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ICY LINES AND CIRCLES—The waters near Timber Bay on the south shore of Manitoulin Island were home to some striking icy phenomena this past weekend. In photo above, waves of cascading ice have begun to pile up where the shoreline ice base meets the still-open waters of Lake Huron. Further back in the bay, inset photo, were some examples of 'pancake ice' formations, rounded patches of ice that only occur in the coldest of conditions when still-forming ice chunks hit one another and get rounded off in the process.

photos by Warren Schlote

Enbridge commits to Line 5 tunnel under Mackinac Straits to replace oil and gas pipeline

Permits for tunnel to mitigate potential oil and gas spills issued by state

by Michael Erskine

MICHIGAN—The Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) completed a review of Canadian energy giant Enbridge's Great Lakes tunnel project, issuing permits for the company to relocate the portion of its Line 5 pipeline that runs along the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac.

According to an Enbridge release, the pipeline tunnel project "will make a safe pipeline even safer."

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer fulfilled one of her cam-

paign promises late last year and moved to cancel Enbridge's easement across the straits. Environmental activists have cited the danger of a Line 5 rupture leaking oil products into the Straits of Mackinac as potentially devastating to the Great Lakes, including Manitoulin Island. The submarine pipeline had been knocked from its moorings and had been struck by at least one anchor, underlining those concerns. For their part, Enbridge has pointed out that Line 5 has operated in the straits without incident for 69

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MSS class rises to challenge of addressing social injustice

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Students in Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS)'s equity and social justice class have spent a semester planning and executing a wide variety of community projects, turning their minds toward virtual initia-

tives to address many of the social challenges that have emerged in the past year especially.

"I'm always pretty amazed at how the students do have a good sense, in a lot of ways, of some of the larger issues in the world," said MSS teacher Jill Ferguson,

who serves as the social studies program lead and recently concluded teaching the elective course for the second time.

'Equity and Social Justice: From Theory to Practice' is a Grade 12-level social sciences and humanities elective that MSS offered in the 2018-2019 school year and again for 2020-2021.

It aims to let students grow their understanding of ongoing social justice and equality issues while providing broader historical context as to why certain conditions persist.

The significant final task of the course is to put a project into action that addresses a social issue. This was even more challenging when trying to design activities that could run in a virtual format, in line with public

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Mindemoya Hospital's emergency room rebuild approaches construction phase

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Ontario's Ministry of Health has granted Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) to proceed to the fourth stage of its application to expand and renovate the emergency department (ED) at its Mindemoya hospital site, meaning the health centre can bypass the third stage as it prepares early this month to issue

tenders for the work.

"The project is moving along very nicely and we're getting very close. The ministry is working nicely and closely with us to ensure our initial (construction) timeline continues to be met," said MHC VP of corporate support services and CFO Tim Vine at a hospital board meeting last

OPP has laid sexual assault charges against Wiiky chief of police

WIKWEMKOONG—Following last Wednesday's press release from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), which stated that it had laid one charge of sexual assault against Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services (WTPS) Chief of Police Terry McCaffrey, an acting chief of police has been named by the police board. Mr. McCaffrey's lawyer has also issued a statement to this newspaper which names his client as not guilty in the charge against him.

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Faster than the speed of sound!

Island engineer designs supersonic siege engine

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—Mechanical engineer David Eade of Little Current has crafted a modern take on a traditional siege weapon that lies somewhere between a trebuchet and a catapult, but his modern-day recreation is capable of firing small projectiles at Mach one—the speed of sound—at distances of more than a kilometre in open spaces.



Engineer David Eade with his siege engine capable of exceeding Mach 1.

"A supersonic catapult has never been done before," Mr. Eade told The Expositor. "I learned a lot about machine design from working on these that I've applied elsewhere since. To (make a catapult) is very easy, but to do it well requires a fair range of engineering and machine design skills."

Mr. Eade built his first catapult

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Central council supports study of community hatchery to assist Lake Mindemoya's important walleye fishery

by Tom Sasvari with files from Alicia McCutcheon

MINDEMOYA—Central Manitoulin council gave its blessing to the municipality's community development/outreach co-ordinator, Marcus Mohr, to proceed to study the potential for Lake Mindemoya fish stocking, which could perhaps even mean the development of a community hatchery.

The proposal was first discussed at Central Manitoulin's economic development committee meeting in late January where

Councillor Derek Stephens noted the original hatchery project did have municipal backing. "There was a snag in the process through the ministry (natural resources and forestry). I was always in favour of the idea, and if Marcus can bring this back to life, this would be great."

The United Fish and Game Clubs of Manitoulin (UFGCM) was the main party involved in the original project, but it was noted that the UFGCM no longer exists.

"I'd be happy to see Marcus revisit this and come back to the committee or council on his findings," said Mayor Richard Stephens.

"I was a supporter of the original concept and am still in support of this," said Councillor Al Tribinevicius, encouraging Mr. Mohr to talk to Manitoulin Streams in his research, as this organization, along with fish and game clubs, is instrumental in organizing micro-hatcheries in Island public schools.

Mr. Mohr, in a memo to council, explained, that "back in 2015 there was a concerted effort from local residents, resort owners and UFGCM to actively contribute to the productiveness of the Lake

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reThink Green concludes two-year, region-wide study of the emissions and energy trends on Manitoulin Island

by **Lori Thompson**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—reThink Green concluded energy and emissions projects on Manitoulin Island and the North Shore with the release of Regional Energy and Emissions Plans (REEP) for both regions. The project began in 2017 and included meetings, presentations, data collection and educational events that explored the potential for regional energy and emissions planning across 25 participating communities. The project looked at the potential impacts

of climate change on Manitoulin and the North Shore, with a focus on regional collaboration on climate action.

While the REEPs are not official documents, they could provide a foundation for a regional approach to climate change mitigation going forward.

“The REEPs provide best practices of how each region can adapt if they wish to,” said Simon Blakeley, program director for reThink Green in a virtual launch held January 25. “In particular, we’ve provided a range of low car-

bon development projects and solutions including examples of policies, plans, proposals and actions that can be used by even the smallest municipality, township or First Nation.”

Funding for rethink Green’s Smart Green Communities project was provided by the Canadian Federation of Municipalities (FCM), the Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO) and the Environmental Defense Fund. Participation in the project was voluntary and all services were offered free of charge. Data was

gathered through community consultations and/or through publicly available sources.

“It is hard to see carbon emis-

sions and predicted impact with the naked eye,” said Angela Jiang, a program officer with Smart

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Northeast Town latest municipality to enact a coyote compensation program

by **Alicia McCutcheon**
NORTHEAST TOWN—At a recent meeting of Northeast Town council, George Hagen, president of the Manitoulin Trappers Council, suggested council adopt a coyote compensation program for those trappers, hunters and farmers contributing their efforts to control the coyote population in the Northeast Town.

He explained that the eastern coyote ranges in weight from between 30 and 60 pounds and can breed every 10 months.

Mr. Hagen said he’s had talks with livestock evaluators who say that more and more instances of livestock loss are the result of predators. He said he also spoke with one farmer from the Northeast Town who lost six calves last year because of predators and was only compensated for four of those losses. Mr. Hagen reminded council that coyotes also feed on deer, which are valuable to Manitoulin’s hunting tourism industry.

Currently Central Manitoulin, Burpee and Mills, Assiginack and Gordon/Barrie Island all offer coyote compensation programs, all of which are similar in that there is a \$2,000 cap per year at \$50 per carcass.

“It’s not to eradicate, but to control their numbers,” Mr. Hagen

stressed.

Councillor Laurie Cook expressed her worry that other animals, such as dogs, might become secondary losses should they get caught in coyote snares. Mr. Hagen explained that he always asks the landowners (traps can only be set with landowner permission and by a licenced trapper) if they have animals. If they do, Mr. Hagen asks the landowner to tie them up or keep them inside. While there’s never a guarantee a dog won’t be snared, Mr. Hagen said he has never caught one in his 43 years of trapping.

The topic was brought up for discussion at the following meeting, on January 26.

CAO Dave Williamson reminded council that the municipality used to have a coyote and wolf bounty where an animal would be brought in to the municipal office, the ear was snipped and a cheque was handed over.

Mr. Williamson said the bylaw would clearly state that the coyote must have been taken from the municipality with permission from the landowner and proof of licence. The carcass would now be brought to the public works garage where the ear would be snipped (this ensures that the coyote can’t be brought in for

compensation purposes again), paperwork filled out and a cheque issued. No compensation above \$2,000 annually would be issued.

“The municipality is in the business of supporting the agricultural community in this way,” the CAO added, noting that additional costs to the municipality would be nominal and suggested, if council wished, it could be done on a trial basis.

Councillor Michael Erskine said he felt the wording on payment needed clearing up to ensure clarity that it is a cap of \$2,000 per year, not \$2,000 per year per trapper. Councillor Erskine also suggested allocating the up to \$2,000 to the rural wards in the municipality, meaning the tax burden this represents would be borne by rural taxpayers.

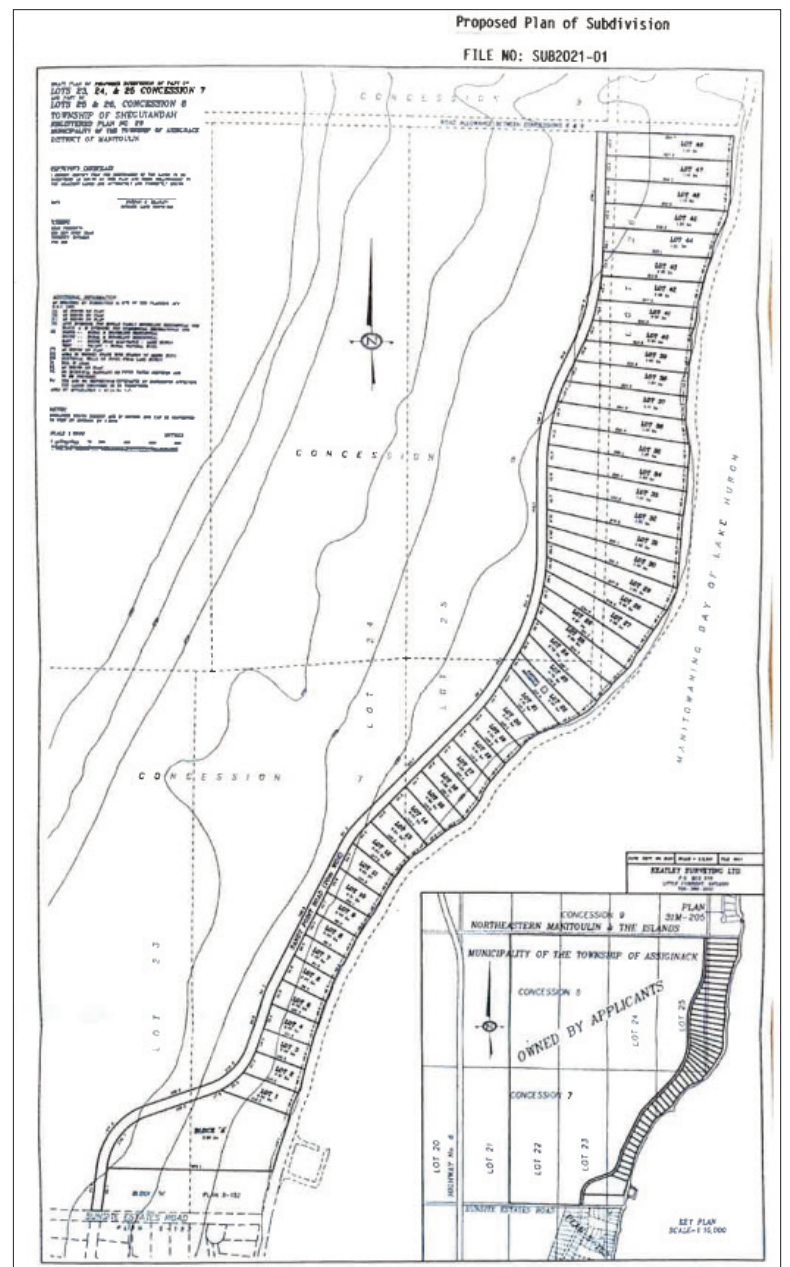
Councillor Bill Koehler asked if a farmer or landowner could trap their own coyotes. This could also be added to the bylaw, the CAO responded.

Councillor Bruce Wood, a Ward 4 beef farmer, took exception to Councillor Erskine’s suggestion on the allocation of funds. “Right now, we’re paying \$22,000 to take care of Ward 2’s dogs and cats.” (Ward 2 is in Little Current.)

He also explained that a farmer is not just losing a calf following a predator kill but also the cow because of rebreeding purposes, not to mention the expense of feeding a cow that no longer has offspring.

Councillor Al Boyd asked what happened to the previous bylaw

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Manitoulin Planning Board members have deferred a decision on the draft plans for a new seasonal subdivision in Assiginack until the February board meeting. The proposal is for 49 waterfront building lots between Sunsite Estates and Bay Estates.

Planning Board to decide on future Assiginack subdivision

by **Warren Schlote**

ASSIGINACK—Members of Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) voted at a January 26 meeting to defer granting approval for the draft conditions on a proposed 49-lot subdivision between Sunsite Estates and Bay Estates until Township of Assiginack officials and board members can review public comments and their own concerns about the draft conditions before the next MPB meeting.

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Ethan Closs has been working at White’s Shell since high school

Ethan Closs has been working at White’s Shell Garage in Manitowaning for the past two years, before he had even left high school. Now he is well into his Auto Service Technician accreditation, having just completed his level two at Sault College in Sault Ste. Marie.



Ethan Closs

When he isn’t to be found under the hood of a vehicle at White’s, Ethan loves to fish, go snowmobiling, “basically, anything outdoors,” he said. But while he enjoys the company of his girlfriend and the family pets, it’s outside in the garage

Ethan is most likely to be found.

His current automotive project involves a host of old snowmobiles he has been tinkering around with at home.

At 19, Ethan has plenty of time ahead to build on his already impressive skills, but he said he knows those skills come from hands-on application. Giving lie to the common complaint lobbed at younger workers today, Ethan started out at the bottom. “I began working here pumping gas,” he said.

As for the fishing? “Well, I am out quite a bit after work and on weekends,” he said, “but it has been pretty slow this January.” Good thing there’s a bunch of ancient snowmobiles ready to hand.

Remember, when you support local businesses like White’s Shell Garage in Manitowaning, you are supporting friends and neighbours like Ethan Closs.

Central Manitoulin holds budget at 1.5 percent increase

Combination of internal loans from reserves and outside bank loans offsets \$820,000 deficit for the coming year’s finances

by **Michael Erskine**

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The Municipality of Central Manitoulin passed its 2021 budget with an ambitious capital program that would have seen a \$820,000 deficit—representing roughly a 34 percent hit to the mill rate based on an estimate of \$23,962.87 per percentage point increase in the municipal levy—but thanks to a combination of internal loans from reserves and loans from outside financial institutions, the 2021 municipal mill rate increase has been held at 1.5 percent—holding the line to the same increase as the 2020 budget.

