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## DSB looking at Little Current for new seniors' housing building

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—Last week, Northeast Town council gave its blessing to the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) to begin a feasibility study that will consider the creation of a senior-specific housing build on the Park Street property located directly behind its Channelview Apartments in Little Current.

At a DSB board meeting late last year, DSB CAO Fern Dominelli told the board that they would soon have a decision to make in regards to which community would see a new build—Espanola or Little Current—as per the \$656,700 in provincial funds received to carry out such a project. As Espanola has a higher wait list for clients, this community was first explored, but Mr. Dominelli told The Expositor it was determined that the town's sewer capacity could not handle such a build and so Little Current was next on the list.

With a wait list of 22 senior citizens in Little Current alone (that number figures in the 40 range when counting all of Manitoulin), the DSB set its sights on Little Current, having already had conversations with the municipality about the parcel of land that was gifted to them by the late Lily Fielding and family in 2016. That same year, the Northeast Town put out a request for expressions of interest for the 2.94-acre parcel of land, specifically for seniors' housing.

Mr. Dominelli said the DSB has hired Housing Services Corporation to oversee the feasibility and environmental studies and that

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**SNOW MINION**—Four-year-old Waukshehns Wemigwans and her mom Cyndie Wemigwans created this fantastic minion snow sculpture for the Assignack snow sculpture contest in Doogaaning in Wiikwemkoong. Titled 'pink minion with ponytails,' the creature is a big hit. See more snow sculpture photos on Page 21.

## Landowner accepts EBC offer for Heaven's Gate; 90 days to closing

Island benefactor matching donations to \$250K

by Warren Schlote

RED DEER VILLAGE—The family that owns a 1,984-acre plot of land in the Whitefish Falls area has accepted Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC)'s offer to buy the land and preserve it as

a conservation property with public access, in the process forming a crucial link between LaCloche Ridge Conservation Area and Killarney Provincial Park that will create a conservation zone more than 500 square kilometres in size.

"Every time I see that place I realize that it's incredibly special. I associate it with friends and neighbours and just a long time of being in the Manitoulin-Algoma area. It just means a lot to me," said EBC treasurer Ted Cowan, who is taking the lead on this project.

EBC has reached a deal with the family to purchase this eight-square-kilometre property, formerly known as Skyline Nature Reserve and now called Heaven's Gate Reserve, for \$1.65 million.

To cover those costs, EBC is initiating a fierce fundraising campaign over the next 90 days. On

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## All residents of Island long-term care facilities receive COVID vaccines

MANITOULIN—As of Monday, February 8, residents of Manitoulin Lodge and Wikwemikong Nursing Home have both received the first dose of their COVID-19 vaccinations. Residents of Manitoulin Centennial Manor are to receive their first shot by today, Wednesday, February 10.

"At this time, I am pleased to report that the vaccine clinic took place for residents on Sunday, February 7," Stephanie Barber, community relations co-ordinator for Jarlette Health Services, the

company that operates Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay, told The Expositor.

President of the Lodge's resident council, Howie Lauber, was the first resident to receive his vaccine and stated, "I was very happy to receive the shot. Hopefully, this will be the beginning of relaxing the visitor restrictions and we will be able to get out and visit again. I was honoured to be the first one. Thank you."

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Howie Lauber, president of the Manitoulin Lodge resident advisory council, received the first COVID-19 vaccine jab at the Gore Bay long-term care facility on Sunday, February 7.

## Mindemoya Lake campground operators feel blindsided by council's park plan

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Dan and Linda Robillard have owned Idyll Glen RV Park since 2008, but now the couple is concerned that the Municipality of Central Manitoulin's plans for a new public park in front of their business will have a devastating impact on which their livelihood depends.

"We started coming to this campground in 1988," said Mr. Robillard, who noted the business was founded by Bill Taylor in the late 1950s-early 1960s. "He sold it to June Barnes in 1974 who sold it to John and Loraine Leduc in 1976 who sold it to Wally and Menesa Corbiere in 1983 who sold it to us in 2008."

Mr. Robillard said that for the first decade the couple maintained their full-time jobs, but they retired a couple of years ago

with "relatively small pensions. The park income is crucial," he said, "we cannot afford to live without it."

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## Safe bed initiative at MHC

Funding for crisis intervention social worker

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—A mental health and justice safe bed program is coming to Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) this spring and the hospital is actively recruiting a social worker to support individuals in crisis, a service that experts say will have profound impacts on the Island community.

"I think (the safe bed) is going to give some real opportunities for individuals currently experiencing mental health and addictions crises to get familiar with support services," said Melanie Stephens, manager of clinical innovation and partnerships at MHC.

Safe bed programs are voluntary places for people who are in crisis

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### Early Deadline

As Ontario's Family Day holiday falls next Monday (February 15), the Expositor Office is moving the deadline for classified ads to 4 pm this Thursday (February 11).

Display advertising customers are also asked to have copy to The Expositor by Thursday afternoon.

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# Ontario extends provincial stay-at-home order until February 16

TORONTO—On Monday the province announced it is moving to a regional approach and maintaining the shutdown in the majority of the public health regions in Ontario—including the Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) catchment area—as well as the stay-at-home order and all existing public health and workplace safety measures until, tentatively, Tuesday, February 16. “When it is safe to do so, the

province will gradually transition each region from the shutdown measures to a revised and strengthened ‘COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open,’” according to a press release from the Government of Ontario.

“Our number one priority will always be protecting the health and safety of all individuals, families and workers across the province,” said Premier Doug

Ford. “But we must also consider the severe impact COVID-19 is having on our businesses. That’s why we have been listening to business owners, and we are strengthening and adjusting the framework to allow more businesses to safely reopen and get people back to work.”

To support the province’s economic recovery, the government has updated the framework to allow for a safer approach to retail. Limited in-person shopping in grey (lockdown) zones

(this includes Manitoulin) will be permitted with public health and safety measures, such as limiting capacity to 25 percent in most retail settings. In addition, public health and safety measures in retail settings will be strengthened for other levels of the framework. Individuals will also be required to wear a face covering and maintain physical distance when indoors in a business, with limited exceptions.

Other measures include a requirement for individuals to

wear a face covering when attending an organized public event or gathering (where permitted) if they are within two metres of distance of another individual who is not part of their household (both indoor and outdoor). All other requirements for gatherings and organized public events would be maintained.

Based on the improving local trends of key indicators, including lower transmission of COVID-19, improving hospital capacity

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A grassroots community group has incorporated in the hopes of saving the century-old Mindemoya Old School from the wrecking ball.

## Community group incorporates to save Mindemoya’s Old School

MINDEMOYA—Friends of the Mindemoya Old School has officially incorporated with intentions of saving the Old School from demolition. The new corporation is affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society.

“As a not-for-profit corporation, we are now a legal entity able to enter into contracts,” says Jan McQuay, president of Friends of the Mindemoya Old School. “We will now approach the Central Manitoulin council with two viable options to consider to give this historically-significant building a new life. Our corporation is prepared to either take ownership of the Old School, or to enter into a long-term lease which would allow us to refurbish and repurpose it.”

This process has been welcomed in many communities across Ontario where municipalities have felt burdened with historical sites, even though they recognize that there is value in protecting heritage buildings. When these buildings become the property of independent corporations not tied to the public purse, councillors and community members need not be concerned about possible tax increases. The corporations take over the responsibility of transforming historic buildings into vibrant hubs of activity.

“This solution has worked elsewhere and it can work here,” said Ms. McQuay. “It is our hope that council will rescind their decision to demolish the building and recognize the possibilities that our non-profit corporation offers for the community. As a community group with no official standing, we could do very little other than advocate for the Old School. Now, as a legal entity, we are stepping up, and we hope the municipality will come to the table to negotiate an agreement.”

Becoming a not-for-profit corporation allows for the application of many federal and provincial grants as well as membership. “This would allow the Friends of the Mindemoya Old School to develop a well-rounded sustainable building business plan which we hope to include seniors, art, culture, and business,” a Friends press release noted.

## Mantha acclaimed as A-M NDP candidate

ALGOMA-MANITOULIN—New Democrats in Algoma-Manitoulin have again selected incumbent MPP Michael Mantha to be their NDP candidate in the 2022 provincial election.

“Mr. Mantha was first elected to provincial parliament in 2011 and has been resoundingly re-elected in every vote since,” a press release from the Ontario NDP states. “Mr. Mantha currently serves as Ontario NDP caucus chair and as the Official Opposition’s critic for Northern Development and Mines.”

“Mike has been an unwavering advocate for his community in the face of Liberal and Conservative governments that have overlooked Northern Ontario needs



time and again,” NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said following Mr. Mantha’s acclamation. “From fighting for good local jobs to sounding the alarm about long waits for long-term care, you can count on Mike to have your back. Come 2022, he’ll be part of our NDP government giving North-

ern Ontario its fair share as we invest in health care, build 50,000 long-term care spaces, help people find homes they can afford, and so much more.”

“I am grateful to have the continued support of New Democrats in Algoma-Manitoulin—a community I couldn’t be prouder to represent,” Mr. Mantha said. “Algoma-Manitoulin has a bright future ahead, one where we have better access to health care and long-term care, as well as better access to broadband and good-paying jobs that you can raise a family on, right here in our community. That’s what the NDP is fighting for, and Andrea Horwath will get it done when we form government in 2022.”

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Little Current’s Cody Crawford is adorning a limited run of 50,000 Jones Soda green apple flavour bottles across Canada in honour of his work on the front lines as a chef at Elliott’s Restaurant.

## Little Current chef honoured as Jones Soda hero

by Michael Erskine  
LITTLE CURRENT—Across the globe thousands of essential workers have been honoured and lauded for their contributions to our collective well-being, but these most difficult of times have provided an opportunity for many “Unsung Heroes” to step up and make a difference. Jones Soda, a major soda pop producer in the US and Canada decided to do something to honour those who have taken extraordinary steps to help others during this most difficult of years.

The company is featuring the photographs of various people or groups who fit that bill, distributing a half-million bottles of Jones Soda with those photos on the label to stores across the US and Canada. Little Current’s Cody Crawford, the chef and restaurant manager at Elliott’s Restaurant, will be featured on 50,000 of those green apple-flavour soda labels as one of those outstanding individuals.

He joins the ranks of other unsung heroes, including a small California restaurant that provided hundreds of meals to the 2020 Glass Fire evacuees and first responders, a firefighter at the Skyxe Saskatoon International Airport and a nonprofit organization that has delivered 55-gallon barrels of clean, potable drinking water to remote areas of the Navajo Nation since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

“It was awesome,” admitted Mr. Crawford, who paused in his busy schedule to chat with The Expositor about the experience. “It was

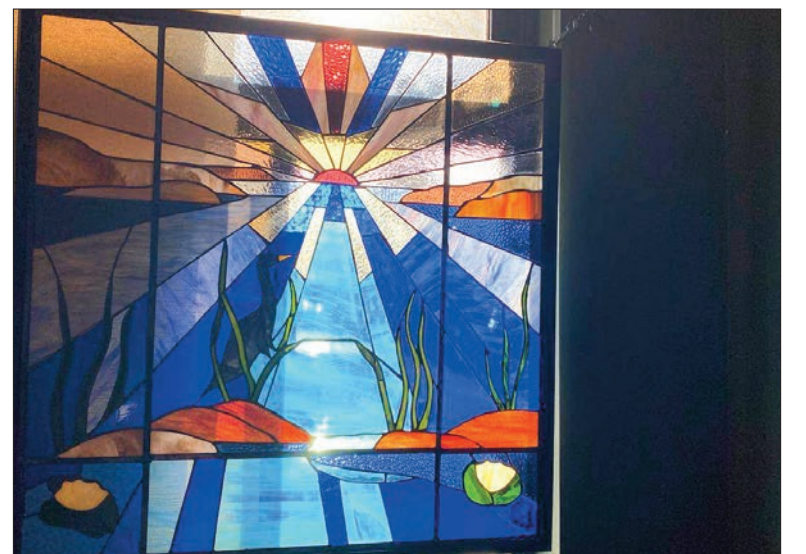
pretty crazy for a while there,” he said of his new-found notoriety. “Things have settled down a bit now, and that’s okay,” he added with a grin.

Mr. Crawford explained that he had nothing to do with the process of being selected for the honour. “It was all Taylor,” he laughed,

noting that his wife was the one who navigated the process.

Mr. Crawford is the father of two young children and, like many young parents, the COVID-19 pandemic upended things rather dramatically. “We had just bought a house,” he said, “literal-

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Manitoulin Health Centre’s Little Current site now has a unique stained glass piece from Kagawong artist Barb Edwards in its palliative care suite, matching a similar custom creation she made for the Mindemoya hospital site last year.

## MHC Little Current site receives a stained glass gift for palliative unit

LITTLE CURRENT—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC)’s Little Current site was honoured and proud to receive a beautiful piece of art from Barb Edwards of Edwards Studio in Kagawong recently.

Barb Edwards, with support from the Little Current Hospital

Auxiliary, presented MHC with one of her original stained glass pieces titled ‘New Day.’ The 40” x 40” piece will be displayed in the Little Current palliative care unit for all to admire for years to come.

When asked why it was impor-

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## Keegan Sloss works at Finn’s to save for a powerful career path

In the off-season, when he’s not working at the shop of E. Corbiere and Sons in M’Chigeeng, Keegan Sloss has found reliable work at Finn’s Gas Bar, a job he has held down for the past five months.

The 18-year-old is often out braving the cold and snowy weather to top up customers’ gas tanks, but the physical requirements of marching across the parking lot are nothing compared to his recent time in high school when he was part of the hockey and football teams.

“I played football in Sudbury in high school but I’ve been back for two years now. My family is from (M’Chigeeng),” he said, adding that his team came close to winning the Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics (NOSSA) title one year.

Working at Finn’s has given him regular opportunities to meet people, stay social and busy during the pandemic, all while saving some income.

Although Keegan said he may return to working in the E. Corbiere and Sons shop this sum-

mer, he is also exploring the idea of going to trades school to become an electrician—a trade that some members of his family have pursued. That job and his present work at Finn’s are helping him save up for that schooling.



Keegan Sloss

“When people shop here it helps the local businesses, and it’s nice that you’re not having to support the big corporations,” he said, adding that he felt lucky to have work so close to home.

Remember that when you shop locally, you’re helping support your friends and neighbours like Keegan Sloss at Finn’s Gas Bar in M’Chigeeng.



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**editorial**

**Blank pages highlight high tech's threat to journalism**

The internet has revolutionized our world, setting in motion forces that have shaken traditional industries to their core and provided economies to others that have in turn benefited most of the globe's population. But there is a darker side to the story, and the pandemic has accelerated revolutions on both sides of the coin.

The rise of e-commerce was challenging for many brick and mortar operations well before anyone had heard of COVID-19, but when the pandemic hit and closed down most retail operations the result was as fast as it was devastating. Recent economic data clearly indicate that the hardest hit in the economy were among the most precarious, youth job opportunities and part-time work evaporated in Ontario and Quebec to the tune of more than 251,000 jobs.

The communication and logistics potential of artificial intelligence coupled with the internet have run roughshod over the normal safeguards of capitalism. Monopoly is the very antithesis of the type of capitalism that is the foundation of our western economies, for without the competition of many suppliers the model breaks. That is why we have anti-trust and combines (groups of co-operating companies) legislation, why governments have chosen to break up corporations that have grown so large as to be able to dictate the market for their goods and services.

It is no accident that the world's wealthiest have grown monumentally richer during the pandemic. This was happening before the advent of COVID-19, the trend has simply accelerated and become more evident due to the forces in play to combat the global pandemic.

Setting the pandemic aside, Google and Facebook, two of the Goliaths of the internet, have grown into an information duopoly that has come to threaten journalism, one of the core pillars of western democracy.

Because between them, these two giant internet monopolies control both search and social media, they dominate our online world. Their size and ubiquity ensure that they can dictate the terms of any arrangement between themselves and anyone who must do business with them. The choice of the word "must" is deliberate. There is no avoiding doing business with these two robber barons of the information age. Together, these two internet giants have hijacked the news content created by credible organizations and hoovered up online ad revenue to the tune of over 75 percent—all while acting as conduits for misinformation and anti-democratic propaganda on a

scale our grandparents could not begin to fathom.

A few days ago, newspapers across the land were published with blank front pages with a line at the bottom "imagine a world with no news" in order to shine a light on what is happening to the free press and credible journalism in our democracies.

This isn't a Canadian, or American, or European, or Asiatic problem—it is global in scope. Some countries are fighting back. Australia and France are taking steps to force these two giants to either share the wealth or to stop stealing the content. Canadian publishers are lobbying hard for our government to step up to the plate as well.

In reaction, the Goliaths are threatening to cut off Australia from their social media and search services and throwing immense resources to encourage regimes such as the US to ally with them to force countries like Australia to toe their line.

Government intervention in the market has long been a favourite target of the right, conservatives who see themselves as the guardians of capitalism and the free market forces that have proven so successful in creating our modern wealth and prosperity. But this is an issue that transcends partisanship. Witness the blank front page of the left-leaning Toronto Star mirrored on those of the definitely right of centre National Post and Toronto Sun—stranger bedfellows one would be hard put to imagine.

