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MAKING A STAND FOR FREEDOM—Chris Chandler, Grace Shawanda and Laurie Masters prepare to wave their flag while waiting on the arrival of the Freedom Convoy travelling from the west to Ottawa to protest cross border vaccine mandates.

photo by Michael Erskine

Island couple goes 'on the road' with Freedom Convoy to Ottawa

by Tom Sasvari

OTTAWA—Corey Boyle and his partner Tiffany Francis were two of the many people from Manitoulin and throughout the North Shore, Northern Ontario and all parts of the country taking part in the "Freedom Convoy" protest last Friday. However, as he told *The Expositor*, he is not an anti-vaxxer. Mr. Boyle provided his personal opinions and his week-end convoy experiences with this newspaper last week.

"No, I'm not an anti-vaxxer," Mr. Boyle, who said that he has not been vaccinated for COVID-19, told *The Expositor*. "I have been watching what has been going on and wonder if these vaccines are really doing anything, and if they are, why do we need booster shots as well?"

"I have my polio shot, and we all have had to have our tetanus shots," said Mr. Boyle. "But what is

COVID, a slight worse version of the flu? What has been going on and the restrictions put in place makes no sense to me. The government is spending billions of dollars and the pharmaceutical companies are making tons of money through the vaccines and boosters they are putting out. Where are the variants from, and why are we taking boosters for previous versions of the variants?"

"I'll get a vaccine when I know it works and prevents me getting COVID-19," stated Mr. Boyle. He used to drive a transport truck for a living, "I don't drive a transport truck anymore, but I wouldn't be able to go across the border (into the US) in a commercial vehicle because of medical concerns."

"I'm envious of everyone who can go across the border (to the US), and I'm supporting my fellow truckers and everything that they can't do now,

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Manitoulin contingent cheers on Freedom Convoy at Espanola, Nairn

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—Sundogs gleamed in the frigid January air as dozens of vehicles, a number towing trailers filled with supplies, pulled into a truck stop in Nairn Centre to await the arrival of the Freedom Convoy coming from Western Canada and headed for a protest in the nation's capital. It was to prove a long wait for many as the caravan of heavy trucks, SUVs, pickups and RVs, originally expected around 9 am on Friday, was delayed leaving Sault Ste. Marie by several hours.

The delays and temperatures in the double minus digits did little to dampen the spirits of the Freedom Convoy supporters gathered in Nairn Centre, most of whom seemed to come from the nearby City of Greater Sudbury, but also included a significant contingent from across Manitoulin Island.

Broad smiles were the order of the day amongst the largely unmasked crowd and impromptu singing

and laughter could be heard ringing out across the parking lot. Many of those gathered carried signs and placards ranging from exhortations of peace and love to profane condemnations of the prime minister. The most common sign to be seen being waved about, aside from Canadian flags, were those suggesting Justin Trudeau 'take a hike,' to put it politely, but some prominent orange Every Child Matters banners were also in evidence.

Some of those gathered at Nairn Centre stood around a fire seeking to stave off the harsh mid-winter cold, but most were well-dressed and ready for the cold. "We are Canadians!" responded one of the supporters. Others kept busy setting up tables laden with food and drink for the convoy members, many of whom had travelled from the West Coast as part of the convoy.

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Northern Ontario's municipalities call for addictions, mental health 'centre of excellence'

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
ONTARIO—Northern Ontario municipal leaders are calling on the province to create a made-in-the-North solution to deal with the opioid crisis, increase in mental health issues and rising rates of homelessness.

The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) met jointly with the provincial government on January 25 at the virtual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference to discuss the crisis of homelessness, mental health and the opioid crisis.

"Geography and distance play a significant role whether you're in Northeastern Ontario or Northwestern Ontario," FONOM President Danny Whalen told *The Expositor*. "The fact that the three of us have collaborated on an agreement that 'this is what needs to be done and this is how it should be done,' speaks to its importance and the province looks favourably on those type of collaborations."

The three organizations shared with government a research paper written by the Northern Policy Institute (NPI), 'Solving the Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions Crisis in the North.' The paper contained eight recommendations: provide long-

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Highway repairs promised for Hwy 6, Little Current to BI

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—Local municipal officials received good news at last week's Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference concerning resurfacing of a stretch of Highway north from the swing bridge in Little Current.

"We met with Minister of Transportation (MTO) Caroline Mulroney at the ROMA conference concerning the deterioration of Highway 6 from the swing bridge to the Whitefish River First Nation," said Al MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern

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One of Bruce Duncanson's legacies was creation of Manitoulin Transport logo

by Tom Sasvari

SILVER WATER—The memory and works of the late Bruce Duncanson will always be synonymous with Manitoulin Transport as it was Mr. Duncanson who created and painted the well-known logo for the company many years ago.

Doug Smith, founder of Manitoulin Transport explained, "it was over 60 plus years ago, and yes, Bruce (Duncanson) was known to be a pretty good painter and had designed and painted logos before."

"So, I asked him if he could design and paint a logo for the sides of the doors of our trucks," Mr. Smith told *The Expositor*.

"The company logo is very much the as the original one Bruce created," said Mr. Smith. "He painted the original logo and it remains the same today."

In a book on the history of Manitoulin Transport, it explains in part, ...continued on page 13 "because their applica-



Bruce Duncanson's original 1960 artwork has served the company for over 60 years.

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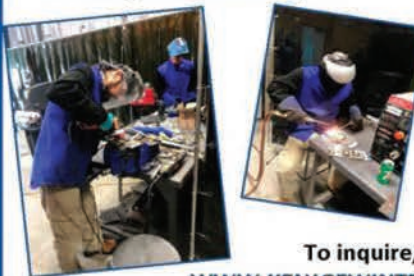
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* Course will include a combination of synchronous and asynchronous hours to total 125 hours required for the course.

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Gore Bay fire chief praises apartment caretaker's actions in fire

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The caretaker of the Millsite apartment building in Gore Bay is being praised by the local fire chief for his efforts in making sure that a potentially serious fire was contained because of his actions.

"The bottom line is we (Gore Bay Fire Department) got called to respond to Millsite apartments, and when we got there, we were met by custodian Mike Argue who said everything was under control," said Gore Bay Fire Chief Mike Addison. "He met me at the door and took me to the scene of the fire."

Mr. Addison explained, "when the power was off on Sunday (January 23), the apartment building had problems with its generator. Mike (Argue) had to manually start it up. And when the hydro came back on, he went to turn the generator off. It was then that Mike heard a smoke alarm go off in one of the apartment units."

A plastic electric kettle had been left on a burner in one of the apartment units, continued Mr. Addison. He pointed out the person who resides in the apartment was not there at the time, but the burner had been left on. "There was nothing left of the kettle when Mike took me to the scene."

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Board gives final approval of system to standardize use of electronic medical records across region

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) board of directors has given its final approval to sign member and master service agreements to work with the North East Local Health Integration Network (NELHIN) on the Health Information System (HIS) roadmap. This roadmap has since turned into a plan to integrate 24 hospitals in the Northeast into a one-patient, one-record (ONE) system by standardizing the use of the electronic medical record (EMR) across the region.

"I provided a briefing note on this and briefing notes from the law firms on the agreement. This agreement is coming back to the board now," said Tim Vine, vice-president of corporate support services and chief financial officer (CFO) of the MHC at a board meeting last week. "Basically, this is an internal review for all hospital boards' involvement, and it has been reviewed by the hospitals and the lawyers involved in the process."

In his memorandum to the board, Mr. Vine explained, "this

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Mike Argue, the custodian of the Millsite apartment building in Gore Bay, is being praised by the local fire chief for his efforts in making sure a potentially very serious fire was contained.

Lafarge Canada helps protect Vidal Bay forests and shoreline

Partnership with Nature Conservancy of Canada

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Lafarge Canada has announced its key role in the massive conservation effort undertaken in the sensitive Great Lakes region as a partner with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC).

The NCC's Manitoulin Island Vidal Bay Forests and Shoreline property acquisition is one of its largest-ever in Ontario. With a \$16-million price tag, the initiative relied heavily on the support of many partners. Lafarge Canada provided a donation of \$100,000, with additional planned support in future years to enhance the conserved land's biodiversity and educational value. Lafarge Canada officials say they have also formed a new partnership for future years.

"This is a big land area now held in trust for nature by NCC," explained Rob Cumming, head of environment and sustainability for eastern Canada with Lafarge. "It's an area similar to 3,800 city blocks of forests, wetlands, and shoreline that the NCC will protect. Lafarge is using this opportunity to start a new relationship with the NCC and

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MHC staff receives high praise from instructors in pediatric critical care

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—A representative of the critical incident management response organization (CIMRO) and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto was effusive in his praise of physicians and nurses at Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) after being involved in a pediatric advanced lifesaving (PALS) course. The inservice training in pediatric critical care was delivered at the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) recreation centre in January.

"These physicians and nurses were stellar," stated Mark Cameron, one of the founders of CIMRO, of the 21 physicians and nurses who took the PALS training course January 16-17. "It just shows when people are serving their community, they really care. These doctors and nurses are serving the Manitoulin community very well and doing it way cheaper than those in big hospitals in areas like Toronto."

"I was really impressed in how prepared everyone was," stated Mr. Cameron. "Everyone was super well prepared when we arrived. I was thoroughly impressed, especially when you consider the MHC is a two-hospital site, small health centre. I've spent 30 years in health care and your local physicians and nurses are a cracker jack bunch. They really know their stuff."

Paula Fields, chief executive officer (CEO) and president of the MHC told The Expositor, "our doctors and nurses (from both Island hospital sites) received pediatric advanced life support training. Many of our doctors and nurses have been trained in similar programs and we had the opportunity to hire this group of professionals from Sunnybrook."

"This training provided for a great team building opportunity for our physicians and nurses. Many had been trained previously but are now recertified through this program," said Ms. Fields. "We received excellent feedback on how skilled and how well our team works together. And our team members took time from their very few days off, which demonstrates the passion they have for health care and how much they want to provide the best care they can."

Ms. Fields pointed out the two training sessions were held in the

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Manitoulin Health Centre appoints Paula Fields as new president and CEO

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) board of directors has appointed Paula Fields as its president and chief executive officer (CEO).

Dennis McGregor, chair of the MHC board of directors told The Expositor after a meeting Thursday evening, "on behalf of the board of directors of MHC we are pleased to announce the appointment of Paula Fields as the new CEO and president of MHC."

"I am really excited for this opportunity," stated Ms. Fields. She explained, "my first opportunity to work with MHC was as a student nurse, 30 years ago. Then after I graduated, I was offered the job of general duty nurse, a position I filled for three-and-a-half years."

Several qualified candidates submitted resumes for the position of CEO, including Ms. Fields who had been the interim co-CEO. "The health care industry has faced considerable challenges over the last couple of years given the staffing shortage, extra demands on staff, ever changing policies and crises facing our communities, both from COVID



Paula Fields, MHC president and CEO

and the subsequent mental health issues," an MHC release said. "As interim co-CEO, Ms. Fields helped guide the frontline through some very difficult times. She has worked tirelessly in continuing the development of strong working relationships with our community partners for the health, safety and wellness for the communities across Manitoulin."

Although she is not a Hawater, "as I was not born on Manitoulin, I consider myself an Islander as my roots are well established on Manitoulin, where I have lived most of my life," Ms. Fields told The Expositor.

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Billings Township council considers repair versus new build for aging fire hall

KAGAWONG—Preliminary discussions on the merits of replacing or renovating Billings Township's aging fire hall saw council members leaning towards a retrofit of the existing facility. At a special council meeting on January 27, council considered staff recommendations and options presented in a Fire Hall Scoping Report prepared by Tulloch Engineering for the municipality.

A dedicated special council meeting for council to examine the potential options for repairs and upgrades to the existing fire hall building or construction of a new facility had been recommended at a regular council meeting last December 20.

