSS student, you can sign up to be a peer tutor!

Joke of the week: What do gingerbread men use when they break their legs?

Candy canes.

Upcoming events include the virtual talent show, virtual Awards Night and Christmas!

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

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The family of Tom Wright express their sincere appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy on the passing of a much-loved husband, father and grandfather. The online condolences, flowers, phone calls, donations and cards meant so much. We thank the Manitoulin Lodge staff for their care and personal touches. Thanks to the fellow residents for their outpouring of sympathy in the loss of a fellow resident. To the Simpson Funeral Home, thanks for your attention, it was much appreciated. Myrtle, Jim, Sue, Ron, Kim and families

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Death Notices

LYLE NORMAN LEWIS

June 7, 1952 - November 22, 2020



In loving memory of Lyle Norman Lewis who passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, November 22, 2020 at Health Sciences North, following a lengthy battle with cancer. Loving husband of Paulette Lewis (nee Sabourin). Beloved father of Stacey Lewis (Wayne Hinrichs) and Sherry

Lewis Patterson (Blair), stepfather to Danny, Michael and Sean Whalen. Dear grandfather to Lochlan, Arlo, Scotia and Leif. Lyle will be sadly missed by sister Carol Hall (Carl predeceased). Predeceased by brother Jack Lewis (Myrna also predeceased). Lyle was born and raised on Manitoulin Island to parents William (Bill) Lewis and Margaret Clara Lewis (nee Whiddon), both predeceased. An electrician by trade, Lyle retired in 2007 from the Pulp and Paper Mill in Espanola. In his earlier days, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, gardening and spending time with his family in McGregor Bay, a true outdoorsman at heart. While raising his family, Lyle spent a lot of time at local arenas, coaching and refereeing hockey and ringette. In his retirement years, he enjoyed volunteering at Health Sciences North. Lyle will be sadly missed by his nieces and nephews, as well as many extended family members. A Celebration of Life will follow in the Spring of 2021 on Manitoulin Island. In memory of Lyle, donations can be made directly to Maison McCulloch Hospice in Sudbury. Arrangements have been entrusted to Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd. Online condolences can be posted at RangersSudbury.com.

JORDAN CHRISTOPHER HALLIDAY

February 28, 1984 - November 20, 2020



In loving memory of Jordan who passed away suddenly at home in Little Current at the age of 36. Loved son of Gary and Kathy Halliday, brother to Jon and Jen Halliday, partner of Blair Poland, uncle to Makayla, Devin, Isabel, Vanessa and Brooklyn, beloved nephew of Jack Omnet, Marie Kewley, Bill Omnet (predeceased) and Gloria Halliday. Will be missed dearly by his dogs Karma and Zeus to whom he was very proud of and who slept with him every night. Jordan was a heavy equipment operator and welder who took pride in his trades and strived to do an excellent job. His work took him to Alberta, Barrie, Sudbury and finally Manitoulin. He enjoyed family get togethers, fishing and going for long walks. Jordan had a kind and thoughtful heart and was always there to help his friends when they needed it and will be missed by them. "We will miss you more than you will ever know." Expressions of sympathy can be made through donations to help with funeral expenses at the following GoFundMe page: <https://ca.gofundme.com/f/jordan-halliday>. There was a walk through visitation on Monday, November 30, 2020 at Island Funeral Home from 10:30 to 11:30am. All COVID-19 precautions were followed. Service and burial were at the Burpee Mills Cemetery.

JOHN GORDON BOUSFIELD

"JACK"

May 29, 1928 - November 24, 2020



John (Jack) Gordon Bousfield was born on May 29, 1928 in Brownsville, Texas and passed away November 24, 2020 in Milton, Ontario. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 72 years, Thelma (nee Nevills), daughter Patricia (Rick) Istead and son Bruce (Anne) Bousfield, five grand-