This isn't about buggy whips and horse collars either. Credible and independent news will never be obsolete, but if we are not vigilant and complacently expect the forces of the (no longer existent) free market to level the field, they could very well become extinct. Monopolies, or even duopolies, are not free markets. They are the complete anathema of a free market system. It is long past time to reign them in.

This will not be easy. Divide and conquer is a tried and true method. The free nations of the world must wake up to the new world reality of high tech and the internet and recognize how a handful of corporations can leverage their might for their own benefit at the expense of our cherished freedoms. This trend will take the combined might of the world's free market democracies to successfully combat—Canada must step up to the challenge to do its part.

You, dear reader, are Canada. Contact your MP, write the prime minister, contact other government ministers and party leaders of all stripes and colours and tell them "it's time to level the playing field."

**letters**

**Leaders keep saying that everything is on the table**

*"What the heck is on the table?"*

**To the Expositor:**

It's really tiring to listen to these leaders saying everything is on the table. What the heck is on the table? I'm seeing that we have a spike in coronavirus once in a while then we end up having a lock down. If they keep shutting down, businesses will just end losing more business.

Having curbside pickup is not good enough, especially when it is a rural area. For me, I would rather go into a store to shop; I might find something else that I might need.

Hair salons and barber shops should remain open as essential services.

If they do not shut down international travel we will keep having this problem. They should not come up with excuses why they do not want to shut it down. They can always use cargo jets or planes to get our sup-

plies. The federal government has the money for it to pay these cargo jets and planes.

The vaccinations are very slow, and I do not think that they're catching up either. But they are saying they are vaccinating thousands of people a day; that is only a little pinch when I think about the population in this province or country. This virus is mutating and that's going to make it a lot harder now by the time this is over.

I wonder how many empty stores we will see that went out of business because not everybody shops online because you have to be very stupid to think that way. Myself, I would rather go into a store and see what I'm buying in person—that's the way I shop.

**Ronald Osawabine  
Wiikwemkoong**

**Assignack trailer bylaw a tax grab**

*But it will probably won't be enforced*

**To the Expositor:**

I was reading the Expositor Wednesday, January 20, 2021 New Assignack Trailer bylaw and tax grab.

I lived in Assignack for 22 years, moving October 2020. Council has had several problems for 22 years that they are aware of and have done nothing about. Building permits are major problems and nothing done in 22 years.

Council has bylaws and policies they never enforced.

They had a bylaw on trailers four or five years ago. What happened to that?

The people with trailers should not be concerned over the bylaw. The township will not police a bylaw in my opinion.

**Gary Strain  
Sudbury**

**A plea for a negative vote on governance**

*Writer calls the agreement a "bad deal"*

**To the Expositor:**

In reference to my letter published in The Manitoulin Expositor of Wednesday, November 18, 2020 in respect of the Anishinabek Governance Agreement, a second ratification vote has been scheduled for February 24 and 27. This agreement is a bad deal for us and is designed to set us up to fail.

So, if you vote, vote no because I'm voting no.

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

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR?**  
**email: editor@manitoulin.com**



# NOSM launches new Indigenous Health Practitioner Pathway program

SUDBURY—The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) has launched a new Indigenous Health Practitioner Pathway program made possible through a generous donation from RBC Future Launch.

Increasing the number of Indigenous health-care professionals in Northern Ontario is a key part in the provision of culturally appropriate care in the region. The Indigenous Health Practitioner Pathway program is the starting point for Indigenous youth. It will provide educational programming focused on health, life and human sciences, both in the communities and in larger city centres in the region. The program will educate and introduce youth in the North to the possibility of a career in health care and the opportunity to study, and eventually practice, in their home community.

Dr. Rebekah Neckoway (MD class of 2013, family medicine 2015) is based in Sioux Lookout and travels to remote fly-in communities in Northern Ontario to provide care as far North as Fort Severn First Nation and Eabametoong First Nation. She says this pathway will provide tactile opportunities and role models for Indigenous youth. “What resonates with me is the hope of providing future generations in First Nation communities with Indigenous family physicians that they will grow up with, who will care for them for years to come,” says Dr. Neckoway. “My hope is that it will remove the ‘visiting’ part from the ‘visiting health professional’ signs that I see in the clinics

across the North.”

“When people from First Nations communities go back to their home to work as physicians, they are real, tangible role models and examples of what the rest of the youth can achieve with some hard work,” says Dr. Neckoway. “When I was growing up in Thunder Bay, it took me a long time before I ever met an Indigenous physician—it wasn’t until university. If I had had an Indigenous doctor caring for me as a kid, I wonder if it would’ve improved my self-esteem, or helped curb the shame I used to feel about being Indigenous as a result of the racism I experienced growing up. I am proud to be an Indigenous physician.”

In collaboration with Science North, NOSM has identified 10 rural and remote high schools and five high schools in cities across Northern Ontario where the school will deliver science day programming. These high-school students can apply to the CampMed program and be mentored by Indigenous NOSM learners and faculty who may also apply as a professional development opportunity.

“Systemic racism in early education, at the elementary and secondary school levels, has disproportionately disadvantaged Indigenous people, making it even more difficult to get into university and medical school. This pathway is another tool that NOSM is using to address those barriers,” says Dr. Sarita Verma, dean, president and CEO of NOSM. “We want Indigenous youth to feel embraced by this program and to know that we, at NOSM, care about

their future.”

RBC is one of the founding supporters of the Indigenous Health Practitioner Pathway with a funding commitment of \$195,000 over the span of three years to assist in funding the establishment of the Indigenous Health Practitioner Pathway program.

These funds will also support professional development and networking opportunities to encourage personal growth and connections to other health care professionals practicing in Indigenous communities.

“RBC Future Launch is about empowering today’s youth for tomorrow’s jobs by providing access to knowledge, skills and networks,” says Scott Simon, regional vice president, RBC. “We’re excited and J18

to be a part of an ecosystem that NOSM has brought together to help bring these opportunities to high school students in the region through the Indigenous Health Practitioner Program. This is an invaluable program which will help foster Indigenous knowledge and perspectives in health care provided to communities across Northern Ontario.”

There are 96 First Nations communities in Northern Ontario and many other urban and rural communities with large Indigenous populations. This project will support Indigenous youth in any Northern Ontario community.

## Shifting gears: unprecedented investments driving the change to a greener auto sector in Ontario

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

TORONTO—Earlier this month, Unifor members voted almost 91 percent in favour of approving General Motors Canada’s plan to invest \$1 billion in its CAMI plant in Ingersoll to shift production to commercial electric vehicles (EVs). Work will begin immediately to transform the plant to begin production in November 2021. Both Ford and Fiat Chrysler made similar announcements in October 2020. “When you see Ford, then Fiat Chrysler and then General Motors all within 30 days coming together and announcing \$5 billion worth of investment in new auto in Ontario, that is unprecedented,” said Vic Fideli, minister of economic development, job creation and trade.

Sales of electric cars reached 2.1 million globally in 2019, a record that surpassed the previous record set in 2018, according to the Global EV Outlook 2020. Canada saw EV sales rising 25 percent in pre-pandemic times although the number of plug-in vehicles in early 2020 was actually 21 percent less than in December 2018. A study prepared by Dunsky Energy Consulting for Transport Canada indicated that more consumers were looking for and buying EVs in Canada at a time when there were fewer available.

These announcements are game changers, said Minister Fideli. “For instance, Ford is one of the most storied manufacturers in the world. They chose Ontario to get into the battery electric vehicle marketplace. When you think about it, since 2004, \$15 billion has been invested in Mexico and only one billion in Ontario.”

It all goes back to Ontario being a high cost jurisdiction, he said. “There’s been \$300 billion worldwide invested in EVs, but not one penny in Canada. Ford’s announcement of this almost \$2 billion investment they made, before Fiat Chrysler, before General Motors, transforms Ontario into a global hub for battery EVs. That’s what’s so critical about this announcement.”

The federal government and Ontario have both made significant investments in the auto sector, but Ontario has also invested in reducing the cost of doing business, said Minister Fideli. “We cut the WSIB premium, without touching the benefits, by almost 50 percent. That’s over \$2 billion a year in savings. We put something in called an accelerated capital cost allowance, which means the manufacturers can write off their new equipment purchase within the same year. That means a savings to them of a billion dollars, and that adds up to, just before Christmas, a savings of \$5 billion a year.”

“Starting this January 1, we reduced the cost of electricity by 14 to 16 percent and we reduced business education taxes by \$450 million. That energy savings is about \$1.3 billion a year so with the education taxes savings of \$450 million a year, altogether now we’re going out there and we’re unleashing Ontario with \$7 billion of lower costs than when we took office and that’s what has attracted the auto sector back,” he said.

The Bank of Canada recently shared a study that shows the demand for EVs is projected to skyrocket by 2030, Minister Fideli said. “The range could be from 57 million,



Canada is on the cusp of becoming a major player in the electric vehicle market thanks to the USMCA trade agreement requirements.

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which would be four percent of the market, to the 300 million range and that’s 20 percent of the market. What we’ve done is turn the page, securing Ontario’s place in that massive EV space.”

It’s not just vehicles being manufactured in Ontario now. “We’re now eagerly looking for manufacturers of EV auto parts to work into the supply chain. We’re now pushing hard on mining the critical minerals that are going to be needed in Ontario. Nickel in Sudbury, of course. Cobalt in Cobalt.”

In December, the Ontario government announced a \$5 million investment in First Cobalt, which has one of the only permitted smelters in North America. Graphite is being mined in Hearst and lithium is being mined north of Red Lake. These minerals have generally come from offshore, said

Minister Fideli. Manufacturing batteries for EVs is another area that is growing. “This is exactly the kind of investments we’ve been looking to for years. It’s a huge turning point. It’s a huge sign of confidence.”

“I think that these examples show how our economic development goals in Ontario align with our long-term environmental strategy. We’ve accomplished this, in our opinion, in a better way by making investments in the manufacturing of battery EVs. Yes, we have made cash investments: Ford was \$295 million. Governments around the world know the economic benefits of making an automotive investment. There’s a return on investment very, very quickly. The thousands of jobs created around the province are significant. The Ford plant will employ 3,000 people. We’re now aligning our economic goal of job creation with our environmental strategy, creating battery EVs. We’re getting out of the demand side and we’re getting into the supply side. That’s the difference. We want our economic development initiatives to be on the supply side. We’ll put out the products that are, as the Bank of Canada said, going to be in demand.”

It’s a step in the right direction. Having enough EVs available for consumers to purchase will help increase market share over gasoline or diesel powered vehicles and may bring down the price of EVs as well. Other inhibitors to the adoption of EVs are range anxiety and lack of charging infrastructure. People are afraid to take longer trips for fear of being stranded due to a lack of chargers.

“I can talk a little bit about the charging

stations,” said Minister Fideli. “Hydro One and Ontario Power Generation (OPG) are working together to install 160 fast chargers at 73 locations by the end of this year in addition to the almost 1,500 charging stations that they have across Ontario today. Of course, charging stations are also being installed by companies all across Ontario, including municipalities which are working on their own EV strategies that include their own charging stations.”

A broader adoption of EVs across the country is necessary if Canada is to meet its emissions targets. The International Energy Agency reported that Canadians drive the most polluting cars in the world, taking the top spot globally in tailpipe emissions. Our growing appetite for big trucks and SUVs over the previous 20 years has led to an increase in carbon pollution from transportation by nearly 30 percent. A 2019 survey revealed that most Canadians are leaning towards EVs for their next vehicle purchase and the majority see EVs becoming more mainstream.

That’s why it’s important that Ontario continue to reduce costs and support the auto sector through strategic investment, said Minister Fideli, adding “When you think about Ontario’s environmental plan, emissions are down 34 percent since 1990, 19 percent since 2005. We’re conducting the first ever multi-sector climate change impact assessment in Ontario history and that is going to show us where we’re most vulnerable. That will help our decision makers in deciding how to protect communities and what climate change impacts are needed.”



# Highway parking tickets at popular Island stops hit snag

GORE BAY—While the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) announced a move to issue tickets to those vehicles parked along the shoulders of Island highways at popular tourist attractions such as Bridal Veil and the Cup and Saucer Trail, the plan ran into some logistical roadblocks when it came to filing the fines.

Prior to that announcement, the OPP had maintained that they could not issue tickets without the driver being present. Although the OPP began issuing tickets, it seems those tickets lacking a driver's name held a fatal flaw. Those tickets are referred to as "part II" tickets. Part I and II tickets are relatively minor offences that are prosecuted under the Provincial Offences Act (POA) and can be settled out of court by payment of the amount written on the offence notice (ticket).

Former POA manager Annette Clarke informed municipal representatives at a POA management meeting that those tickets could not be entered into the system by the POA office staff without that information. "If the ticket is not completed properly, the POA office has no way to file the ticket in the system," she said.

The matter has been brought to the attention of the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG), but since COVID-19 preparedness has taken priority at all levels of government, Ms. Clarke's contact at the ministry has not

been available to send out the required information. The contact at MAG was sending information to the legal department to "get something in writing" to confirm that it is the OPP's responsibility to have all of the information required on a ticket to ensure its completeness when filing with the POA office.

While Ms. Clarke has now retired from the POA manager position, she has assured the POA committee that she would be handing over all of the information required to follow up with the matter to her successor, Pam Fogal.

# SIU investigation reveals woman's injury in Little Current police cell was self-inflicted

MISSISSAUGA—The director of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), Joseph Martino, has terminated an investigation into a serious injury sustained in December by a 25-year-old woman while lodged in a police cell in Little Current.

At approximately 7 pm on December 20, 2020, the woman was arrested and transported to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Little Current detachment where she was lodged in a cell. At approximately 10:30 pm, the woman stepped onto the cell bunk in an attempt to cover the cell camera with a blanket. However, she stepped off the bunk and landed awkwardly on her left foot, falling to the floor. The woman was taken to hospital where she was diagnosed with a fractured ankle.

SIU director Martino said in a release, "based on the SIU's preliminary inquiries, which included the review of cell video, I am satisfied that there is patently nothing to investigate as far as the potential criminal liability of any police officer is concerned in connection with the woman's injury. On this record, there is no question of any want of care on the part of the police contributing to the woman's self-inflicted injury; she is alone responsible for the fracture she suffered. Accordingly, the investigation is hereby discontinued and the file is closed."

The SIU is an independent government agency that investigates the conduct of officials (police officers as well as special constables with the Niagara Parks Commission and

peace officers with the legislative protective services) that may have resulted in death, serious injury, sexual assault and/or the discharge of a firearm at a person. All investigations are conducted by SIU investigators who are civilians. Under the Special Investigations Unit Act, the director of SIU must: consider whether the official has committed a criminal offence in connection with the incident under investigation; depending on the evidence, cause a criminal charge to be laid against the official where grounds exist for doing so, or close the file without any charges being filed; and publicly report the results of its investigation.



Police increased enforcement of no stopping and no parking rules at popular Island attractions, such as Bridal Veil Falls in Kagawong, seen above, in 2019. However, internal problems with increased workload during the COVID-19 pandemic have led to the province being unable to provide driver information for tickets issued when drivers were not present. The tickets cannot enter the POA system without driver names.

## Law & Order

### WTPS lays cocaine possession charges

On February 4, members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) and Ontario Provincial Police executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant in the community of Wiikwemkoong.

As a result of the investigation and collected information, officers seized over 30 grams of a white powdered substance believed to be cocaine. In addition, police also seized a sum of Canadian currency as proceeds of crime.

As a result of the investigation, a 25-year-old female and a 22-year-old male have been charged with the following: possession for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine; and possession of property obtained by crime.

The male was further charged with offences related to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

Both accused, whose names cannot be released at this time pending a formal swearing of the charges, were both released on an undertaking to appear and will appear in court on March 30.

The public is reminded to please contact WTPS with any information regarding the illicit sale of controlled and illegal substances or to contact Sudbury Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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### Virtual ice fishing derby next week!

The 2021 Virtual Ice Extravaganza is all set for the two weeks from February 12 to the 28. (\*I had originally written it going until the 19th instead of 28th. Oh darn, more time to fish!) There will be cash prizes for the top three weight in all five of the categories: walleye, lake trout, pike, whitefish and rainbow trout. For just a \$60 entry fee your name is also in for the \$500 registration draw.

Fishing boundaries have opened right up too. You can drop a line anywhere in Zone 14 from the mouth of the French River all the way to Sault Ste. Marie. South Bay of Zone 13 is also permitted. Of course, all of Zone 10, including all inland lakes, are legal but organizers ask that you visit [www.fishmanitoulin.com](http://www.fishmanitoulin.com) for full details.

Tickets are available at Wikwemkoong Tourism, The Manitoulin Expositor, Moxy's Bait and Tackle in Lively or online at FishManitoulin.com. The tickets that are sold means there is more cash to be won. Fish on!

### Dance Fever!

The Body Stories Dance instruction studio and instructor, **Candice Irwin**, is proud of the following students who have been brave enough to improve themselves in different types of dance. Congratulations to: **Avery Barnes, Rilynn Francis, Emma Chaytor, Ayriss Noble-Stone, Paisley Wittig-Beboning, Allie Flikweert, Cordelia Mclean and Laurie Kichak.** Keep up all of the great training, young women!