The options as presented in the report include renovating the existing fire hall building at a cost of \$556,250; demolishing the existing fire hall and constructing a new one of the same size and configuration, at a cost of \$845,000; or constructing a new (larger) fire hall on an alternate site, at a cost of \$1,753,875. Additional costs for property development and site services of approximately \$350,000 would be required. Estimates do not include design, permitting or HST costs.

A staff memorandum pointed out that there is no funding available for either a renovation project, rebuild or new construction at this time.

In a preamble to the discussion, Mayor Anderson pointed out the municipality's asset management plan (AMP), strategic plan and the recently adopted community energy and emissions plan (CEEP) are additional considerations for council prior to any decision being made. The township is currently updating an AMP that

was completed in 2013. "This AMP addresses the lifecycle costs of the current capital assets of the municipality and the cost to maintain them over their lifecycle," he said. A completed draft was to have been presented to council at its February 1 regular meeting.

The strategic plan, also being

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Most Island trails ready for snowmobilers

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Most snowmobile trails are open, or close to being open on Manitoulin Island, said a representative of the Manitoulin Snowdusters club, late last week.

"The (Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs) trail from Little Current to Mindemoya is at a yellow (use with caution) today, but early (this) week should be open," said Rick Bond, of the Snowdusters, last Friday. "The trail from Gore Bay to Foster Side Road trail will be going in and should be operating by mid-week."

"The picket line is in at Wabuno (Channel), we put this in place on Tuesday," said Mr. Bond. "And the picket line to Killarney is in place."

"Things are starting to shape up," said Mr. Bond. He pointed out all OFSC trail permits can only be purchased online at the OFSC website location. Along with seasonal permits, "there are also three-day and seven-day trail permits available."

obituary

Melvina Corbiere Tkibi kwe (Cold Spring Woman) October 22, 1937 - January 18, 2022

Role model, treasured friend and a mother figure to many, her legacy lives on

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—There are few more honourable vocations than a life dedicated to education and no one exemplified that than the late Melvina Corbiere baa. Ms. Corbiere began her spirit journey following a courageous battle with cancer, leaving behind generations of students, colleagues, friends and family to mourn her departure and celebrate her legacy.

“Mom had such an amazing life” said her daughter Lisa Corbiere-Addison. “She was a shining example of “If you can be anything in life, be kind. She was a role model, a treasured friend, a mother figure to so many. She could recognize differences in us all but focused on common ground and filled everyone around her with love and sunshine. She moved forward with what was positive in her life, shaping her into a strong, loving, kind and unique woman.”

Together with her husband of 64 years, Ron, Ms. Corbiere raised eight children, was grandmother to 19 and great-grandmother to 23, with a host of foster children thrown in for good measure.

“There is so much to say about Melvina Corbiere,” said M’Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige. “Her lifelong dedication to the community, not just in education, but in all facets. She was a councillor and education director for the community and, later in life, a respected elder. She was so active in every way.” Ogimaa-kwe Debassige said that her council was determined to find a way to honour Ms. Corbiere’s legacy. “We will be having discussions with the family in the future to plan a suitable way to honour her considerable contributions to, not only our community.”

She began her career in education at the age of 17 after graduating from St. Joseph’s Residential School (1946 to 1955) at a time when the journey from high school student’s desk to front of the class took a mere



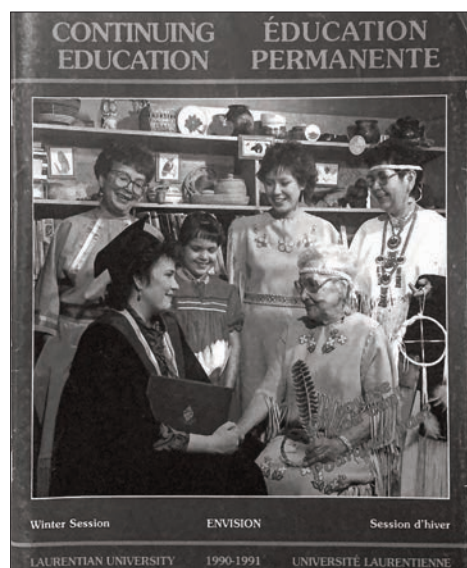
Melvina Corbiere baa was a beloved educator whose imprint on Indigenous education was indelible.

summer school’s course to prepare for, nonetheless, her life’s journey exemplified that of lifelong learning—going on to graduate from Hamilton’s Ontario Teacher Education College in 1975 and earning her BA at Laurentian in 1980.

Her first job as a teacher was at the West Bay Indian Day School and she would go on to teach at the elementary and secondary school levels, enter the administrative stream in 1990, becoming M’Chigeeng Firsts Nation education coordinator in 1994. As education director for the band, Ms. Corbiere proved instrumental in M’Chigeeng taking control of their own education system, integrating the Ontario curriculum with Anishinabemowin, culture and traditions, laying down a critical base to act as a springboard for future gen-



Melvina Corbiere’s supporting Island Girls gather in the box at a Blue Jays game.



Melvina Corbiere proudly looks on as her oldest grand-daughter graduates with a degree in 2011. Back row are Melvina Corbiere, Carol Corbiere (oldest grand-daughter), Patty Debassige (relative) and Grace Fox (sister). Bottom row, Melvina’s daughter Debbie Debassige and Melvina’s mother, the storied Kate Assinewai baa.

erations. Such was the influence of her example that all three of her daughters would go on to become educators themselves.

The influence of her life’s example extended far beyond the boundaries of her own family, however, forging a path that many of her students would follow into rewarding careers.

Determined to help steer her community on a steady path into the future, Ms. Corbiere also served six terms as a band councillor for M’Chigeeng.

“I didn’t truly realize the impact she had on me until I got to university,” said Anishinaabe historian Alan Corbiere, Ph.D., MES, B.Sc., now himself a professor in the department of history at York University. Mr. Corbiere recalled Ms. Corbiere’s influence. “I came to realize how important it was for me to see an Indigenous person in a position of authority. She was a really kind teacher and a really good teacher.” The historian recalled how Ms. Corbiere “never talked down to us.”

Upon his return to M’Chigeeng from uni-

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William Walter “Ralph” Moggy, October 30, 1928 - January 3, 2022

Manitoulin Island’s largest cattleman’s like will probably never be seen again

by Michael Erskine

William Walter Moggy was better known to all as “Ralph.” In his day, Mr. Moggy grew his farming operations from his first couple of cows bought at a Saturday cattle sale “up the road” in the 1960s, and a single 100-acre parcel of land, to an operation boasting 1,000 head of cattle and thousands of acres.

The Expositor sat down with Mr. Moggy’s son Larry to chat about his father’s life and times and how he sees the future of cattle operation on Manitoulin going forward.

Ralph Moggy was born and raised on the family farm in Bidwell by parents Reid and Nina (and later stepmother Ruth), along with siblings Leona (Herb Reid) (both predeceased), Eileen (Earl Leeson predeceased), Caryl (predeceased) (Barb), Melvin (Linda) and Bruce (Joanne).

He attended school in Bidwell and could often be found on the ball diamond during the summer. He assisted his father in cutting lumber through the winter months.

Mr. Moggy was a farmer his entire life, although he did spend a brief stint with hydro, an opportunity for some steady cash it was hard to pass up when the lines came through the Manitowaning area in 1949, noted his son. Farming is a tough business, after all, and farmers are nothing if not practical individuals.

Mr. Moggy’s passion was farm-



Cattleman Ralph Moggy’s Island herds reached as large as 1,000 head.

ing, however, and he focussed his entire career on becoming the best at his vocation—a true steward of the land.

It was not a life for the timid. Those first two cows he purchased were both killed in a lightning strike. “There was no insurance,” noted his son. But Mr. Moggy remained undaunted. He cut pulpwood in the winter during the 1950s, wielding his trusty Home-light chainsaw to cut 181 cords of wood a season. The wood would be hauled out of the bush with a team of horses. That’s 181 piles of wood measuring four feet high, four feet wide and eight feet long.

In the winter, it was out on the lakes, cutting blocks of ice. “Each of the 10 or 15 resorts around here had their own ice houses in those days,” explains Mr. Moggy’s son. “The blocks were usually two feet square.” Supplying ice was an

integral part of the Moggy farm’s cash flow. Between farming, the winter wood and the ice harvesting, money was poured back into the farm operations and herd expansion.

“By the 1980s we were starting to get into numbers,” shared Larry Moggy. “We maxed out at around 1,000 head. We kept that up for about four years, but then we dropped back to about 800, where we kept going for years.” The issues limiting continued growth were those of sufficient feed and suitable pasture.

The family pastures and leased lands ranged at one time from Little Current to South Baymouth.



An aerial photograph of the Moggy homestead. At one time the family operation extended over 10,000 acres.

“We had as much as 10,000 acres rented out at one time,” said Mr. Moggy. But sources of land began to dry up. “Hunters started buy-



Hauling feed is always an important part of the daily routine for Manitoulin’s hard-working cattlemen.

and buying up land and they had other interests than farming.”

In a strange way, it was the number of farmers leaving the industry that gave the Moggy operation a huge boost, as land on Manitoulin was both plentiful and relatively cheap. As any farmer will tell you, these days agricultural land has skyrocketed in price.

The advent of large round bales was another factor that came along to help make maintaining large herds sustainable. Those of an age can recall the brutal labour of tossing square bales up to the wagon on a hot summer day, so the more automated process of round bales was literally a god-send.

Added to the round bales were the implementation of plastic

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...Lafarge Canada helps protect Vidal Bay forests and shoreline

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“Yes, absolutely we are looking at a new partnership with NCC,” Mr. Cumming told The Expositor. “As a company we have nearly 45,000 hectares of land across Canada, and manage rural and quarry properties, and we recognize that we are a resource-based company and one way we can make a real benefit toward a sustainable world around us, is through benefitting biodiversity, preserving land and habitat.”

“The NCC brings to the table a lot of in-house experts who have tremendous knowledge about how to preserve land and habitat,” Mr. Cumming told The Expositor. “The Vidal Bay



Lafarge Canada has partnered with Nature Conservancy of Canada to donate to the preservation of Vidal Bay Forest.

Forests and Shoreline property will be preserved for perpetuity and we want to help out where we can. For instance, if there are walking trails, maybe we could help provide gravel for these, as an example.”

“We might be able to do something with NCC and we have a global commitment to have a positive impact on preserving land, habitat and wildlife

resources,” said Mr. Cumming.

Esme Batten, NCC program director for midwestern Ontario said, “we are very grateful for the support provided by Lafarge Canada for the Vidal Bay purchase, and we are looking forward to working together with them in the future.”

Covering 7,608 hectares (18,800 acres), the Vidal

Bay Forests and Shoreline property connects with adjacent conservation lands to form a protected area of more than 248 square kilometres of forests, wetlands and shoreline, the largest of its kind south of the Canadian Shield area in Ontario. Lafarge has a nearby 1,640 hectare quarry in Meldrum Bay with two adjacent international shipping terminals.

“Lafarge’s sustainability

initiatives extend beyond biological conservation programs and include recycling sand, gravel and concrete to conserve virgin resources and award-winning rehabilitation projects. As a member of the global group Holcim, the organization is driven by an overarching commitment to becoming a nature-positive company. The NCC partnership aligns with the launch of the company’s nature-positive strategy in

September 2021, making them the first in the construction sector to commit to a measurable positive impact on biodiversity and the replenishment of freshwater in water-risk areas,” the NCC stated.

“We are excited about the future and a great opportunity to work with a great organization like NCC,” added Mr. Cumming.

Ontario doubles investment in economic supports for Indigenous communities

TORONTO—The Ontario government continues to work with Indigenous communities to create lasting economic prosperity for Indigenous people and to support their COVID-19 recovery and response efforts through the Indigenous community capital grants program (ICCGP). To further support Indigenous communities, the province doubled funding for the program from \$3 million to \$6 million in 2021-22 to fund 40 projects across the province.

“The positive economic impact that the (ICCGP) program creates for Indigenous community infrastructure projects, both on and off-reserve is immense,” said Greg Rickford, minister of Indigenous affairs. “We recognize that Indigenous communities are facing unique challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we will continue to provide tailored supports that will help communities address these challenges by achieving meaningful, lasting results.”