The mill rate determines how each property’s tax assessment is calculated. Roughly, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) property assessments for all the property in the municipality is compared to the levy needed to meet the municipality’s anticipated expenditures.

So with a 1.5 percent increase in mill rate, each \$1,000 in assessed value of a property translates into \$1.50 in property tax increase. The mill rate is set by dividing the total cost of the levy by the total assessment of the municipality.

The total levy required by the municipality is not related to the mill rate; the mill rate is the basis upon which the levy is divided up amongst ratepayers. If the MPAC assessment drops (ie. property values across the municipality drop), the mill rate must increase

in order to raise the necessary funds to cover the levy.

The motion, “that council approves the 2021 municipal budget with a 1.5 percent increase in the mill rate and further that we authorize the treasurer to move funds from reserves and obtain loans as necessary to balance the budget,” was moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Rose Diebolt.

Councillor Angela Johnston

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Expositor correction

The January 27 Page 1 article ‘Little Current family experiences entire COVID-19 gamut, shaming included’ included a sentence that stated one of the family members had had an “altercation” in the Little Current post office. Both parties reached out to The Expositor to clarify that there wasn’t an altercation, but rather a misunderstanding that did not involve the family member being asked to leave the post office. The Expositor regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Vengeance has caused society more harm than good

The old Irish adage "don't get mad, get even" is often bandied about, particularly in political circles and in that context generally means don't waste your time on anger over your loss at the polls, just get to work winning next time.

Unfortunately, the sentiment expressed in that adage is too often the basis for much of western society's approach to social ills and there it fails demonstrably miserably. Yet we cling to revenge and retribution, instead of making any meaningful attempt to deal with the social and psychological underpinnings behind the actions of most offenders.

Reams of evidence clearly demonstrate that such an approach not only fails to purpose, but is actually counterproductive. Jails not only become overcrowded warehouses with the simple purpose of isolating offenders from society, but by placing younger offenders into close contact with hardened practitioners of crime they become crime colleges, with degrees in advanced crime techniques upon graduation.

Our prisons and jails have also become fertile recruiting grounds for criminal gangs and hate groups who prey on society's alienated. Younger offenders return to their communities with those ties intact and a new set of job skills focussed on crime. It's a lose—lose situation.

Unfortunately, a large part of the public has bought into the "do the crime, do the time" mentality making a tough on crime stance popular at the polls. Any attempt to tackle the source of the problem is labelled as being soft on crime—and the cycle continues unabated.

The best example of where this approach is illustrated can be

found south of our border, where the US not only boasts the largest percentage of its population in prison, a whopping 655 per 100,000, but also boasts the largest number of people incarcerated—the much bal-lyhooded oppressive state China falls far short in real numbers.

Like the US, our own prison population is skewed heavily towards indigenous and other visible minority populations. Social activists like to point that fact as an indication of systemic racism, but its actual root cause could more appropriately be called social racism.

What is perhaps most surprising is that both the US and Canada, despite ostensible moves to greater secularism, still largely identify as Christian populations. "Vengeance is mine sayeth the Lord," is obviously honoured more in the breach than in observance.

Yet time and again the science of social behaviour points to better ways, as does traditional Anishinabe justice. Our nation could take a huge collective leap toward creating a more just society by looking to the foundational principles of our country's first people for a template.

Those principles focused on reconciliation and re-integration into society, rather than retribution and punishment.

In few areas is this more apparent on the so-called war on drugs. With nearly a century of focusing on retribution in this pseudo war, not only has little to no progress been made, the numbers make it clear that we are losing. It is time to find a better way. That approach will be more expensive in the short term, always a poor political fuel, but there are plenty of examples to be found across the globe that clearly demonstrate those savings over the long term.

letters

Of jams and jellies

A Manitoulin Islander's Facebook lament

To the Expositor:

Alas, I have been cancelled as an actual Manitouliner. My attention was brought to a recent post by the administrator of a certain, popular, community Facebook group, that posited about the challenges he faces. He gave an example of an unnamed jellies and jam company that if he allowed to advertise on his site, would make profit at the expense of an actual local producer.

Co-incidentally, I had recently been blocked from the very same site for questioning the administrator over his public, derogatory comments about a Manitoulin registered company that produced jellies and jams.

I had placed a posting on his site saying these popular products could be picked up as Christmas presents at our local store in South Baymouth.

After he made some derogatory comments under the post, the admin-

istrator pulled it off the site. I sent him a private message the following morning, explaining that the company in question was actually Manitoulin registered, and I was just trying to help our local South Baymouth store get some winter business.

I received back a blizzard of verbal dross and accusations that the administrator would have never allowed on his site.

After attempting to deescalate the conversation, I gave up and simply signed off with an apology and best wishes. He ranted some more, then at some stage, blocked me.

As the administrator stated, "I am protecting real local people, not pretend local people." Thus was I cancelled, and I guess, our local store.

Sincerely
David Samuels
 South Baymouth

A lesson in the history of Indigenous governance for the new leader

Where lies the Aundeck Omni Kaning governance vote

To the Expositor:

On December 8 and 9, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) held its 41st annual general assembly by virtual broadcast for the first time because of the pandemic. The recent announcement by Perry Bellegarde, the current national chief to not seek re-election has set in motion the process for the election of a new national chief to be carried out in July 2021.

As AFN begins to see change management and restructuring being done to its charter, the origins of AFN began with the development of The North American Indian Brotherhood, founded in 1940, and appropriated as a lobby group. It was dissolved in the 1950s and replaced by the National Indian Council in 1961, with further changeover, it became the National Indian Brotherhood in 1968 and finally becoming the Assembly of First Nations in 1982. The AFN represents 633 First Nations in Canada and its core executive branch is made up of representatives from each of the provinces and territories in Canada.

At the provincial level in Ontario, the political body of the Chiefs of Ontario was formed in 1975 and represents 133 First Nations, and provides advocacy as a political confederacy and secretariat. The Ontario regional chief has a seat on the executive branch of AFN as directed for in its charter, and at present, the current Ontario regional chief carries portfolios in housing, infrastructure, water, women's council and education (K-12) and reports annually at AFN assemblies.

On a regional level, there are four regional areas commonly referred to as "political territorial organizations," which include the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI), Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN), AIAI and Six Nations. Each is represented by an executive council, a grand council chief, deputy grand chiefs with portfolio holder positions. Six Nations is uniquely different in that it follows Mohawk traditional style of governance of the Iroquois Confederacy. Historically, before changing its name to Anishinabek Nation, the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) became an incorporated body in 1949, it had two distinct functions: 1) political advocacy and 2) secretariat. Prior to 1949, it was known as the Grand General Indian Council of Ontario and can trace its ties back to the Three Fires Confederacy.

At the tribal council level, "Tribal councils are non-political entities that provide technical services to a group of First Nation communities. Tribal councils have no independent status: they draw their powers entirely from their member communities," as termed by the Chiefs of Ontario glossary.

While much emphasis has been placed on aboriginal political organizations and structures, we must be mindful that is the First Nations

people who carry the power of our nations, who are independent, uniquely different and are the backbone of this country. In earlier times, many followed a hereditary style of governance structure, governed as autonomous sovereign nations with inherent rights to the land, with sacred spiritual, cultural beliefs, sacred under natural law. I would remind the reader that without First Nations and its people, none of those organizations would exist. This is the understanding that has been gifted to us by our past and will be the driving force into the future for generations to come.

So, whomever is chosen to be the next AFN national chief next year, let he/she build upon what Mr. Bellegarde has done over the last six years.

By the way, I've yet to hear any public statement from AOK chief and council as to what their intentions are with respect to the previous governance vote held in February 2020 or my letter of June 8, 2019. Perhaps the chief wants to avoid giving answers to straight forward questions or give out any information to me or the community about last year's vote, where the community voted against ANGA. So, with that, please stay safe, keep your distance, happy holidays and see you in the new year.

Yours truly,

Donald J. McGraw
 M'Kwaa Dodem
 Aundegomniikaaning First Nation

Nasty surprise in the mailbox

Are telephone rates the new Hydro?

To the Expositor:

I would like to thank our telephone company, Eastlink, for the increase in our telephone monthly rate. COVID-19 is on, some folks need help. I was \$119.86 per month up now to \$128.90, never saw anything about an increase (maybe in small print).

Maybe we should be looking elsewhere or talking to our MP. Sounds like we could be getting close to an election, maybe we should talk to our member. Gas and hydro helped us out, but not Eastlink.

Doug McMurray
 Tehkummah

Manor board members express gratitude to outgoing member Wendy Gauthier

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The board of directors of Manitoulin Centennial Manor greeted the news of the end of fundraising co-ordinator Wendy Gauthier's tenure as the provincial appointee with dismay. The news came as a surprise to the board, and to Ms. Gauthier, although the end of her appointment was procedural. Ms. Gauthier informed the board of her status at the start of the board's January 21 meeting. Although she had been re-appointed at the end of her last term, Ms. Gauthier suggested that she believed there is a limit in the number of terms a provincial volunteer can serve.

Manor board chair Pat MacDonald

expressed the board's concern over the end of Ms. Gauthier's term and requested that a pathway be found to keep Ms. Gauthier involved in the fundraising arm of the home where her efforts have proven to be extremely successful.

According to the Ontario Appointments Secretariat website, provincial appointees serve on the Manitoulin Board of Management (the manor board's official title) for a term of four years and that the position can be renewed. While the Ontario Appointments Secretariat lists Ms. Gauthier's position as vacant, it makes no reference to a limit of the number of times a member can be reappointed. The most current appointee listed is Mary Jane (MJ) Leni-

han, whose appointment fills out the remainder of a previous vacancy due to end on June 24, 2021. The province does not currently list the board vacancy as being advertised.

Manor administrator Tamara Beam also noted that a significant number of staff members had stepped up to volunteer to assist in wrapping Christmas presents for the residents which arrived through a community program. "Lots of them came in on their own time to help wrap the gifts and thanks to their efforts every resident received a wrapped gift at Christmas," she said, adding that she would like to see some form of recognition.

"I think we should," agreed board mem-

ber Ms. Lenihan, "but I don't know what form that could take (given the current pandemic restrictions)."

The board agreed to each try to come up with ideas on how that recognition could take place and to consider the options at the next board meeting.

Ms. Gauthier gave the board an update on the Manor's fundraising efforts, noting that the Tree of Lights fund stands at \$86,048.81, with \$21,901.07 coming from the mutual funds held.

"This year we raised \$40,581.53," said Ms. Gauthier, "far exceeding our goal of \$25,000." While most of those funds are earmarked for the main courtyard expansion

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Canadians must always stand on guard for the truth

"There is always someone out there ready, willing and able to twist the truth to suit their own purposes"

To the Expositor:

Free speech is a critical component of a democratic society but, as noted in your recent editorial ('Social media access denial raises freedom of speech debate,' January 21, Page 4), telling the truth, at least in the USA, is apparently no longer important. How else to read the troubling court decision telling Fox News that it is under no obligation to stick to the facts or even to acknowledge that what is being reported may in fact be a bunch of lies? This decision becomes ever more dangerous and damaging in a society

inundated with gibberish via the internet.

When reading almost anything online today we would do well to remember Winston Churchill's observation that 'A lie gets half way around the world before truth even has a chance to pull its pants on!' No wonder that QAnon and other conspiracy buffs are able to spread malicious lies and half-truths so readily in today's world! The recent chaos south of the border instigated by a delusional former president surely demonstrates the point! How else to explain the apparently brain-dead millions who bought into

Trump's madness and who continue to believe that he is still their fountain of truth?

The lesson for us, here in Canada, is that we should always be 'on guard' because there is always someone out there who is ready, willing and able to twist the truth to suit their own purposes!

Sincerely,

Eric Balkind
Gore Bay

Old School letter spawns concept of harnessing technology for direct democracy

"Our triumphs will be our own as well as our failures"

To the Expositor:

Recently I have been reading about various councils making "mistakes." There is wide and varied criticism of council members. These people are our neighbours and friends and I believe vitriol and animosity towards them is uncharitable and downright dangerous.

The six letters from last week's paper are quite accurately written, but only one is absolutely brilliant.

The first paragraph of Allison McCallister's take on the Old School issue included a revolutionary solution ('The Old School's possibilities are endless if one puts one's mind to it,' Page 5).

In the glorious age of technology, we citizens have a golden opportunity. Why can't we "all" be council members online?

Publish all proposals on a town webpage and thrash out

everything in the public eye of the webpage. Give every taxpayer of the town an encrypted vote and decide every issue as a community group. Our triumphs will be our own as well as our failures.

This simple transparency begs to be implemented.

Tommy Lough
Tehkummah

Technology is causing a lot of people to become lost souls

People can be so judgemental

To the Expositor:

Today's life is very complicated. It's because of this technology that is coming out. I see a lot of people are just losing their way of life; lost souls, I would say. Then I see there are a lot of followers too who are trying to please each other. Then sometimes they end up being miserable because of it. I am very fortunate that I'm not one of those people because I just try to live my own life, which is comforting for me because I was battling my alcoholism, I even went into treatment to try to quit but that never worked and why? Because something happened to me in my childhood and my inner child was hurting very bad from that. But I

had this wisdom too during my drinking days. I'm using this wisdom now to live and even elders were telling me that I had a lot of wisdom while I was battling my alcoholism. I was even talking to a psychiatrist about my drinking problem and on my third visit she tells me that I was very wise that I was not the problem because during my visit I was talking to her about life, the way it should be. But when I was talking to others about this they just turn it against me because of my alcoholism. It's like saying I was the problem because sometimes people are so judgmental too. As for me I try to stay away from that because if your judging somebody that you are being judged also at the

same time. It's God who is judging you because that is how it works.

We do have this inner child in all of us and the day we die, I may not look religious either, or act like one not to have anybody here on earth. It seems to be working too with all the lockdown that's happening. I do not miss going out and isolation is no problem for me either, so it's all good for me and it feels so good to have this understanding about life; now it's just about surviving in this crazy world we live in.

Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong

Get out and enjoy nature's bounty of free vitamin D

Thanking Central Manitoulin council for their decision to make and maintain an open air skating opportunity

To the Expositor:

Lifting our spirits.

Moving with joy of life while storing sunshine's free vitamin D

I would like to commend those Island communities who have provided and maintained open air skating for the health and wellbeing of their residents. I am pleased that my presentation to the property committee of Central Manitoulin for an outdoor public skating opportunity was able to inspire our council to seek a solution at a location that they would currently feel safe to do so. The minutes of January 14, 2021 state: "The proposal made by Maja Mielonen for an ice rink for skating/hockey and a linear skating track and a groomed cross-country trail and a skate ski strip all on Lake Mindemoya was next discussed by council. The consensus of council was that this was not the year to do this, as the ice has been very thin so far this season, and council had concerns about putting staff and equipment on lake ice. These issues will be returned to the Central Manitoulin Trail Committee for further considerations."