For more information you can contact Candice, the director for Body Stories Dance Instruction at [bodystoriesdance@gmail.com](mailto:bodystoriesdance@gmail.com) or 647-213-1497.

### Pickleball is still going!

Pickleball, often said to be the fastest growing sport, luckily found a suitable way to play despite COVID-19. Manitoulin Pickleball, in conjunction with the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, have come together with a great opportunity for fun and fitness. It is open to the public, indoors at the Mindemoya Community Centre. The club is made up of players 50-plus years of age with an even split of female and male players. The club welcomes any new community member and is eager to introduce new players to this great game. Luckily there is lots of time left as the agreement has pickleball being played right into May. The time slots are: Mondays from 2-4 pm, Wednesdays from 1-3 pm and Fridays from 10 am to 12 pm, but closed holidays. The reasonable fees are a \$2 drop-in fee, regular players are \$35 annually to cover supplies and membership fees including insurance coverage from Pickleball Canada.

Contact **George Ballantyne** (705) 805-2385 or **Bud Hebner** (705) 368-1953. Club leaders ask that you please follow all COVID-19 protocols set out by public health, the provincial and federal governments and the organizing body of the sport. Contact tracing sheets must be signed at the events.

### Island product breaks 62-year-old record!

**Jayden Jackson**, son of Digwageehns "Dig" Fox from Wikwemkoong (mentioned in this column earlier), a multisport threat, will likely pick basketball as his favourite! Jackson just surpassed his school record which was previously held by **John Stone**, who graduated in 1959! The 62-year-old record of 1433 points was surpassed by Jayden in last week's Whitefish Bay Blues victory over West Bend West. Go Blue Dukes!

On another note, Jayden, who lives in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, will be heading to northern Arizona in the fall on a lucrative college scholarship.

### Birthday nod to classic movie!

It might not have received the ol' two thumbs up from most high falutin' film critics, but Slapshot was always worth another viewing with us. The infamous antics of the Charlestown Chiefs hockey team, starring **Robert Redford**, turned 40 years old this past week. It was rude, crude and wholly inappropriate, but it has enough juvenile humour and one-liners that still manage to find their way into friends' conversations today. Don't agree? Just give me a minute "to put the foil on!"

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# Northern Ontario Ice Extravaganza virtual ice fishing derby starts this Friday, February 12

NORTHERN ONTARIO—The countdown is on as we are now less than a week away from the start of the Northern Ontario Ice Extravaganza. Registrations are coming in steadily and the prize pool is constantly growing for the two-week virtual derby, however, Fish Manitoulin still anticipates a large influx of registrations this week as we get closer to Friday's kick-off for this COVID-19 compliant event. Fish Manitoulin has already seen a large portion of the registrations come in from the Algoma and Sudbury regions, which is sure to make this a fun and unique event.

With a virtual measurement process in place, anglers do not have to report to a weigh station, but rather submit their measurements online where they will be recorded by the organizing group. A demonstration video is now available on the Fish Manitoulin Facebook page, as well as the Northern Ontario Ice Extravaganza event page to provide clarity on what the organizers are looking for when submitting your measurements. The two-week duration of the event will also provide anglers who run into technical issues with a nice cushion to submit their videos, and if further support is required, Fish Manitoulin and Wikwemikong Tourism staff are just a message, email or phone call away to ensure your prize-winning catch makes it onto the leaderboard.

Anglers will be required to submit a video via Facebook or by email using their own measure-

ments, while also stating the pass code during recording that will be provided hours prior to the event. The combination of live release and the passcode will ensure that fish are both caught within the event time frame, and also legally in accordance with the event rules.

This multi-species fishing derby has something for every type of angler with cash prizes for first, second and third place across each of the five divisions (pike, walleye, whitefish, rainbow trout and lake trout), as well as a guaranteed registration draw for \$500 for all paid participants. Participants are also allowed multiple submissions, meaning they will have the opportunity to place across multiple categories for the chance to win multiple cash prizes.

Tournament information and tickets are now available on [fishmanitoulin.com](http://fishmanitoulin.com), and on the event page on Facebook. To register for the derby, online payment can be made at [fishmanitoulin.com](http://fishmanitoulin.com), or in person at Moxy's Bait and Tackle in Lively, and the Wikwemikong Tourism and Manitoulin Expositor offices. Registration is \$60 per person and includes your entry into the derby for two weeks.

The Manitoulin Expositor, Wikwemikong Tourism and the Wikwemkoong Anglers' Group look forward to a safe and fun two weeks of fishing for all participants. Full contest details are available at [fishmanitoulin.com](http://fishmanitoulin.com) and @fishmanitoulin on Facebook.

## Pandemic era brings unique training regimen for Mackenzie Turner

by Warren Schlote

CANMORE, Alta.—Ice Lake biathlete Mackenzie Turner, who has been training in Canmore, Alberta, for several years, is adjusting to the pandemic sporting world with a focus on training as most events in her sport have fallen victim to COVID-19 restrictions.

"We had some races earlier on in the season just for world cup trials, and since then there hasn't really been much," Ms. Turner told The Expositor.

One team from her Canmore cohort went to Europe for the International Biathlon Union (IBU) Cup but they returned early because of the virus, she said.

Training practices have adapted to public health restrictions and the group had to register with public health officials at the start of the lockdown to get permission to use the shooting range.

The numbers of people who can train at the same time are much lower than before and all the athletes must maintain physical distancing between each other.

Much of the competitive training has consisted of time trials within individual teams because standard races are all outlawed. Travelling to other locations has stopped because of recommendations against inter-provincial movement.

The sport has not fully stopped, however. The world cup season is ongoing in locations across Europe and all athletes taking part have to remain isolated and complete regular COVID-19 tests.

All lower-tier events such as the junior IBU Cup (in which Ms. Turner competed last year) and the IBU junior open European championships are cancelled.

The cancellations have been hard on morale for a lot of the athletes.

"Just considering we've trained all through the summer and everything, and now we don't really



Mackenzie Turner

have a race season. It's tough. But everyone is pretty positive and the coaches are pretty good at coming up with ideas of activities to do," she said.

The lessening pressure has also helped the athletes focus less on achieving peak performance figures, instead allowing themselves to focus more on the activities they personally enjoy.

As for Ms. Turner's prospects for the coming season, any predictions are difficult to make when considering the uncertainty that continues to loom during the pandemic. She still has hopes of making it to the national team for the following year but acknowledges that a lot can happen in a year—especially in the present time.

"It would be a lot of hard work to get up there. I feel like I could but we'll just have to see what COVID does and just kind of go with that," she said.

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## ...Little Current for new seniors' housing building

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 he is hoping for a tight turnaround for the feasibility study as time is of the essence with the provincial funds. The DSB has at its disposal \$1.2 million which includes the \$656,700 plus the revenue incurred from the sale of some of its Espanola properties.

"It all comes down to what we can afford," Mr. Dominelli replied when asked what form the housing units might take, with assurances that it would be seniors' housing.

Mr. Dominelli has been part of the conversation surrounding the community's ask for assisted living units in Little Current since 2016 and said he has approached the Northeast Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) about funds for the project. He explained that he was told 'no' by the LHIN, noting that the health organization funds bodies rather than bricks and mortar when it comes to assisted living, but he also said it was something the DSB would like to see happen.

The North East LHIN media team confirmed with The Expositor that senior LHIN staff met with the DSB just before Christmas to hear about funding the DSB has proposed to put towards housing and to explain what community support services are available to all residents who live on Manitoulin Island.

"When we talk about 'assisted living' it's important to recognize that



A feasibility study is currently underway for this Park Street property in Little Current which could be home to a new seniors' housing development.

assisted living is for people—namely frail, elderly or what's also known as 'high risk seniors'—not for buildings," the media team added. "By this we mean that a building can't offer assisted living to all its residents, because to qualify, a person has to be assessed and found eligible by a home and community care co-ordinator. Assisted living involves both scheduled and unscheduled visits, in contrast to home care which offers only scheduled visits."

"Assisted living can be mobile, such as delivered to people in their homes, or through a campus model, such as in a seniors' apartment building," the media

team continued. "Mainly it's about bringing personal support, through both scheduled and unscheduled visits, to where a person lives."

"Currently the VON (Victorian Order of Nurses) is funded to deliver assisted living care to 10 people living on Manitoulin Island and Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is funded to deliver assisted living care to 10 people living in First Nation communities on Manitoulin Island. This care would all be considered mobile assisted living," the media team added.

When asked how assisted living funds flow, the media team explained, "Assisted living funds flow through a

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Multi-Sector Accountability Agreement (M-SAA) to an approved home and community care provider."

Mr. Dominelli said that should the build occur as an assisted living facility, the proper supports need to be in place. Otherwise, as a landlord, the DSB can only have people that can live independently. If they can't live independently, it's grounds for eviction, "and nobody wants to see that happen," he added.

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin said even preliminarily, "it's good news in terms of housing for seniors," but admitted to having no idea of what the scope of the project is at this stage.

## ...residents of long-term care facilities receive vaccines

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 As was reported previously, staff and residents of Wikwemikong Nursing

### ...feel blindsided

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Like the owners before them, the couple has constantly maintained and upgraded the shoreline in front of their business. "We mow the grass, keep the shoreline clean and tidy, clean the beach regularly, maintain the boat launch and fill in potholes in the road," said Ms. Robillard.

While they maintain that they are not totally against the park plans, the couple does have many deep concerns about the announced plans put forward by the municipality.

First and foremost, "the public beach and parking plan may end up costing us in lost income and campers," explained Mr. Robillard. "It may make it more difficult for us to attract new customers to replace the ones leaving."

"We were not consulted or asked for our input in this plan," said Ms. Robillard. "Not one councillor nor the mayor replied to our emails on this subject. We were not told the plan was to be considered at the February property committee meeting. We were not told that the Friday prior was the deadline to ask to participate. We did not get a preview of the plan from the municipality and when we called the

Home received their first doses of the Moderna vaccine on January 13 and residents and staff there are expected to receive their booster shot of the vaccine this week.

Due to provincial shortages, only residents at Manitoulin Lodge and Centennial Manor will be receiving the vaccine this week and it is expected that all long-term care (LTC) residents in Ontario will have received at least the initial dose by today, February 10. While that date was originally touted to be February 5, Ontario's allocation of the Moderna vaccine was significantly reduced by 18,200 doses to

63,400 doses. Staff at the Little Current and Gore Bay facilities will have to wait until the vaccine supplies are adequate.

"At this time, we continue to work closely with our partners at long-term care homes, high-risk retirement homes and elders' care lodges within our service area to complete first doses of the COVID-19 vaccination for all residents by February 10," a member of Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD)'s communications team to The Expositor.

The province is expecting approximately 310,000 more doses to be delivered in the remaining weeks of

February, according to a press release from the province. "Once sufficient doses are available, vaccinations will resume to provide first doses for staff and essential caregivers in settings with the most vulnerable populations."

As of February 1, over 344,000 vaccine doses have been administered across the province, including over 91,000 doses administered to LTC staff and retirement home staff, over 138,000 doses administered to health care workers and over 90,000 doses administered to LTC and retirement home residents.



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Mackensie Graham is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. She is a Grade 12 student who certainly keeps herself busy. When she isn't busy with practices and school she can be found enjoying herself travelling, reading, going fishing, and playing with her dogs.

During her school years she participated in the learning of many sports. She attended Little Current Public School. At L.C.P.S. Mackensie learned many skills and techniques in a different variety of sports through gym class. Outside of school Mackensie often goes for walks with her dogs. She keeps active at home by constantly moving. Outside of school she is a black belt in karate and has trained for around six to seven years. Throughout Mackensie's sports experience she has learned a lot, and is especially well rounded when it comes to both karate and life skills. When it comes to working as a team, Mackensie is always working to make people feel connected. She also works to keep people feeling determined, and she spreads encouragement. She continued to play sports in high school, and in Grades 9 and 10 Mackensie was a main part in the gymnastics team at MSS. This year sadly she hoped to try some new sports and join in the past ones as well, however, this year she only had the chance to be able to go to one gymnastics practice.

For Mackensie, Grade 10 and 11 were an exceptional build of experiences and skills, and growth in gymnastics. Mackensie is looking forward to the chance at experiencing some of the sports that MSS has to offer, such as tennis. Mackensie hopes to try and expand her skills in the sport and to learn just what she is capable of. She really misses gymnastics as it was a great way to have fun with friends and show off some of her deep routed skills and strengths. Mackensie always reflects on how practices go. She finds that it's good to reflect on what you are doing in any kind of situation. Reflecting on gymnastics and karate always helped her to learn from past practices and help her better herself for next time. When it comes to karate she always had to think about past times so that she was ready for the next. Receiving her black belt meant that she had to have a lot of focus, and that also came with a high amount of dedication.

Throughout Mackensie's sports season she encourages her teammates and always remains positive because she knows just how positively influential she can be. Her determination and dedication always reflects on her great character, and gives the people around her a show of how optimistic she can be. Mackensie's favourite sport would probably have to be gymnastics. She really enjoys gymnastics because of the development of new skills she is constantly learning and perfecting her already existing skills. With gymnastics always comes new opportunities and possibilities. One opportunity that she especially likes is meeting new people. Overall she finds that gymnastics can be a lot of fun. Mackensie likes playing sports for the collaboration aspect. She likes being able to spend time with friends in a way that she can have fun and have some physical activity. Mackensie loves to learn new things and in many sports you are constantly having to adapt in every situation. She also enjoys that the sports she plays always change. Mackensie finds that in sports there are always new skills and new things to learn, like in both karate and gymnastics. For Mackensie both sports serve as a form of self discipline and build her confidence as well.

Mackensie's sister is a big source of her inspiration and motivation. Mackensie says that her sister is her main source of motivation because she inspires Mackensie to push herself past her limits and be the best version of herself. Her sister is also her biggest supporter. Mackensie can rely on her to help guide her in many situations. Mackensie loves anything in the sciences. She has always been interested in learning about how everything in life works, and in many of her science classes she gets to do just that. After highschool Mackensie will be going to Cambrian College to study nursing.

Mackensie is one of many outstanding Mustangs, and with her kindness, punctuality and ambitiousness, she is sure to represent MSS well. Have a great year, and keep up the super work Mackensie!!!

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# ...Ontario extends provincial stay-at-home order

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and available public health capacity to conduct rapid case and contact management, the following three regions have been moved back to 'green-prevent' level as of today, Wednesday, February 10, and are no longer subject to the stay-at-home order: Hastings Prince Edward Public Health; Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington Public Health; and Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

The stay-at-home order will continue to apply to the 28 remaining public health regions until Tuesday, February 16. For Toronto, Peel and York regions, it is proposed that the stay-at-home order will continue to apply until Monday, February 22. Final decisions will be subject to

diate action if a public health unit region experiences rapid acceleration in COVID-19 transmission or if its health care system risks becoming overwhelmed. If this occurs, the chief medical officer of health, in consultation with the local medical officer of health, may advise immediately moving a region into grey (lockdown) to interrupt transmission.



Ontario's stay-at-home orders replicate last spring's guidance, as indicated in the sign it installed near the swing bridge last year.

allowed to terminate at the end of February 9. While the province-wide stay-at-home order will cease to apply in some regions as of February 10, everyone is strongly advised to continue to stay at home, avoid social gatherings, minimize travel between areas with different rules and limit close contacts to their household. Employers in all industries should continue to make every effort to allow employees to work from home.

Enforcement of residential evictions will remain paused in the public health unit regions where the provincial stay-at-home order remains in effect. This will ensure people are not forced to leave their homes. In regions where the stay-at-home order is lifted, the regular process for residential eviction enforcement will resume.

Orders currently in force under the EMCPA have been extended to February 23 and will be extended further if necessary.

"While the declaration of emergency will be ending, the risks posed by COVID-19 and the new variants remain serious concerns," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "That's why extending the stay-at-home orders for most of the province is necessary to protect our communities, our most vulnerable populations, and stop the spread of COVID-19. We continue to urge all Ontarians to follow public health guidelines and stay home, stay safe, and save lives."

"While we are seeing our numbers trend in the right direction, our situation remains precarious as the variants of concern remain a serious risk," said Dr. Williams. "This is not a re-opening or a 'return to normal' and we must continue to limit close contact to our immediate households and stay at home except for essential reasons. By continuing to follow all public health and workplace safety measures, we can continue to reduce the number of new cases and the strain on our health system."

In addition, the provincial emergency declared under s 7.0.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) will be

"While we have seen some progress in our fight against COVID-19, the situation in our hospitals remains precarious and the new variants pose a considerable threat to all of us," said Minister Of Health Christine Elliott. "As we cautiously and gradually transition out of the province-wide shutdown, we have developed an emergency brake system giving us the flexibility to contain community spread quickly in a specific region, providing an extra layer of protection."

Recognizing the risk posed by new variants to the province's pandemic response, Ontario is introducing an 'emergency brake' to allow for imme-

# ...chef Cody Crawford featured on Jones soda bottles

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ly just days before the first lockdown hit."

His wife wound up being laid off during that lockdown and like thousands of other young families across the globe, Mr. Crawford found himself redoubling efforts to keep the family ship afloat.