One of the projects this program has already

helped assist is one in M’Chigeeng First Nation.

“The (ICCGP) assisted M’Chigeeng First Nation in remedial work on one of its business leasing spaces and this was a welcome support program that enabled M’Chigeeng to lease out unoccupied space that would have remained vacated if it had not received the financial support from this much needed program,” said Grant Taibossigai, general manager, HIAH Corp. Economic Development, M’Chigeeng. “COVID-19 has impacted the leasing of space for M’Chigeeng-owned businesses and service providers. M’Chigeeng First Nation is proud to be a partner with the ICCGP program.”

ICCGP investments will continue in 2022-23 to support the construction and renovation of Indigenous community infrastructure projects, both on and off-reserve, which support economic development, job creation and social benefits to Indigenous communities. Priority will be given to applications for previously funded stages, busi-

ness or training centres, shovel-ready projects, and initiatives that support COVID-19 related community needs. The 2022-23 ICCGP application period is now open and will close on February 18.

“Whether our government is investing in community centres, updating and repairing roads and highways, or modernizing hospitals and health centres, we’re committed to supporting critical infrastructure projects in Indigenous communities, so they have the necessary tools and infrastructure in place to be safe, healthy and successful,” said Kinga Surma, minister of infrastructure. “To amplify our commitment to Ontario’s Indigenous communities, our government is working tirelessly to connect rural and remote areas to reliable high-speed internet by the end of 2025 so that everyone, no matter where they live, can work, learn, access vital services and connect with others from the comfort of their home community.”

Hearing in neighbours’ dispute over farm practices scheduled for April

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter SHEGUIANDAH—Ten days have been set aside for a hearing before the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board (NFPPB) that will determine whether nuisances filed against a Green Bay farm family are as a result of normal farm practices.

In an application dated April 22, 2019, applicants Claudio and Jacqueline Rocca, allege “disturbances of odour and flies as a result of the storage, transportation and application of manure and the management of bales on the farm of the respondents, Roy Baker and Doris Baker,” pursuant to section 5 of the Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.1 (FFPPA).

The application has since been amended to include allegations of “an increase in manure odors and flies caused the respondents’ damage and/or removal of hedgerows, shrubs, trees and vegetative

buffers; the additional nuisance of manure laden dust on my property, gardens, fruiting hedges, shrubs and trees; and dead-stock disposal causing odors and flies.”

All allegations before the board have yet to be proven.

The 10 days were booked during two separate weeks with a gap in between to accommodate the needs of panel members. The hearing will begin April 25 for one week and will resume on May 16 for a second week, if required.

The board was created by the FFPPA to resolve disputes regarding agricultural operations and to determine what constitutes a normal farm practice. The FFPPA was established to promote and protect agricultural uses and normal farm practices in agricultural areas in a way that balances the needs of the agricultural community with provincial health, safety and environmental concerns.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong
Team Fergmeijer

We’ve been catching up on some of our favourite British baking shows this week. We get pretty passionate about the competition, shouting at the tv things like: “You fool! You can’t dip the walnut whirl in the tempered chocolate, you have to drizzle over the top to achieve the characteristic wobble of the coffee ganache, Parisian cafe-style!” You would never guess we once forgot to put the apples in the apple pie we were baking.

Harkening back to grade seven, here is a Diamante entry for our Short Poems for a Short Month challenge!

Kagawong
Welcoming, unique
Skating, mazing, marketing
Waterfalls, confectionaries, turkeys, trails
Swimming, boating, exploring
Beautiful, exceptional
Gaagigewang

Got a poem? Submit it to Kagawong@live.ca or as a message on the Kagawong Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Kagawong1). We had a submission from the ever-creative Ed Burt, but it is a bit long for this format. We will be posting it to the Kagawong Facebook page and to our archive of Fergmeijer columns (<http://teamfergmeijer.blogspot.com/>)

Do you, or someone you know, have a birthday coming up? Let us know, so we can recognize the big day with appropriate solemnity, dignity, and gravity. Just kidding. We’ll make a joke of it (with love), the same as we do with everyone!

The township office remains closed to the public with the staff working remotely. Council and committee meetings continue to be online. To watch live, drop the office a message (tmills@billingstwp.ca) to receive the Zoom

invites. Agendas and minutes for the various township committee meetings can be found on the township website: <http://billingstwp.ca>

The Kagawong Fitness Centre also remains closed for the foreseeable future, but the landfill remains open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 6 pm and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm. And last but not least, the library is open its regular hours (Tuesday and Thursday 4 to 7 pm and Saturday 10 am 1 pm.)

The rink at the Park Centre rink is up and running! Thanks to all the volunteers who are working hard to keep it cleared and flooded. Regular updates can be found on the rink fundraising Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/kagawongrinkfundraiser). It was a busy place last weekend, and we expect it to continue to be a very popular place all winter.

Why stick with a snowman when you can create a spectacular snow sculpture?? The Municipalities of Manitoulin are jointly sponsoring an Island-wide Snow Sculpture Challenge, open to all residents of Manitoulin Island, between now and February 22. Email a photo of your creation to info@assignack.ca by 12 noon on Tuesday, February 22 for a chance to win a prize!

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a tupperware lid that doesn’t fit any of your containers. Have a great week!

Barrie Island
Lillian Greenman

An Island-wide Snow Sculpture Challenge, open to all residents of Manitoulin Island is being held January 24 to February 21. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. This event is supported by the Municipalities of Manitoulin Island. Send a photo by email of your creation by noon February 22, 2022 to info@assignack.ca.

Silver Water
Karen Noble

January 11 while I was working in Mindemoya, I was infected with the beginnings of a very bad cold and flu. My symptoms started on January 14 and Albert got sick January 17. We stayed home and completely away from everyone until January 28. We want to thank all the neighbours who shopped for us. We want to thank John, Sarah and Kit for looking after the recycle bins on January 22.

Albert spent January 28, 29 and 30th grooming the snowmobile trails from Gore Bay to here, around Silver Water, then back to Evansville. I saw a number of machines head out for a ride on Sunday and hope they took advantage of the freshly groomed trails.

My niece, Larissa Chevrette, is back in Peterborough at Trent University.

We have seen a fox travelling through our yard. He is very beautiful and does not bother our cats.

Condolences to the family of Colin Jarvis. Condolences to the family of Melvina Corbiere.

...Paula Fields as new MHC president and CEO

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“Upon completion of my bachelor of science degree in nursing at Laurentian University in 1993, I accepted my first nursing position as general duty nurse at MHC,” continued Ms. Fields. “For personal reasons, I transitioned to community to pursue a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with Indigenous health care providers in the development of culturally appropriate homecare services for five of our Indigenous communities now known as Mnaamodzawin Health Services.”

“Returning to MHC 17 years ago as the occupational health and infection control nurse, I quickly transitioned to nursing management at both sites, then to the director of clinical innovation and partnerships while completing a graduate degree (masters of health management from McMaster University), then to chief nursing officer, vice-president of clinical services and, most recently, to the co-CEO position. As vice-president of clinical services, I have clinically led MHC in our pandemic efforts over the past two years,” said Ms. Fields.

Ms. Fields continues her work with the Maamwewziwining committee, an engagement project to identify ways of enhancing cultural safety and improving the patient experience in keeping with our strategic goal of “putting patients first as we lead and collaborate with our partners, more specifically, the strategic direction of ‘respecting First Nations culture within our care practices’.”

The MHC board is thrilled to have Ms. Fields at the helm. On behalf of the board, chair Dennis McGregor said, “The board of directors of MHC is extremely pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Paula Fields to the posi-

tion of CEO and president. Ms. Fields brings a vast level of experience as a health care professional who has worked at MHC for the majority of her career and has forged excellent relationships with our staff, external partners, government agencies, First Nations and associated organizations. The board believes the appointment will allow for a smooth transition and we look forward to working with Ms. Fields to continue to meet the MHC goals and mission. The board would also like to express its sincere gratitude to both Paula and Tim Vine, vice president corporate support services and chief financial officer for their guidance and leadership while acting as co-CEOs over the past months, especially through these trying pandemic times.”

Mr. McGregor also said, “on behalf of the board, I would like to acknowledge all the efforts of Samantha Smockum, director of human resources, the hiring committee, and the executive recruitment firm Boyden and their team for all their efforts with the recruiting process. I know we got the right person.”

“I am very pleased with the board’s choice in CEO,” said Mr. Vine. “From the start of the recruitment process, I have endorsed Paula for the position. We have a great working relationship, and with long service to MHC and strong ties to the Island, I know Paula will be a wonderful advocate for the hospital and the community.”

Ms. Fields had been interim co-CEO of the MHC and vice-president of clinical services and chief nursing officer. She had been co-CEO with Tim Vine, who will remain as vice-president of corporate support services and chief financial officer of MHC.

...fire chief praises caretaker’s quick thinking

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The apartment was full of smoke, he had turned off the element, pulled what was left of the kettle off the stove, and also turned everything off.”

Mr. Argue told The Expositor, “like I told Mike, normally I wouldn’t have been there at that time but the generator wouldn’t start in the morning. But eventually I got it going. Then I went back into the building when the hydro came back on to turn off the generator and make sure the elevator was working and I could hear a smoke alarm going. I checked door to door to hear in which unit the alarm was the loudest.”

“Yes, it was a plastic kettle that had burnt on a stove element,” said Mr. Argue. “It was a scary situation. It certainly created a lot of smoke for a little kettle.” He explained he had called the company that monitors and activates the fire alarm in the building and all the tenants in the building left their apartments and went to wait at the front outside the building.

“No, I didn’t know if anyone was in the apartment at the time, but I checked. The tenant had been cold and went to her daughter’s to get warm,” explained Mr. Argue.

“I credit Mike with preventing what could have poten-

tially been very serious,” said Mr. Addison. He said there was extensive smoke damage in the apartment unit. “It may have caused a full-borne fire, but we’re sure glad it didn’t. Mike’s actions definitely reduced the damage there could have been.”

Mr. Addison explained that once firefighters arrived on the scene, they took their large exhaust fan and cleared the smoke out of the apartment unit and reassured the residents that there was no fire. “Mike did everything right; lucky he was there and knew what to do.”

The Gore Bay Fire Department had received the call to respond to the apartment building blaze at 7:32 pm on the evening of Sunday, January 23.

“Any time we arrive at a potential fire scene and someone is there to greet us and say ‘everything is under control,’ is fantastic. I can tell you it doesn’t happen very often,” said Mr. Addison. “I certainly appreciated Mike’s efforts.”

“Mike (Argue) was on the scene quickly and did everything correctly, until the fire department arrived,” said Pam Bond, administrator of Gore Bay non-profit housing corporation.

...Billings considers repair vs. new build for fire hall

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updated, prioritizes things within the municipality that council needs to address, with municipal properties and buildings identified as the second highest priority item. “The other thing we have to keep in mind is that anything we do in terms of repairs or new builds must be done in concert with our adopted CEEP,” the Mayor added. “We have a very high standard, I believe, for things we would like to do to reduce greenhouse gases and reduce our carbon footprint. Anything we do, regardless of whether it’s repair or rebuild, has to keep the CEEP front and centre and it has to be integrated into whatever plan that we have.”

Cost and location were key factors for all councillors when considering options, were energy efficiency, population growth and potentially underestimated costs for all options. “If we should decide on doing this and the money isn’t readily available, I think we should prioritize the main issues,” said Councillor Michael Hunt.

“Obviously, doing a repair would be the least expensive,” said Councillor Sharon Jackson. “I also believe it would have the least impact in service interruption for our fire department. We know we



The Billings fire hall.

must provide fire protection to the residents of our township and our fire department deserves to have a safe place to train and be dispatched from in order to keep us safe.”

“We’ve been looking at fixing the fire hall for a very long time and it’s just great that we’re actually getting down to the nuts and bolts of it,” noted Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack. She also preferred the existing location. While renovation is the cheapest route, she said she wants to ensure that as the community grows, the fire hall meets any additional requirements for service.