After much discussion at the council meeting of January 28, a motion was passed to build and maintain an outdoor oval skating opportunity in Mindemoya. Financially

this project will be more than offset by council's earlier COVID-driven decision to cease making ice the Providence Bay arena for this winter season and the closed arena in Mindemoya for the same reason. I wish to thank council for their decision to make and maintain this outdoor skating opportunity and hope you will all make good use of it. Enjoy the fresh air, the free skating experience and the joy of outdoor skating at the ball field behind the Community centre.

Maja Mielonen
Supporter of active healthy communities
Mindemoya

A cost benefit analysis of the Old School equation

Take time to let your councillors know your thoughts, pro or con

To the Expositor:

Having voted to demolish the old Mindemoya school building, Central Manitoulin council seems to have made this decision based on two main factors: 1) finance, and 2) public opinion.

Addressing the issue of finance, it should be known that demolition of the building is estimated in the engineer's report to council to be in the neighbourhood of \$150,000. That money has already been set aside by council. Alternatively, putting a new roof on the building for about \$35,000 plus paying hydro and insurance, currently at a cost of \$1,600 per year, would cost the council about \$51,000 to keep the building as is for another 10 years, in hopes of finding a suitable repurposing plan for it. In other words, it will cost taxpayers about \$100,000 more to destroy the Old School than to keep it with options open for 10 more years.

As for public opinion, readers, that is up to you. The

council has stated that there are more taxpayers and concerned citizens who would rather see the building removed than to keep it. If this issue means anything to you, please write or email Central Manitoulin council and express your concern. Whether you are for or against demolition, they have to know and must be willing to act on your collective wishes. Right now, the councillors who voted for destruction have stated that they have had many more people say that demolition is the way to go. I'm not sure that those who gave them that opinion were completely aware of the financial facts. Or, perhaps they had no interest in the historical and cultural value the old building represents. In any case, it is up to the constituents of Central Manitoulin municipality to let your voice be heard. The email contacts for councillors, taken from the Central Manitoulin township web page are below. A simple "I am for/against saving the old Mindemoya school building"

would be enough to indicate your stand. Your opinion counts! Please take the time to let them know how you feel. And please, no harassing comments to these councillors who are doing their best to fairly represent you and their/our municipality.

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Jim Smith
Mindemoya

Impaired driving incidents continuing to rise in Manitoulin-Espanola

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—The number of impaired driving charges laid by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in the Manitoulin-Espanola detachment area have increased by roughly 60 percent over the period of 2015 to 2019, rising steadily from 36 in 2015 to 60 in 2019, with the exception of a slight decrease in 2016. This is in line with national trends: an October 2020 report by Statistics Canada noted the

largest increase in police-reported impaired driving in over three decades, while drug impaired driving was up for the sixth year in a row.

Nationally, police reported 85,673 impaired driving incidents in 2019, an increase of more than 50 percent over 2018 when 14,841 incidents were reported. The majority of police-reported impaired driving incidents continued to involve alcohol, with eight percent involving drugs. There were 6,453

drug-related impaired driving offences in 2019 compared to 2,009 in 2018.

Increases in impaired driving offences, particularly drug-impaired driving offences, may be due in part to several contributing factors, these include greater legislative powers by police to conduct drug and alcohol screen tests and more police officers trained to detect impaired driving through standardized field sobriety tests. In addition to more drug recognition experts there are also more oral fluid screening devices to detect drug impairment.

Local data does not differentiate between impaired by drug or alcohol, said Marie Ford, community services officer with the Manitoulin OPP. "Impaired driving is impaired driving and the penalties do not differentiate between the two. We do have the tools to investigate impaired by drug drivers. Drug recognition officers are highly trained officers specific to the focus of investigating

an impaired by drug offence. They conduct tests which allow them to differentiate an alcohol impaired driver from a drug impaired driver."

The consequences of impaired driving are far reaching, Constable Ford continued. "There is the financial component of paying for the tow truck, the fines imposed by the court, higher insurance rates, reinstatement fees, ignition interlock, a criminal record. Potentially the most horrific consequence is the injury or death that may result from an impaired driving crash. Civil liability, not to mention the guilt one would endure if they injured someone because of the senseless and avoidable act of impaired driving."

Janet Thomson wants to see zero tolerance for alcohol in drivers. She's the founder of the advocacy group Enough Ontario. She's also an impaired driving survivor. She was hit 15 years ago in a head-on collision.

The driver was sentenced to 45 days in jail, served on weekends because he had to work to support his children.

"What about my two sons?" she asked. "I was a single mom and I was robbed of my motherhood. My youngest boy was 12 years old. He was really traumatized by it and asked me to promise to never drive again. I couldn't take care of my kids. I wasn't finished being a mom."

Your life changes in an instant, she added. "I was robbed of my career. I was in pain. I was miserable. I felt so broken, and it was such a long journey from victim to survivor to driver. I had to testify against the driver, give a victim impact statement. I have to get nerve blocks and steroid epidurals and take medication. I got the life sentence. There's no justice in that."

People aren't afraid to drive impaired, she said. "It's not from a lack of education or awareness: people know better but they don't

do better."

Another report by Statistics Canada released in January revealed that impaired driving/operating while impaired charges were actually down nationally by 11.1 percent for the period March 2020 to October 2020 over the same period in 2019, from 47,159 in 2019 to 41,926 in 2020. Impaired driving causing death or bodily harm incidents decreased from 435 in 2019 to 332 in 2020, a decrease in 23.7 percent. There was an initial increase in impaired driving incidences that peaked in July/August 2020 but decreased between August and October 2020.

Impaired driving is a crime, said Constable Ford. "The OPP strongly advise anyone who knows someone is driving while impaired or is about to drive while impaired to call 9-1-1 and report it. If someone is hesitant or concerned that their name is used as a complainant, they can by all means go through Crime Stoppers to report."



Law & Order

Three in custody in Espanola shooting

On Thursday January 21 at approximately 10:20 am, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a shooting incident on Albert Street in Espanola. A person suffered a gunshot wound and was transported to a nearby hospital with serious life threatening injuries.

Witnesses observed numerous people running away from the house afterwards. The three suspects believed to be involved in this incident then fled the area in a vehicle via Highway 17.

OPP immediately engaged the assistance of Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS) who deployed their tactical unit to assist. A short time later, the GSPS Tactical Unit arrested three individuals believed to be involved in the shooting while they were travelling in Lively. The investigation is ongoing with members of the OPP's Manitoulin Detachment Crime Unit under the direction of the OPP's Criminal Investigation Branch.

Jayline Bastein, 19, of Brampton was charged with: attempt to commit murder using a restricted firearm or prohibited firearm and break, enter a place with intent to commit indictable offence.

Jaisha Mesquito, 20, of Markham was charged with: attempt to commit murder using a restricted firearm or prohibited firearm and break, enter a place with intent to commit indictable offence.

Jaedyn Williams, 18, of no fixed address was charged with: attempt to commit murder using a restricted firearm or prohibited firearm and break, enter a place with intent to commit indictable offence.

All three accused persons appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice Bail Court in Espanola on January 22 and were remanded into custody.

Just one hour later, also in Espanola, the OPP were called to a school on Spruce Street in Espanola in relation to threats made by a student.

School protocol was followed and a lockdown ensued. Police located the student a short time later. After investigation it was determined the comments were made via social media and there was no threat to public safety.

This incident had no relation to the shooting. The OPP is asking for assistance in locating two persons of interest who left the residence after the shooting. The first person is described as a heavysset male, wearing light coloured cargo pants and a blue jacket with a hoodie. The second person is also described as male, wearing a brown jacket and a black toque.

Assisting with this investigation was an OPP critical incident commander, an OPP community street crime unit, an OPP canine unit and OPP forensic identification services. The OPP would like to thank GSPS and the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services for their assistance.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or your nearest police authority. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or visit www.p3tips.com where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

The OPP reminds the public to be aware of their personal safety at all times. The OPP's website, opp.ca, contains a number of useful resources, tips and links which are available to the public to assist with this purpose.

UCCM Police issue fines under stay-at-home order

On January 12, UCCM Anishnaabe Police located a male from the Vaughan area at a residence in M'Chigeeng First Nation. Subsequently, the individual was fined \$880 for breaching provincial stay-at-home orders. A male from M'Chigeeng was also charged and fined \$880 in relation to the same incident.

UCCM Police are reminding the public that under current emergency orders, individuals are to remain in their homes at all times and leave only for essential purposes. Police will be enforcing emergency orders as part of a campaign that includes suspected drug possession and trafficking and other criminal activity. Please call police if you suspect that someone is in contravention of emergency orders.

We must all do our part to keep our communities safe and healthy. Please stay home and stay safe.

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Current to Killarney!
The canoe race that had such potential to become a go-to destination race suffered a minor COVID blip in 2020, but organizers have shaken that off and have put out the word that they will host a 2021 addition to what is sure to be another great success.

For the uninitiated, the Current to Killarney race starts at the Spider Bay Marina in Little Current, then under the swing bridge and travels just 34 kilometres to Killarney. Along the way boats and their passengers must navigate to checkpoints at Strawberry Island Lighthouse, then cross the big waters to reach Heywood Island. From there it is a direct push towards Lansdowne Channel that leads to the quaint village of Killarney.

There are a myriad of divisions and boats that can be used to allow you join in the fun. From solo kayaks, tandem canoes all the way up to the massive 36-footer Montreal canoes! Luckily, if you have no experience in the sport these large canoes allow you join in with more experienced navigators and paddlers.

Finishing is the goal and what a reward they have planned for you in Killarney. The finishing times are greatly weather dependent, but some teams will be around 10 kilometres per hour and some slower. Fast or slow a great celebration party awaits you and your slightly tired muscles. There are a number of accommodation options from luxury to rustic. The next day there is even a shuttle for you and your boat back to Little Current. For more information, please check out their great website at: info@currenttokillarney.com

Kicking the crap out of COVID

Sheehan **Dan Fletcher** and the Manitoulin School of Martial Arts has been doing their best at keeping COVID in check while continuing to train. They have been working on forms and even bringing in guest instructors. Recent congratulations go out to **Dylan Kuntsi**, **Sara Turner** and **Anika Smith** who were promoted to orange belts while **Maureen Pearce** earned her promoted to yellow belt. On top of that **Jeff Graham** also received his second degree black belt or nidan! Keep up the great team!

Skating oval started in Central Manitoulin

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin started work on an outdoor skating oval path at the 'A' ball field at the municipal complex in Mindemoya. This great endeavor is a joint venture between municipal staff and public volunteers. Monday morning the roads department cleared out the area and are still working on how to get it started because the snow is all crystal. They plan to get a base down with volunteers and maintenance early this week and then have the fire department flood it. Hopefully they can get a good base while we still have cold temperatures! Community Development/Outreach Co-ordinator **Marcus Mohr** (also an active Lion and general community activity promoter) says that the start date is to be determined and is based on the weather.

Marcus also said that people will likely be asking for the reasoning behind having an oval vs a rink and it is that organized sports are not currently permitted, nor likely for the foreseeable future during COVID restrictions. A skating path also allows for directional skating so users can social distance properly.

If you would like to see a successful outdoor skating venue and are able to volunteer please email Marcus at centralecdev@amtelecom.net or call 705-377-5726. Further announcements to come as they work out the logistics.

Body Stories Dance updates

Director of Body Stories Dance **Candice Irwin** has a couple of updates that may affect her current and future students. Her session dates have shifted. As long as the lockdown is lifted on February 10, she will be starting her winter session on February 16. The session will run until March 30 (seven weeks). She has also added an adult contemporary class to the schedule, available from 8-8:50 pm on Tuesday nights. As with all classes, no dance experience is needed to sign-up. Her contact details are: odystoriesdance@gmail.com and 647-213-1497.

Rainbow Ridge winter activities

Rainbow Ridge in Manitowaning now has three outdoor spaces for all to enjoy, with no golf clubs needed! They are now offering snowshoe trails, crokicurl and a pond ice rink (outdoor rink). If you are interested, you must book a time on Facebook. Look for the 'Book Now' button on their page. You will also see the reminder to please abide by all protocols and read waiver before accepting your booking. For instance, no more than five skaters on the ice rink, on the trail, and no more than four at the crokicurl site. Helmets are mandatory on the ice rink and of course maintain social distancing of more than two meters in all activities. They are not giving you a mulligan on this!

A good sport is good for sports.
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Rainbow Ridge offering free outdoor family activities, including crokicurl

by **Alicia McCutcheon**
ASSIGINACK—Rainbow Ridge Golf Course (RRGC) in Assiginack has come up with some unique offerings on its world-class 18-hole golf course this winter while following the province's emergency order.

John Dube, manager of RRGC, said he came up with the idea of utilizing one of the golf course's ponds for winter recreation a couple of weeks ago and first put the idea out through the RRGC Facebook and Instagram pages to gauge public feedback. If there was any negativity he might have given it a second thought, but all Mr. Dube heard was positive comment after positive comment.

And so, thanks to the hard work of community volunteers, RRGC is now home to a crokicurl rink, full-size skating pond and one- and three-kilometre snowshoe trails. For the uninitiated, crokicurl is an adaptation of the popular crokinole board game to an icy surface where rocks (or frozen jugs) are hurled at (hopefully) the centre hole with the opponent hoping to knock them out of



The crokicurl rink at Rainbow Ridge.

points' way. Snowshoes are also available for rent at RRGC for \$10 a pair.

The RRGC offerings were made official last Thursday, by appointment only, and Mr. Dube said they have been proving popular from the start.

There is a limit to five people per visit to the skating pond and crokicurl rink, respectively (note that crokicurl is a four-player game), as per the province's emergency orders.

Mr. Dube said he felt it was important for RRGC to come up with some winter offerings in order to help people maintain physical activity and good mental

health, "especially for the youth." He said that in talking to the youth of Wiikwemkoong, activities were something that were expressed as sorely lacking and so Mr. Dube made sure to deliver.

All the attractions are free. "It's more for community well-being and a safe place to be," he added.

The attractions are open seven days a week from 8 am to 5 pm. The RRGC clubhouse is open from Wednesday to Friday from 4 to 7:30 pm where takeout food and refreshments are available. Mr. Dube said that, depending on the popularity of the outdoor activities, clubhouse hours may be changed or added.

To book any of the three attractions, simply log on to the RRGC Facebook page and click on the 'book now' button. Once your requested has been received, Mr. Dube will review it and approve it or offer a different time if need be. Please note that helmets must be worn on the ice as well as masks if physical distancing cannot be maintained. Waivers must also be signed when making a booking.

Skating oval underway at Mindemoya ballfield

MINDEMOYA—Central Manitoulin gave its blessing for staff to begin work on an outdoor skating oval at the 'A' ballfield behind the Mindemoya community centre this week.

The motion, "That council approves staff pursuing the creation of a 12-foot-wide outdoor skating path oval at 'A' ball field in Mindemoya and to maintain it with volunteers and internal support for the month of February 2021, as long as temperatures permit" garnered much discussion at the January 28 meeting.

Plans were shared with council by Marcus Mohr, the municipality's community development/outreach co-ordinator, which outlined the projected cost of \$400 each week and utilizing volunteer help with staff support. The fire department has agreed to lay the base down.