children, Melissa (Kynnin), Shannon, Laura, Katherine (Patrick) and Cam, three great-grandchildren, Rowan, Quinn and Joshua, as well as his younger brother Roy (Eleanor) Bousfield. He is predeceased by his son Douglas and his brothers George and Tom and sisters Betty and Ida. He will also be remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. They say things are bigger in Texas and being born there, no one had a bigger heart than Jack. He was a helpful neighbour, dedicated volunteer and wonderful storyteller who enjoyed sharing a bench and a joke with anyone who stopped to listen. During his working life he was a true Jack-of-all-trades, having worked hard at several local jobs and for many years with the Road Department of Halton. He had a story to tell for just about any road in the region. He loved spending time with his family and his children, fondly remembering road trips, camping, family reunions and waterskiing together. Jack and Thelma were long-time members of the square dance community and he was never happier than when he was dancing with her in his arms. An avid woodworker and collector of tools, upon retirement he could often be found putting on projects in his workshop. He will live on in his hundreds of signature folding wooden tables that can be found in the homes of family, friends and even strangers. A sports fan, his regular Skype updates to family would always include a report on the latest Blue Jays and Maple Leafs games. Jack kept his sense of humour and spirit to the end, regularly stating that he was doing 'pretty good for an old guy.' We will really miss his hugs, wisdom and stories. Thank you to all the PSWs, doctors, nurses and others who supported Jack and his family during the past year, you are truly heroes. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to any of the following organizations meaningful to the family: Milton District Hospital Foundation <https://mdhf.ca/>, The Willow Foundation for Seniors, <https://willowforse-niors.ca/>, Two Wheel View, www.twowheelview.org, Sunny Days Group Program Brighton <http://www.sunny-daysgroupprogram.ca/> or the Kidney Foundation of Canada <https://kidney.ca/>. A Celebration of Life will be planned as soon as we can. Hopefully early next year. Messages of condolence may be left online at Earlyfuneralhome.com.

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

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notice

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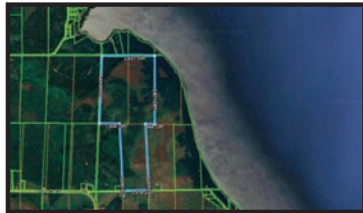


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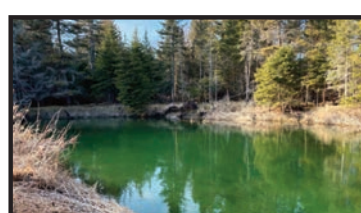
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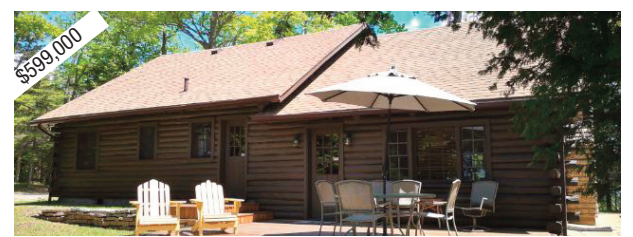


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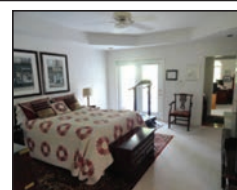
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HISTORIC PROPERTY - 3 bedroom home has hardwood floors, granite touches, and a large backyard. Potential for fourth bedroom, or home office in "bonus" room with separate entrance. Call now to view! MLS#2090060



WATERFRONT FARM/ACREAGE - This home farm, known as Pleasant Valley Farms, includes a 5 bdrm house (as is), many outbuilding, & 2 bank barns. 310 acres of Pasture, cleared workable land (80 acres), & wooded areas perfect for hunting. Plenty of deer!! Property also has 2500 ft frontage of private sand beach on Lake Kagawong!! Call today!! MLS#2090204



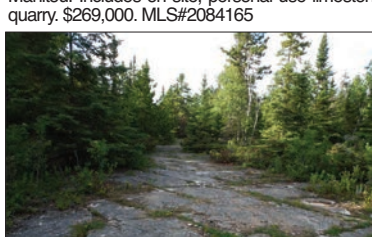
LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Demand the best of the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. 34 acres & 669 ft frontage on Lake Manitou. Includes on site, personal use limestone quarry. \$269,000. MLS#2084165



LAKE HURON WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Only 20 mins from Mindemoya, this private waterfront lot has 4.3 acres, and 287 ft frontage facing Southwest on Square Bay. The level lot is perfect for building your dream cottage on. A little piece of paradise for an affordable price! Call today before its gone. MLS#2090408



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MILLS ROAD ACREAGE - 200 acre site with mature forest and heavy tree cover. Excellent location and a great spot to get away from it all. Great price at only \$125,000. MLS#2084127



LITTLE CURRENT 3 BDRM HOME - Brick & vinyl sided 3 bdrm home. Great location within short walk of shopping, school & hospital. Includes full unfinished basement for expansion of the existing livable area plus great potential for separate apartment & dual incomes to a new landlord. Fully serviced site somewhat elevated yard. MLS#2090587