"Yeah, it's been a bit tough, but what are you going to do?" he said with a shrug. "I have always been a bit of a happy go lucky kind of guy." So he just did what had to be done.

"I have been really lucky," he said. "Jodie

(Shmanka) and Jason (Elliott) (owners of Elliott's Restaurant) have been very supportive and let me work all the hours that I can."

That work now involves a host of expanded duties, including washing dishes, cooking, cleaning and serving customers.

The first lockdown of the pandemic was very hard on restaurants, with thousands permanently closing their doors, but thanks to community support Elliott's has managed to stay the course. The second lockdown has proven to be even more challenging.

"To honor Cody and to bring awareness of the daily grind restaurant workers are going through, Jones Soda will be placing a photo of Cody on 50,000 of their soda bottles throughout the country," noted Jones Soda spokesperson Jim Capalbo. "This is part of Jones Soda's Unsung Heroes campaign, honoring those who may not be labeled as an essential worker, but have gone above and beyond without recognition."

In addition to that effort, Mr. Capalbo explained that consumers can use the Jones Soda custom label program to order their own personalized bottles spotlighting the unsung heroes in their lives, complete with the Unsung Heroes logo and the uploaded photo of

their choice. They also can nominate their personal unsung hero by submitting a photo to the Jones photo gallery for possible inclusion on a future Jones bottle.

The Expositor applauds Mr. Crawford and all of unsung heroes in our lives for the efforts they make in order to see us all through these most trying of times. Many of our local heroes can be found highlighted each week on Page 3 of this paper in the I'm Your Neighbour column. If there is a positive note to be found in the ongoing challenges of the pandemic it is a renewed appreciation of those local businesses and their employees who provide the goods and services we need.



The light has a striking effect as it passes through Ms. Edwards' creation in one area of the Little Current hospital's palliative suite.

# ...palliative care stained glass

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tant, Ms. Edwards replied, "I was happy to do it for the hospital and felt very privileged to have been asked, especially for the palliative care unit."

Ms. Edwards took her love of Manitoulin and was inspired by the nature and landscape of the Island. She said she wanted to bring that feeling into the room with the hopes that it would be familiar to those in the unit and it might provide a bit of comfort.

Lynn Foster, CEO of MHC said, "This piece, as well as the one displayed at the Mindemoya site are shared as a result of a comment received from a loved one who spent time in the palliative suite. This is one example that demonstrates the importance of working with MHC and forwarding feedback. Without that feedback, these beautiful pieces of artistry would not be touching the lives of others. Thank you so much to Barb and to the hospital auxiliary for thinking of our palliative care patients."

Ms. Edwards has owned and operated Edwards Studio, located in Kagawong, alongside her husband and fellow artist Richard for over 25 years. Ms. Edwards specializes in glass and textiles. The gallery operates seasonally from the May long weekend until the Thanksgiving.

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# ...Mindemoya Lake campground operators feel blindsided by council's park plan

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municipality last month to ask the status of the plan, we were told they didn't know."

"Then, all of a sudden, up pops this motion," said Mr. Robillard. "How can the municipality implement

other local businesses. The tourist industry is an important economic driver on the Island. Tourists need a place to stay so we play a crucial part in supporting this industry."

Among the detailed items in the plan that will impact their business are the loss

have young children who are running back and forth to the beach," said Mr. Robillard. "Just up the road they have put in no parking signs because of concerns about safety, but when we requested they do so in front of our place they turned us down."

that Mr. Robillard could not speak at the committee meetings because notice of a delegation has to be provided well before the meeting.

As for the lack of response to the couple's emails, Mayor Stephens noted that the property committee only meets once a month and that the committee has not yet considered those communications.

Mayor Stephens noted

that the issue of the public beach came to the notice of the council when Mr. Robillard had requested no parking signs be placed on the road allowance. "That was something we considered and decided not to do as it was an unopened road allowance," said Mayor Stephens. "We had reports that people had been asked to leave the beach as it was a private property, which it is not."

"We then realized that

this was a public beach that had flown somewhat under the radar and decided to pay it some attention with park benches and some parking spaces," he said.

The Robillards admit they are at a loss as to what to do next, but they are seeking advice on any legal recourse they may have going forward. "We are hoping that the town will take our concerns into account," said Mr. Robillard. "That would only be fair."



Idyll Glen RV Park owners Dan and Linda Robillard stand in front of their business sign on the shores of Lake Mindemoya. The couple say they have been blindsided by Central Manitoulin's plans for a public park in front of their business which has been in operation for over 60 years.

photo by Michael Erskine



An aerial shot of the area shows the where the proposed new beach and park area will be located.

this plan without input from us? We are the most affected taxpayer by this plan. We understand the shoreline belongs to the municipality, but this is not right and it's not fair. We deserve better from our elected body that is supposed to represent us."

The campground is summer home to 65 "permanent" residents, with an additional five transient slots available.

"Campgrounds like ours help with the prosperity of the area," said Mr. Robillard. "Where else are tourists supposed to stay when they come here with their campers? When they're here, they spend money which is good for

of their docks, which are currently resting on a section of waterfront earmarked for public parking. Another section, cleared and improved by former Idyll Glen owner Wally Corbiere, is where their campers store their boat trailers.

Mr. Robillard notes that one of their former tenants at the campground plans to open a new small campground up the road. "It might just be a coincidence, but all of this started when we began to hear about those plans," he said.

The couple had previously requested that 'no parking' signs be placed in front of their property due to concerns over safety. "We

"The thing that bothers us the most is that they are going ahead with these plans without ever talking to us about it," said Ms. Robillard. "They didn't show us the plan for the park, we only saw it when the story appeared in The Expositor."

Mayor Richard Stephens expressed surprise that the owners felt that they had not been given an opportunity to present their concerns. "We had two committee meetings that dealt with this matter and I am pretty sure he spoke at one of them," said Mayor Stephens. "We certainly will work with him."

Mayor Stephens noted

## ...Safe bed initiative at Manitoulin Health Centre

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and may be at risk of coming into conflict with the law. Clients work with a social worker for intensive crisis management to help them toward recovery.

MHC received funding from Ontario Health and the Northeastern Ontario LHIN last July to hire a full-time social worker for this program. It was the provider of choice in the area because it could make its services available 24/7.

"MHC has been identified, with the patients coming through emerg and with police volumes, as in need of a safe bed. Ontario Health has asked us to submit an implementation plan," said MHC VP of clinical services and chief nursing officer Paula Fields at a recent hospital board meeting.


Those negotiations have resulted in a hybrid model that will stretch across both the Little Current and Mindemoya hospital

sites. The safe bed program will not involve a physical bed, but rather a 'floating bed' across the two sites that can be temporarily set aside for these services as required. There is also the possibility of aiding more than one client at a time, she said, depending on the workload demands for the social worker.

The Island program is dedicated to mental health and justice clients aged 16 and older, as opposed to many existing safe beds in the province that cater to referrals from groups ranging from child welfare to social services agencies.

The patients that will use the MHC service will have to be referred by either police through the Health Sciences North-run mobile crisis intervention team that services Manitoulin. Ms. Stephens said the program will ensure all third-party referrals take into account cultural needs at the

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# ...Landowner accepts EBC offer for Heaven's Gate; 10 days to closing

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May 5 of this year, EBC has to complete the sale, though it is aiming to complete all fundraising in 60 days to remove conditions from the deal.

This property will form a block of undeveloped, protected land that stretches more than 70 kilometres from Sagamok First Nation in the west to Killarney Provincial Park in the east, with the northernmost portion of Whitefish River First Nation in the middle.

The property will be the largest EBC holding by far. Executive director Bob Barnett told The Expositor that previously, EBC's largest single property acquisition totaled 1,050 acres. Heaven's Gate Reserve beats that size by nearly double.

Gary and Virginia "Ginny" Albrecht, originally of Michigan, bought the property about 15 years ago and the family has always called it 'Skyline.' He also bought an island in Baie Fine in 1976; it is still in the family.

When Gary Albrecht died in 2019, followed by his wife nearly one year later, his children were keen to continue his love of conservation and made it a priority to see the land protected.

"We looked at the property and thought about how we could let more people



Heaven's Gate Trail is a scarcely marked route that stretches some 40 kilometres between Willisville and Sagamok. The reserve property has views similar to this photo, from farther west on the multi-day trail.

use it. We looked at groups like Boy Scouts and some of the Indigenous peoples to donate it to, but that never worked out," Gary's son Karl Albrecht, 58, told The Expositor. "(EBC ownership) fits into what he was always trying to accomplish."

Karl Albrecht's sister Joy Albrecht said preserving the natural property was the family's highest priority,

and her brother added that he was pleased with the outcome.

"We're just happy for the community. Birch Island, Manitoulin Island and the area, we've always been welcomed there and we really love the area," Karl Albrecht said.

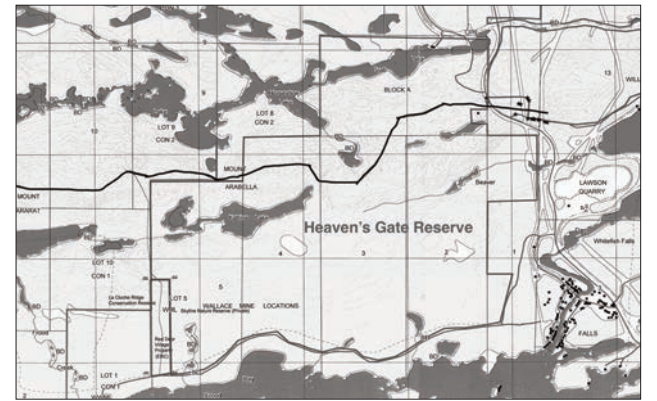
Heaven's Gate Reserve is home to the easternmost part of Heaven's Gate Trail, an expert-difficulty hiking

trail that stretches nearly 40 kilometres between Fort LaCloche and Willisville. (Author's note: I once tried to hike the trail end-to-end. Did not go well.)

The trail emerged in its present form in 1994 when a youth group at Anishnaabe Spiritual Centre, south of Espanola, worked to blaze the path as part of a summer jobs program overseen by Fr. Michael Murray, SJ, who died last year. Its proper Anishnaabe name is Kitchitwaa Shkwaandem, which roughly translates to heaven's gate.

By purchasing this property, that trail will remain on conservation land for all but a tiny portion that crosses Crown land.

EBC has already had some considerable support for the purchase. It secured a reasonable price from the landowner and has received a \$500,000 bequest and



Heaven's Gate Reserve abuts La Cloche Ridge Conservation Reserve to the west, as well as EBC's Red Deer Village property. The black line represents the eastern portion of Heaven's Gate Trail.

\$200,000 worth of pledges. Roy and Kathy Jeffery from Little Current have vowed to match donations up to \$250,000; Mr. Jeffery is a board member of EBC and on the fundraising committee.

"It's a phenomenal property. The potential for building trails, bicycle trails, walking trails, snowshoe and ski trails is just immense," said Mr. Jeffery. "It's just a wonderful thing for Whitefish Falls and for all the local hiking enthusiasts."

EBC plans to make the property open to the public and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and collaborations with area First Nation partners. Mr. Cowan said he expects the property to have massive economic boosts for the surrounding communities.

This property features vistas made famous by the Group of Seven, an iconic troupe of painters who popularized the natural beauties of Canada during the early 20th century.

"The power of this land lured the Group of Seven here nearly 100 years ago and is enshrined in their works. Their paintings are safe; now it is time to care

for the land that inspired them," an EBC press release stated.

The property is home to several species at risk including bald eagles, Blanding's turtles and Whippoorwills. The property, located at the intersection of the districts of Algoma, Manitoulin and Sudbury, features old-growth forests, two mountains and three lakes.

Mr. Cowan said EBC may be able to borrow a bit of money to cover any potential shortfall at the end of the fundraising period, though he said his aim was to avoid mortgaging the property if possible.

Various estimates for EBC's fundraising progress to date range from 50 to 70 percent, though some of the figures are pledges contingent on the project going forward. Mr. Barnett, EBC's executive director, said the property will bring in roughly \$50,000 on the carbon credit market because of the abundance of trees.

Those who wish to make a pledge toward the purchase of Heaven's Gate Reserve can contact Mr. Cowan by email at [tcowan@escarpment.ca](mailto:tcowan@escarpment.ca) or by text at 416-660-5545.

## ...Safe bed initiative at Manitoulin Health Centre

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client's request.

"This is very much going to need to be a collaborative approach because with only one (social worker), there's only so far you can go," she said.

In early 2019, Ontario Health identified MHC as one of three smaller hospitals in the northeast that had high rates of mental health patients arrive through police services. This led to the mobile crisis team's deployment on the Island to help offer community-based crisis interventions at the patient's home, rather than them having to go to the emergency room unless required.

The program will not accept violent offenders. Clients generally stay until they feel stabilized, up to a maximum of 30 days depending on their needs, and will have constant access to care providers. A patient is not required to use the service if they get a referral.

After an individual checks into the safe bed, care staff will work with the patient to help address concerns like mental health problems, addictions, legal support, finding education opportunities and housing, to build resilience and avoid future incidents.

One key element is that the safe bed offers links to alcohol and opioid agonist therapy, a requirement from Ontario Health.

Ms. Stephens said the safe bed offers a productive alternative to incarceration, which may sometimes seem like the only


option when someone does not have a safe place to recover.

"If the only opportunity is to take someone away and incarcerate them, and if the police don't feel that's a good fit, we're not doing them a service because the problems are still going to be there when they get out. This is allowing us to be in front of the problem and make sure we have resources for individuals that they may not have had available before," Ms. Stephens said.

Having a safe bed at the hospital in partnership with Island law enforcement is expected to have positive impacts for programs such as the social navigator at UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, which supports at-risk or repeat offenders to connect with supportive services rather than coming in conflict with the law.

Although programs similar to this one have been available through Health Sciences North in Sudbury, there has often been a wait list and the barrier of travel before patients could access the services. In addition, those clinicians were likely not as knowledgeable about on-Island care options as someone based locally, a key piece in referrals for further support.

Ms. Stephens stressed that the program will only function through deep collaboration between health care and law enforcement agencies on Manitoulin, and that the providers will need to complete a lot of hard work to foster a solid trust and cooperative relationship.



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# Island cadet receives commendation

MANITOULIN—On January 26, three deserving cadets were recognized virtually for the contributions they made in support of the family of a cadet who passed away in a drowning accident.

On July 22, 2019, Master Warrant Officer (MWO) Kyle Benedict of 59 Essex and Kent Royal Canadian Army Cadets Corps (RCACC) passed away as the result of a drowning accident on Manitoulin Island. His funeral was planned for July 31, 2019 in the community of Providence Bay on Manitoulin Island where his mother resides. Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Marguerite Jones of 59 RCACC and Warrant Officer Second Class (WO2) Rinoa June from 294 Royal Canadian Army Cadets Squadron (RCACS) were friends of MWO Benedict and had requested permission to attend the funeral. At the request of the family, both CWO Jones and WO2 June consented to be part of the service as flag bearers for their friend. A request went out to the cadet corps/squadrons in the Providence Bay area and Master Cadet (MC) Rhys Allison of 348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps (RCSCC) Manitoulin volunteered to support a fellow cadet in their departure.

On July 31, 2019, CWO Jones, WO2 June and MC Allison represented the cadet program with distinction during their duties. Their actions were recognized and greatly appreciated by not only MWO Benedict's family, but by all of the Providence Bay community in attendance.

CWO Jones joined cadets just after her 12th birthday and is currently in her sixth year with 59 RCACC Chatham. She credits the cadet program for teaching her how to be a good leader as well as improving her public speaking and communication skills. She attended the basic and intermediate military band courses at Blackdown. CWO Jones also credits cadets for the friends that she has made over the past six years. CWO Jones notes that there are a great many friends that she has made since joining cadets and hopes to carry those friendships into the future.

WO2 June joined cadets



Master Cadet Rhys Allison of 348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Manitoulin received a commendation for his contribution to the funeral service of a fallen cadet in 2019.

just after she turned 12 and retired from cadets on September 14, 2020 from 294 RCACS Chatham. She is currently a student at Trent University studying forensic science.

WO2 June attended basic fitness and sports, air rifle marksmanship instructor and intermediate pipe band. She is currently an accomplished piper and has been part of the Chatham Legion Pipe Band for several years. She credits the cadet program for her abilities to be a better leader, a better speaker and a better team member. The cadet program is responsible for some of her best memories.

MC Allison joined cadets just after turning 13. He has attended his general training course at HMCS Ontario where he was awarded the 'Cock of the Walk' for Quebec Division as well as the top cadet in his general training serial. At his home corps, he is part of the guard and a member of the marksmanship team. In his personal activities, he helps his father with the family lumber business, sings in the church choir and tries to be active in the community where COVID will currently allow.

Lieutenant Colonel Leonard and CWO God-

bout virtually presented each of the cadets with their Commanding Officer's Commendation Certificate.

"Thank you to the cadets for their dedication to their fellow cadets and families and thank you to everyone for taking the time today to join us in recognizing the contributions that our cadets make to the greater community," said RCSCC Manitoulin Commanding Officer Sylvain Boucher following the presentation.