Councillor Dale Scott said he believes the skating oval will be well used.

Councillor Rose Diebolt said she was "adamant" that council proceed with the project. "This is a great venture for the community to get together to do something—it's called mental health."

CAO/Clerk Ruth Frawley gently pointed out that just the night before, during a committee meeting, this project had been voted down by council.

Councillor Diebolt replied that since reviewing Mr. Mohr's proposal she had since changed her mind.

Councillor Scott asked if the costs had to come out of the municipality's capital costs. Ms. Frawley said it didn't, as the oval would be an operational item. "No real capital is going into it."

Ms. Frawley also noted that the municipality is currently saving approximately \$600 a week due to the arena closures.

Councillor Steve Shaffer said he thought the municipality should proceed immediately. "I think this is something we should move forward with, and move forward with speed."

Councillor Angela Johnston said was "torn" with the decision. "I have concerns with who's going to do all the work and I question the location," she said. "It's worth a try, but I am concerned with the speed at which it's happened."

"I totally agree we need it, but I am concerned with who's going to do all the work," the councillor added.

"I've never been a proponent of using fire department equipment and who's going to monitor it for numbers?" asked Councillor Derek Stephens. "It (numbers of skaters) seems to be a problem in other places."

When the motion was called by Mayor Richard Stephens, Councillor Stephens opposed the motion "in principle." The motion was carried.

Following the meeting Mr. Mohr told The Expositor the project was to get underway this week. He noted that an oval was decided over a rink as directional skating will help with physical distancing and discourage sports like hockey from occurring, which should alleviate the need to monitor the oval.

Mr. Mohr is looking for community volunteers to help with light snow removal and to maintain the oval as well. Mr. Mohr can be reached by email at centralecdev@amtelecom.net or by calling the municipal office at 705-377-5726.

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in the fall of 2017 when a neighbour was planning to enter the Township of Assiginack's pumpkin catapult competition. The neighbour enlisted him for his engineering expertise to build an unbeatable machine.

"The 2017 competition turned out to be a real rich engineering challenge. It was the perfect balance between something I could do deep, intense optimization studies with, while being complicated enough to hold my interest," he said.

Mr. Eade's mechanical engineering work normally involves creating custom robotics for the mining, agricultural and municipal sectors. That's his day job with a Sudbury research and development firm.

His trebuchet operates using a double pendulum on the release arm. Pendulums are weights hung from an object that can swing back and forth (think of a grandfather clock); a double pendulum is one pendulum hanging from the end of another pendulum.

Double pendulums are an example of dynamical chaos, meaning it is impossible to predict the object's path when given a starting point, even though the pendulum's current state influences its immediate next position.

"The idea of doing something in the engineering sense with a chaotic system like this was a big enticement to keep at it," he said. "But wondering what Mach one would sound like was my real motivation."

Mr. Eade had previously built a few smaller models to work out some basic

engineering issues but only had one testing element in the final build, as a way of testing air resistance—it was faster to test than to calculate that value.

The entire build process took a couple of months, with development starting in November 2019 and the machine being ready in January 2020.

He completed a detailed series of plans for the machine as he went along and also built a computer simulation tool to model the dynamics of his creation, a task that taught him user interface design skills. A group of siege weapon enthusiasts from Texas has expressed interest in following his plans.

Using a high-speed camera to record his completed machine, he calculated the launch speed at 490 metres per second, or close to one-and-a-half times the speed of sound.

When fired, the siege engine emits a hearty crack as the projectile shatters the sound barrier. Mr. Eade described the noise as somewhere between a .22 rifle shot and the sound of a whip cracking.

That noise is entirely from the shock wave, evidenced by a video recording of a lower-powered shot that is barely audible.

The machine won't be launching pumpkins at the speed of sound any time soon. He built it from the ground up to only handle small, 3.5 gram projectiles and it is finely tuned for that purpose.

As for a specific distance range, Mr. Eade said he would not be able to calculate the backspin of the projectile without expensive computational

analysis, but figured it would launch about a kilometre in an open space.

That range means the only places he can safely launch his machine are patches of open water with a direct line of sight for several kilometres.

Catapults and trebuchets are not covered by Canadian weapons laws, Mr. Eade said, because those statutes cover weapons with barrels like guns and cannons.

"There's nothing else to cover launching things at high speeds, aside from the obvious public endangerment issues, which is why we're shooting into several kilometres of empty lakes. There's not much risk of any harm there," he said.

The grand total project cost for this machine was about \$200. High-powered machines that are large enough to launch pumpkins at similar speeds might cost upwards of \$50,000, he estimated, but those will only reach about two-thirds the speed of sound.

Just like many fellow engineers with active imaginations, Mr. Eade has already moved onto his next challenges, which he says will likely focus on hobby electronics projects.

"Although, if someone were to come to me with a wheelbarrow full of money and ask me to build (another catapult), I wouldn't say no," he said with a laugh.

Guinness World Records tracks a category for the farthest distance fired by a trebuchet in three projectile weight divisions. So far, there are no entries in any of the three groups.

A video of Mr. Eade describing his creation is linked at manitoulin.com.

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its walleye population, by proposing a community fish hatchery at the pavilion building at the government dock. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) had agreed that stocking the lake was an option and that it could potentially be done by the MNR out of Blue Jay Creek Fish Hatchery or by the community fish hatchery.

"Layouts, designs, equipment selections, best practices, training, volunteers and council approval were lined up, but unfortunately

the project stalled," wrote Mr. Mohr. "Plans for a learning centre were also proposed where students, residents and tourists could visit and view aspects of the community fish hatchery."

"There are two reasons why the project has stalled, the first is that MNR biologists stated that there was a unique strain of walleye in Lake Mindemoya," continued Mr. Mohr. "DNA samples were collected (in 2017) by Al Holroyd of Cedar Grove Cottage Resort. They were given to the MNR and then sent away for analysis but

according to the collectors of the DNA, a report was produced but was not released. The other reasons the project stalled is because the main organization that provided supports, expertise and volunteers, the UFGCM, is no longer operating."

Mr. Mohr asked council for a motion to revisit the Lake Mindemoya fish stocking project and to have permission to "pursue, collect and present all the missing data and information necessary to get

this project started again or come to a suitable conclusion on behalf of the municipality."

Mr. Mohr said he is hoping to start a dialogue with the ministry and learn more about the unique strain of walleye noted in 2017.

"We can all agree sport fishing is way up there as a major economic driver," Mr. Mohr told The Expositor following last Thursday's council meeting. "It attracts a lot of spinoff dollars."

...Enbridge tunnel permits

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years and maintains that its operation remains safe.

"The permits issued today do not resolve Governor Whitmer's effort to shut down Line 5's current operations," noted the release. "Enbridge is challenging those efforts in federal court. Such a shutdown before the completion of the Great Lakes tunnel project would lead to major energy shortages in the region and severe economic consequences for Michigan, neighboring states and Canada."

Concern over energy supplies, particularly propane (of which the bulk of Ontario's stores travel through the Line 5 pipeline) and a concurrent loss of jobs has Ontario's political leaders voicing strong concerns.

Sarnia Mayor Michael Bradley has said that he is concerned his Ontario city could experience a replay of its worst days in the 1990s, when thousands of locals lost their jobs when another pipeline was shut down.

Enbridge points out that EGLE permits are "an important milestone for the tunnel project and are part of the process to authorize its construction. Permits from the Michigan Public Service Commission and the US Army Corps of Engineers are still required."

The release goes on to explain the permits issued on January 29 are related to various parts of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act and one section of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and include permits for wetlands protection, Great Lakes bottomlands protection and industrial wastewater discharge compliance.

The proposed Great Lakes tunnel would encase a replacement section of Line 5 well below the lakebed, and according to Enbridge, thus eliminating the risk of any anchor strikes while "virtually eliminating the potential of any release from Line 5 into the Straits."

Enbridge goes on to note that "survey research has shown that a majority of Michigan residents favor construction of the Great Lakes Tunnel, which is why Enbridge is investing approximately \$500 million to construct the tunnel."

Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Zoe Redmond
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association

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ANDREW HUGHSON

Andrew Hughson is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. He is a Grade 11 student, who certainly keeps himself busy. When he isn't busy with practices, work and school, he can be found hunting, fishing and snow machining.

During his years at Assiginack Public School, he participated in many sports. Andrew took part in sports such as football, volleyball and baseball. Andrew began his skating experience at the age of three. He started out playing with Espanola from age 3-6, he then played with Val Caron from age 6-13, from age 14-15 with Manitowaning Wolves, he then played with MSS high school boys' team from age 15-16, and he currently plays with the Little Current Flyers. He also takes part in organized sports outside of school such as, 3on3, hockey and baseball.

Throughout Andrew's sports experience he has achieved a lot, and is especially well rounded when it comes to both sports and life skills. Throughout Andrew's hockey experience he and his team have won various tournaments and divisions. Specifically an accomplishment for Andrew is most shutouts in one season with 18. Throughout his sports experience he has won five gold medals, lots of shutout awards and MVP. Andrew's main motivation and source of encouragement comes from Carey Price. For Andrew, Carey Price is the best goalie of all time, because he has unique techniques that Andrew hopes to master. Carey Price is on Andrew's favourite team so he often finds him studying his skills.

He continued to play sports in high school, and in Grade 10 he played hockey. Andrew played goalie for the boys' Mustangs High School hockey team. For Andrew, Grade 10 was an exceptional start to many more wins to come. Andrew has not yet made it to NSSSA, NOSSA or OFSAA but certainly hopes to one day. Andrew is certainly excited for the hockey season to start, and is very much hoping that COVID-19 does not intervene.

Throughout Andrew's sports season, he is encouraging towards his teammates and constantly provides humour. His positive attitude never fails to keep him and his team motivated. Andrew loves to play hockey, because it's his favourite sport, and he has been playing since he was three so he has quite the connection with it. He loves the excitement and team moral involved in hockey. Andrew certainly shows that he loves the game, as he is always eager to play new teams and to travel to tournaments. He likes playing sports because they make him move around. He also finds that they are a great source of exercise.

In school Andrew's favourite subject is gym. He likes gym because he can do mostly everything and have fun at the same time. In gym Andrew is able to have fun with friends without the pressure of an actual game situation. In gym class Andrew enjoys that he is able to learn new skills to help benefit his old skills. When Andrew finishes high school, he hopes to be working in some line of construction.

Andrew is one of many exceptional Mustangs, and with his love for the outdoors, his comedy, and his outgoing personality, he is sure to represent MSS well. Have an exceptional year, and keep up the amazing work Andrew!!!

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Randy Noble

...Planning Board discusses Assiginack subdivision

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"I'm wondering if we should have a motion to adjourn this until the municipality of Assiginack has had the chance to review this, because conditions and everything else can change," said MPB member Ken Noland at the meeting, following a presentation from the board's secretary-treasurer Theresa Carlisle.

Ms. Carlisle said the draft conditions are intended to be changed if required, but acknowledged that giving the board, the applicants and the township more time to review the documents and public concerns would help finalize the wording of the draft conditions.

Richard Stephens seconded Mr. Noland's motion and the board agreed to defer the application until the next meeting to allow time to resolve some of the concerns.

The application in question is for a waterfront subdivision of 49 seasonal residential lots that stretch from Sunsite Estates up to just before the border with the Northeast Town and its Bay Estates subdivision.

The applicant and owner, Leah Pezzutto, owns lots 25 and 26 in the seventh and eighth concessions, as well as lots 22 through 25 in the seventh and eighth concessions. The application report, presented by Ms. Carlisle, states that the

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

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

Although Sunsite Estates has a water treatment plant, Assiginack has not expressed desire to extend the service area of that plant to the new subdivision. Each lot will rely on private septic systems and either well or Manitowaning Bay water.

A hydrogeological assessment from Exp Services Inc. dated October 5, 2020 stated that the septic beds should be as far from the water as possible, lot owners should consider installing phosphorus and nitrate removal systems in their septic systems and they should install disinfection, filtration and water treatment systems to ensure Manitowaning Bay water is safe and free of metals or other contaminants.

Island real estate agent Jordan Chandler is the developer of the site. He arranged for a stage one and two archaeological assessment of the property and a preliminary stage one report from P Julig Surveys acknowledged that the area "has sandy beaches containing high archaeological potential in undisturbed

area."

However, testing in those high-potential areas revealed no artifacts or sites. The second stage work was to continue into this past fall.

In October, MPB sent copies of the subdivision application to United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnisig (UCCMM) and Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories. Wiikwemkoong did not reply and a UCCMM representative raised a question about the recommendation in the hydrogeological assessment report.

That report suggested the use of a Waterloo Biofilter system, and UCCMM wondered how that could become a requirement. Ms. Carlisle responded that the system would not likely be a condition for approval because it may be years before owners install septic systems and technologies or companies may change before that time.

When the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) performed an initial screening of the application, it did not immediately identify any natural heritage features. Board member Ian Anderson and members of the public disputed this statement, stating that endangered Blanding's turtles are known to live in the area. Mr. Anderson asked if any mitigation efforts such as road underpasses and pro-

tected wetlands and nesting sites should be discussed at this stage or later in the process.

Ms. Carlisle said a future condition could require the owner to complete a study and get a green light from both the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and MNRF that species at risk would be protected during the development.

Meeting guest Anne Blondin said she took issue with MNRF's initial assertion that there were no species at risk present, because she said she knew of confirmed sightings of species at risk. She urged the board to make sure that does not get overlooked in the planning process.

The environmental impact statement is still underway and is expected to address the concerns about species at risk in the area.

Assiginack still has to agree to the closure of the 25th Concession road allowance and to provide comments about the road, the water treatment plant and the subdivision agreement.

MPB received a total of 13 emails and one letter about the proposal; those will be included within the meeting minutes.

The board regularly meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

...Northeast Town to enact coyote compensation program

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Mr. Williamson explained that the wolf bounty was in place from 2005-2006 when, a short time later, the province's wildlife compensation program came into effect.

Councillor Cook said she did a lot of research on coyote trapping and questioned its effectiveness as a result, stating that science shows that coyotes and wolves are not deterred by such programs.

Councillor Cook wondered how many other species would be killed because of the program and what effect it would

have on the ecosystem. She also wondered if there was an appetite for this in the community and suggested tabling the motion until public input is sought.

Councillor Wood said he's been hearing a lot of complaints about the deer herds being affected, adding that once the deer are effected, predators will set their sights on livestock.

"I'm an avid deer hunter and almost exclusively hunt Ward 1," said Councillor Jim Ferguson. "In the past three years, the population has either been decimated or driven out by the Algonquin hybrid. I will back this 1,000 percent all

day, every day. Where do I sign?"

As Ward 1 councillor, Councillor Cook said she disagreed with Councillor Ferguson and noted that on the Bay of Islands side, deer herds are exploding in population.

Councillor Dawn Orr said she heard a recent horror story from a farmer as well as anecdotal evidence from the hunters who hunt her farm each year and agrees with the program.

Councillor Erskine said he would rescind his comment on allocating the program funds to just Wards 3 and 4.