STUNNING CUSTOM-BUILT SUMMER HOME IN MCGREGOR BAY - Located on 8 acres of paradise in one of McGregor Bays best locations and offering the finest quality Shepard built construction. Spacious 4 bdrm high end cottage with all the bells and whistles including one of the best harbor areas one can ask for, great dockage, expansive decking, air conditioning, modern septic, lovely furnishings and huge master suite for pampering oneself. A lovely turn-key set up waiting on new owners! MLS#2090271



"AAA" PRIME COMMERCIAL LOCATION - Located on Highway 6 at South Baymouth, this mixed commercial and residential use building offers many potential uses or a continuation of the existing restaurant business. Very well maintained and upgraded building with 3,832 sq ft includes large retail space plus 2 residential units. Many decades of historical use catering to locals as well as our vibrant tourist industry. Great price! MLS#2089961



LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Demand the best of the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Ideal for privacy and quality construction with over 33 acres & 627 ft shoreline. MLS#2088185



BEST PRICE FOR MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Over 35 acres & 610 ft waterfront, driveway mostly in place, great central Manitoulin location & incredible price @ \$199,000! MLS#2088184



TRULY SPECTACULAR NORTH CHANNEL WATERFRONT POINT SITE - Mature hardwood forest & spectacular sand beach together with over 1,000 ft shoreline & 3+ acres of land offered with this fine waterfront site. MLS#2087264



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AFFORDABLE TURNKEY 4 SEASON COTTAGE!!!! - This affordable turnkey 3 bdrm cottage on leased land is fully insulated, less than 10 years old & can be used year-round. The very large corner lot comes with large decks, many storage sheds & 2 driveways. Access to the sand bottom lake is a very short walk. Almost all contents including pull-out couch, quality furnishings, dishes, etc. are included at a price of only \$139,000!!!! MLS#2087348



8 YEAR OLD 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!!!! - This modern looking camp with a new roof comes adorned with a vaulted ceiling in the open concept kitchen/living room, indoor flush toilet, water drawn from the lake, a huge L-shaped deck, several outbuildings, a large portable garage & a very large beautifully landscaped lot. Asking \$85,000!!!! MLS#2087341



950 SQ. FT. 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!!!! - This cottage located in a park setting at the north end of Mindemoya Lake is just a short walk to the nice sand bottom waterfront access which is very kid-friendly. The cottage features a large deck, a forced-air electric furnace as well as a propane free standing metal stove for heating. Asking \$115,000. MLS#2085649



LACLOCHE MOUNTAIN RESORT ON CHARLTON LAKE IN WHITEFISH FALLS!!!! - This resort known as Bearskin Lodge and Outfitters comes turnkey with 9 rustic 2 & 3 bdrm log cabins as well as an owners residence & another cabin they allow friends & workers to stay. The housekeeping cottages each have their own hydro panels & each have their own bathrooms & appliances that are relatively new with upgraded wiring. Asking \$975,000. MLS#2077603



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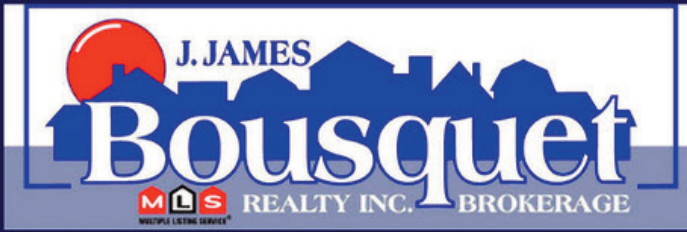
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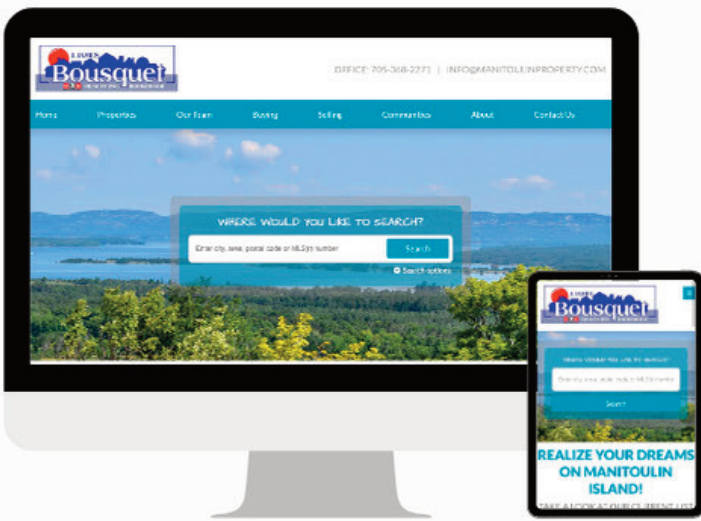


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