“We have a fire hall that fulfills the needs of the township that is in a state of disrepair,” said Councillor Bryan Barker. “We all recognize that it needs to be

fixed sooner rather than later. Option one will allow us to repair the hall and at the same time, make it more energy efficient and reduce that cost significantly.”

“I fully support option one,” added Councillor Barker. “It gives us a safe, clean building that is efficient and that we can afford. We do have a CEEP, as (Mayor Anderson) mentioned and the township is committed, regardless of what option we go with, to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and energy saving as outlined in our CEEP. Regardless of which option we decide on, these measures were identified in the Tulloch report to make all three options energy efficient.”

Billings Township has an aging population, with 30

percent of inhabitants 65 to 84 years old, 38 percent between 45 to 64 years old and only 13 percent from 25 to 44 years, said Mayor Anderson. “I can tell you that according to the (2016) census, the mean average income is \$45,000, which was likely at one time quite a bit of money. It’s not anymore.”

Council must remain cognizant of this fact, he said. “It’s always this balancing act, trying to get things that are fair for everybody and reasonable without putting undue strain on people.”

While the mayor did not want to discount option one, he did remind council that they needed to consider all options. Option two, demolition of the existing structure and constructing a new fire hall of the same size and configuration on that site, did not garner much council support.

“We’re getting the same building on the same footprint that could be renovated and remediated for \$556,250 rather than \$845,000,” said Councillor Barker. “For a few hundred thousand more to have the same product at the end of the day doesn’t make a whole lot of sense.”

Councillor Hunt pointed out the possibility of foundation problems. Councillor Jackson agreed. “Until


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Manitoulin Secondary School


PLAYER PROFILE

by Aspen Debassige

CONGRATULATIONS, CASH!



CASH DECHENE-MILNE



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Although Cash Dechene-Milne did not grow up on Manitoulin he has been a welcomed addition to the Mustang sports family! He attended Northeastern Elementary School in Sudbury where his sports career started. He mainly played volleyball in his earlier years and this is where his love for the game was sparked. He is an exceptional athlete and hopes to go on to play at the highest level. He currently lives in Little Current and is now a full-time Mustang!

This year Cash joined the MSS boys’ junior volleyball team. He showed his skill and contributed to the amazing season that they had as a team. He was also the Captain of the Junior squad and helped guide his teammates as a leader on the team. He admits that being chosen as the captain was one of his most memorable moments this year and a role that he doesn’t take lightly. It is an honour and privilege. They ended up winning almost all of their games, qualifying for NOSSA and coming home with a silver medal!

This year Cash tried out for the Northern Chill Volleyball Club (NCVC) in Sudbury. From their website, the club is dedicated to the growth and development of youth volleyball through the pursuit of excellence athletically, socially, and personally. Through their dedicated coaching staff, athletes are taught to play with passion, poise, and purpose. Making the team is a huge accomplishment as NCVC draws on a large population to try out. He travels to Greater Sudbury three times a week to practice with his competitive team.

Cash likes to play sports because it is an easy way to clear your head as you must put all your concentration into playing to perform well. Like many athletes he sees sports as an escape. He also likes the competitive side as he is naturally ambitious. Of course his favourite sport is volleyball, this is simply because it is fun and brings him joy. It is especially satisfying when you can get a good spike in too. He has also been playing it for a while so this passion has continued to grow. For post secondary he hopes to get a volleyball scholarship and play at the highest level possible.

Cash has a couple of idols who he looks up to in the sports world. The first is basketball phenomenon Kobe Bryant. Kobe will go down in history as one of the greatest players of all time. His work ethic and dedication to improving the tiniest aspect of his game is something many athletes try to emulate. This is a great quality to develop as a young athlete because there will always be times of disappointment but taking every opportunity to grow and improve is how we develop a winning attitude for sport but more importantly for life.

Another sports hero who Cash draws inspiration from is Daenan Gyimah, a Canadian born men’s volleyball star who plays for the UCLA Bruins. He plays in the middle blocker position for the NCAA squad and is primarily focussed on defending attacks from the opposite and right side of the court. The sneak attack of the middle block position is an area for unsuspecting kills and requires quick speed and jumping ability. This is a quality that suits Cash’s game because if you watch Cash play, he apparently has spring boards in his shoes!

To stay active during Covid times Cash enjoys taking his dog, Tulo, for runs and walks. He also often can be found doing home workouts and of course training for volleyball. The past few years for volleyball have been disappointing as covid restrictions have made improving difficult. Cash hopes that he will be able to continue on with his Chill season but understands that safety is paramount. Cash will continue to train, however, because he has aspirations of joining the MSS Track and Field team in the spring.

If you happen to see this Manitoulin Mustang, please wish him the best in all his future endeavours! Let’s go Mustangs!

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...system to standardize use of electronic medical records

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“At the March 25, 2021, MHC board meeting, the board voted to instruct the CEO to sign the memorandum of understanding (MOU) that committed MHC in principle to continue regional planning work on the ONE HIS project, with more specific details to come in the form of the membership agreement (MA), and master services agreement (MSA). Prior to giving leave to sign, many board members participated in regional MOU board sessions to gain a better understanding of the document and the process,” explained Mr. Vine. “Senior management also kept the board advised of key aspects of the document, including the outline of rep-

resentation on the board of the new shared services company (NewCo) to be created later.”

“The governance structure contemplated in the MA for the Class A members (of which MHC is one) is based on regional clusters of small hospitals,” continued Mr. Vine. “MHC is included with St. Joseph’s (hospital) Elliot Lake, North Shore Health Network and Espanola Regional (hospital). There will be a single seat on the board of NewCo reserved for a representative from one of these hospitals, elected by the cluster annually and taken from the senior management ranks.”

Along with the other 23 hospitals in the Northeast region, MHC was provided the final draft of the MA and MSA in late December 2021, Mr. Vine explained. Both agreements were drafted by legal counsel from INQ Law, retained by the group of hospitals for that purpose. Further review and refinement was

carried out by legal counsel from Timmins and District Hospital and the Sault Area Hospital. These agreements have been vetted by no less than three sets of legal counsel, he pointed out.

“There have been no surprises in the final agreement,” said Mr. Vine who added, “we are comfortable with the recommendation to sign the agreement.”

Mr. Vine pointed out as well, “at this time there are no opportunities to make amendments to the agreement. But leaving it (not signing the agreement), would prejudice us.”

Board member Barbara Baker said “we would be one of the representatives on the board (from the cluster of four local hospitals the MHC would be a part of). Is it the expectation that, every fourth year, one hospital would have representation (on the overall board) or would it just be the biggest hospital that would provide the representative?” she questioned.

“We’re working on all of that, but that would be something we would be looking at,” said Mr. Vine. “We have a good relationship with all the hospitals involved. We feel, for instance, in the first year maybe someone with more financial background would be the representative. The agreements are set to take effect on February 1, 2022, and require signing by January 31 from all 24 hospitals. As discussed, with the board having reviewed the MOU, the co-CEOs are seeking approval of the MA and MSA and instructions to sign on or before January 31, 2022,” explained Mr. Vine.

“Are you happy with the cluster of hospitals we are part of?” asked Ms. Baker.

“Yes, we are, especially with the Espanola Regional

Hospital, but we have a really good working relationship with all of them. We’re quite satisfied with the cluster we are part of,” said Mr. Vine.

Dr. Simone Meikleham asked, “could you speak to what would happen if we do not sign the agreement?”

“Doom and disaster,” quipped Mr. Vine. “Basically, we would have to support our own electronic medical record system on our own, and clinicians would not have the access to medical patient records for those treated at HSN (Health Sciences North); it would severely limit some clinical processes. And it would be financially onerous for us to do this on our own.”

Paula Fields, MHC co-CEO said, “in reading the (agreement) documents, we would be at risk if we didn’t sign. We already agreed to be part of this agreement. And the total cost of the agreement was based on everyone (participating hospitals) signing on. If we don’t sign, we would be putting MHC at risk.”

Mr. Vine said the MHC co-CEOs are looking for a formal motion to be passed by the board. (At that meeting, there were still two acting co-CEOs. Ms. Fields was confirmed to the role of CEO by the MHC board following the regular board meeting.)

MHC board chair Dennis McGregor said, “I read the MOU. The bottom line is there would be a cost saving by signing this agreement with the other hospitals rather than being on our own. I would like to commend both of you (co-CEOs) for all your efforts in getting us to this point.”

The MHC board passed a motion for the co-CEOs to sign the agreement on behalf of MHC on or before January 31, 2022.”

Rainbow Board supports funding for second phase of MSS ventilation project

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—The second phase of a ventilation project at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) has received support from the members of the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB).

At a special meeting of the RDSB on January 11, the board passed a motion, “that the board award the contract for Manitoulin Secondary School, gym HVAC updates-tender #2022-01 to Metal-Air mechanical Systems Limited for \$645,435.00”

Dennis Bazinet, superintendent of business operations for RDSB told The Expositor, “The board accepted the HVAC tender for phase two of the ventilation project for MSS. The funding is part of the money we had received for the overall ventilation improvement enhancement project at the school, and this work will be taking place at the school between now and the end of this summer.”

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we start digging, we don’t know what we’re going to find,” she said.

A suitable location would be required for option three. The only location that meets requirements would be where the current dog park is located. The nearly \$2 million price tag was concerning to council members. Councillor Alkenbrack wondered if there were any township properties that could be sold to offset the cost of any of the options.

Should council determine a need for a new, larger fire hall, then a new public works building should also be considered and the possibility of converting the public works garage into a fire hall. “These two cannot be considered in isolation,” stated the memo.

Calls for service to Billings’ fire department have been increasing every year, said Fire Chief Martin Connell. In 2019, there were 10 calls for service, with 14 and 17 calls in 2020 and 2021, respectively. House fires, for the most part,

are on the decrease but there are substantially more calls for brush fires. Also on the rise are calls for vehicle collisions, including requests for traffic control at collisions. There has been an increase in carbon monoxide calls and more rescues in the river basin. The fire department also sees more lift assistance calls by EMS.

A third vehicle with four-wheel drive and a third bay would be essential as the department increases its services and would be helpful for access to brush fires, Mr. Connell said. “If we do have a very dry year we could be at risk of a severe forest fire. The key is initial response.”

Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Connell if there would there be room to add a third, smaller bay adjacent to the current building. Mr. Connell said it is possible, but parking would become a bigger issue than it already is for volunteers.

“We have enough to work with here, at least to get us started,” concluded Mayor Anderson. “There are things I would like further clarification on, but I think we’ve made some progress for getting things started.”

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Architectural firms vie to design new medical centre

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Town of Gore Bay has received a lot of interest from architectural firms to complete drawings for the proposed upgrades and renovations of the building.

“Tenders (from architectural firms) close on February 7,” said Gore Bay clerk Stasia Carr at a Gore Bay general government committee meeting last week. “We have had quite a few architectural firms express interest; it is promising,” she said, informing the councillors five firms have expressed interest and several of the firms are going to be conducting a site visit of the medical centre. Tenders are being received for the design stage of the work to be done.

“Once a tender is accepted, how long will it take for them to come back with a design plan for the work?” asked committee member Ron Lane. He also asked if construction is expected to take place this summer.

“Definitely no,” stated Mayor Dan Osborne. “We are at the design stage, and then we will look at the estimate of the costs involved. And the (medical centre ad hoc committee) hasn’t made any decision on how we are going to fundraise for this project.”

Town treasurer Michael Lalonde said that all the design work and estimates on the costs involved are scheduled to be in place by May 6.



The Gore Bay Medical Centre building in Gore Bay.

“And then the committee will look at how much, and how fundraising is going to be carried out?” asked Mr. Lane.

Mayor Osborne pointed out, “we need the cost estimate in place before we can make any final recommendations.” He was asked if there is a ballpark figure as to what the estimated cost of the project will be. “Judging from the tenders we estimate for the (Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport) renovation project, we can be looking at \$460 per square foot, so \$1 million, I would guess, for the renovation and additions to the medical centre.”