Councillor Cook made a motion to defer the motion

to the following meeting of council, seconded by Councillor Erskine. The vote was tied and defeated by the mayor.

A second motion was then made to enact the program on a one-year trial basis. In another recorded vote Councillors Al Boyd and Laurie Cook voted in favour of the trial while Councillors Erskine, Ferguson, Koehler, Orr, Wood and Mayor MacNevin voted against the motion. The motion was defeated.

A third motion was then brought forward to enact the bylaw. In a recorded vote, all but Councillor Cook voted in favour and the motion passed.

...Central Manitoulin budgets 1.5 percent mil rate increase

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offered that she enjoyed the budget process and was pleased with the headway council is making on projects that had previously been shelved.

For her part, Councillor Diebolt gave the budget an "A+."

Councillor Steve Shaffer echoed Councillor Johnston's comments stating, "everyone worked on it wholeheartedly."

Councillor Stephens said he thought that ratepayers would see the increase to the mill rate and think 'my taxes are going up again.' Councillor Stephens asserted that the real blame lays with the "incredibly high assessments Manitoulin Islanders are currently facing." Councillor Al Tribinevicius agreed.

The amount that needs to be drawn from reserves as a loan to the municipality and the amount to be sought out as an outside bank loan is currently under review. Municipal staff indicate that every effort is being made to maximize the funds being drawn from reserve differs so that the town will be paying itself back at 3.1 percent (approximately, actual rate is to be determined).

The culprits in the current \$820,000 shortfall in the town's bottom line are legion. Among the draws will be the cost of replacing the Union Road bridge, tallied at \$1.4 million. Most of the cost of that outlay is borne by provincial grant money, leveraged by the municipal contribution of \$100,000. Major roadwork to the tune of approximately \$500,000 and a capital buildings budget of \$760,000 help pump up the volume. As staff pointed out, Central Manitoulin has a large number of buildings in its portfolio and,

although the amount of work each requires, the culmination is substantial. Overall, the municipality is shouldering a \$4 million capital budget.

A sum of \$150,000 is included in the budget allocated for the demolition of the Old School building, while the recreation infrastructure committee was allocated a reserve of \$200,000. That reserve was cited during a previous council meeting as saving for a potential future recreation complex. The municipality did not receive hoped-for funding for a multi-use complex to replace the Mindemoya arena last year.

Mayor Richard Stephens thanked both staff and members of council for all their efforts on the budget. Councillor Stephens reciprocated with high praise for the mayor and his work on the budgeting process over his terms on council.

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...MSS class addressing social injustice

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"I was absolutely amazed. It took them a little bit of time to get their brains wrapped around not being able to do the in-person things they originally wanted," said Ms. Ferguson, "but they seemed to take the restrictions with relative ease and were quite creative in how they were going to work around them."

Each of the 29 students in this year's cohort approached the assignment in a unique way. The activities ranged from a bake sale (in support of the Manitoulin Family Resources food bank) to informative class presentations, mental health awareness campaigns, clothing and toy drives, selling embroidered clothes to support missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) and advocacy for victims of sexual assault and intimate partner violence.

They began their projects in late October and they concluded at the end of the semester last month.

Grade 11 student Lisa Ermilova launched 'Manitoulin for Mental Health,' an online campaign to foster discussions about mental illness and advocate for related supports. She said this has long been a passion topic of hers and said grassroots campaigns can have much different impacts.

"It brings comfort to them, knowing that there's someone they just see as a normal person who can be struggling or speaking up about these issues as well," said Lisa.

She intended to use a social media campaign from the start to draw a wider audience, so the pandemic did not have massive impacts on her execution.



Ms. Ferguson's class was nearly evenly split between in-class and at-home learners. All of them posed for a photo on the last day of the course.

More than 100 people each started following her Instagram and Facebook pages.

Beyond the class, she said she wanted to keep the campaign going, adding guest speakers and expanding her campaign to include mental health in public schools.

Zoe Redmond, also a Grade 11 student in the Grade 12 class, took a mental health angle for her project but focused it on connecting across generations around Christmas.

She contacted Central Manitoulin Public School and students created 121 pieces of art from cards to paintings, all with a Christmas theme.

About half of the art went to Community Living Manitoulin, with the other half going to Manitoulin Health Centre's Mindedmoya site. She took inspiration from her grandmother, who spent a few months in hospital near the start of the pandemic and was not able to have visitors. They both share a passion for art, so they started exchanging artwork to stay connected.

"It really brought up her spirits and reminded her of home. She suffers from severe depression so it's hard for her to connect with things. It was one of the only possessions she was able to keep at the hospital," she said.

Community Living shared photos of its resi-

dents with their art online, and family members living far away said they were delighted to see their loved ones' faces again. Nurses at the hospital spent an evening together to hang up the art throughout the halls.

"I hope to do this again next year and a lot of people have asked me to do it again as well. I wanted to show public school students that something they could do every day, such as a drawing or just writing, how far it could go and how impactful something small could be on a larger scale."

Ms. Ferguson said this spoke to one of her key takeaways for this class, that one does not have to be a global icon like Mother Theresa or Mahatma Gandhi to make an impact.

"I want them to take away the idea that they can do something small that has a really deep impact. They don't have to change the whole world, they can just make one little part of it a bit better," she said.

Ethan Theijsmeijer, attending the class virtually, addressed the problem of men's mental illness and the strong stigmas that tend to make men feel less comfortable speaking about their struggles.

"A lot of the time, they can be seen as weaker or 'lesser than,' and are taught to repress their emotions. The goal of my

account was to collect testimonials and stories from men, anonymously, and post those online to show other men that others go through those struggles like them and it's easily treatable," he said.

Ethan's Instagram page drew a lot of positive messages from people who said it was very beneficial, especially for people his own age in Grade 11, to hear from their peers about finding strength.

The students were all quick to give kudos to Ms. Ferguson for her work in keeping the class organized, despite having half of her students attend virtually.

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...OPP lay sexual assault charges against Wiiky chief of police

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As was reported Wednesday on Manitoulin.com, in 2020, the OPP received an allegation from an individual who said they had been the victim of sexual assault in 2019. As a result of the investigation, members of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch charged Mr. McCaffrey, aged 44 of Manitowaning, with sexual assault, contrary to section 271 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Mr. McCaffrey joined WTPS as chief of police in July 2018 and was officially sworn in two months later, continuing a lengthy career in law enforcement. He is originally from Pimichikamak (Cross Lake) in northern Manitoba and has worked with several Indigenous police services across Canada.

Prior to coming to Manitoulin Island, he served as a detachment commander with Treaty Three Police Service in Northwestern Ontario.

In a notice from WTPS board president Sue-Ann Oshkabewisens, she noted the WTPS board, "has issued a notice of suspension with pay to Chief of Police Terry McCaffrey, effective January 27, 2021. The suspension stems from Police Chief McCaffrey being charged with one count of sexual assault contract to s. 271 of the Criminal Code of Canada. The suspension will remain in effect until final disposition of the criminal charge against him."

Ms. Oshkabewisens also explained that Staff Sergeant Greg Mishibinijima has been appointed as acting chief of police. "The board will continue to meet to make a decision regarding the appointment of an interim chief of police," the president added.

"As always, the board remains committed to ensuring that the service provides safe and effective policing to the people of

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory," Ms. Oshkabewisens continued. "Due to the fact that this matter is now before the courts, the board will not be making any further comment at this time."

Peter Thorning of the Toronto law firm Brauti Thorning LLP is Mr. McCaffrey's counsel, and issued the following statement on behalf of his client: "Mr. McCaffrey is presumed innocent and will be pleading not guilty to these allegations. We will be vigorously defending this matter and look forward to the truth coming out in a court of law."

"I received the press statement today from the OPP regarding charges against Police Chief Terry McCaffrey," Wiikwemkoong Ojima Duke Peltier told The Expositor following news of the charge last week. "Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory respects the process set out by the OPP and the justice system in bringing this matter to the courts. We support the Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Services Board and the Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service as they continue to provide policing service to our community. We believe that justice will prevail."

Police remind everyone that victims of sexual assault are not alone. If you need support or know of someone who does, there are local resources available to help, such as Manitoulin Family Resources' 24-hour emergency shelter and counselling service at 705-377-5160 or the Island's Sexual and Domestic Violence Services clinic at 705-368-1369. If it's an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

If anyone has information regarding this investigation, they are urged to call the OPP non-emergency number at 1-888-310-1122 or, if they wish to remain anonymous, contact CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

...reThink Green reveals two-year regional energy, emissions survey results for Island

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Green Communities. “It is not black or white and it certainly is interconnected with various factors. The impact of emissions from any given source will have an effect on the environment all around us. Some of the effects are included in the REEP which discusses ‘business as usual’ scenarios.”

In this case, business as usual is a projection of future climate scenarios associated with growth as if no action was taken or policies implemented to address emissions, said Ms. Jiang. “Manitoulin Island and the North Shore regions have already seen flooding events, forest fires, ice storms that have shut down roads and interrupted critical services and affected the health and safety of the residents. Brownouts resulting in the disruption of energy distribution transmission and supply systems are becoming increasingly common and energy blackouts remain a very distinct possi-



reThink Green program director Simon Blakeley, left, meets with Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson.

bility.”

The REEP projects that these weather events, caused by high or low precipitation periods, variable temperature changes within seasons and unpredictable weather patterns, will occur more frequently but with larger, more devastating consequences if a business as usual approach continues, she said.

“We can all work together on addressing the effects of climate change by adapting and mitigating the risks,” she said. Smart Green Communities wants to continue to work with participating communities to help them achieve their emissions goals and to create a more sustainable environment.

“The real elephant in the room is climate change itself and the many obstructions and uncertainties which climate change-related events can bring to our daily lives,” Mr. Blakeley said. “It seems we have a choice: the question is will we see this moment and see it as a turning point or will we continue until it reaches a tipping point?”

“Some of you may be wondering what happens next,” he added. “Since early last year the COVID pandemic has taken precedence in all of our lives and we still have a long way to go before any sense of normality resumes. As different movements around the world have shown, a large body of people, if not the majority, have indicated they are not interested in going back to a business as usual approach; not least of which is actions that are known to adversely impact the very people, community and environments we all depend on. Building from what is now a deep-rooted movement, policy makers, influencers, industrialists and others of all political persuasions are now speaking out about the impending climate crisis. With fears of global economic recession a very distinct possibility, gov-

ernments, businesses, not-for-profits, communities, individuals and households around the world are asking themselves, how can we build back better? Ultimately it seems we need to invest in a green economy based on a sustainable resilient and compatible with nature.”

On a global scale, the main marker of progress to date remains the Paris Agreement of 2015 in which the long term goal is to keep the average temperature increase to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and preferably to keep that increase below 1.5°C, Mr. Blakeley noted. “These recommendations were informed by an International Panel on Climate Change report published in 2018 which said global emissions and atmospheric carbon must peak by 2020. A further meeting of global nations is supposed to take place in Glasgow in the UK in November 2021 at COP26. With a recent commitment by Joe Biden and the US administration to re-enter the Paris Agreement it is hoped that other countries around the world may follow suit and that stronger targets and actions can be established.”

The federal government published its updated climate plan in December 2020 entitled, ‘Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy: Canada’s strengthened climate plan to create jobs and support people, communities and the planet.’ “The climate plan is an ambitious target setting document which aligns with international commitments made within the Pan-Canadian Framework for Climate Change.” The climate plan identifies where and how funding streams, financial incentives and other rebates could be used by the government. In their initial meeting, Prime Minister Trudeau and President Biden affirmed that climate change is a shared priority.

Mr. Blakeley also spoke about how several major provincial projects currently under discussion could result in long term benefits for Northern Ontario if approached in a coordinated, sustainable



Smart Green Communities program officer Angela Jiang ran a community consultation session locally in February 2020.

and inclusive manner, which would also assist Ontario’s efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Specific projects include the proposed reinstatement of a passenger railway network to provide a more efficient and modern transportation alternative for individuals in Northern Ontario as well as advancement of the long debated Ring of Fire and other mining, resource and forestry-led projects could herald a new era for Northern Ontario businesses, designers and manufacturers. The development of new technologies and products will help reduce our

dependency on fossil fuels and create more sustainable practices. In all cases, stakeholder engagement or public consultation will be needed.

On a local level, Mr. Blakeley praised the efforts of Craig and Kelly Timmermans, owners of CFRM Glow 100 and Country 103 and widely acclaimed for having developed Canada’s first green radio station. “This can operate entirely off the grid,” he said. “Located in Little Current, the two storey, 2,400 square foot studio office at 1 Radio Road is also the home of the Manitoulin Country Fest grounds which is equipped with 24 solar panels and four wind turbines.”

He also highlighted United Manitoulin Islands Transit (UMIT) and the greenhouse projects at Wikwemikong High School, “which was built and managed by students for hands-on learning of agricultural techniques and broader business practices. The greenhouse will also help the community become more food self-sufficient.”

Mr. Blakeley encouraged best practices that households and individuals can adopt to reduce their impact, including behavioural changes such as reducing electricity consumption during peak time demands, choosing locally sourced and manufactured products and also using technology to help avoid any unnecessary in person meetings. Another step would be to introduce energy efficient measures such as installing programmable thermostats, periodically replacing air filters in air conditioners and heaters, replacing incandescent lights with LEDs, properly sealing and insulating your homes and washing laundry in cold water where possible. You can also invest in electric vehicles, he suggested.

According to Mr. Blakeley, the necessary first steps for communities are climate change emergencies, producing inventories and calculating the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and relying upon this data to produce GHG emissions reduction targets, climate action plans and other

guidance documents. “Some of the more advanced communities produce strategic operational plans to ensure all plans and policies are developed using a climate lens and they’re adopting systems and technology to reduce GHG emissions while introducing innovative approaches to land use management and building design standards. They’re also investing in renewable energy projects,” he said.

The REEP suggests much of this action is already underway but there is still plenty of work to do to develop solutions that build a more sustainable environment and economy.

Ultimately we will have to decide who we are as Canadians, Mr. Blakeley said. “Putting the politics aside, the REEPs do identify a more resilient and energy efficient grid will be necessary for us to withstand the predicted effects of climate change. There is no one-size-fits-all solution. All Canadians are unique in assets, issues challenges and opportunities. Sustainable development requires more of a smorgasbord approach. We can do this. Now is the time for us all to play our part as we strive towards a more sustainable future.”

Looking at climate locally, Mr. Blakeley reminds us we need to consider climate globally and says we all have a role to play. “Weather affects everything and we have a role to play in how it affects us.”

Following a presentation by Pratap Revuru, director of microgrid solutions and strategic partnerships with the global corporation, Schneider Electric, who spoke about Schneider’s approach to simple and accessible energy products and automated solutions for sustainability at a community level, Mr. Blakeley concluded by sharing reThink Green and Smart Green Communities’ hope that the REEPs spark interest and inspire communities to work together to take collective action on climate change. To read the full report, visit reThink Green’s Smart Green Communities website.