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# Heather Jefkins' APS Grade 3/4 class spreads Valentine

by Alicia McCutcheon  
 ASSIGINACK—Heather Jefkins' Grade 3/4 class at Assiginack Public School might be small, but their willingness to spread some happiness is mighty. Early in January, while her students were still learning from home, Ms. Jefkins said the news reports had her thinking about the loneliness that everyone is enduring because of the pandemic, especially those residents of long-term care (LTC) facilities. Ms. Jefkins said her mind then turned to just how

many LTC residents there are on Manitoulin and some research returned the figure of approximately 180. With 14 kids in her class, the teacher then started to do the math: could they pump out enough Valentines for every LTC resident on Manitoulin? When in-class teaching resumed on January 11, the teacher brought her idea to the attention of her class and challenged them to do it. They gladly accepted that challenge and for the next three weeks, the students happily created 180



Valentines. When the last one was counted Ms. Jefkins said they clapped and cheered. During the process Ms. Jefkins said she and her class talked about the things those residents might be facing, such as loneliness and missing their families. "Most of them know somebody who is in a LTC home, be it a grandma, grandpa, older aunts or uncles or a family friend," she said. "We talked about how receiving a Valentine could be a boost to anybody." The Valentine project was also a chance for some

Sawyer, a Grade 3 student, above, and Violet, in Grade 4, right, work away at creating 180 Valentines for Manitoulin's long-term care residents.



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# cheer to Island LTC homes

other learning opportunities, like typing a letter and signing off—in cursive! Last week the class officially learned to write each letter of the alphabet in cursive. “They can now decode the secret language of adults!” Ms. Jefkins laughed.

Before the Valentines were delivered to each of the Island’s LTC facilities—

Wikwemikong Nursing Home, Manitoulin Centennial Manor and Manitoulin Lodge—they sat for four days in a bin as a COVID-19 precaution.

Ms. Jefkins said she was teased by the class for worrying about Valentine’s Day in early January, but she wanted to make sure the Valentines could be delivered in a safe way so

that they might be enjoyed on the special day.

“Life is tough enough right now,” Ms. Jefkins said. “We can do things where we don’t have to see the person’s face to know we’ve done them—it’s part of being good people.”

Happy Valentine’s Day from Ms. Jefkin’s Grade 3/4 class at Assiginack Public School.



Tylar, a Grade 3 student at Assiginack Public School, cuts heart shapes for one of dozens of Valentines he helped to create.

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# Manitoulin's poets wax eloquent for Valentine's Day

## Shining You

You shine  
Like the sun on a vine  
Where the warm grapes recline.  
You shine  
Like a glass of fine wine,  
When by candles we dine.  
You shine  
Like the moonlight on pine  
Or when bright stars align.  
You shine  
On my hope for a sign  
That our hearts can entwine

**Perry Anglin**  
Central Manitoulin



Well well Valentine's Day  
'bout time you appear!  
I do believe we need  
Your message this year.

You're not just promoting  
Fine chocolates and a rose  
(Although I admit to  
Liking both of those.)

Love is your message:  
It is simple and pure.  
Let's extend it to all  
So the stress we may cure.

Sometimes we get stuck  
In a battle of wills  
Which leads to strong outbursts  
And kindness gets chilled.

But take a deep breath  
Differences are okay;  
Enough with the preaching...  
More compassion, I say!

No more 'us versus them'  
Put hard feelings aside  
Offer an ear and a smile  
You'll feel better inside.

**Patrick Keating**  
Tehkummah

## All the Fire We Can Find

Embers on a hearth,  
Small warmth that heats a hand  
Yet, as if by some magic  
When tinder is placed just so  
And a gentle breath is given  
Smoke curls and rises  
Until a small spurt of flame appears  
It grows and grows.  
Before long, that kindled blaze fills the room  
And light and warmth reach each dark corner.

Such is Love's first act  
As a word, glance or smile is given  
With test of time and trial  
It becomes more than its parts  
Until that true and pure passion  
Emerges to envelop and caress  
And bring its light to each searching soul  
A flame, not for an hour or a night,  
But a lifetime of warmth and wonder.  
It is the fire that has found the two of us- and it remains.

**Tom Scott**  
Mindemoya

## An Admiring Haiku for A Mystery You

Music in your soul  
Lives local though southern born  
Fooling with fake sharks

**Roxie Hart**  
Thunder Bay and Manitoulin



## Forbidden one

How I remember the summer days  
Watching you toil as you roll the soil,  
Speaking in your flowery ways...

Your gift of popped corn propelled me strong,  
The kindness glowed in a land strange and dark  
Through the most taxing of evenings, needlessly long,  
As your masterful skills eased the maddest dog's bark.

Alas, us two must never be  
Your kingdom and mine may not rest together free  
Wherefore, I say!  
Wherefore art thou from Tehkummah?

Now I know my yearning must cease  
But nary from Grimesthorpe to Squirrel Town may I find my peace.

**Shawn Clotterre**  
Manitoulin's south shore

## Sweet Dreams

If I could dream a sweeter dream,  
that makes all my dreams come true,  
I would dream of love and happiness,  
to last my whole life through.

There would be wonderful times shared,  
and hugs and kisses by the score,  
with stars and the moon above,  
and many sunny days galore.

There might be a few raindrops,  
to wash away the blues,  
but they would be short lived,  
as I'll spend my days with you.

I can't dream any sweeter dream,  
than what I've already done,  
my dreams came true long ago,  
showing me you are the one.

I don't need to dream a sweeter dream,  
than this life we made together,  
love and happiness at its best,  
through all kinds of weather.

"I love you my Darling, Murray  
and I'll love you happily ever after."

**Melody Hore**  
Evansville



## To my fisherman

I might be bitchin'  
About the scales  
Around my kitchen

Or the odour of fishy stink  
That permeates  
My stainless sink

From perch to trout  
My man can catch  
Without a doubt

But kindness shows  
With free filets  
Where're he goes

When we first met  
Those years ago  
My hook was set

I'll cast a line  
And ask you this:  
'Will you be mine?'

The finishing stanza  
Wishes you luck  
In the Ice Extravaganza

Happy Valentine's Day, Babe!

Lots of love,  
**Alicia McCutcheon**  
Sheguiandah

## Valentine's Day 2021

Valentine's Day  
May I just say, boy, I missed that buffet!  
Anyway, I just stay in my Chevrolet with  
Alexa on display.  
No ballet or bouquets or cafes,  
just me and Alexa in my Chevrolet.

**Elizabeth Moggy**  
Manitowaning



## And the winner is...

### Love in the time of COVID

Who could have imagined  
the times we are in?  
The world and our lives  
All thrown into a spin.

Struggling to cope  
With the loss and the cost;  
Looking for hope,  
but feeling so lost.

How impossible it all seems,  
To think at all of Valentine's Day.  
What is there to celebrate?  
What is there to say?

Well, this got me thinking  
about a new point of view.  
Still focus on love,  
but think big when you do!

Give your partner a kiss,  
Add some hugs you can share,  
Then expand your horizon:  
See love everywhere.

Thank those who wear masks  
for their safety and yours;  
The neighbour who shovels  
a path to your door.

A friend who cooks extra,  
Brings a warm, tasty meal  
to your doorstep and leaves it,  
And asks how you feel.

A friend who will call you  
when she's just going out,  
Saying, "What can I get you,  
when I'm out and about?"

A friend who has rescued  
two old folks in need,  
more times than we can count,  
a good friend indeed.

So some may say,  
In Covid times,  
It's hard to celebrate.  
But just look back.

You, like us, may see  
bright and long and lovely lines  
of kindly Covid Valentines.

Happy Valentine's Day!  
**Deborah Wilson**  
Tamarack Lane

### True meaning of Valentine's Day

Roses,  
Tulips,  
Chocolate galore,  
Who knew Valentine's Day means so  
much more?  
It's a way to say 'I love you' with chocolate  
and flowers,  
And for businesses to make money off all  
the sweet gestures,  
Sweethearts and daisies might not seem  
like too much,  
But when given to someone great, hey,  
become more than enough.  
There is no need for chocolates and flow-  
ers,  
All you have to do is make time for others,  
That is what Valentine's Day is truly for.

**Alexis McVey**  
Gore Bay

## Valentine Hopes

With Valentine's Day very near,  
Hope to celebrate with me and my Dear,  
Can't go anywhere as COVID we fear,  
We'll just stay home stay safe, stay clear.  
If and when COVID is gone next year,  
We can dine out and toast a cheer!

**Pauline Martin**  
Tehkummah

## Dear Ursula

How do I say "I love you",  
In a way that's true and strong;  
As we walk arm-in-arm, life's pathway,  
And day-after-day move along?

We've enjoyed much joy and laughter;  
We've endured both hardship and strife;  
But our tears always turned to sparkles,  
As we shared our love in our life!

Our courtship was sealed in heaven,  
When I gave my vows to you;  
Then I looked at your smiling face,  
As you gladly said "I do!"

We've walked many miles together,  
'Neath sunny and stormy skies;  
As we piled up mounds of memories -  
How quickly it is 'time flies'!

Though the future's not ours to see;  
We know that when this life ends,  
Sometime we'll be back together.  
With our Lord, our families and our friends!

**Robert Paxton**  
Little Current

## My Lovely Daughter

I remember the first day I saw her,  
I smiled ear to ear,  
I was happy to meet my lovely daughter.

She crosses my mind every day,  
Ok, more like every hour.  
She has changed my life in every way,  
She is my lovely daughter.

Her character, her personality,  
and a smile like no other,  
I love being around my lovely daughter.

Her accomplishments, her goals and dreams,  
Every day she gets stronger.  
I am so proud of my lovely daughter.

I have never known anyone like her,  
I am forever in her corner,  
And I will forever love  
My lovely daughter.

For Sierra,  
Happy February 14th.

**Mark Peltier**  
Wiikwemkoong

## Eric

I love to see his sparkling eyes  
twinkling bright at me  
His smiling face  
Always beaming!  
I love to smell him near me.  
His fragrance like incense  
Mellow, yet sweet,  
Like spice!  
I love to hold him close  
His warm body firm  
Yet very lean,  
So tightly!  
I love him, I really do  
And he loves me  
So very much,  
And purely!  
Eric, sweet Eric, come to me  
swiftly in the night,  
lay by me-  
Always close!  
When the sun rises, please don't.  
Never ever leave me,  
I'm hungry, darling,  
Fill me.

Written for my husband by,  
**Linda L. Thiessen**  
Silver Water



## Memories of Love

With love in his eyes, he cradled her and kissed her.  
She smiled and kissed him back.  
She was small, and he was so in love with her.  
He kissed her again and held her in his arms.  
The sun was shining, and it was a beautiful day.  
I was happy for them and wished Johnny and Angie well.  
He swept her across the floor with ease and confidence.  
He held her close and looked into her eyes.  
She smiled back and put her head on his shoulders.  
Patrick and Nancy danced the night away.  
They were standing together side by side.  
She looked up at him and he moved closer.  
With a twinkle in his eyes and said, "she is just the right size for me!"  
He measured their heights with his hand and Louis whispered "Mary"  
as he snuggled closer to her.

**Marjorie Trudeau**  
Wiikwemkoong

## Valentine's Quarantine Buddy

Times are strange with this COVID-19  
Wear a mask, wash your hands and quarantine.  
When will this end? It remains unseen.  
We are all in this together, so be kind, not mean.

We have helped so many people with you by my side.  
Playing music via Facebook Live, there's no where to hide.  
It has been an unprecedented year, but we are still here!  
There is no place like home especially with you in it, my dear.

Even before we vowed till death do us part.  
You already have all of me, especially my heart.  
Things may not always be perfect but we are perfect together.  
Through thick and thin, I will love you forever!

You are my pandemic in which there is no cure.  
My love for you will always be pure.  
In the school of life, you are my favourite study.  
Happy Valentine's Denise, I'm glad you're my quarantine buddy!

**Robbie Shawana**  
Assiginack

Feeling blue these days?  
Our world is revolving in strange ways.  
Just open your heart  
Since we are all apart.  
Love can be shown in many ways.  
Need to stay strong in the coming days  
Keep it together  
As it won't last forever;  
Hope will climb on our earthy vines  
Happy Valentine's.

## LOVE

Love is reliable  
Love is enduring  
Love is comforting  
And ever assuring  
Love is safety  
Love is calm  
Love is contentment  
Love is... where we belong

**Lori Gordon**  
Tehkummah

**Debra Martin**  
Gore Bay

## The Perfect Present

The tale as old as time has got it wrong:  
Don't bring your partner a rose,  
And don't write them a love song

What you need to give your loved one, my friend,  
Is a stapler  
Now hear this through to the end,

Nothing is more romantic than a stapler:  
This I know,  
For someone got it for me a long time ago,

A stapler binds things together:  
With just a click,  
It could last forever.

To get someone a stapler,  
It requires thought,  
Not just some generic present you bought.

It's not like a rose that will fade real fast,  
However,  
A stapler is a gift that will last and last.

When you're feeling down,  
Its clickity-clack,  
Will make a joyous sound,

Whether it rusts,  
Whether it gets old,  
It's the finishing for the best love story ever told

So be the best partner this holiday,  
Because what they really need,  
Is a stapler.

**Alexandra Wilson-Zegil**  
Gore Bay







## Kagawong couple's union intricately linked to Valentine's Day

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG—The fates were obviously smiling when a young English nurse, Mary Coomes, set out on a four-year adventure to the wilds of far-off Canada and Gore Bay snowmobile enthusiast John Buie left his position at the steel plant in Sault Ste. Marie to return home to Manitoulin more than a half-century ago. It seems their paths were destined to cross—both set out on the same date to relocate to Manitoulin, September 27, 1969.

Ms. Coomes had been offered an outpost position with the Red Cross at either Red Lake or Mindemoya; in the end she found herself on a train bound for the Sudbury station where she was met by the hospital caretaker Roy Sloss and Zella McCutcheon, the charge nurse.

For Mr. Buie, however, it was a homecoming. "The mill was on strike and I decided to come home to work at McQuarrie's in Gore Bay," he recalled. Meanwhile, the future Ms. Buie settled in to work at the hospital.

Cupid wields his bow in some very inventive ways. Mr. Buie was indulging in one of his favourite pastimes, snowmobiling, when an errant jaunt across some snow-covered lumps at the tail end of March 1971 sent him hurtling from his machine. The sudden interaction with the ground left him with a badly broken clavicle.



John and Mary Buie as they are today, a happy couple soon to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

"I couldn't wear the brace so I wound up in a hospital bed," he recalled. "There was me and a couple of elderly people in the hospital."

Mr. Buie had some inventive means to keep the nursing staff close at hand. One was the ever-present box of chocolates on the table beside his bed he freely shared. "I had hot and cold running nurses," he laughed.

But it was something else that captivated the young English nurse. "He told the most marvelous stories," recalled Ms. Buie. "I worked the afternoon shift

how he was surprised to see her still at the hospital when he went in to visit an ailing relative. Ms. Buie took him into the kitchen to prepare a sandwich.

It took a while for Mr. Buie to screw up the courage to ask her out on a date.

"I wracked my brains trying to come up with something," he said. There was an added challenge in the hours Ms. Buie worked. "It was smelt season, so I decided to ask her to go smelt fishing."

"That was our first date, fishing for smelts at midnight," laughed Ms. Buie. "There I was at three o'clock in the morning cleaning fish."

"Hey, I helped," laughed Mr. Buie.

Their second date was a bit more traditional. One of Canada's favourite musical programs, Don Messer's Jubilee was playing on the Island.

Then a complication arose.

"I was never one for going out with a lot of boys," she cautioned, "but before I began courting John, I had invited a young man, a friend's cousin, to come to visit Canada." When the young man contacted her to say he was coming over, Ms. Buie found herself at a loss as to what to do.

"I went to see John's mom and asked her what I should do," she recalled. "She told John about it. I finally got up the courage to tell John and he said 'oh I know all about it.'" Thanks to his mother's intervention, he had time to digest the idea.

In the end it worked out fine.

"I would show him around the Island and I would ditch him at 9 o'clock to go see John," she laughed. Eventually, they recruited another young woman to the troupe for a visit to Sault Ste. Marie, where John showed them the sights around his former neighbourhood.

When the young visitor had returned to England, there followed many expeditions to remote bays and lakes across Manitoulin in Mr. Buie's "old blue pickup truck."

"The roads were pretty bumpy and I was worried about what we would do if we got stuck out there," recalled Ms. Buie. "But we never broke down," rejoined Mr. Buie.

The courting lasted only five weeks before Mr. Buie popped the question.

"He went down on one knee," smiled Ms. Buie.

But then another complication arose; these were the days before email, the internet or many of the other ubiquitous forms of communication to be found today.

"Neither of us had a phone, so John had to ask for my hand in marriage by writing a letter to my parents," laughed Ms. Buie. Well, through the mail in any event. "I put it down on tape and mailed the tape," said Mr. Buie. Mailing tape recordings home was fairly common in the heady days when snail mail ruled supreme. The reaction was a little mixed. "My mom asked 'couldn't you find an nice English boy to marry?'" she recalled. But the couple's minds were set and her parents consented to the bond.