As has been reported previously, the town has \$150,000 in funds on hand for improvements to the medical centre. At a town council meeting September 13, council passed a motion that they support the medical centre ad hoc committee’s recommendations of renovating the ingress and egress of the medical centre building, including the

front, back and ambulance areas, a reception area that overlooks the wait room and wait room suite. Further, that the ad hoc medical centre committee continues to recommend a design, costing and fundraising to Gore Bay council.

At a subsequent committee meeting held November 15, it was noted several architecture firms were contacted with all five responding with interest regarding tendering for architectural drawings for the building. The scope of the project includes update/modernize the current space, improve access and egress to accommodate barrier-free accessibility, improve existing ramp access to the basement, reconfigure the waiting room/administration area, renovate the washrooms, review and potentially update building mechanical systems for increased energy efficiency and review options for improved air filtration.

...Ralph Moggy, Island cattleman

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wrap for the bales. “That allowed harvesting the hay sooner,” said Mr. Moggy. “You could start on the 10th of June and at 50 percent.” That ensured the hay had a higher protein content, not needing to stay in the sun longer and losing potency.

Larry Moggy said he does not think large cattle operations like those of his and his father’s will ever come again on Manitoulin, not because of a lack of will, but too many factors play against it. He cites the closure of two huge First Nation pastures, one in Sheguiandah and the other in Wiikwemkoong on one hand, but the current state of many pastures on the Island, overgrown with non-grazable weeds and scrub trees makes much of it unusable.

To meet feed needs for their huge cattle herds, the Moggy farm would truck in two loads a month, that’s 35 to 38 tons. For a time that would be coming from Thunder Bay, then started to be hauled from Goderich.

“Dad worked every day for over 50 years,” shared Mr. Moggy. “People would remark on how he was still going strong at his age.”

“I don’t ever remember him being in a fight,” said his son. “He might have disagreements over business, but he told me ‘don’t take a pasture away another farmer. They are trying to keep their own farm going.’”

Mr. Moggy might have been focussed on his farm, but that didn’t mean he wasn’t abreast of the times. “He knew what was going on,” said his son. “He wasn’t one to buy a big ticket item figuring that future sales would pay for it. When you sell all of your product in one day, you can’t afford to make a mistake.”

Whenever the younger Moggy would propose purchasing an expensive piece of equipment, he knew he had to have his ducks in order to prove to his father that the equipment was both necessary and a positive impact on the farm’s bottom line. “He wasn’t against it, per se, just cautious,” said Larry Moggy.

Mr. Moggy and his son were not just into cattle, either, at one time the family farm hosted 100 ewes (sheep) as well. They also expanded into exotic breeds of cattle as well, including Charolais and Limousin beef cattle.

Other challenges to cattle ranching on

the Island include depredation from predators (it isn’t always possible to prove how an animal was lost), the increasing flocks of Sandhill cranes and other birds who feast on the feed crops as well as deer, raccoons and bears (the latter take both calves and corn).

There was a time in the not so distant past when a farmer could move his cattle from one pasture to another, herding 200 head down Highway 6 between Little Current and Manitowaning. “With the traffic coming off the ferry these days, you wouldn’t dare to that today,” said Larry Moggy.

There was also time, as late as the mid-60s, when his father would take his cattle down to the docks in Little Current at midnight to be loaded onto the boats,” he shared. Little Current was a full-on cattle town. The cattle would be herded down to Sheguiandah on the first leg and then on to Little Current for the sale. “It was no problem, everybody did it back then.”

Today the Moggy farm is down to 400 head, a number Larry Moggy said was more sustainable given the many limitations present in raising cattle on Manitoulin, half of what they had when his father finally stopped working.

Ralph Moggy was also a staunch community member. He served for many years as a coach for both hockey and his beloved baseball. He enjoyed travel and explored Canada from coast to coast over the years. Saturday night would invariably find him in front of the television cheering on his team during Hockey Night in Canada.

“My father was a fearless man,” shared Larry Moggy. “It didn’t bother him to do anything.” He was also known as a quiet, hard-working and honest man who, upon meeting friend or stranger, would offer his trademark “how are you today?”

Ralph Moggy passed away at the Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home on January 3 at the age of 93. He married Audrey Lewis (predeceased) and together they raised six sons, Larry (Sue), Dallas (predeceased) (Noella), Blaine (Fran), Royce (predeceased), Marvin and Terry (Joyce). Mr. Moggy is also fondly remembered by sister-in-law Jeannine Lewis (Jim predeceased), his grandchildren Devin, Derrick, Angie, Darcie, Andrew, Amanda, Geoffrey, Melissa, Matthew, Kendra and Dylan, as well as great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.



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- 2 FEBRUARY -

Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given under Municipal By-Law No. 2003-24 being a by-law to establish procedures for giving notice.

Notice is hereby given that Council intends to pass By-Law No. 2022-09 being a by-law to Stop-Up, Close and Sell a portion of public road not travelled.

A Public meeting is scheduled for March 1st at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom to consider an application to stop-up, close and sell a portion of public road not travelled, being described Unnamed Street, located at between 219 and 229 Hwy 540. Anyone may attend the meeting outlined above to make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposal.

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For a full copy of the agenda please visit our website at www.townofnemi.on.ca.

...Melvina Corbiere Tkibi kwe (Cold Spring Woman)

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 versity, Mr. Corbiere went from student to colleague, working at Lakeview School during Ms. Corbiere's tenure as education director. During his time at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, Mr. Corbiere enlisted Ms. Corbiere's experience in creating an exhibit on the Spanish Residential School. Ms. Corbiere would also go on to assist in a number of Anishinabemowin programs, where the veteran educator took on a new role, that of author, penning supporting documents for language.

"She was a very diligent worker," said Mr. Corbiere. "She did a lot of stuff behind the scenes, things that didn't get any credit or glory, but she rolled up her sleeves and got right to it."

Together with other pioneers of Indigenous education like Sara Peltier baa, Ms. Corbiere's sister Grace Fox, Liz Paul baa and Louis Debassige baa, Ms. Corbiere helped establish an Anishinabemowin program at Lakeview School that provided a springboard for many young speakers today. "She really believed in it," said Mr. Corbiere.

"She was also a very brave, no-nonsense person," said Mr. Corbiere, relating a story where his mentor moved against the prevailing tides of public opinion. "It was when the residential school stuff was all starting to come out and there were people who had never gone to residential school talking about all these horror stories that we have learned about."

"She listened to all these people for a long time and then, I guess she had had enough," said Mr. Corbiere. "She got up and said that by the time she went to residential school, those days must have passed, because she never witnessed anything like what people were saying. I remember thinking how brave she was to stand there and speak her truth."

But Ms. Corbiere spoke her truth, contradictory as it may have been to the prevailing narrative, with grace, gentle humour and dignity. "She did it in such a gentle way," he said. "She managed to get her point across with grace. It



Melvina Corbiere as a newly-minted teacher standing outside the one-room schoolhouse in M'Chigeeng.

was a testament to her character."

Ms. Corbiere's humour and openness to her students led to her adopting one of the phrases often expressed by her students. "When her students would accomplish something in Anishinabemowin she had set out for them, some of the kids would say 'ever good me!'" The unprepossessing educator adopted that catchphrase as her own and would often exclaim it herself following a talk—with a big characteristic grin.

For all of her work to strengthen and revitalize Ojibwe language and culture, the educator was far from being stuck in the past. As her oldest grand-

daughter Carol Corbiere referenced in the eulogy for her grandmother's funeral, Ms. Corbiere became adept at utilizing social media to "not only connect to her family, it also let all of you, her dear friends near and far be part of that connection."

Ms. Corbiere was also a lifelong baseball fan and Mr. Corbiere recalled her steering the class toward the ball diamond on a Grade 8 class trip to Toronto. "Star Wars was just out that year and we all wanted desperately to go see it, but Melvina said that Ron (her husband), who was also on the trip, wanted to go see a Blue Jays game," he said. "So, there we all were, watching the Blue Jays

game instead—it wasn't all that bad," he said ruefully. "When I learned that her family had recently arranged for her to take in a Blue Jays game in a box seat, I started to wonder if it was really Ron who wanted to see the game so badly," chuckled Mr. Corbiere.

As her granddaughter's eulogy noted, "some of the kind words shared about grandma have been wonderful to read," those words included 'sweet, brave, warm, funny, strong, loving, chipper, beautiful, witty, determined, optimistic, hardworking, giving and kind.'

"Truer words could not be spoken," said Carol Corbiere. "Our grandma also had the best hugs and that unforgettable warm smile of hers is something I want us all to remember."

Ms. Corbiere is survived by her husband Ron and children Ray (Sophie), Dennis (Anong), Darren (Susan), Debbie (Earl), Lorraine (Arnold), Lisa (Lindsay) and Dale. She is predeceased by her daughter Carol baa, her mother, Kate Assinewai baa, father, Wilfred Fox baa and brothers David baa, Junior baa and sister Arlene baa. She is also survived by her siblings Alex, Norma, Grace, Marvin, Liz, Laura and Yvette.

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...Island couple goes 'on the road' with Freedom Convoy to Ottawa

...continued from page 1 including going over the border unless they have been vaccinated. These are all government enforced mandates," he said.

"When you look at Canada and other countries, there is about 80 percent vaccination compliance, and still people are getting COVID and Omicron. Something is wrong here," continued Mr. Boyle.

While he is no longer a transport truck driver, Mr. Boyle explained, "I am what they call a hotshot truck driver. I have a one ton truck and basically with hotshots, this means if someone needs something right away, like a shed being moved, since I can carry 24,000 pounds, I am able to do this right away, and cheaper than the large commercial truck companies."

"I can pick up tractors and farm equipment, and can move these pieces of equipment with my forklift," said Mr. Boyle. "Basically, with my business, I do stuff other people don't normally like to do."

Mr. Boyle attended the Freedom Convoy event held in Nairn Centre last Friday and travelled with the procession from across Northern Ontario and other areas to be in Ottawa for the protest rally last weekend.

"When we left the Island Friday morning (for Nairn Centre) there were seven vehicles lined up at the swing bridge," said Mr. Boyle. "And I know there were a lot of people ahead of us, and while we were at the bridge and people were passing us, they were honking their horns and encouraging us."



Trucks were lined up at the Little Current swing bridge last Friday morning, as truckers made their way to Nairn Centre, and for some on to Ottawa, for the 'Freedom Convoy,' held last weekend.

"Nairn Centre was unbelievable," said Mr. Boyle. "It was something I've never seen before, there were trucks and people everywhere, and there was supplies for everyone taking part like washer fluid, water and pizza. And when we got to Deep River, people were at the ends of their driveways holding signs and cheering."

On Sunday evening Mr. Boyle told The Expositor "we are five kilometres, about a half an hour walk, from the Parliament buildings (in Ottawa). There are rigs all over. We're in gridlock, we can't move, and at every intersection in Ottawa there is gridlock. It's amazing."

"We'll be here as long as it takes," said Mr. Boyle, "I know, in talking to some of the truckers, they have enough supplies on hand that they can stay for weeks or months."

Ms. Francis commented that there have been

reports of some protesters jumping on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and others fastening an inverted Canadian flag to a statue of Terry Fox as they decried vaccine mandates. "These incidents were carried out by a bunch of drunk individuals defacing the statues, but it didn't last very long as when other protesters saw this, they placed flowers at the statues and have been protecting them ever since."

"The protest organizers want to make sure this is a peaceful rally," said Mr. Boyle. "So as soon as someone does anything they shouldn't, other protesters get involved and convince them to stop."

"Everyone who was coming to this protest had to sign a code of conduct," said Ms. Francis, "and to let the police or organizers know if they see any violence or anyone who is doing something they shouldn't."

The couple said they have been getting a lot of support, both verbally and online, from several supporters on the Island and off-Island, to help out the truckers' cause.

"And now we have one province in support of ending the proof of vaccination policies," said Mr. Boyle. He explained in a letter to truckers posted on Facebook Saturday morning, Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe said he would end the province's proof of vaccine policies.