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NORTHERN ONTARIO—A recent spell of consistently cold weather has been doing a good job of thickening the ice cover on many waterways across Northern Ontario, a promising sign as the opening date for this year's Northern Ontario Ice Extravaganza draws nearer.

"We've had a lot of interest in this year's virtual derby so far and I'm sure a lot of anglers are pretty stoked about the weather forecast these days," said derby co-organizer Dave Patterson. "Tonight (January 27) it's going to be -28°C!"

The COVID-19 pandemic led Wikwemikong Tourism and The Manitoulin Expositor to cancel this year's Manitoulin Ice Showdown, a popular annual event that brings scores of ice-fishers to Manitoulin and last year featured the celebrity fire-power of Bob Izumi as a special guest.



There's plenty of fish to catch this year on several new lakes.

For 2021, in keeping with public health guidance, the team shifted this year's event to a virtual format, allowing anglers to wet a line on their favourite waterway close to home. This has reduced the need for travel and will prevent large gatherings like the usual format of the event.

"We're still full-speed ahead this year and it's shaping up to be a good event," said Mr. Patterson.

He urged all anglers to check ice thickness before heading onto the hard

water, and to be familiar with the area they're going. Ice thickness can vary widely across a body of water, so it's important to know how much structure you have under your feet at all times. Remember, you need a minimum of four inches of ice for ice fishing and five inches for a snow-machine.

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...Mindemoya Hospital's emergency room rebuild

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He explained to the board that the stages in the application are designed to gradually hone the project down to its finer details. MHC's plans from the architects working on this file were more detailed than necessary for the stage three requirements, so the ministry has agreed to let the hospital jump straight to the fourth stage.

Hospital executives argued that they would not be able to get much more precise funding figures until it receives tenders from potential contractors, another factor that supported skipping the third application stage.

Mr. Vine said this means the hospital is close to its initial timeline targets.

MHC president and CEO Lynn Foster later explained to The Expositor that keeping on the original timelines was particularly important as MHC joins other

Northeastern Ontario health providers in moving to the One Initiative. This is an electronic health information system that will ensure patient records are synchronized and held in one location for all health system users across Northeastern

Ontario.

The conversion will involve installing Meditech Expanse in 24 acute care hospitals. This is the software that will operate the health information system, which is expected to go live after October 2022. Health Sciences North will host the system.

Switching to a new model will require adopting current working practices and procedures to align with the electronic system's best practices. Ms. Foster explained that MHC was hoping to have its new Mindemoya ED in operation before the change-over so physicians have time to adjust to the new space and develop workflows before they adapt to the new system.

MHC is also undergoing accreditation next year, adding an additional element of urgency to the timeline. Construction is planned to begin in April and MHC executives hope the bulk of the work will be done by December of this year.

Board member Dennis McGregor shared concerns about the cost of construction materials because the COVID-19 pandemic has driven up supply costs for many contrac-

tors.

Mr. Vine said he was hopeful that contractors would offset increases in materials costs with slimmer profit margins, but said the tendering process would ultimately reveal that outcome.

MHC is still in its quiet fundraising period but will begin its public appeal for fundraising later in the year.

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Moving right in!

Over the break, Dave and Steph Hillyard and their two children made some birdfeeders out of recycling. "We went outside today to check on the feeders and see if we could find any birds and we found this guy instead!" Ms. Hillyard told The Expositor. "He sure made himself right at home inside the feeder!"

photo by Stephanie Burt-Hillyard

...Manor board express gratitude to Wendy Gauthier

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project, Ms. Gauthier explained that \$17,000 came with no attachments and could be used for other projects. The Christmas campaigns have raised an outstanding \$162,000 over the past six years.

Business sponsorships have declined slightly this year, "for understandable reasons," noted Ms. Gauthier.

Ms. Gauthier thanked the board for allowing the receptionist Peggy Smith an extra day "to process the hundreds of donations. Thanks to that time, Peggy was able to keep up." Ms. Gauthier requested that the same provision be allowed for this year's campaign.

"I am truly amazed at the generosity of the Manitoulin community," said Ms. Gauthier. "Especially coming as it does in these rough times."

As for the courtyard project, she remind-

ed the board that an as yet anonymous donor family had stepped up to cover the outstanding amount for that project, but there were some technical questions as to how that donation should proceed administratively and what level of interaction in the implementation of the project was appropriate for the family.

Mr. Clement suggested that, not to take away from the incredible generosity of the donor family, it was not wise to have a direct arrangement between the contractors and the donors, but that he would investigate the best practices for moving the donation forward and report back to the board.

As the fundraising report ended, board chair MacDonald thanked Ms. Gauthier for her efforts and suggested that the board seek a way to keep her engaged in that portfolio.

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Mena Guirguis and Nardin Ghbrial are an enterprising young couple

EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and business owners who bring with them fresh ideas, experiences and perspectives that are enriching the area. Some individuals and families are still unpacking boxes, having only moved in the past month or two, while others made the over the last few years and are now comfortably established in their new communities. Here are some of their stories.

By Heather Marshall
Finding the right words that capture the spirit of Mena Guirguis and Nardin Ghbrial is challenging, but "industrious" and "enterprising" come close. Within two years of graduating as newly minted pharmacists, they became co-owners of

three Guardian pharmacies in Mindemoya, Manitowaning and Little Current when the previous owners, the Bondi family, sold their long-time Manitoulin business. Although just barely in their late 20s, the dynamic duo is proving to be the quintessential immigrant success story, demonstrating that a commitment to higher education, coupled with a willingness to work extremely hard, make the Canadian dream not only possible but inevitable.

Canadian-born Mena, a first-generation Egyptian Canadian, was raised in Brampton in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). He had numerous career options after high school, including a scholarship to pursue engineering and the chemical sciences at the University of Ottawa. However, a scholarship to study in England, where he could earn combined B.Sc. in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Master of Sciences in Pharmacy degrees, won out and Mena set out on a globetrotting adventure that eventually brought him to the Island.

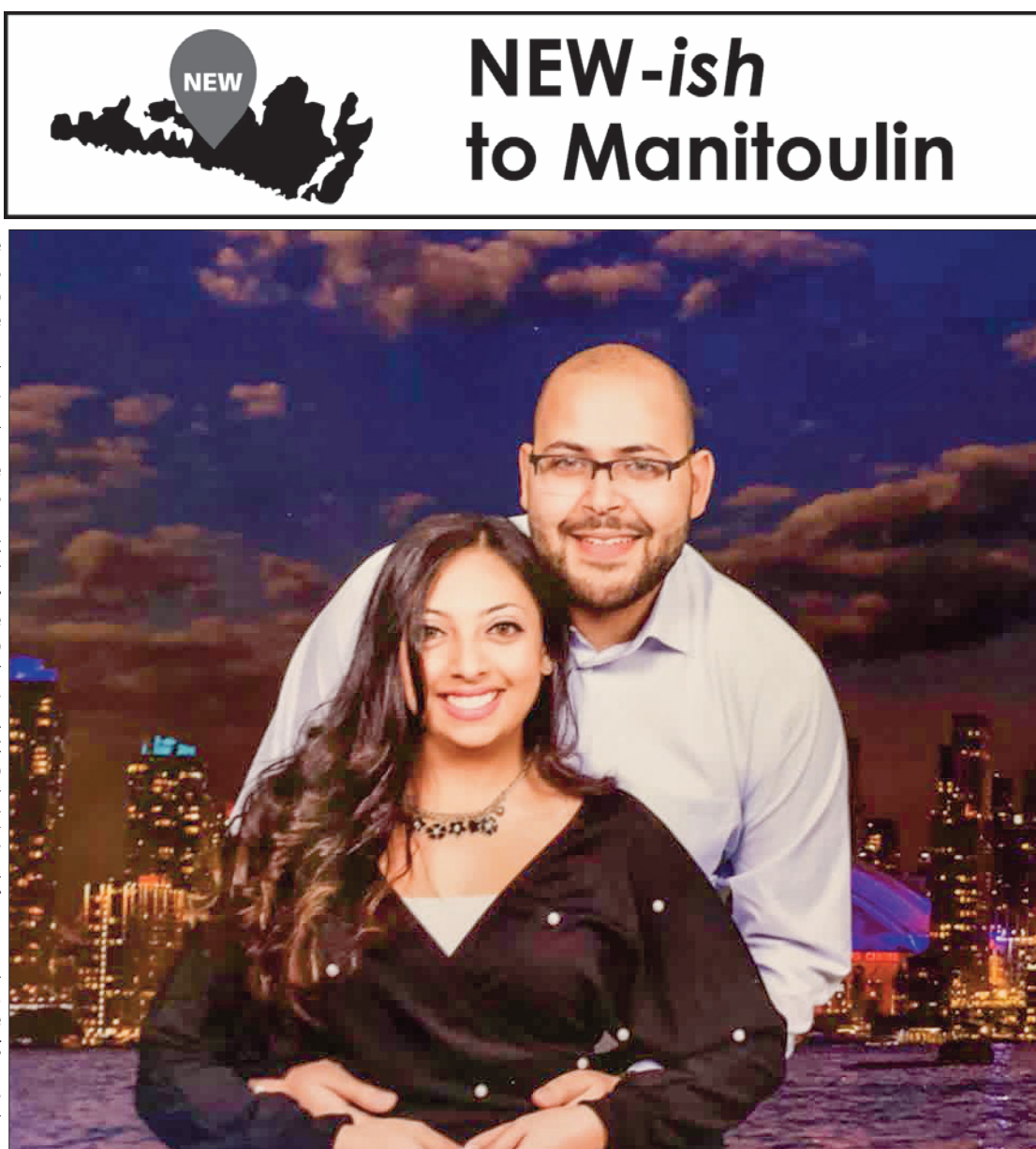
His Egyptian-born wife, Nardin, would follow in his academic footsteps, although neither knew each other prior to arriving at the same university to do the same program in England. A year younger, Nardin won the same scholarship to become a pharmacist after an extremely tough first year in Canada finishing her final year of high school. Her path to Manitoulin saw her move from Egypt to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) where she was raised by her physician mother and pharmacist father, before the family uprooted to Canada to provide teenagers Nardin and

her brother greater schooling and career possibilities.

Both Mena and Nardin are extremely grateful for the sacrifices their parents made as newcomers to Canada to make these achievements possible. "They gave up lucrative and rewarding careers in the UAE to give us a better life," says Nardin. "It was incredibly difficult for our family as we learned to adjust to a new country, culture and school system, but they did it to make sure my brother and I would have better education and career opportunities here."

Modest and down to earth, the couple takes nothing for granted. Mena attributes their early success to "a 50-50 mix of luck and hard work." They studied and worked very long hours, taking on part-time jobs while still in school and working simultaneously in multiple pharmacies once they passed their board exams and were licenced to join the workforce, putting in 12- to 16-hour days on a regular basis.

Ending up on Manitoulin was not by chance. Mena



Pharmacists Mena Guirguis and Nardin Ghbrial are so happy to call Manitowaning home.

NEW-ish to Manitoulin

had studied the job market extensively and concluded that the GTA was saturated, so he developed 30 different business plans to open pharmacies in underserved markets in Northern Ontario, where the need for pharmacists is great. While Nardin was completing her

last year at university, he worked in pharmacies in Elliott Lake, Chelmsford and Sudbury for several months each before the chance to make the Island the couple's new home came up. Two pharmacist business partners in Toronto with whom he had

worked the year before called and outlined the tremendous opportunity that had just surfaced on Manitoulin and gave him the day to decide whether to leap at it.

Leap he did! Within two weeks, Mena was commuting from Azilda, where he was then living, to Mindemoya until he could find a place to stay. Sam Bondi offered him an apartment to rent in town, which he shared with a rotating roster of young pharmacist friends who came up from the GTA to help him get the businesses up and running.

The Christian couple would not live together before their marriage, which took place in August 2018, but within months they purchased and moved into their first waterfront home in Manitowaning, where Nardin now runs the local pharmacy.

"I was still learning to cook and take care of a house at the same time I was learning to run our business," chuckles Nardin. "I'll admit, I didn't know what we were getting into and what our lifestyle would be like. I had never

even heard of Manitoulin before and I really didn't want to leave my family in the city as we are so close. However, I have absolutely no regrets now that we've settled in and started to be accepted by local people, who had to get used to us after so many years being served by the Bondi family. More and more, it feels like home and I find it harder and harder to go back to the city."

Life continues to be extremely busy, as the couple and two other pharmacists/co-owners—Chris Gauthier and Rudy Malak—cover off all the shifts involved with operating three stores in three far-flung communities. "I've discovered that being an entrepreneur means you don't get much time for yourself," observes Mena. "Writing business plans is certainly a lot different from the 24/7 reality!"

Getting time off together is rare for the pair, who savour those special times by taking hikes in Wiikwemkoong or on the Cup and Saucer trail as well exploring local villages such as Providence Bay, a favourite destination. Just sitting at home watching the water or reading books under cozy blankets is a frequent wintertime treat.

Even then, downtime is hard to come by, especially for Mena who is currently studying part-time to earn a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Toronto. "I just want to be a better pharmacist so I can better serve our patients," he explains. "It's our love of people and our desire to help them receive good health care that brought us here in the first place."

Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and communications consultants in the

National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield summer cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to hmarshall@videotron.ca.

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Recipes from Rose's Kitchen
by Rose Diebolt
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In the past year I have learned more ways on how to communicate with our family from a distance using technology. For me growing up, it was the hand crank phone with short or long ring, depending on your ring, and then it didn't matter you just picked up and listened anyways because you never knew what the "news" was down the line! Now it is cell phones and all the apps you need to know about and use. You get used to one and then its oops! We need to change because you need more privacy. Mmmm, who really wants to listen to a family talk about a families' nonsense?! Anyway, it is wonderful to be able to connect. My mother, who is 95, just sent me a picture (through her cell phone) showing off her flowering orchids and two red cardinals on her birdfeeder. Then I receive a picture of our son Jason standing in his kitchen scraping out a blender with a spatula licking it off with pure enjoyment, followed by the recipe typed out and shared with me.

I am sharing the recipe with you 'cause if it's good enough to lick from a spatula, it needs to be shared. Some things never change—please enjoy and share the spatula.

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2 very ripe avocados, pitted
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1/2 cup maple syrup
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Manor resident seeking unused occasion cards to spread joy

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—A Manitoulin Centennial Manor resident is hoping Islanders will drop off any unwanted or unused occasion cards so that she might help to brighten the days of her fellow residents and the staff who work there.

Lori Landriault, originally from Massey, is known around the long-term care home as a bit of a social convenor, Julie Omnet, Manor activities director, tells The Expositor. Ms. Landriault enjoys delivering the residents' mail, which allows her time to stop and say hello to every-

one she meets. Lately she's been delivering cards to all those who might need a bit of cheering up.

In November, Ms. Landriault's roommate passed away so she found a sympathy card to send to the family, but before mailing it she got everyone to sign it too. She heard back from the family, thanking her for the kind gesture and telling her how much the card meant to them. Ms. Landriault said she realized how a simple gesture can mean so much.