The couple travelled to England and Ms. Buie's hometown of Horley to tie the knot at St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church. "It was the church I grew up in," she said. "It was where my parents were married." The church was originally built in the 14th century and renovated heavily in the mid-1800s. The hurdles were not over just yet. "In those days you had to publish the banns for three consecutive Sundays," said Ms. Buie, "but we were only

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from 4 pm to 12 and in those days there wasn't all that much to do."

Hours spent sitting by Mr. Buie's bedside, chatting and listening as he extolled the wonders of her new Island home, helped while away the long hours of her shift. But time passed swiftly and Mr. Buie was eager to leave the hospital and return to work.

"I thought she had left," recalled Mr. Buie, relating

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going to be in England for two weeks, so we had to have a special licence. That required going to Westminster Abby to fill out the required forms."

Not commonly heard these days, the word banns is from a Middle English word meaning proclamation and is rooted in old French. Banns are the public announcement in a Christian parish church of an impending marriage between two specified persons.

A normal marriage licence cost \$10 in those days, but the special licence hiked that bill to \$65.

Not only that, letters from the parents of the bride and groom had to be supplied. Since Mr. Buie's father had passed away some time before, it fell to his mother to supply the necessary letter.

"My mom got a big kick out of that," laughed Mr. Buie. "I was 36, so I didn't find it quite as funny."

A letter from the local Anglican priest on Manitoulin was also required. "I wasn't a church going fella, but luckily I like to curl and one of the fellows I curled with was the local Anglican minister." Good game.

"He wrote a glowing letter about John," said Ms. Buie.

On the bright side, the couple now has an elegant licence bearing the royal seal of Henry VIII as a souvenir of the moment.



The happy couple was surprised by a brownie honour guard as they exited the 14th century church. Ms. Buie was a lifelong adherent of the Girl Guide movement.

While awaiting the day of the nuptials, Ms. Buie stayed at her parents. "But in those days it just wasn't done for the groom to stay in the same house before the wedding," she recalled, "so we put John up at one of the neighbours."

"They were really the only two people John knew," chuckled Ms. Buie.

Processing out of the church, Ms. Buie, a lifelong adherent of the Girl Guide movement, was provided with a two-lane honour guard of Brownies. "We didn't know about that, it was very beautiful," shared Ms. Buie. The reception was held at the Guide Hall. "My mom and dad had to arrange everything without ever having met John," said Ms. Buie.

While the engagement and wedding rings were purchased in England, Ms. Buie's wedding dress was a made-on-Manitoulin creation (courtesy of Evie Kutchaw of Mindemoya), and the veil came from London. As for something blue, Ms. Buie's grandmother's silver pin circa 1935 filled the bill.

Other interesting quaint customs included having a photograph taken with the dustman (garbage man for Canadian reference). One customary item had to be left out, however, as the pubs were all closed due to the weather.

Snow in December might be a well-anticipated event on Manitoulin, but in England it comes on a very rare occasion. Just to make Mr. Buie feel more at home the good Lord supplied a blizzard for the occasion. There were also a couple of familiar faces, as Canon Dickson and his wife Edna happened to be vacationing in England at the time and attended the wedding.

The wedding cake was as tradition dictates, a rich fruit cake. "The tradition was that you would keep the top tier



Snowstorms are rare in England, but the weatherman decided to make John Buie feel right at home on the couple's wedding day.

and use it for the first christening," said Ms. Buie. "This we did and it became Neil's christening cake—he was born on Valentine's Day 1976. So our first son Neil was born on Valentine's Day and our daughter Jen's first born son, Chase, was born on Valentine's Day 2012."

The Buies went on to have three children, son Neil, who became a veterinarian, Rob, who is a pilot, and Jen, a physiotherapist.

Upon their return to Manitoulin, the couple held a reception at the church hall in Gore Bay.

"I was alright in England, but when we got here I was expected to make a small speech," said Mr. Buie. "I wasn't happy about that."

The couple settled into the house in Gore Bay that Mr. Buie and his mother had purchased, while his mother moved back into the family home in Providence Bay. "I just switched housekeepers," chuckled Mr. Buie. The Buies now make their home in Kagawong.

The story of the Buie family is intricately linked with Valentine's Day and they wouldn't have it any other way.

"Life has its ups and downs," said Ms. Buie, "but family and community are very important. We have been very blessed with caring family, friends and community."

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These are just a couple of entries into Assiginack's snow sculpture contest held last weekend. Above, mother and son duo Crystal and George-Michael Lentrif of the Government Road show off their massive 23-foot-long great white shark. The inspiration came from George-Michael's recent schoolwork on the subject of sharks. This amazing creation took the family four hours to create.

Below, another mother and son duo, Clayton Osawamick and mom Lisa of Wiiwkemkoong, constructed this amazing turtle thanks to the weekend's dump of snow. For more great sculptures visit Assiginack's Facebook page.



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# DJ, model with Wiikwemkoong roots takes on the Toronto scene

by Warren Schlote

TORONTO—DJ and model 'Gonnie Garko' is making waves in the Toronto arts scene and beyond, amassing tens of thousands of followers as she partners with celebrities and companies from Nike to Coach to Drake, but her family roots in Wiikwemkoong remain an important part of her identity and the impact she hopes to make on the world.

"I really do feel a strong connection to Manitoulin Island. There's something in the air and the trees that tells me this is somewhere I should be," Ms. Garko told The Expositor.



With an Instagram page full of modelling shoots, action shots of her behind the turntables at a number of high-profile events and a wide range of behind-the-scenes content, Gonnie Garko has amassed a following of more than 58,000 Instagram users.

Gonnie Garko is a stage name for the 20-year-old and it reflects one of her many long-time artistic passions.

"I really love movies. I watched 'Donnie Darko' when I was 14 or 15 and I just loved it and decided it was important to me. I was playing with that name and mixed it with 'Gone Girl' as my Instagram name for Halloween one year as Gonnie Garko and it just stuck," she said.

Instagram continues to be the rising star's main online presence. Her account @GonnieGarko has nearly 60,000 followers and she regularly appears on other pages through brand deals and partnerships.

She did some modelling work as a child and always imagined herself becoming a model, singer, musician, or other entertainment-world figure. DJing, however, did not strike her as a possibility until later in her life.

When she was 17, a friend asked her if she would model some outfits on behalf of a brand. The brand turned out



Gonnie Garko has DJed at a number of events in the Toronto area and the young artist is getting plenty of attention for her mixes.

to be musician Drake's OVO Clothing label and when the photos came out, the Gonnie Garko name began to take hold.

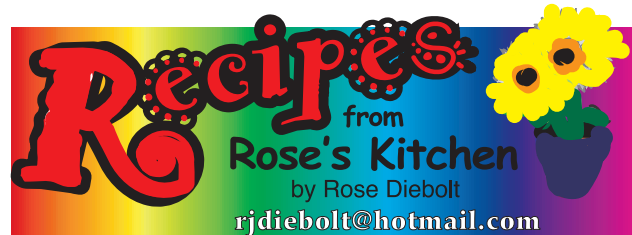
"My picture was in the mall at the Eaton Centre, the biggest one around here, which was pretty cool," Ms. Garko said.

By then, she knew her way around the turntables pretty well. She soon gained the opportunity to DJ at some OVO events and performed at some friends' parties. Drake has been at many of those events and Ms. Garko said he has complimented her on her growth as an artist.

Ms. Garko has eclectic musical tastes that vary between classic jazz, R&B and soul, stretching into contemporary forms like hip-hop and dance music. This has given her a diverse sound that lets her plan setlists for a variety of occasions.

That influence comes partly from her parents' own tastes and their heritage. Her father is Jamaican and Haitian and her mother's family comes from Wiikwemkoong.

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One of my favourite pastimes is reading. The saying "so many books to read, so little time" is so true. I have a stack on my desk, another one on my bedside table and then there is the coffee table. One of my favourite authors is Thomas King and the series 'A Dreadful Water Mystery,' six books in total. From one of his books I wrote out this passage and posted it because it is so true: "Processed food—no wonder we are obese. Sugar, fat, salt, unpronounceable chemicals. The ready-to-eat food industry was the new cartel, its CEOs the new drug dealers."

How true. Try the following bar recipe—no sugar just bananas and dates for natural sweetening!

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This recipe calls for cacao powder. The difference between cacao and cocoa is that cocoa is processed at a much higher temperature (and often packaged cocoa contains added sugar and dairy) and cacao powder is made from fermented beans that have not been roasted. If you are using cacao powder you will notice a slight tang in the bars. I actually followed the recipe without any substitutions but as I always say you can substitute. A different nut will work out just fine.

I doubled the recipe and used a 9 x 13-inch pan. They freeze well.

- 1/3 cup raw cacao powder
- 3/4 cup firmly packed chopped pitted fresh dates
- 1/4 cup coconut oil
- 1 1/2 cup unsalted cashews
- 1 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup mashed banana (about three bananas)
- Unsweetened coconut flakes for sprinkling (optional)

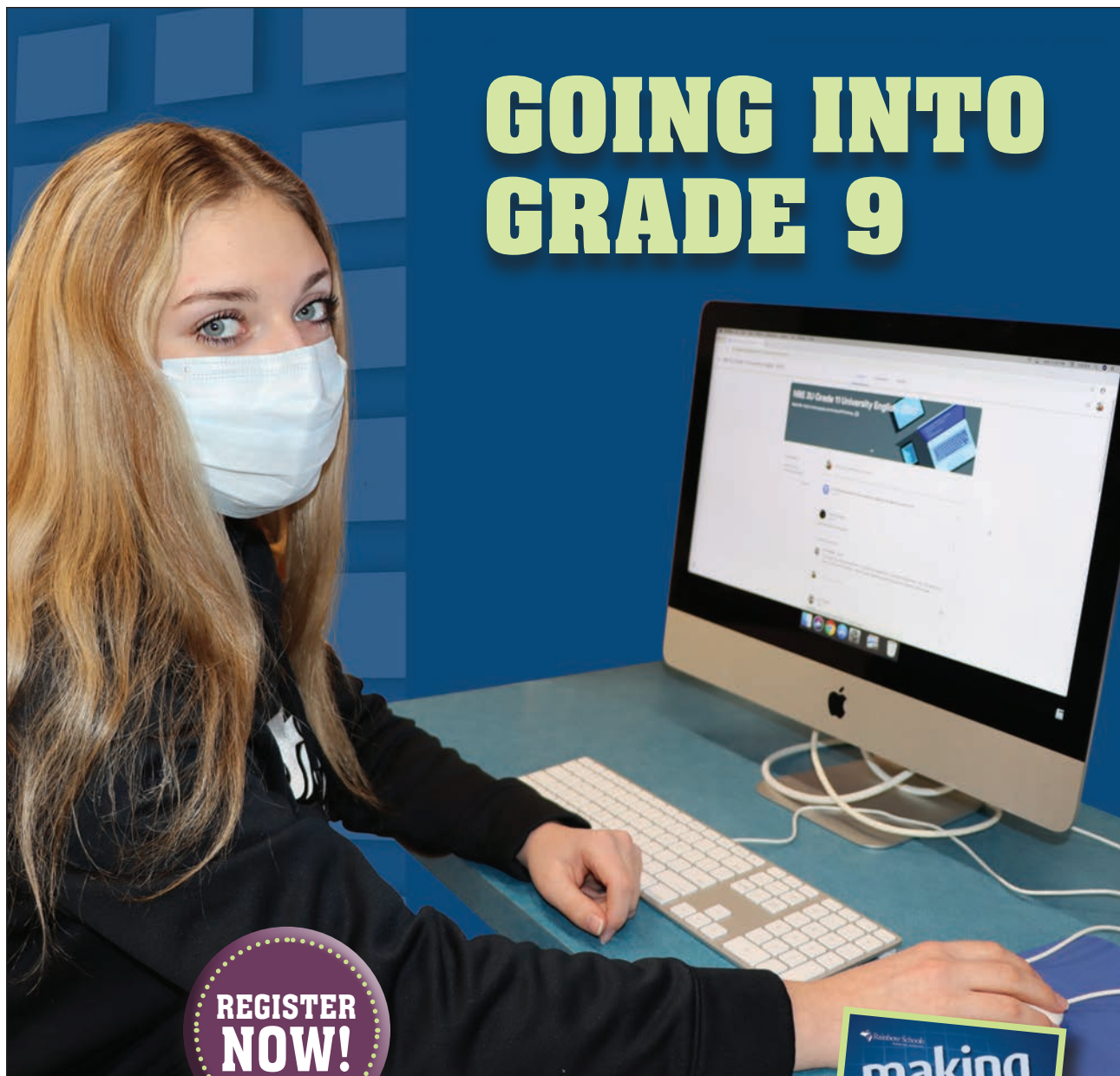
Preheat oven to 325°F. Line an 8 x 8-inch square pan with parchment paper and set aside.

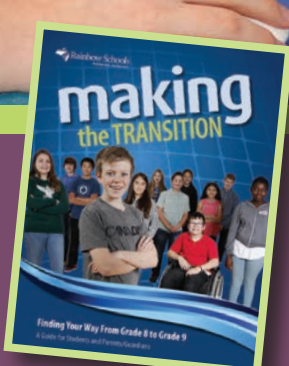
Place all the ingredients except for the coconut flakes in a food processor and process until smooth.

Spoon the mixture into the prepared pan, spread evenly and then sprinkle with coconut. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes until firm to touch.

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# ...DJ, model with Wiikwemkoong roots

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Ms. Garko grew up with her grandparents when she was younger, though they were not living in Wiikwemkoong at the time. She said her grandmother, June Shawanda, was like a second mother and very important to her life.

The family would visit Wiikwemkoong every year for the cultural festival and Ms. Garko recalled a time when the family went to support her grandmother at a residential school reunion.

"We don't have so much of the Native traditions in our family because my grandma's been through a lot in life and went to residential school. Their goal was to take the Indian out of the child and I really sadly feel that's what happened to her," said Ms. Garko.

Her family still carried forward some traditions like Indigenous foods and smudging and Ms. Garko attended an after-school program for Native youth which taught her a lot about her culture. She said she regrets not learning traditional dances and worried it's too late to learn them now.

Ms. Garko has made a couple of posts on her Instagram that acknowledge her Anishinaabe heritage but she said she is frustrated by widespread ignorance of the history.

"It's important to educate people on these things. Some don't think Indigenous people exist anymore, they don't understand what happened to us, what it means to be Native, intergenerational trauma and all that history," she said.

"I've heard people make comments not knowing I'm Native—because I'm not visibly passing as that—calling them alcoholics, drunks and druggies, and we get into a huge debate. They feel like idiots because they don't realize I'm Native. It's interesting, the things you hear people say when they don't think someone of that background is in the room," she said.

Ms. Garko has vowed to educate others on the oft-overlooked and dark parts of Canada's history. Her Anishinaabe background has long been an important part of her self-identity.

"I'm not tolerant of ignorance. I think that if you live in this land, you should know what the people here have been through. You should know that we still exist, we're not all alcoholics and we're just regular people," she said.

Spreading education and awareness is a double-duty for Ms. Garko, who has also promoted Black Lives Matter.

"As long as I'm in a body that is recognizably of colour—I'm Black—I have to say something about these things. Anybody with Black or Native heritage shouldn't



Gonnie is co-signed with OVO, Drake's clothing and lifestyle label, which has led her to model some of his company's fashions on both her own page as well as that of the official OVO brand.

deny themselves," she said.

Taking on a public profile has been a transition for the self-professed introvert.

"When it comes to DJing, I picked up a few different ways to do it. I have to focus more on what I'm doing so people can't bug me and it feels better to know that I'm actually doing my job," she said.

Working the turntables has been a continuous learning and development process and is much more challenging than it may appear to outsiders.

Busy dance clubs have become a thing of the past during the COVID-19 pandemic and the virus has weighed heavily on the burgeoning artist. It has been challenging to find motivation to learn new skills and Ms. Garko has spent a lot of time watching movies. This, however, may offer long-term benefits for her artistic trajectory.

"I've gotten a lot into film. I'm not personally doing anything in that field right now, just watching a lot of movies, but I've always been passionate about it," she said, adding that she would like to try working in that medium.

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**Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.** To receive adult or youth/parent information on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, more commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or to volunteer with our Association, please contact: The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario. Tel: 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-6682 (outside GTA) or write to: Ste. 402, 170 Donway West, Toronto, ON M3C 2G3. Please visit our web site at: [www.meao.ca](http://www.meao.ca).

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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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**Manitoulin Family Resources** offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Early ON Child and Family Centre, Little Current Child Care, Mindemoya Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Thrift Shop & Food Bank 705-368-3400; Administration 705-368-3400.

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**The process to open is easier than you think!**

Home Child Care program supports Manitoulin Island, Espanola and the North Shore.

For more information contact Martha | 705-368-3400 ext. 235 | [mboyle@mfresources.net](mailto:mboyle@mfresources.net)



**HARASYM**—Jim and Marilyn Harasym are proud to welcome their baby boy, Mitchell Harasym, into the 30s club on February 10, 2021. Proud big sisters are Marilee and Mallory. Loving nephew Landen and niece Hailee. Enjoy your 30th birthday, wish we could be with you. Love you!