"My government supports your call to end the cross-border ban on unvaccinated truckers," Premier Moe wrote. "And it is why, in the not too-distant

future, our government will be ending our proof of negative test/proof of vaccination policy in Saskatchewan." He also praised, "every Saskatchewan Canadian trucker, farmer and individual that has contributed to keeping our communities operating over the last two years."

Premier Moe stressed he

supports vaccination and its ability to prevent serious illness. He encouraged everyone to get vaccinated through his letter. "I will continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated because I do not want any of you to get seriously ill," he wrote. He said vaccinations are not currently reducing the transmission of COVID-19, adding the

federal border policy mandating vaccinations for truckers, "makes no sense."

The federal government and Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) have committed to working together on long-term solutions to supply chain constraints and labour shortages, issuing a joint statement last

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...One of Bruce Duncanson's legacies was creation of Manitoulin Transport logo

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 tion for a change of name and transfer of licence, made on January 1, 1960, had not yet been approved by the Ontario Transport Board, Smith's Wholesale had to operate under Hill's Transport name and licence, from January to June of 1960, when the new licence was finally issued by the Ontario Department of Transport. In July 1960, Bill and Reta Smith sold the majority of their shares in Smith's Wholesale (Manitoulin) Limited to their son, Doug."



Bruce Duncanson

take it off, because the official transfer wasn't complete yet!" But by late summer 1960, the signs read 'Manitoulin Transport.'

"Manitoulin Transport was chosen as a new operating name. Bruce Duncanson of Silver Water created a readily-identifiable logo, which is still in use," the history reads. "Jim McCutcheon, Tom Wright and Stewart Burns of Smith's Wholesale days, all remembered that the legal processes didn't quite keep up with the enthusiastic new trucking company.

"They had the new names on the trucks and had to

amongst the people who worked with Manitoulin, but among the town's people as well. It was the most beautiful thing on two wheels or twenty wheels, whatever. It was a super thing!"

"Even when Bruce was a little boy, art was a big thing in his life," his wife Irene told The Expositor. "His schoolbooks were always full of pictures of cars, trucks or something. In Silver Water we still have many of his Bristol board ink drawings. I really take pride in them," she said noting as well that her late husband did a few oil paintings as well.

"Bruce painted a lot of trucks for people when they needed a name on them, and would paint mailboxes as well," said Ms. Duncanson. "On weekends he would go to someone's place on the Island to paint their vehicles or mailboxes, or they would bring them up to Silver Water for him to do, noting that he painted the Purvis

Brothers fish trucks, designed and painted the Obejewung Park sign and the 'Welcome to Barrie Island sign.'

"Bruce was quite an artistic talent," said Ms. Duncanson. "When he did the designs for the Manitoulin (Transport) trucks, he first drew it on paper and then would paint it."

Bruce Duncanson of Gore Bay and Silver Water, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at the age of 91. Survived by his loving wife Irene, for over 63 years. Cherished father of Jeff (Judy) and Glenn (Robin). Special

grandpa to Grace and Owen; uncle to nieces Debbie Brotherstone and Judy (Frank) Nocera.

Mr. Duncanson was predeceased by his parents Arden and Ruth (Buck) Duncanson, sister Norine (Emil) Bub. Bruce lived for family and community. He was a charter member of the Robinson Local Services Board. He was a volunteer with the local fire department until the age of 80, as well as being a member of the community hall board and the local school board. He was a steward at St. Andrew's United Church for over 60 years. He also found his singing voice later

in life and joined the choir. From an early age, Bruce worked the family farm with his father, while (like Glen Campbell) he worked as a "Lineman for the County" doing line repairs. He spent many years doing road construction and plowing snow. He also had a hand in the construction of many of the cottages still enjoyed around Silver Lake, including his own retirement home. Bruce was an avid antique car enthusiast and a talented artist. His hand painted signs were seen all over Manitoulin Island, and Manitoulin Transport continues to carry one of his designs as their logo.

...Highway repairs promised for Hwy 6, Little Current to BI

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Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI). "Minister Mulroney got a big smile on her face and said that the resurfacing of the highway will take place this summer."

"We have asked several times over the past few years for this work to take place because of the condition of the highway," said Mayor MacNevin."

Jaclyn Lytle, MTO communications coordinator with northeastern operations told The Expositor in an email, "construction is planned for Highway 6 in this area (Little Current and Whitefish River First Nation) in 2022. The scope of the work

planned for Highway 6 includes grading, drainage, granular base, hot mix paving, electrical, and structural improvements."

"Paving and culvert replacements are planned for approximately 16 kilometres of Highway 6, from 2.4 kilometres north of the Little Current swing bridge northerly," said Ms. Lytle.

"A new intersection to Highway 6 for Birch Island, 1.3 kilometres south of Bay of Islands Road, will be added," said Ms. Lytle. She explained the project, which is valued at more than \$10 million, is currently expected to begin during the summer of 2022 with completion anticipated in late summer or fall of 2023.

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...Manitoulin contingent cheers on Freedom Convoy at Espanola, Nairn

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OPP estimates of the convoy leaving Sault Ste. Marie were of roughly 300 vehicles, stretching out for some 17 kilometres, about one-third of which were heavy transports, but the dispersal of the vehicles as they arrived in the region made accurate estimates challenging, as did the intermingling of working commercial trucks and other vehicles on the highway. That did little to hamper a number of those preparing for the convoy in estimating



Trucks from across Western Canada travelled along Highway 17, bound for the protest in Ottawa.

photos by Michael Erskine

sions. Although most restrictions cited by those in attendance involved provincial mandates, anger seemed to be largely directed at Prime Minister Justin Trudeau—at least judging by the signs and banners in evidence.

Moving to the junction of Highway 6 and Highway 17 at Espanola, many in the crowd hailed from Manitoulin Island. A huge number of Canadian flags and the aforementioned anti-Trudeau banners were in evidence.

"We trying to show support for the truckers," said Declan Allison, before adding "we all dislike the prime minister." Mr. Allison, his brother and friends were decked in maple leaf hats and were waving Canadian flags.

Although a GoFundMe account that has raised over eight million dollars in support of the convoy was set up by a member of the Maverick Party (formally known as Wexit and labelled by Liberals as "separatist"), that party has disavowed any official connection with the fundraiser or the convoy, although most members have voiced support for the

goals of the convoy. A truck bearing a large Maverick Party sign was in the centre of the convoy.

The most common theme expressed by those identifying as from the west briefly interviewed through the windows of their vehicles as they passed through the junction was one of "unity."

"Finally, the country is united," offered one man who said he hailed from Red Deer, Alberta. Those in the convoy were obviously grateful for the outpouring of support expressed by those lining the highways. "This is wonderful," said a woman passenger who said they came from Lloydmin-

ster, Alberta.

There was no sign of any overt police attendance either at the support stop in Nairn Centre or at the juncture of the highways coming from the Island, nor was there any sign of abuse being expressed by the crowd, violence or anger expressed towards the press, as cited by other news outlets along the route, (well, except for the aforementioned) and once,

as the end of the main body of the convoy passed Espanola when one individual accosted The Expositor. "Tell the truth," exhorted one man who confronted the Expositor, and who went on to claim that all main-

stream media has been paid off by the Liberal government to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars and as a consequence, all news is skewed to the government narrative.

The Expositor disagreed.



Most of the vehicles in the Freedom Convoy were of the smaller variety, but well-bedecked in any event.

a cast of thousands.

Another convoy from the west was headed across the Highway 11 corridor and it was anticipated the two groups would meet up in North Bay before heading south to Ottawa.

The only "negative" event that occurred in Nairn Centre while The Expositor was in attendance was when a woman began berating a television crew with shouts of "leave, you aren't wanted here!" It was a matter of seconds before someone intervened and told the woman to desist. Other than that one outburst, no other confrontational events were witnessed during the two hours The Expositor was in attendance at the site.

Honora Bay entrepreneur and vocal online opponent of vaccine mandates and restrictions, Kyla Jansen, was far more representative of the mood and demeanor of those attending the site.

"We just want to be able to visit our loved ones in the nursing home, to be able to hold the hands of our loved ones during their final moments," said Ms. Jansen as to the motivation behind the protest.

Most others, like Jackie Shawanda of Sheguiandah First Nation (whose truck was one of those featuring an Every Child Matters banner on its grill), cited their support for truckers and fears that Canadian rights and freedoms are being eroded by government deci-



An "extremist" sign of a different bent expressed the hopes of many.

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...Island couple goes 'on the road' with Freedom Convoy

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week that also reinforces the role of vaccination. "The government of Canada and the (CTA) both agree that vaccination, used in combination with preventative public health measures, is the most effective tool to reduce the risk of COVID-19 for Canada, and to protect public health," says the statement. The statement was issued jointly by transport minister Omar Alghabra, labour minister Seamus O'Regan, minister of employment, workforce development and disability inclusion Carla Qualtrough, and CTA president Stephen Laskowski.

"Moving forward, the government of Canada the CTA and the industry at large

will continue our shared dialogue on the challenges facing this sector," the joint statement reads. "By working together, we are confident that we can find solutions that will help Canadians and industry alike."

The CTA also said in a separate statement it does not support on-road protest. Mr. Laskowski said, "the Governments of Canada and the US have now made being vaccinated a requirement to cross the border. This regulation is not changing so, as an industry, we must adapt and comply with this mandate. The only way to cross the border, in a commercial truck or any other vehicle, is to get vaccinated."

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Manitoulin Health Centre physicians and nurses took part in a pediatric advanced lifesaving course offered by representatives of the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto.

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NEMI recreation centre in the Lions Den, curling club and field hospital. “We needed enough space to provide for distancing and to help set up training scenarios. She pointed out as well, “the training team from Sunnybrook brought in special air purifiers and our staff had been tested (for COVID-19) a couple of days before the training session and the day of the training sessions.”

The training was originally scheduled to take place at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre but because of capacity concerns, it couldn't be held there.

“I was also thoroughly impressed with the field hospital set up (in the recreation centre),” said Mr. Cameron. “If there are a significant number of (COVID-19) cases, the field hospital has a room full of hospital beds ready for patients. This isn't the case at many hospitals in southern Ontario, where patients are sleeping in hallways and on floors, in some cases.”

“And through CIMRO we conduct (mask) fit testing for hospital staff throughout the world, and this (MHC) is the only hospital that I've worked with that everyone has been 100 percent compliant with knowing how to properly wear the masks, even including large hospitals,” said Mr. Cameron.

“Pediatric critical care training is one of our specialties,” Mr. Cameron told The Expositor. He is a retired medical physician's assistant at Sunnybrook, but he along with members of his team, are clinical educators at Sunnybrook. “I was really impressed with how prepared the (MHC) hospital staff were. I think this is evidence that it is different when a hospital staff is looking after their neighbours, families and friends.”

Mr. Cameron explained that, in pediatric advanced life critical support training, these can include dealing with patients about to die, who have suffered trauma or have medical problems from birth to 18 years of age. “We train hospital staff how they have to treat patients for their conditions differently than for adult patients.” He pointed out the MHC staff had a zero percent failure in the course.

“They (MHC) obviously take their training very seriously. It starts with great leadership, great team members and working together, all things that were glaringly apparent with the MHC team members.”

“For example, while we were very impressed with the field hospital, it was found that there is not enough electricity outlets in the field hospital to go around,” continued Mr. Cameron. “They (MHC) got right on top of that and said that had been missed in setting up the field hospital and that this would be fixed immediately.” Mr. Cameron said that over the two-day training course, “we trained the hospital staff in two separate groups. And when we visit to do training like this, we bring a world class air filtration system and take every measure so that everyone is safe. It would be a sin for a doctor or a nurse to become sick because of this type of training session.”

“It was an amazing training session,” stated Ms. Fields. “One of the MHC strategic goals is to empower knowledge to unleash the power of leadership in all of hospital staff. And the goal is to make a difference through targeted skill and knowledge transfers.”

“A big shout out to our partners, the Town of NEMI, for coming to the rescue at the last minute to provide the venue for the training. They provided a very clean space and set up. They were extremely accommodating.”