"It's something very basic, simple, and it puts a smile on their faces," she



said of her Manor family when they receive one of her cards.

"Since we don't have visitors coming in anymore,, people here can be very sad," Ms. Landriault added, noting that getting a card on a down day, or a special one too, can make a big difference in helping to lighten one's mood. "Plus, I'm bored to tears—I need to do something!" she laughed.

Ms. Omnet said Ms. Landriault has even discovered when staff birthdays are and makes sure that the Manor staff always get a card signed by all the resi-

dents, which are greatly appreciated. "We're all a big family," Ms. Landriault offered.

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, Valentines would be appreciated, as would any and all cards for every occasion, unused of course.

To help Ms. Landriault on her mission to spread a little joy, unused cards can be dropped off in the Manor's vestibule, just inside the front doors and left in the cheerful box located there. The vestibule is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Invasive Species Centre microgrant applications now open until March 1

SAULT STE. MARIE—The Invasive Species Centre (ISC) announced the launch of the Education and Community Action Microgrants program for Ontario as part of the ISC's 10th anniversary celebrations in 2021.

"To commemorate 10 years of working together to prevent invasive species in our land and water, ISC is awarding 10 microgrants of \$1,000 each to support invasive species education and community action in Ontario," states Sarah Rang, executive director at ISC.

The microgrant and related ISC10 projects are a way of commemorating the progress that ISC and partners have made together over the past 10 years, with a vision forward to the next 10 years and beyond.

Individuals, groups or organizations in Ontario (e.g. municipalities, Indigenous communities and organizations, non-

profit or charitable groups, schools and school boards, clubs and associations) can nominate themselves for a microgrant which is an award for a one-time, small size education and/or community action project that focuses on prevention and/or management of invasive species.

Applicants will submit two-page nominations with project name, description/justification, objectives and expected outcomes, budgets, schedule, and applicant information by March 1. Successful applicants will be notified by March 15. Project activities can occur between March 2021 and December 2021. Nominations will be assessed with others from their geographic region on impact of their project outcomes and strength of their project plan.

Award recipients will agree to provide project updates, stories and pho-

tos to be used by the ISC and award recipients to communicate project outcomes and raise awareness of invasive species stories. Each award recipient will be assigned a month to profile their activities from March to December 2021.

Interested applicants can view the complete microgrant guidelines and download the submission form at invasivespeciescentre.ca/isc-10/isc-microgrants/. Microgrant nomination forms can be submitted by email to info@invasivespeciescentre.ca before March 1.

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Sea Cadet Events

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M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

We did it, Mustangs! First semester is over! Friday, February 5 is a PD Day that will officially mark the end of first semester, but we are close enough to celebrate now!

What do you call the leader of the biology gang? The nucleus.

During the last week before exams, students were able to treat themselves to a nice and comfy, cozy clothing week which was perfect considering the colder weather. Monday, January 25 was pajama day; Tuesday, January 26 was toque and plaid day; Wednesday, January 27 was wear your favourite fleece and cozy socks day; and

Thursday, January 28 was loungewear love day!

Second semester starts on Monday, February 8. Schedules for second semester classes will be given out during the first period. Course and time changes have been made since students received their schedules at midterms in November. Students are encouraged to check the lists at the front of the school to find their classroom on Monday morning. Also, welcome back to any student who has made the transition from remote to in-person learning.

Grade 10 and 11 students who wrote the practice lit-

eracy test in the fall received their results via their rscloud email. Anyone who didn't get a chance to write will have an opportunity to do so during February. Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) resources, tutorials, information sessions and much more are available to students online. Website links are included in the practice test results. In-person Grade 10 and 11 learners will write the official literacy test this spring in order to meet graduation requirements. Students must successfully pass the OSSLT with a minimum total score of 75 percent.

SHARE/Go-Green will be starting to have meetings again early in second semester. Meetings are held Wednesdays at lunch, and anyone is welcome to join!

The collection of recycling happens each Thursday morning. Don't forget to remind your teachers to set their recycling bins outside the classroom door for pick up, or even better yet, talk to Mr. T to help get involved!

The virtual Grade 8 information night is scheduled for Thursday, February 18 at 7 pm. Things will be a little different than most information nights since we are unable to meet

in-person; however, it will still be the same great experience for both parents and students.

Joke of the week: What sort of music should you listen to while fishing? Something catchy.

Upcoming events include second semester, the virtual information night on Thursday, February 18 and Family Day!

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

Central Manitoulin council to discuss building new public beach

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—A recommendation to investigate the possibility of creating a new municipal beach was put forward by the Central Manitoulin property committee, moved at committee by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Angela Johnston, s was passed without discussion by council at its January 14 meeting.

The motion was moved and seconded by the same councillors and reads: "That council requests staff prepare an estimate of total cost required to implement a public beach area at the municipal property located in front of Idyll Glen (on Lake Mindemoya) that includes parking spaces as pictured, picnic tables, garbage cans and any other necessary items and that staff bring this estimate to council for consideration at the January 2021 budget meeting."



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION WORKER

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojinhik Wiin ni gshkiwewiwaat Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker. Staff are based in following communities: M'Chigeeng, Sagamok, Whitefish River and Wikwemkoong, therefore, travel may be required or office base may be flexible.

Summary

The School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker will work with students who are identified as having needs for behaviour intervention or school-based mental health intervention.

Responsibilities

1. Provide services in different partner communities, travelling independently
2. Establish positive relationships with school staff in all partner communities
3. Meet with care coordinators to review cases and develop understanding of referrals
4. Meet with children at their school
5. Meet with parents and teachers as needed to ensure adequate assessment for each child
6. Write comprehensive assessment and treatment plans that include clear recommendations for teachers, school staff and parents, and also recommendations for individual clinical interventions following best practice standards
7. Assist families in understanding reports and in implementing the strategies at home
8. Provide information and support to school staff to assist them in developing competencies in behaviour intervention and children's mental health
9. Be responsive to school staff when they identify training needs and report these to program manager
10. Participate in school staff training events

Qualifications

- Masters level degree in Social Work or equivalent preferred, but all interested applicants encouraged to apply
- Must be registered or be eligible to register with the College of Social Workers or as a Psychotherapist
- Social work experience; experience in children's mental health or child and family therapy preferred
- Two years' recent post-masters experience in an educational setting preferred
- Experience working with children/youth experiencing social/emotional difficulties
- Demonstrated ability to work with a multi-disciplinary team
- Committed to community-based services

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

School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker
Attention: Melissa Roy
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
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Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: February 8, 2021 at 4:00 pm

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WIKWEMIKONG HEALTH CENTRE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR ONE YEAR CONTRACT - MATERNITY LEAVE

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Nookomisnaang Shelter Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of 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
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2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
 - Submit documentation for feedback, revision and approval
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3. Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
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 - 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
- A 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
Counsellor-Maternity Leave
Attention: Melissa Roy
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
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Tehkummah Council Notes

January 12 Borrowing bylaw

Council passed its annual borrowing bylaw, allowing the township to secure financing of up to \$290,000 to cover early-year expenses until tax revenues begin to come in. This is roughly the same amount as the past few years; deputy treasurer and tax collector Barb Deforge told council that the financing had not been used in past years but would serve as a preventive measure.

Cheque registry

Councillors had several questions about items on the township's cheque log. These included a monthly bill from Green For Life Environmental for its contract which includes two extra bins, a bill from Tulloch Engineering for building assessments and beaver dam removal for \$2,977.60.

Councillor Michael McKenzie said he was extremely concerned with more charges to remove and replace LED lights in the fire hall as it seemed to be happening regularly. There was approximately \$1,500 in expenses in this category in November and December.

The councillor also expressed concerns about some of the names on the fire department roster who have serious health challenges; Ms. Deforge replied that some, if not all of the volunteers had to pass medical exams.

He also requested an update at the next meeting about the township's ongoing legal issues in response to expenses to legal companies.

Reeve David Jaggard asked about the township purchasing a flag for the fire department, worth \$1,064.12. The flags are used for honour guards and parades.

Upcoming budget meeting

Council set the following Tuesday, January 19 for its next budget deliberation meeting.

Councillor Eric Russell asked about how the meetings would proceed because of the increased restrictions against public gatherings. Most councils on Manitoulin have held their meetings virtually via Zoom to model physical distancing behaviour, and Tehkummah will proceed on Zoom now that a stay-at-home order is in place.

Tehkummah held two meetings via Zoom last year but resumed in person once restrictions eased.

A public health spokesperson clarified to The Exposi-

tor that while such indoor gatherings weren't advised, they weren't technically illegal because of an exemption allowing government functions to continue during the lesser restrictions of the past year. However, the spokesperson said everyone would have had to remain two metres apart and wear masks. The councillors have sat apart but generally have not worn masks.

Tehkummah has been paying for a monthly Zoom subscription since last year despite holding most meetings in person since then.

Insurance renewal

Council deferred an information package about its insurance renewal until the following week's budget meeting, so they could factor it into the 2021 financial planning process.

Information items

Council received updates from the Manitoulin Phragmites Project about its 2020 work progress and another from the North Shore and Manitoulin community-owned fibre-optic internet project.

Recreation committee

Councillor Lorie Leeson told council that she had gotten together a recreation committee and outlined plans for its first activity, a Valentine's Day fundraising and outreach initiative for community members. She requested that council support the proposed idea and to recognize the committee so it can continue to operate independently of the council table. Council agreed to support the Valentine's Day offering and get further details to formalize the committee at the budget meeting in the following week.

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Employment Opportunity WELLNESS WORKER

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Nookomisnaang Shelter Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Wellness Worker.

Summary

Wellness Worker is 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.
2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate.
3. Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.
4. To assist clients to develop action plans to address identified concerns.
5. To share information with health and social agencies.
6. Organize and facilitate community events (i.e.: cultural awareness, education, illness prevention, crisis intervention workshops, promotion programming for school age and other youth, seniors and other identified populations).
7. Facilitate outreach program (i.e. health and wellness fairs, grief recovery).
8. Aboriginal cultural approaches will be reflected or used as part of the activities and services.
9. Provide advocacy and support services to community members who have experienced any form of violence.
10. Ensure confidentiality in the provision of all services.
11. Implement healing opportunities, facilitate circles as well as coordinate knowledge exchange opportunities so that they meet the community needs utilizing a traditional/western approach.
12. Knowledge and understanding of intergenerational impacts of all forms of trauma and abuse.
13. Promote programming and educational workshops to community members, groups and family.

Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant field.
- 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 Wellness Worker
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
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Salary: Commensurate with UCCM PS Salary Grid
Posting closing date: February 5th, 2021 at noon.

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police (UCCM AP) has approximately 32 employees (both sworn Officers and Civilian staff) who are committed to ensuring that the communities of Mnidoo Mnising is a safe place to work and live. The First Nation communities that UCCM APS serves are rapidly growing. To keep up with this growth, UCCM AP is growing as well. Today, the UCCM APS personnel are getting enhanced training, additional education, and more diverse than at any other time in history. We are proud to have an engaged workforce that is committed, motivated, and efficient. UCCM Anishnaabe Police is a First Nation police organization that encourages creativity, innovation, exploring new ways of working and implementing better processes to increase output. Our technological capabilities and ever growing advancements will allow officers and support staff to be better equipped and intelligence-led when problem-solving and dealing with day-to-day responsibilities.

The ideal candidate should:

- Must demonstrate the knowledge or willingness to learn the Anishnaabe customs, culture and language.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Ability to multi-task on all occasions.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent analytical skills in a variety of environments and situations.
- Ability to work independently and within a team; and to manage time efficiently and effectively.
- Strong computer skills to learn a variety of software applications, and proficient in Microsoft Office software applications.

Some responsibilities include:

- The duties of this position are extremely varied and unpredictable, involving many physical and mental challenges.
- Interact formally and informally with the community to provide information, advice and education which will assist and promote public safety and awareness.
- Respond to calls for service and perform routine patrols, confront and resolve emergency and non-emergency situations in a manner that protects lives and property, maintains public order and aids all those involved.
- Demonstrate professionalism and cultural sensitivity when providing assistance and/or communicating with the public.
- Enforce laws, investigate offenses and when appropriate, arrest offenders.
- Prepare information and cases for court.
- Prepare and submit reports (both verbal and written), concerning investigations and police service activities in a timely and complete manner.
- Actively identify problems in the community, prepare reports which encompass multiple solutions, and take an active role in resolving these issues.
- Interaction with the entire spectrum of the community is required.
- Working on weekends and holidays is required. Shift work is also mandatory.

Qualifications:

- Be at least 18 years of age or older.
- Be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident and legally work in Canada.
- Be in good health and meet the physical, mental and medical requirements of the UCCM PS.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Have never been convicted of a criminal offense, or if convicted, have received a full pardon/record.
- Must hold an Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma (Grade 12) or equivalent. Preference is given to those with post-secondary education.
- Possess vision which is no worse than 20/40 (6:12) both eyes combined, and correctable to 20/20 (6:6) with glasses or contact lenses. No degree of red/green colour deficiency. You MUST be at least six months post-operative of any vision correction surgery. Applicants may be required to provide additional documentation on vision stability and night vision.
- Possess hearing within the normal range, unaided. Hearing loss must be no worse than twenty-five (25) decibels between 500 Hz and 3000 Hz, or no more than forty-five (45) decibels at 4000 Hz, as measured by an audiometer.
- Possess a valid Class "G" driver's licence with full non-restricted driving privileges with a good driving record. *Before employment, a valid Ontario driver's licence will be required.
- Valid Standard First Aid and CPR certificate.
- Commitment to the principles of community-based policing.
- Demonstrate a commitment to health and physical fitness.

EXPERIENCED POLICE OFFICER

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service hires experienced officers for lateral entry. Therefore, the application process is shorter than that of a recruit and can be expedited. RCMP clearance and a working knowledge of First Nation's policing and culture is considered an asset.

NEW RECRUIT

Successful candidates for the position of Police Constable will be hired as Recruit Constables. This is the entry-level position for all police officers in UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service. Experience and training gained as a patrol officer lays the foundation for every other police position or rank in the organization. Those with previous police experience will be considered on an individual basis. Working knowledge of First Nation's policing and culture is considered an asset.

*If the successful candidate is a recruit, recruit training will be provided at the Ontario Police College in May 2021.

To apply for this position, applicants must:
Complete and submit Police Constable Application Form (refer to UCCM Anishnaabe Police website), along with all documentation requested on the application form
Include a letter of interest/cover letter, resume and references

Mail-in applications can be sent to:
Confidential: Human Resources
UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service
5926 Hwy 540, Box 332
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

Or via email to andrea.mcgregor@uccmpolice.com
Subject: Employment Opportunity: Police Constable

For questions about this employment opportunity and a detailed job description, please contact Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Administrator at 705.377.7135 or andrea.mcgregor@uccmpolice.com.

A detailed job description is available upon request. We would like to thank all applicants who apply; however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE FULL-TIME PERMANENT

Summary

With the functional support, guidance and supervision provided by the Community Health Service Manager, the Community Health Nurse carries out a community health service as outlined by the Community Health Program Policies and Procedures.