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**Sea Cadet Events**

**Manitoulin Sea Cadets** Corps weekly parade is Monday nights at Mindemoya Community Centre (Hwy 542, beside Mindemoya municipal office) beginning at 6 pm. For enquiries, please contact 705-805-0350.

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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](mailto:jmiller@nemfht.ca) or call 705-968-0091. The cost of a membership is \$55. Thank you for your support to our local Branch 177, Little Current.

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**Royal Canadian Legion** Branch 177 Wing Night, Thursday, February 11 from 4 to 8 pm. Wings, \$1 each (sauces for wings: salt and pepper, sweet chili, sweet and sour, honey garlic, first, second and third degree, parmesan cheese and pepper and Cajun); cheese balls, two for \$1; Jalapeno poppers, \$1 each; cheese sticks, \$1 each; mushroom caps, nine for \$3. Take-out only, pick up at the Legion. You must pre-order, call or text 705-348-0123. Delivery within town limits available.

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**coming events**

**Howland Seniors' Group** "Keep Our Hall Open Fundraiser": Take-Out Roast Pork Dinner, February 14. Pick up at the Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall from 5 to 6:30 pm. Serving roast pork, gravy, applesauce, oven roasted potatoes, carrots and peas, coleslaw, pickles, homemade rolls, butter tarts and assorted squares. Tickets, \$20 per dinner. Call Myrna at 705-368-3638, Mary Ellen at 705-368-3746 or Gail at 705-368-2589 to reserve tickets. Limited delivery available in Little Current between 4 to 5 pm.

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**Manitoulin Health Centre REGISTERED SOCIAL WORKER**

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires a Registered Social Worker on a full-time basis at both of its Little Current and Mindemoya hospital sites. Qualified applicants will possess a Bachelor of Social Work Degree and current registration in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers. Preference may be given to those with:

- Training in structured psychotherapy and certification with the Canadian Association of Cognitive Behavioral Therapies (CACBT) or equivalent
- Skilled in common MH&A assessments and brief solution focused interventions
- Experienced in utilization of trauma informed approaches to client care
- Experience working with First Nations and Indigenous populations
- Familiar with navigation of health and social services programming in the Manitoulin District
- Recent hospital experience

Please apply to [recruitment@mhc.on.ca](mailto:recruitment@mhc.on.ca)

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

*Manitoulin Health Centre is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal people, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.*

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# Auxiliary News

Our third teleconference was held on January 21. Thirteen members and one board member participated with Dawn Orr, president and Sandra Pope, vice-president, moderating. The most pressing issues at this time are fundraisers and how to utilize telecommunications to keep the auxiliary viable. Board member Tom Ondrejicka was present. New volunteers are needed to offer novel perspectives into fundraising activities.

The Bakeless Bake Sale was a great success. The no-calorie event raised \$2,750. A sincere thank you to all who participated, whether you spent \$10 or \$100. Thanks to Carole Labelle, Debbie Heise and Marilee Hore who worked hard to make this event the best-ever. All donations helped us raise money to continue our mandate of enhancing patient services.

Our activities over the last three months continue. These include coin boxes at local businesses, sales from the showcase, In Memoriam donations and other donations. Remember that you can make your donation at admitting or by mail to Marilee Hore, Box 331, Little Current. Cheques should be made out to MHC Auxiliary.

At the MSS Awards night, Mackenzie Cortez and Marjorie Scott both received a \$500 bursary to pursue studies in the medical field. Congratulations!

It is obvious that currently the best avenue for fundraising is telecommunications, to branch out into virtual events.

Tom Ondrejicka is a master at fundraising and in the use of electronics. We are fortunate to have his expertise in helping us get going in the virtual realm. More details and hopefully some exciting news in the next report.

At this time our hospital services include the showcase with goodies, books, handcrafted items, jewellery and other miscellaneous items. Dental bags, care bags, headsets and free TV are available to patients. We sure miss the interaction with patients, visitors and staff with the tuck cart and all the regular HEL.P.P. Lottery ticket buyers.

An article highlighting events over the last 75 years was recently published in the Expositor. Celebrations of some kind will take place this year. Many ideas were presented including banners and a memory book. Details coming soon.

The auxiliary strives to do its best for the needs of patients. Keep in mind that charitable volunteer groups are being hard-hit because opportunities are no longer there. Many are forced to withdraw their services. However, we trust and rely on all our friends and neighbours to continue to support the auxiliary. Sincere thanks.

The next teleconference is at 7 pm on Thursday, February 25. If you would like to participate, call a member for the phone number.

Wear a mask! Wash your hands! Social distance! Stay home! Stay safe!



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY DRUG STRATEGY COORDINATOR



**Classification Level:** Community Services (CS-3)  
**Employment Status:** Term Full-Time (Regular - Pending Funding)  
**Department:** Health Services, Mental Health

**M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking a caring, active and eager individual who has a keen understanding of addictions, along with knowledge of prevention activities that promote healthy lifestyles. If you are a role model within the community, a team player and have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, then you may be a great fit for this position.**

**Reporting Relationship:** The Drug Strategy Coordinator will work under the general guidance of the Mental Health Clinic Manager and Health Services Department Manager.

**Position Summary:**

The main focus of the Drug Strategy Coordinator will be to develop, implement and coordinate the Drug Strategy work plan and other related seminars, workshops and programs designed to assist in the awareness and prevention of addictions that reflects and promotes a healthy community.

**Qualifications & Requirements**

**Preferred**

- University Degree in Social Services/Addictions field of study and two years' relevant work experience
- Extensive work/volunteer experience in the coordination of workshops and seminars within a Native organization/community is a strong asset

**Minimum**

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Addictions Services, Native Human Services) along with Secondary Diploma or equivalency and/or lived experience and knowledge
- Two (2) years' work-related experience in the field of addictions
- Knowledge and skills in alcohol and/or drugs addictions awareness and prevention
- Excellent Public Speaking Skills

**Other**

- Excellent time management and organizational skills with ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks simultaneously
- Be a role model both during and after regular work hours
- Working knowledge of Outlook, Microsoft Office, and general office procedures
- Excellent inter-personal and communication skills (written and verbal)
- Must obtain and keep current First Aid and CPR Certification
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe
- A strong advocate of M'Chigeeng First Nation's goals and objectives along with its mission and long-term vision
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinaabe language is an asset
- Must have own transportation and valid Ontario Class "G" driver's licence
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and weekends

**The successful candidate will be required to submit a current thirty (30) day CRC and VSS; and an offer of employment is contingent upon the receipt of a satisfactory CRC and VSS record.**

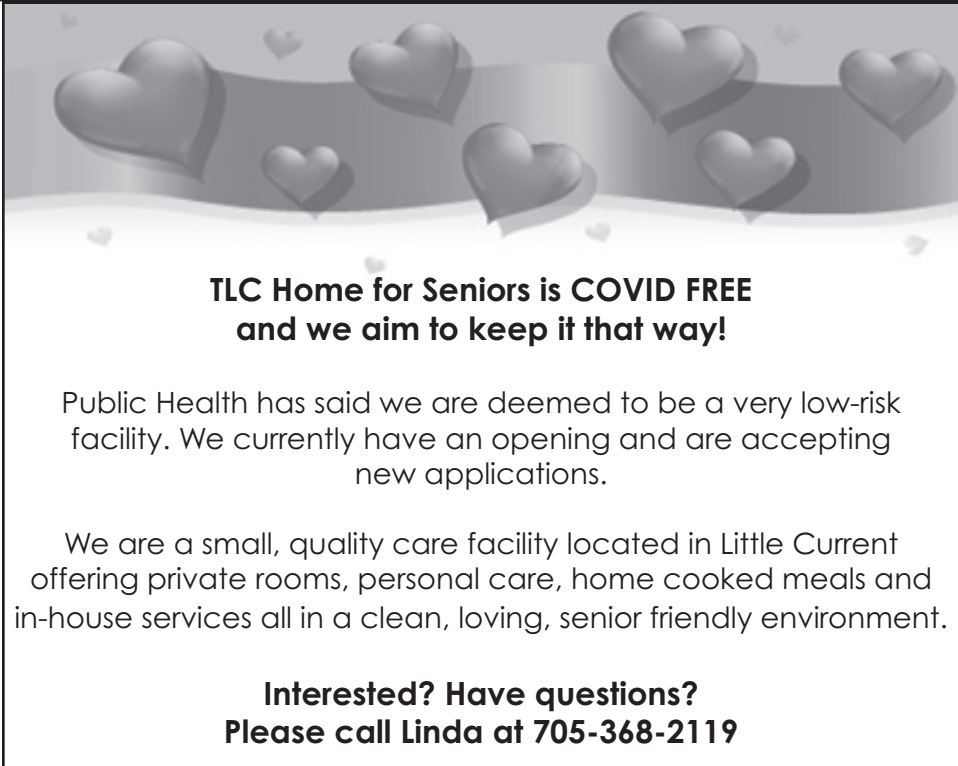
CRC/VSS Rationale: M'Chigeeng First Nation and its agents are in a position of trust in services to band member children and/or vulnerable adults, so a safe and secure working environment is mandatory. Applicants must provide a clear VSS Certificate and the CRC must have a record clear and/or dated of any convictions relating to sexual interference, sexual assault or related charges. The VSS must be current (30 days) and must be an original.

**Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (two work-related references from a direct supervisor/manager and one character reference) and education certifications addressed to:**

Drug Strategy Coordinator  
c/o Art Jacko, Enaagdenjged  
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered. Preference will be given to Anishinabek people. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

For job description, please contact Marlene Debassige at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or email marlene@mchigeeng.ca.



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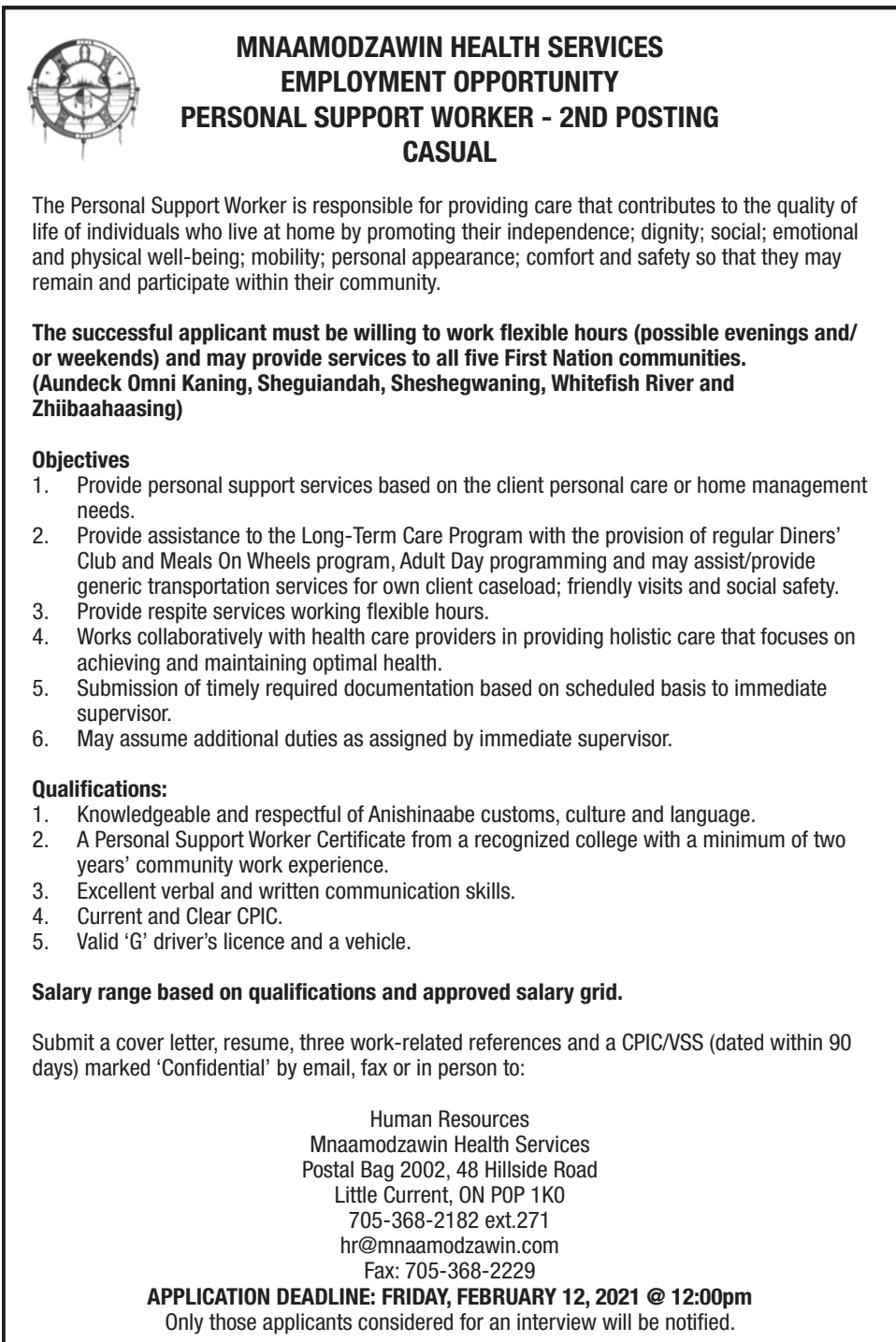
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**The successful applicant must be willing to work flexible hours (possible evenings and/or weekends) and may provide services to all five First Nation communities. (Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing)**

**Objectives**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

**Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.**

Submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references and a CPIC/VSS (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in person to:

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[hr@mnaamodzawin.com](mailto:hr@mnaamodzawin.com)  
Fax: 705-368-2229

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021 @ 12:00pm**  
Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.



**February 2**

**Proposed subdivision**

Council passed a resolution to be forwarded on to the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) in relation to the proposed 49-lot waterfront subdivision to the north and adjacent to Sunsite Estates that is currently before the board with the following three comments: 1.) the municipality will stop up and close the road allowance within the provided plan, between Lots 25 and 26; 2.) the municipality will request a financial statement from a qualified engineering consultant that confirms individual water servicing is more cost efficient than hooking up the existing Sunsite Estates water plant; and 3.) the completion of a subdivision development agreement dealing with matters including, but not limited to, subdivision road construction and standards, servicing requirements, fire protection, emergency services access and lands dedicated to public purposes.

As was reported in the February 3 edition of The Expositor, the MPB applicant, Leah Pezzutto, owns lots 25 and 26 in the seventh and eighth concessions, as well as lots 22 through 25 in the seventh and eighth concessions. The application

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report states that the applicant wishes to take up ownership of the 25th Concession road allowance to consolidate the land parcels.

There is also a proposed municipal road that will connect at the south end of the proposed development onto Sunsite Estates Road.

**Accounts for payment**

Council approved the following accounts for payment: general, \$461,016.44; and payroll, \$20,016.44.

**Crane rental**

Council approved the payment of an invoice in the amount of \$7,051.49 from Northern Equipment Rentals relating to the Rogers Creek Bridge replacement project, and will see 50 percent compensation from Tehkummah Township.

It was suggested by Councillor Hugh Moggy that since the project was to be shared 50/50 between the two municipalities, that it was only fair that the cost of the crane rental be shared too. Mayor Dave Ham agreed to which Councillor Moggy noted Tehkummah "should appreciate" Assiginack's part in

the project.

Councillor Rob Maguire also agreed.

The mayor suggested the motion to pay be put on the back burner until Tehkummah was consulted but CAO Alton Hobbs disagreed as the municipal auditors would be coming soon and it would be best to have the bill cleared up.

The CAO was directed to approach Tehkummah to pay half the cost of the crane rental.

**Interest waived**

Resolution 024-02-2021 was passed to confirm that all penalties and interest on property tax and utilities payments in 2020 were waived and that similar penalties and interest for the first six months of 2021 be similarly waived.

**Economic development committee**

As Assiginack now has in its employ an economic development officer, Councillor Christianna Jones suggested the municipality look at reconvening its economic development committee. Mayor Ham agreed.

Councillor Moggy said he thought the original mem-

bers should be canvassed to see if they were still interested in sitting on such a committee. Staff would be carrying this out.

**Interim tax levy**

Council passed Bylaw 21-03 "to provide for an interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent."

**January 14 Announcements**

Councillor Hugh Moggy thanked Assiginack and Tehkummah public works for their "great work" on the Rogers Creek Bridge (the bridge is shared between the two municipalities). Mayor Dave Ham said he agreed with Councillor Moggy "100 percent. I think they've done a wonderful job."

**Accounts for payment**

Council approved the following accounts for payment: \$596,220.78, general; and \$98,198.92, payroll.

**150 celebrations on hold**

CAO Alton Hobbs said he thought it was prudent that the municipality inform the public that the 150th anniversary celebrations of Assiginack Township will, in all likelihood, not go ahead this year due to COVID-19 concerns.

Councillor Moggy, who sits on the 150th anniversary committee, said he agreed.



**Office Administrator – Cambrian Insurance Brokers Little Current Branch**

We are looking for a reliable Office Administrator who will undertake administrative tasks, organize our branch's day-to-day operations, ensuring the rest of the staff has adequate support to work efficiently.

This is an entry level position and is the first step to working your way up to a broker in our office. The best way to get to know our unique business is by starting as an Office Administrator. There is room for growth and we strongly encourage it!