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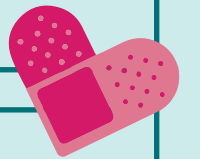
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 term funding for capital repairs on community housing units; amend the Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990 to define a 'Northern service hub' and provide additional funding to these hubs; establish a joint taskforce to collect data and intelligence on the underlying and systematic retention issues of health-care professionals in Northern Ontario; support new and existing 'housing first' programs; support new and existing Indigenous culturally sensitive community housing facilities; establish a Northern Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence to address the unique challenges of service and program delivery in Northern Ontario; contract a third-party operator for inter-facility patient transfers to relieve the workload of paramedics; and establish mandated mobile crisis intervention teams in municipalities throughout Northern Ontario.

"We are extremely happy with the NPI report. We're three organizations that cover the North, so it gets us all looking at the problem from the same direction. That's what we need. This idea of NOSDA doing one thing and NOMA and FONOM doing other things wasn't working. Now we all look at the problem from the same angle," said Mr. Whalen.

The organizations shared experiences from their own communities to paint a picture of what the mental health, addictions and homelessness crisis looks like and how it is affecting people in every community across Northern Ontario.

"We raised the issue of perhaps expanding the capacity of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) in order to help

alleviate the doctor shortage in the North," Mr. Whalen said. That includes having all the supports that need to be in place for those students, including accommodations. "I think she (Minister of Health Christine Elliott) was receptive to discussing it further so that's a good step."

The issue of retention and recruitment of health-care professionals is one that's "close to our heart on the Island," said Al MacNevin, mayor of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and Manitoulin District representative at FONOM. "When people have grown up in the North and they get their education in the North, they are very familiar with what Northern Ontario is like."

NOSDA Chair Michelle Boileau asked the government to "recognize municipalities and NOSDA as a partner in our collective efforts to address the growing mental health and addiction challenges."

That means working to ensure the right resources are put in the right communities to reach people who need the resources where they live. "What happens in Greater Sudbury is not relevant to what we need here," said Mayor MacNevin. "We need something different. We heard in the presentation from Northwestern Ontario, for example, of people in areas surrounding Thunder Bay that have to go for addiction treatment in Thunder Bay or fly to cities like Toronto because the resources aren't there to help them (in their communities). They get through the program and then they are plunked back in their communities with no follow up or resources."

The same thing happens here, he said, adding he was pleased to hear of the upcoming mobile mental

health and addictions pilot project under development on the Island. "We need more of that."

Solicitor-General Sylvia Jones was also at the meeting, noted Mayor MacNevin. "They're currently looking at models for the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to have partnerships with either mental health or addictions trained staff that would be better at dealing with those issues."

Some municipalities have already begun implementing their own community-based models. Temiskaming now has an agreement with Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to attend mental health calls with an OPP officer and stay at the hospital. "You used to have to pay an officer to take someone to the hospital and stand at the door until they're discharged," Mr. Whalen said. "Having the trained individual there is what we need. Those are the resources that we have to start making better use of."

The housing issue is unfolding in much the same way as the opioid crisis has, Mr. Whalen noted. It's not just a big city problem but an "every town" problem, right across the province. "We talk about affordable housing shortages, but rentals play a big part in housing," he said.

"All of us on the Island know that it wasn't just COVID that's made it hard to find a place to live but it's

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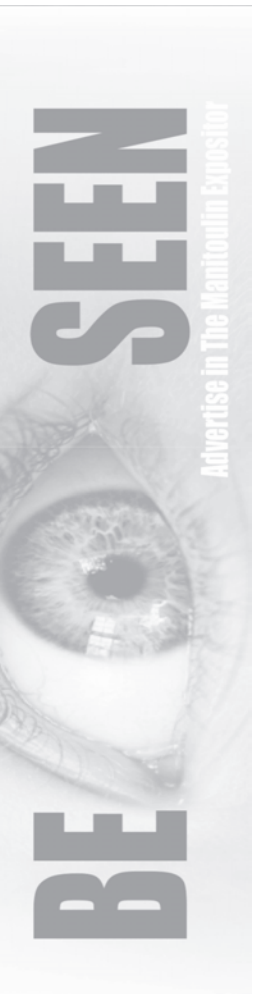
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you. Canada has some real chances at success in this event. On the women's side, Elena Gaskell is a former Crystal Globe winner, and finished 6th at the recent X Games. Megan Oldham was 2nd at the X Games, while 17-year old Olivia Asselin finished 3rd at the X Games.

The men's figure skating event taps in. Canada's hopes rest with Keegan Messing, who has solidified himself as a Top 10 skater for the last 5 years. If you're looking for a Manitoulin connection, frequent Island visitor Jason Brown will be competing for the United States.

Medals will also be handed out in the Figure Skating team event and the Women's 15km Biathlon.

- 12 am (ET), snowboarding (M), slopestyle final
- 3:30 am (ET), speed skating (W), 1,500m final
- 7:51 am (ET), ski jumping (mixed), final
- 8:15 pm (ET), figure skating (M), short program
- 9 pm (ET), freestyle skiing (W), freeski big air final
- 11:10 pm (ET), hockey (W), USA vs. Canada

Track Trivia:

Q: Who is the only Canadian male with more Olympic medals than Charles Hamelin?

A: With a medal in Beijing, Hamelin would tie sprinter Andre de Grasse at 6.

Tuesday, February 8

If all goes well, John Morris and Rachel Homan will have survived the mixed doubles curling tournament

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...continued from page 16 certainly made it worse," said Mayor MacNevin. Rents are "off the map" for anyone on a service sector salary, so more affordable housing is needed. It was only a number of fortuitous events that has enabled the creation of 12 units in Little Current. "It's no different in Thunder Bay, Timmins or Kapuskasing. There just isn't enough affordable housing for people and the District Services Boards haven't been funded to create any new affordable housing in a long time."

Indigenous people face unique challenges when it comes to housing but "the topic has always been a political football," said NOMA President Wendy

Landry. "A lot of our First Nations people do live in municipalities and are affected. Some who have moved to the municipalities or the larger centres out of their First Nations for different reasons are affected by this so there has to be a culturally sensitive or culturally appropriate approach to all of the policies when we move forward. There's a lot of kids in care in our municipalities, in the child welfare system, who are ageing out and they're looking for places to stay, there needs to be affordable housing across the board. When we talk about the housing crisis in the North, when we talk about the mental health and addiction prob-

blems in the North, they're all overlapping in different ministries."

Creation of a Northern service hub will help individuals find appropriate services in a timely manner, whether they're homeless or experiencing mental health and addictions issues, Mr. Whalen said. When an individual has a question or problem there needs to be one service window that can send them to the relevant agency. "We said it before in our last delegation at the AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) conference. I believe in push and repeat. We've been pushing this over and over again and I think we're starting to see some light at the end of the

gauntlet and are in a medal match today. On the speed skating oval, Canadian Connor Howe is ranked third in the world at the 1,500m distance and hopes to turn that into some Olympic hardware.

The men's freeski big air final flies this evening. Canada will be led by Teal Harle (third at X Games) and Edouard Therriault (fourth at X Games).

- 1:05 am (ET), curling (mixed), bronze medal
- 5:30 am (ET), speed skating (M), 1,500m final
- 10 pm (ET), freestyle skiing (M), freeski big air final
- 7:05 am (ET), curling (mixed), gold medal

Wednesday, February 9

Brad Gushue's squad gets underway with their first curling match against Denmark. Gushue won the gold at Turin in 2006 will be joined by his long-time partners Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant and Geoff Walker.

While Canadians haven't had a dominant skier in a skill event on the World Cup for years, there is some hope. Laurence St-Germain was 6th at the most recent World Championship in the Slalom discipline and hopes to carve a place on the Olympic podium. She'll have to get down faster than American icon, Mikaela Shiffrin and current World Cup leader Petra Vlhova from Slovakia.

The "downhill roller derby" takes place today, in the form of the snowboard cross. Zoe Bergermann, Tess Critchlow, Audrery McManiman and Meryeta O'Dine will have their elbows high and legs pumping for Canada.

Doubles lugers Tristan Walker and Justin Smith

anchored the Canadian team relay to a silver in PyeongChang and hope to challenge for another medal.

- 1:45 am (ET), Alpine (W), slalom
- 7:20 am (ET), luge (M), doubles
- 8:20 am (ET), short track (M), 1,500m final
- 2:07 am (ET), snowboard (W), snowboard cross QF

Lots here to look forward to this week, and this is just scratching the surface! Next week, the men's hockey and curling tournaments pick up steam and Canada should make their presence known on the Bobsleigh track. It should be a lot of fun. Enjoy the Olympics, everyone, and GO CANADA!

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The Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library Board has a vacancy

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14 Water Street East
P.O. Box 608
Little Current, Ontario
POP 1K0

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR

Summary

Responsible for planning and facilitating safe therapeutic counselling; ensuring care management duties are completed according to minimal standards; preparing and maintaining administrative duties, promoting a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.

Responsibilities

1. Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families by providing:
 - Accurate and complete intake packages
 - Orientation to the environment and counselling process
2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
 - Submit documentation for feedback, revision and approval
 - Update client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
3. Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
 - Adhere to and abide by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual
 - Complete and submit weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
4. Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
 - Work co-operatively and in co-ordination with all staff members
 - Communicate concerns will all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution

Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline.
- Minimum of two years of work and/or volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding family violence
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

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

Deadline: February 11, 2022 @ 4:00 pm

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Employment Opportunity NADMADWIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN

Summary

Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Manager/Clinician, the Clinician provides professional clinical assessment, counselling, education and referral services to individuals, groups and families; and health promotion services in the form of educational and primary prevention activities to the community of Wikwemikong.

Responsibilities

1. To ensure that culturally appropriate and effective clinical services are provided to the community of Wikwemikong.
2. To facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient mental health services to the community of Wikwemikong.
3. To ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager.
4. To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Mental Health staff.
5. To assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff.
6. To maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis.
7. To promote culturally appropriate mental health services in the community of Wikwemikong.
8. To participate in the "Critical Incident Response Plan" for Wikwemikong.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in psychology or social work or one of the helping disciplines; or successful completion of a college diploma program in the social services field.
- Membership or membership qualification in a recognized provincial regulatory body is an asset.
- Minimum 3 years of social work experience in a health care setting or social service agency.
- Excellent assessment, interviewing, and counselling skills.
- Expertise in mental health and substance abuse areas preferred.
- Knowledge of therapeutic interventions.
- Must possess the ability to make independent decisions when circumstances require and must know when to refer a patient for further medical assessment.
- Able to effectively communicate both verbally and in writing.
- Able to work efficiently as part of a team as well as independently.
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills.
- Strong morals and ethics, along with a commitment to staff privacy.

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

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

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**MFN GROCERY STORE INC.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
BOOKKEEPER**
\$39,520 – \$43,680/year
Full-Time Regular (40 hrs. per week)

Position Summary:

This position's responsibilities are to accurately record all day-to-day financial transactions and complete payroll of the grocery store.

Reporting Relationship:

The Bookkeeper reports to the Grocery Store Manager or designate.

Essential Functions:

- Keep and file financial records and establish, maintain, and balance various accounts using Sage 50.
- Prepare, examine, and analyze accounting records, financial statements, monthly and annual forecasting, and other financial reports.
- Verify and reconcile documents such as invoices, contracts, orders, and vouchers.
- Review, investigate, and correct inconsistencies in financial entries, documents, and reports; and other duties as assigned.
- Must attend regular Board of Directors meetings to provide and present monthly financial updates to the Board of Directors.

Qualifications and Requirements:

Preferred

- Post-Secondary Degree or Diploma in accounting and/or business administration or equivalent working experience in a retail environment.
- Minimum 2 years' successful work experience in a bookkeeping/financial role.
- Working knowledge of a full accounting cycle.

Minimum

- Must have OSSD or equivalent with related (5) years' related work experience.
- Must have demonstrated proficient use of computer software (i.e., Sage 50, Excel, Word).
- Working knowledge of finances and office procedures.

Other:

- Strong analytical skills, ability to multitask and prioritize and excellent time management and organizational skills.

The successful candidate will be required to submit the following upon hire:

- Current thirty (30) day Police Criminal Reference Check (CRC)
- Confirmation of their COVID-19 Vaccinations

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 AT 3 P.M.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and education certifications addressed to:

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You may drop off your resume at 404 ON-551 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
c/o Sean Gray, MFN Grocery Store Manager

OR email resumes to gsmanager@mchigeengfreshmart.ca

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered and only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

For a complete job description, please contact Sean Gray at gsmanager@mchigeengfreshmart.ca



JOB OPPORTUNITY
Part-time permanent
MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
BUILDING CUSTODIAN

A person to carry out the maintenance/custodial work for the Central Manitoulin Municipal Complex (6020 Highway 542) in Mindemoya that includes public areas of the building, outside work also. Approximately 3 to 4 hours per day. The Municipality has set an annual rate of pay for the work required.

A mandatory walk-through of the facilities is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 4 – meet at the Municipal Complex, 6020 Highway 542, Mindemoya, ON.

Deadline for receiving resumes is **Noon on Monday, February 7, 2022.** Further information may be obtained by contacting the office below. A detailed job description is available on request.

CAO/Clerk
P.O. Box 187
6020 Highway 542
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
Fax: 705-377-5585 Telephone: 705-377-5726
email: centralm@amtelecom.net



**FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:
ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM WORKER**

Department: Health Services
Classification/Level: CS-3 (\$51,530 - \$62,980)

POSITION SUMMARY:

The provision of professional counselling and support to individuals, families, and groups in addressing addictions issues, including the provision of community development, educational and prevention activities in regard to addictions issues.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP:

The Alternatives Program Worker will work under the direction and supervision of the Mental Health Clinic Manager.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

To provide professional assessment and counselling in relation to addictions by:

- Providing an assessment of client needs
- Developing treatment plans based on results of assessment
- Providing direct counselling to individuals, families, and groups
- Providing referrals as appropriate to other services or treatment programs
- Providing aftercare services and support for clients
- Maintaining a case management system utilizing the mental health case recording system
- Participating in intake and case reviews
- Ensuring professional competence by seeking consultation and effective use of clinical supervision
- Provide Case Management for clients participating in the Opioid Agonist Treatment program
- Familiar with the community-based rapid access to addiction medication model
- Ensure strict privacy and confidentiality is always practiced and adhered to

To provide community development, educational and prevention activities to address addictions by:

- Facilitating activities (i.e., harm reduction, support groups, relapse prevention)
- Working in partnership with other programs in providing prevention activities
- Facilitating addictions awareness through educational initiatives and the gathering and distribution of resources on addictions issues
- Keeping abreast of developments in the addictions field

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

Preferred

- University Degree in Human Services
- One (1) or more years' work experience in the provision of counselling services to Anishinabek children, youth or families with a combination of training and work experience with Anishinabek people, communities, culture, traditions and teachings
- Ability to register with professional body would be an asset

Minimum

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study
- Two (2) or more years' work experience in the field of addictions
- Experience in addiction assessment, treatment, and interventions

Other

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Must have a valid First Aid and CPR certification
- Knowledge of Anishinabek culture and principle issues affecting Anishinabek people in the area
- Understanding the Ojibway language or the willingness to learn
- Must have a valid "G" Driver's licence and access to vehicle
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and weekends when required
- Must be self-motivated, ability to work under minimal supervision, but in a team environment
- Must submit a negative Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check (VSS) upon hire
- Must submit confirmation COVID-19 vaccinations upon hire

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 2022 @ 3:00 P.M.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and applicable education certifications addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM WORKER

c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)
or Email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH WORKER**

Summary

Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Manager/Clinician, the Youth Mental Health Worker provides professional clinical assessment, counselling, education and referral services to individuals, groups and families; and health promotion services in the form of educational and primary prevention activities to the community of Wikwemikong, ages 13 to 25 years.

Responsibilities

1. To promote healthy children, youth, family and community environments in which all community members can thrive through culturally appropriate community-based programs, between the ages of 13 – 25 years.
2. To support the complete physical, emotional, spiritual and mental well-being of the youth, ages 13 to 25 years.
3. To participate in the "Outdoor Adventure Leadership Experience" (OALE) 10-day canoe trip by, taking necessary training to enhance skills to ensure overall well-being and safety, which includes but is not limited to safe food handling, advanced wilderness first aid and youth leadership manual training.
4. To facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient mental health and addictions services to the youth between the ages of 13 years and 25 years.
5. To ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager.
6. To promote culturally appropriate mental health and addictions services in the community of Wikwemikong.
7. To participate in the "Critical Incident Response Plan" for Wikwemikong.
8. To participate in the anti-bullying campaign.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in psychology or social work or one of the helping disciplines; or successful completion of a college diploma program in the social services field.
- Standard Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Training; Advanced Wilderness First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), Mental Health First Aid.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

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

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ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

Contaminating our Oasis

by Anika Smith and Daphne Carr

Pollution is a broad and very relevant topic because it affects the whole planet, including Manitoulin Island. We may have a very green environment compared to other places but that doesn't mean we are invulnerable to the impact of various types of pollu-



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tion: air, light, land and water.

Air pollution is caused by excessive amounts of greenhouse gases being

released into the air due to human activity. You may notice in bigger cities/towns the air quality isn't as great as the air

we breathe here. People who constantly breathe polluted air are at higher risk of getting lung diseases such as bronchitis and lung cancer. Polluted air also threatens nearby ecosystems, where the fragile shifting balance could result in a major loss of wildlife. Carbon and other greenhouse gases also act as a blanket to Earth. This is contributing to our Earth's warming at an alarming rate. To help keep the Earth as we know it, avoid contributing to air pollution by walking, biking, or carpooling, if able.

Light pollution is more common in urban centres, but it still affects us here. Light pollution heavily messes with migration patterns and algae blooms, among other things. Artificial lights can throw migratory birds and insects off route and even blind them. Light pollution is one of the many things responsible for the fast-dropping monarch and some songbird populations. Non-migratory animals are also impacted. Artificial light can make habitats unlivable for animals like bats who use darkness to cloak themselves from predators, or it will attract animals like moths to unsafe spaces. This leads to an unbalanced ecosystem.

Land pollution is also detrimental. Landfills are a great way to keep trash in a concentrated place, but it is still pollution. Plastic takes at least 450 years to decompose, while still harming the surrounding habitat. It displaces many animals and plants. Reducing your personal garbage will bring us a step closer to conserving habitats. Land pollu-

tion also leaches into water systems.

Water pollution is an overwhelming concern: oil spills, water runoff from farms, sewage, factories by water, and the estimated 363,762,732,605 pounds of garbage in the ocean as of 2021. The ocean is this world's lungs, and without it, we wouldn't be here. Fifty to eighty percent of our air comes from ocean-dwelling creatures, and it also regulates global tem-

peratures. The ocean may be far away, but there are many local waters to protect around us. Forty percent of people do not have access to clean water, Canada has a fifth of the world's fresh water, yet roughly 758 communities have had boil water advisories. Many are due to careless human actions that poison the water. Addressing water pollution needs to be a priority.

We hope this article has opened your eyes to pollution and its effects on our lives. We are very privileged to live in such an environment without suffocating pollution due to urbanization. However, this means we all need to take action to protect this oasis.



Manitoulin Secondary School students tidy the trails near their school.

Recipes from **Rose's Kitchen** by Rose Diebolt
rjdiebolt@hotmail.com

Two quick recipes to whip up. I still have an attitude for buying salad dressings. I don't because they all taste the same and very few of them use a good olive oil; olive oil, which is important for our health!

Peanut Dressing

For this recipe use the natural peanut butter or any kind of nut butter or seed butter you like. It calls for agave syrup, which is fine, but I used maple syrup. It is local!

This dressing is in two parts. Both are simple to make. You can do this two ways: The first way is make a single batch of peanut dressing and add the exact amount of the sesame syrup or add all of the syrup, which makes the dressing a bit sweeter. The second way is double the peanut butter or nut butter and oil then add all of the single sesame syrup recipe. This will make the dressing less sweet. Both work.

SWEET SESAME SYRUP:

- 3/4 cup agave syrup or maple syrup
- 1/2 cup organic apple cider vinegar
- 3 Tbsp tamari

If you are going to use the agave heat it with the vinegar until both are well blended.

If you are going to use the maple syrup just whisk all the ingredients together and set aside.

PEANUT DRESSING:

- 1 cup natural peanut butter or your choice
- 3/4 cup Sweet Sesame Syrup *note from above
- 3/4 cup sunflower oil or olive oil

In a blender, combine the peanut butter and Sweet Sesame Syrup. Blend until smooth, 15 to 20 seconds. With the blender running on low speed, slowly drizzle in the oil until the dressing is emulsified and thickened, about 30 seconds. This dressing will keep in the fridge for up to seven days.

*I really like to use this dressing on a cabbage salad. The quickest is to thinly

slice part of either a head cabbage or Napa and then add a package of Power Green Blend (mixture of sliced Brussels sprouts, kohlrabi, broccoli, carrot and kale).

Ginger Garlic Noodle Soup with Bok Choy

This soup takes about 30 minutes to make. You can change it by adding chicken or other veggies if you like. Star anise is one of my favourite spices to use, it is a required taste but it is the extra flavour that will help make the soup delicious.

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion diced
- 5 cloves garlic minced
- 1 bunch green onions chopped, green and white divided
- 3 Tbsp fresh ginger minced or grated or pureed with a little water
- 6 cups chicken or vegetable broth or water
- 2 whole star anise
- 2 Tbsp soy sauce or Tamari
- 10 oz crimini mushrooms sliced
- 6 oz rice noodles
- 2 small heads Bok Choy roughly chopped

Heat the olive oil in a medium-sized stockpot over medium heat. Add the diced onion and cook at least 10 minutes until the onion is soft. Stir often and watch they don't burn.

Add the garlic, chopped white parts from the green onions and the ginger. Cook for about 2 minutes.

Add the stock or water to the pot and bring to a simmer. Add the star anise and soy sauce. Cover and simmer for another 10 minutes. Remove and discard the star anise from the soup.

Add the sliced mushrooms, uncooked noodles and bok choy to the pot. Simmer another 8 minutes until the noodles and bok choy are tender.

Season to taste with salt, pepper and hot sauce.

Add the chopped green from the green onions and serve the soup.

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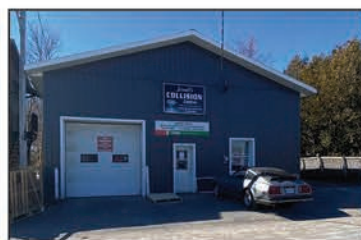
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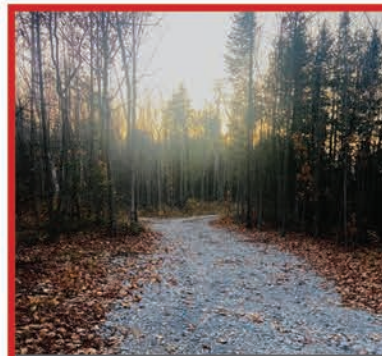
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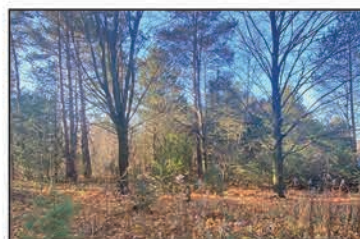
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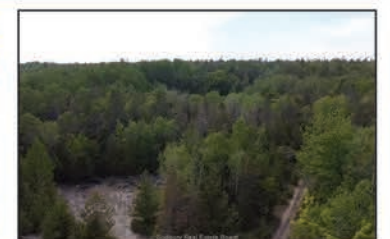
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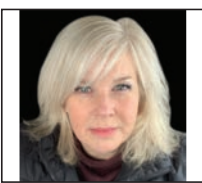


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