**Duties & Responsibilities**

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**Skills & Qualifications:**

- Excellent written and verbal communication – bilingualism is an asset
- Excellent organizational skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite
- Professionalism
- Customer Focus
- Multitasking
- Ability to be resourceful and proactive when issues arise
- Strong computer skills with respect to business management systems and in-house data bases

**Education and Experience**

- Post-Secondary education in related field
- RIBO licence is preferred
- 1-3 years of administrative or clerical experience in the customer service industry
- Prior retail sales experience considered an asset

Salary based on experience

Please submit a cover letter and your resume referencing the posting "Office Administrator" to [jobs@CambrianInsurance.com](mailto:jobs@CambrianInsurance.com). Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Ms. Megan Wickett, Operations Manager by regular mail to:

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PO Box 152  
Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0  
or by email to [mwickett@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:mwickett@clmanitoulin.com)  
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Applications must be received by close of business on **Friday, February 26, 2021**.

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**Description of Lands:**

1. Roll No. 19 040 006 12200 0000; Bay Estate Rd. S., Sheguiandah; PIN 47135-0352 (LT); File No. 19-01; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,295.09**
2. Roll No. 51 19 040 006 38782 0000; 1392 Bay Estates Rd. S., Sheguiandah; PIN 47135-0013 (LT); File No. 19-04; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$12,943.37**
3. Roll No. 51 19 040 001 11400 0000; PIN 47124-0104 (LT); Part Lot 17 Con 3, Howland; File No. 19-07; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,052.94**
4. Roll No. 51 19 040 002 11100 0000; PIN 47120-0172 (LT); Part Lot 27 Con 3, Howland; File No. 19-08; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$3,856.19**
5. Roll No. 51 19 040 002 15000 0000; PIN 47120-0230 (LT); File No. 19-13; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$3,837.49**
6. Roll No. 51-19-040-008-06600-0000; 240 Rosewood Lane, Sheguiandah; PIN-47125-0370 (LT); File No. 19-21; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$21,153.85- CANCELLED**
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**Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.** This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available online at [www.townofnemi.on.ca](http://www.townofnemi.on.ca) or you may contact Sheryl Wilkin, Treasurer, The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands, 14 Water St. E., P.O. Box 608, Little Current, ON POP 1K0, Phone: 705-368-3500 x 222, email: [swilkin@townofnemi.on.ca](mailto:swilkin@townofnemi.on.ca).



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

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## Northeast Town Council Notes

### Ashley Drain concerns

Council received correspondence from Mike Lecuyer of North Channel Drive regarding drainage issues which are perceived to result from the Ashley Drain construction.

“As you are aware, during the discussions regarding the Ashley Drain construction I raised several issues about the pond on my property as a filtering agent for my potable water as well as the creek that runs through my property,” Mr. Lecuyer writes. “At the municipal hearing on this, it was ordered by the tribunal (Ontario Drainage Tribunal) that the trenching and associated works was to stop at my property line. There was to be no further trenching. Unfortunately, that order was not followed

and the digging continued. The creek has continued to flood over the years. The culverts at my end of the creek by my access point from North Channel Drive have been cleaned several times but the water continues to backlog. I suspect the culverts are incorrectly sized.”

Mr. Lecuyer goes on to note that the creation of the new Ontario Provincial Police detachment has further exacerbated the problem. He also notes that finger ditches were supposed to be dug on his property, but he says that never occurred.

“The findings of the tribunal that the ‘proposed drainage works will not significantly increase the flow of water into and across the Lecuyer property’ is an

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We would like to extend a huge thank you to each and every person who showed their love and support during our recent stays at both Health Sciences North NICU in Sudbury and Toronto Sick Kids, after the traumatic birth of our daughter on December 24, 2020. We want to take this time to acknowledge everyone who sent personal messages, reached out to family and friends for health updates and sent donations to help with our unexpected, three week hospital stay. We are overwhelmed with all the kindness and generosity of our community and so grateful to live on Manitoulin Island.  
Love, Ashley and Zachary Bowerman and baby Lyla

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## Death Notices

### MIKE STEELE



Mike Steele passed away on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Mindemoya Hospital, in his 59th year. Michael leaves behind his mother Eleanor (father Doug, deceased), his children Connor (Courtney) and Stephanie (Logan), his partner Myette Page and her children and his sister Anne Steele-Giffin. He leaves behind

nieces and nephews, cousins and friends who were like family to him. Mike was almost literally larger than life and left a lasting impression on many people, shown through the outpouring of sympathy and solidarity we have experienced. Mike was a true Haweater, born and raised on Manitoulin, leaving for a short time for school and work “down south.” Although a welder by trade, when the opportunity came to take over the family hardware store, he came back to the Island. He served as Fire Chief for Gore Bay for many years, a duty that he enjoyed. Mike had so much love for his community, shown through his unwavering support and eagerness to work with and help people. His children, Connor and Stephanie, were his joy. He loved spending time with them and spoke proudly of them. Mike was a proud father and his love for them was unconditional and will last forever. Any person who knew Mike could attest to his great sense of humour. He had the undeniable gift of making people laugh. Mike found a love for motorcycles and liked nothing better than cruising with his friends and enjoying the company of the many different people he met through riding. He and Myette travelled thousands of miles to many places, always to return to his Island, sunburned to a crisp, claiming he had put on loads of sunscreen.

A friend of his wrote for him: “Death is not the end, only a changing of worlds... Ride on Mike.”

At Mike’s request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Cremation has taken place. Donations in his memory can be made to the Gore Bay Medical Centre or the charity of your choice.

### LORD ALEXANDER ABRAHAM MUSQUETIER

May 24, 1941 - February 1, 2021



Lord Alex Musquetier, 79 years of age, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 1, 2021, at the Mindemoya Hospital. Alex was born May 24, 1941, in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, to the late Abraham and Gerda Musquetier.

In his early twenties, while on vacation in Canada, he met Brenda Stenning (predeceased), and they married on June 24, 1967. Alex went on to get his degree in teaching and taught in several northern communities, including Birch Island. Alex and Brenda eventually settled with their two children in Little Current on Manitoulin Island. Alex and Brenda were active members in the St. Bernard’s Catholic Church Parish and were proud to be part of the building committee for the new church. Known lovingly as Nana and Opa, they moved to Providence Bay in 2001 to be closer to their grandchildren. Through the years, Alex enjoyed corresponding with many Royal Families in Europe and gathered an extensive collection of letters, pictures and Royal memorabilia. Alex is survived by his brother Edwin (Jolanda) and will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered always by his children Irene (Darren) and Charles (Amanda), his cherished grandchildren Grace (Edward), Abigail (Joel), Benjamin, Lauren and Nathan. He will also be greatly missed by Duchess, his cat and special family friend, Jessica. Family gathered for a private service on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 12 pm at Island Funeral Home. Burial in the spring.

Your purpose on this earth is firstly to take care of others, especially the needy.

~Alexander’s Philosophy

### GEORGIA ROBINSON

October 4, 1942 - February 6, 2021



Georgia Robinson, 78, of Little Current, Ontario, passed away peacefully at her home on February 6, 2021. Born October 4, 1942, she is predeceased by her parents Jessie and George Sellen and her late beloved husband Gordon Robinson. Georgia enjoyed spending time with family, sitting around the bonfire and watching the birds in her front yard. She also enjoyed sitting at the lake and spending her free time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by her children Jim Robinson, Carol Pickard, Kathy Bailey and Mike Robinson; as well as her siblings Ken, Doug, Betty-Anne, Yvonne (predeceased), Leonard (predeceased), Ed, Mike and Stan; her grandchildren Steven, Mandy, Michelle, Erin, Jeffery, Jennica, Austin and Fred. Georgia will also be missed by her many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. As per her wishes there will be no visitation or service. However, if you would like to make a donation, please feel free to do so to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

### MARGO HENDRICKS

(nee Snetsinger)

1949 - 2021



In loving memory of Margo Hendricks (nee Snetsinger) who died peacefully at home with her loving family at her side on Sunday, January 31, 2021. Margo had a wonderful life and touched many by her courage, joy, spirituality and patience. In lieu of flowers, donations in Margo’s memory can be made to the Salvation Army

Sudbury, PO Box 1056 STN B, Sudbury, ON, P3E 4S6 or Manitoulin Pet Save, 2256 Union Road, Evansville, Ontario, P0P 1E0. Please share your condolences, thoughts and memories at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

### MARLENE HOLMES

May 24, 1945 - January 31, 2021



It is with the greatest sorrow we announce the passing of our Mom, Marlene Holmes (nee Burnett) on January 31, 2021 at St Joseph’s Hospital in Elliot Lake. Predeceased by her husband Harvey, Marlene is survived by her three daughters Stacey (Ryan) of Val Therese, Lori of Sudbury and Julie (Marty) of Sault Ste. Marie. Most loved Gramma to

Ashlea (Mario), Skyla, Kiandra, Trista, Cory, Kyle (Jonee), Evelyn (Ayla) and Jared. Great-Gramma to baby Topanga, Lincoln and Carter. Marlene will be missed by her twin sister Arlene and her Aunt Doris. Marlene will also be remembered by her sisters-in-law Dorothy (Vic), Sharron (Joe) and Lorraine, all of Warton and brothers-in-law Keith of Calgary and Clayton of Little Current. Born in Mindemoya in 1945 to Wallace and Cindy Burnett (predeceased). Marlene and her twin Arlene were the youngest of six children, sisters Betty and Fronnie, brothers Billy and Ronnie, all predeceased. “Meme” will fondly be remembered by all of her nieces and nephews. Marlene will be missed by her longtime friends Beth, Tana and her special friend Paul. Our Mom welcomed all of our friends into her home, she loved everyone she met and had a smile for everyone. In lieu of flowers, please get something for yourself instead, because we all know that’s what Mom would have wanted. There will be no service. Cremation and arrangements are entrusted to Alternative Funeral Services in Elliot Lake. Burial to follow this spring at the Anglican Cemetery in Little Current.

### RAYMOND DARREL GEORGE ROY

October 21, 1967 - February 1, 2021



Raymond started his spirit journey on February 1, 2021 at the age of 44. Cherished son of Phillip and Sandy (predeceased) Roy. Beloved father of Francis-Roy-Quinn (Kendra) and Adam Roy. Brother of Richard Roy (Sharon), Mike Roy (Lindsay), Jason Trudeau and his three sisters. Loved grandpa of Macy. Raymond will be missed by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

You touched our lives with all of your love.

You had a smile for all that came from your heart.

We cherish the time you gave us.

You now look over us with your love and care.

From: your son Francis Roy-Quinn

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.

### MIRANDA RACHEL CORBIERE

May 3, 1979 - January 29, 2021

In loving memory of Miranda Rachel Corbiere, born May 3, 1979, who has started her journey into the spirit world on January 29, 2021. Cherished and loved daughter of Wilma Corbiere and Max Corbiere (both predeceased). Stepfather John Anwhatin. Cherished Godchild of Barbara Corbiere (predeceased). Miranda will be greatly missed by her six children Maxwell, Riley, Christian, Keairrah, Swayde (Maria) and Carolyn, her grandchildren Nathaniel, Amelia, Thomas, her niece Princess and Nevada. She will be missed by all 37 of her nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her siblings Emery, Jonas, Danny, and survived by her siblings Amanda (Rick), Luke (Kathryn), Josie (Shanz), Steven (Martha), Collin, all of M’Chigeeng, Steven (Maxine), Laurie (Justin), Shelly, all of Sudbury, Tina (Trent) of Sault Ste. Marie and Shannon Paibomsai of Birch Island. Miranda’s favourite pastime was to be with her family. Her sense of humour was out of this world. She was always smiling and making her family laugh. She also loved spending time with her niece Toni-Marie. She will be greatly missed by many uncles and aunts. Family and friends gathered at Amanda’s house in M’Chigeeng for visitation on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 3:45 pm. Funeral Service was on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 3:45 pm. Due to COVID-19 there was a limit of five people inside at any given time and all other COVID-19 precautions were followed. Cremation to follow. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at Islandfuneralhome@bellnet.ca.



## ...Northeast Town Council Notes

...continued from page 29 error," he continued.

"Because of the increase of water draining onto my property, I am now experiencing black sludge and grit filling my potable water well," Mr. Lecuyer added. "I am changing the well water filters every two weeks during the summer and winter to no avail." He also noted that he is no longer having his

farm animals drink from the pond for fear of contaminants due to runoff.

CAO Dave Williamson told council that Mr. Lecuyer was actively involved in the Ashely Drain process and noted the aforementioned Ontario Drainage Tribunal hearing.

"The issues he's raising were issues addressed by the tribunal," Mr.

Williamson said, recommending to council that Mr. Lecuyer's letter be redirected to the municipality's drainage superintendent, John Lindley.

Mr. Williamson said he thought that all of Mr. Lecuyer's issues had been resolved following the last visit from the drain superintendent.

Councillor Laurie Cook questioned the finger

ditches issue that Mr. Lecuyer noted. Mr. Williamson explained that finger ditches were part of the original plan for the Lecuyer property, but Mr. Lecuyer had opposed them at the time.



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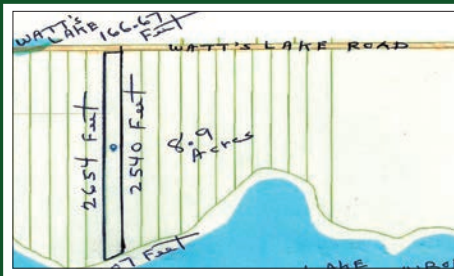
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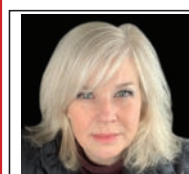
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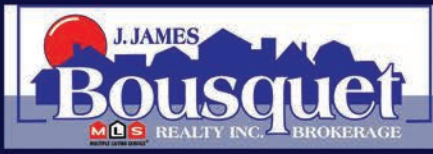


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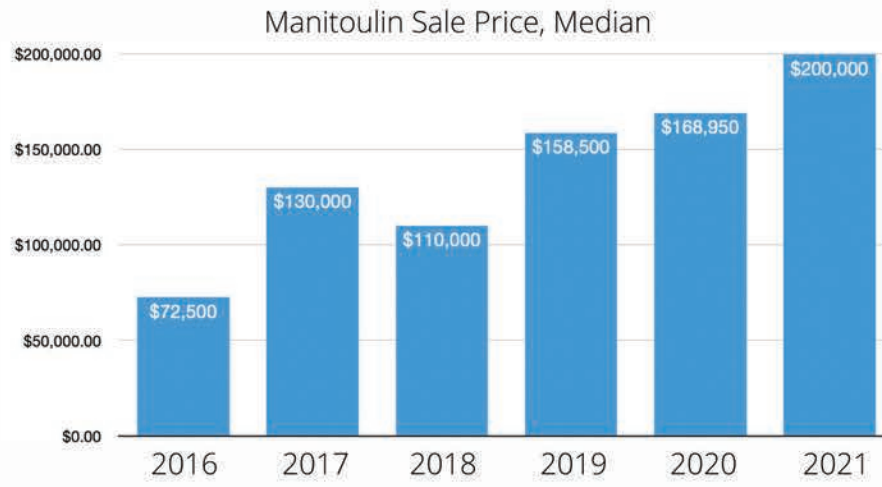
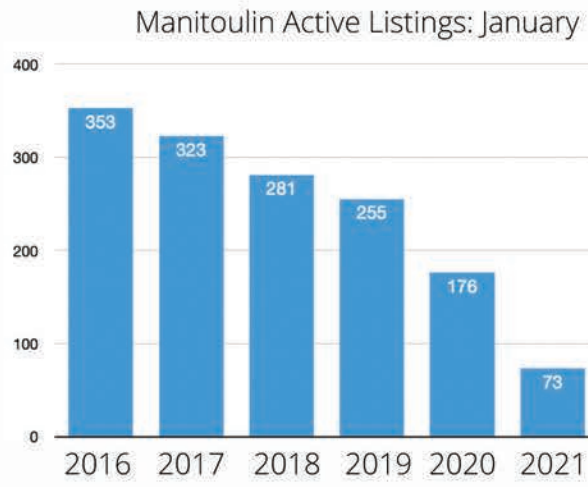


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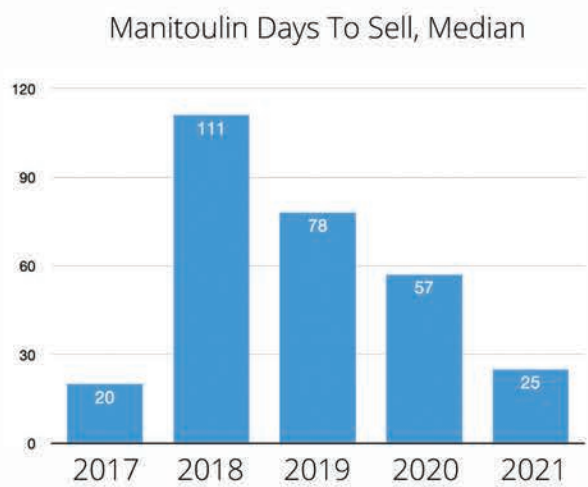
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