Responsibilities

- Planning and delivering a Community Health Program, considering the physical, social, spiritual, mental and environmental factors which influence each individual, family and community;
- Delivering an immunization program in accordance to Community Health Service (CHS) Immunization Policy and Procedures, FNIHB Immunization Policy and Procedures and Ministry Standards. Also, ensuring to maintain a communicable disease reporting program in collaboration with CD Nurse of FNIHB and CHS Manager;
- Community Health Program
 1. Preconception Health Services (for schools in community only);
 2. Maternal and Newborn Health Services;
 3. Infant and Pre-School Health Services;
 4. School Health Services (for schools in community only);
 5. Community Health Services.

Qualifications

- A four-year BScN degree is required; or minimum three-year nursing diploma will be accepted;
- Must take Immunization Certification Online Course upon hiring and attend mandatory training sessions. Upon completion CHN will be required to write the immunization exam and will be subject to a series of practical exams for immunization;
- Two years' experience in advanced nursing assessment skills with special emphasis on immunization, communicable disease, prenatal and community health care;
- Two years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization;
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation health concerns and issues, and the ability to apply knowledge and skill in the development and implementation of programs to address identified needs;
- Adaptability and ability to establish and sustain a multidisciplinary team approach to integrated service delivery;
- Ability to apply ethics of nursing practice in decision making;
- Willingness to adapt to the changing demands of the position;
- Ability to demonstrate initiative, optimism, discretion, tact, self-assurance, dependability and leadership.

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

Community Health Nurse

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

Deadline: February 8, 2021 at 4:00 pm

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

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions.



Employment Opportunity FOOT CARE REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSE (RPN)

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is currently recruiting an experienced and skilled Foot Care RPN with advance foot care training in the Primary Care Program. This nurse will work to provide basic (non-diabetic) & advanced diabetic foot care assessments and treatment services to Wikwemikong community members in a clinic setting.

Responsibilities

- Accountable for own foot care nursing practice and professional growth with reflection, evidence-based practice and available resources and guidelines;
- Builds a positive personal interpersonal, group, community and professional relationship to foster improved health for client experiencing issues of care in order to promote optimum health and reduction of lower limb complications;
- Practices Infection Control as defined within guidelines and regulations;
- Practices in keeping with his/her role and scope of practice, the standards for nursing Practice and Code of Ethics of CNO.

Qualifications

- Currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario;
- RPNAO with general liability insurance;
- Advanced Foot Care Certification with Diabetes Foot Care;
- Valid CPR;
- Demonstrated analytical, evaluation and problem solving skills;
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills;
- Demonstrated excellence in organizational skills;
- Capable of working independently;
- Maintain client confidentiality, safety and comfort;
- Ability to manage own schedule;
- Compassionate;
- Responsibility.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, and contact information of two work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Foot Care Position

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

Deadline: February 8, 2021 @ 4:00pm

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



Employment Opportunity
CRISIS TEAM – EMERGENCY SHELTER WORKER
6 PART-TIME; 10 CASUALS

Summary

Mnidoow Mnisiling Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team exists to provide rapid and effective crisis support and intervention to all seven (7) First Nations on and around Manitoulin Island. It is the intent of the Mnidoow Mnisiling Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team's Emergency Low Barrier Shelter Project to provide safe and warm lodging overnight for individuals who, for a variety of reasons, find themselves to be homeless. This project takes aim at a real need for safe beds for individuals who do not meet the intake standards laid out by other shelter programs. The Mnidoow Mnisiling Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team believes that all people deserve the safety and dignity of a place to sleep and looks to provide this service to individuals from all seven (7) First Nations communities of Mnidoow Mnisiling.

Responsibilities

1. As part of a team, be responsible for the day to day operation of the low-barriers program;
2. Supervise individuals accessing the program;
3. Provide a safe and trustworthy environment;
4. Complete intakes/discharges;
5. Establish empathetic rapport with individuals accessing the program;
6. Implement the program's policies and procedures and residency agreements in a spirit of fairness and respect;
7. Support individuals' efforts to attain their goals through advocacy, research, and appropriate referrals;
8. Work as a resource for individuals, particularly around housing issues, support and advocacy;
9. Participate in on-going team building, ensuring peer accountability, strong communications and support;
10. Use intervention and mediation skills to defuse potential conflicts;
11. Perform light housekeeping and maintenance tasks to ensure a clean work environment;
12. Administrative duties;
13. Participation in team activities and decision-making;
14. Providing programming support as identified;
15. Shift work that includes nights, evenings and weekends.

Qualifications

- Post-secondary education in related field or equivalent in education and experience
- Previous experience working with people who are homeless and/or under-housed
- Knowledge of service delivery systems, specialized services, First Nation community dynamics as well as all applicable legislation
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people and Traditional wellness approaches
- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal
- Knowledge of our tenant population, diversity issues, anti-discrimination practices, and systemic reasons for homelessness
- Excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, and organization skills
- Mental Health First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
- Certificates in First Aid, CPR, Crisis Prevention, and Intervention an asset
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and professionalism in all aspects of work
- Ability to work in a team approach and with minimal supervision
- Knowledge of First Nations communities and health and social service issues
- Knowledge of Anishnaabemowin an asset
- Some travel is required - applicants must possess a valid driver's licence and have access to a reliable vehicle

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

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

Deadline: Until Filled

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

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions.



MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Community Health Nurse - COVID Prevention - 2nd posting
ONE YEAR FULL-TIME CONTRACT

Overview:

The Community Health Nurse-COVID Prevention will work in collaboration with our health care team and our five First Nation communities to provide health promotion and disease prevention specifically associated with COVID-19 and other coronaviruses. The CHN-COVID Prevention will provide community and staff teaching on personal protective equipment, community safety plans, conduct contact tracing, administer vaccinations, and stay up-to-date with new coronavirus information. The successful candidate shall possess:

Required Competencies:

- Integrity and Respect cultural diversity
- Dependability
- Work effectively both independently and with others
- Show initiative and be action-oriented
- Adaptability
- Critical Thinking
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Continuous Learning

Qualifications and Work Experience:

- Experience incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/spiritual practices in order to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
- Minimum of three years' related experience as an RN or RPN, currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario in good standing, with Public Health nursing experience considered an asset
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification

Deadline: Friday, February 5, 2021 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:

Send resume, cover letter, Vulnerable Sector Check, three references and copies of credentials marked **'Confidential'** in person, by mail or email to:

Human Resources
 Mnaamodzawin Health Services
 Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
 48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
 Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
 705-368-2182 ext.271
 hr@mnaamodzawin.com



Manitoulin Health Centre
CLINICAL TRANSFORMATION MANAGER

The Manitoulin Health Centre is looking for a Clinical Transformation Manager to work on a permanent full-time basis at its Little Current and Mindemoya sites.

The Clinical Transformation Manager works collaboratively with the Vice President of Clinical Services/Chief Nursing Officer (CNO/VP) in leading clinical transformation activities across all clinical departments. The Clinical Transformation Manager provides leadership that motivates employees and professional staff, influences commitment to organizational values and the strategic plan, supports policies and principles of the organization and the adoption and maintenance of Health Information Systems. This includes but is not limited to: building trusting relationships, creating an empowering environment, leading and sustaining change. The Clinical Transformation Manager works with other health care providers as a team to ensure that clinical transformation activities are consistent with the vision, mission and values of Manitoulin Health Centre and meets the standards of professional colleges and best practices.

QUALIFICATIONS (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure):

Required:

- Current Certificate of Competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Three to five years' current progressive experience in a multidisciplinary clinical setting
- Recent experience working in a leadership/supervisory role
- Three to five years' experience with clinical transformation projects within a health information system
- Current experience in change management within a multidisciplinary health care team
- Computer skills including Microsoft Office, Outlook and Patient Information systems (e.g. Meditech)

Preferred:

- Completion of a master's program in health sciences

Please email a cover letter and resume to the Human Resources Department @ recruitment@mhc.on.ca

Thank you to all who apply; only those to be interviewed will be contacted. Posting will remain open until filled.

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



MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE - 2nd posting
ONE YEAR FULL-TIME CONTRACT
(to cover maternity leave)

Overview:

The Community Health Nurse (CHN) will deliver comprehensive community health nursing services in five First Nation communities, in collaboration with an interprofessional health care team. Through consultation, clinical practice, leadership, and by facilitating health promotion and disease prevention, the CHN provides care utilizing in-depth nursing knowledge and skills, clinical expertise and advanced judgment. The CHN will utilize a primary health care approach to address overall health needs in Indigenous communities. The successful candidate shall possess:

Required Competencies:

- Integrity and respect cultural diversity
- Dependability
- Work effectively both independently and with others
- Show initiative and be action-oriented
- Adaptability
- Critical thinking
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Continuous Learning

Qualifications and Work Experience:

- Experience incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/spiritual practices in order to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
- Minimum of three years' related experience as a Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse, currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario in good standing
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification

Deadline: Friday, February 5, 2021 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:

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Occasional Teaching Opportunities

Rainbow District School Board is hiring teachers for the 2021-2022 school year, filling occasional teaching positions on the Elementary and Secondary Occasional Teacher Lists.

All required forms and Appendixes must be completed according to the instructions contained in the Occasional Teacher Information Package found at the website below.

The deadline to apply for the first round of interviews is 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

Applications can be found at <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/employment/occasional-teaching-opportunities/>

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is being collected under the authority of the Education Act and will be used for employee recruitment purposes. Questions should be directed to the above.

Rainbow District School Board complies with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). If you require accommodation for a disability during any stage of the recruitment process, please contact the HR Manager at 705-674-3171 ext. 7232.

The Rainbow District School Board is an equal opportunity employer.

Doreen Dewar
Board Chair

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

One Year Contract

Summary

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Responsibilities

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 5. Community Health Services.

Qualifications

- A four-year BScN degree is required; or minimum three-year nursing diploma will be accepted;
- Must take Immunization Certification Online Course upon hiring and attend mandatory training sessions. Upon completion CHN will be required to write the immunization exam and will be subject to a series of practical exams for immunization;
- Two years' experience in advanced nursing assessment skills with special emphasis on immunization, communicable disease, prenatal and community health care;
- Two years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization;
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation health concerns and issues, and the ability to apply knowledge and skill in the development and implementation of programs to address identified needs;
- Adaptability and ability to establish and sustain a multidisciplinary team approach to integrated service delivery;
- Ability to apply ethics of nursing practice in decision making;
- Willingness to adapt to the changing demands of the position;
- Ability to demonstrate initiative, optimism, discretion, tact, self-assurance, dependability, and leadership.

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

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

Deadline: February 8, 2021 @ 4:00pm

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We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions.



Manitoulin Family Resources Director of Corporate Services

JOB POSTING

Manitoulin Family Resources seeks a Director of Corporate Services on a full-time basis. The ideal applicant will have strong leadership skills, financial acumen and be an active community member. Our mission at Manitoulin Family Resources is to support individuals and families by providing resources, advocacy, support and education for those in need through the agency's three program areas of Children's Services, Violence Against Women Prevention and Emergency Food Assistance.

With its head office located in Mindemoya, the agency serves a population of over 20,000 living in municipalities, First Nations and unorganized areas spread across its catchment area which includes Manitoulin Island, Espanola and the North Shore, from Nairn Centre in the east to Sagamok in the west. The successful candidate will oversee several staff and manage the financial affairs of the agency, including a multi-faceted budget in excess of \$3.2M, and provide support to the Executive Director in management of Human Resources.

Manitoulin Island is an area rich in natural beauty and renowned for the adjacent cruising waters of the North Channel of Lake Huron. Accordingly, seasonal residents, boaters, tourists and retirees are attracted to its fabric of small, vibrant communities scattered across a rural background of fields and forest.

QUALIFICATIONS

- University Degree in Business Administration or Accounting with a recognized professional accounting designation (CPA-CMA, CPA-CGA CPA-CA)
- Minimum five years of business and accounting experience with at least two years in a supervisory role (preferably in a unionized environment)
- Experience with computerized accounting systems including SAGE 300 and spreadsheet software
- Working experience implementing Human Resource practices
- Ability to communicate effectively with a variety of individuals in a group both within and outside the Agency
- The successful candidate must have exceptional attention to detail and accuracy and experience meeting deadlines, streamlining work processes, conflict resolution and working cooperatively. Candidates with a combination of some of the desired qualifications and a willingness to participate in a self-directed program of training satisfactory to the Agency will also be considered
- Valid driver's licence and reliable vehicle are required and conditions of hire

Prior to commencing employment, the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Screening Check satisfactory to the employer.

Competitive remuneration commensurate with training and experience. A full job description is available on the agency's website: www.mfresources.net.

To apply: Applicants should deliver a resume and covering letter by any one of the following means:

By mail to: Manitoulin Family Resources
P.O. Box 181
Mindemoya, ON, POP 1S0
Attention: Denise Leblanc

Or by email to: dleblanc@mfresources.net

Closing date: February 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

We thank all applicants for their submissions; only those selected for an interview will be acknowledged.



MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER - 2ND POSTING CASUAL

The Personal Support Worker is responsible for providing care that contributes to the quality of life of individuals who live at home by promoting their independence; dignity; social; emotional and physical well-being; mobility; personal appearance; comfort and safety so that they may remain and participate within their community.

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

Objectives

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

Qualifications:

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

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

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

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2002, 48 Hillside Road
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
705-368-2182 ext.271
hr@mnaamodzawin.com
Fax: 705-368-2229

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

Tentative deal reached between Rainbow Board, secondary occasional teachers

SUDBURY—Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), representing more than 100 secondary occasional teachers in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin, reached a tentative agreement at the local level.

The new deal, if ratified, will be in effect from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2022, aligning with the provincial settlements at the central bargaining table.

"The bargaining teams from the Board and OSSTF worked diligently to achieve this tentative agreement," said RDSB Chair Doreen Dewar. "Occasional teachers play a critical role in our secondary schools ensuring continuity of learning for the students in their care."

"After an extended period with no opportunity to negotiate locally, we are pleased that both sides worked in partnership to reach this deal," said Laurie Lamothe, chief negotiator for the Occasional Teacher Bargaining Unit. "The OSSTF bargaining team will be in contact with our members soon with the details of the tentative agreement as well as dates for a ratification meeting and vote."



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HIRING FARM CREW

Three Forks Farms is seeking crew members to work on their certified organic farm near Ice Lake. Working alongside the owners, the farm staff are engaged in all activities on the farm from planting, weeding, harvesting, processing and maintenance. All staff have a combination of physical labour both indoors and outdoors in all weather conditions. A great opportunity to learn all aspects of a diversified organic farming operation.

Full position details at threeforksfarms.com/employment or call 705-931-6074

NOTICE TO CREDITORS & OTHERS

All claims against the estate of **Mildred Pauline Sauder**, late of the town of Little Current in the province of Ontario, who died on or about the 2nd day of January 2021, must be filed with the undersigned Estate Trustee on or before the 24th day of February 2021; thereafter the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated at Tehkummah this 3rd day of February 2021.

Dennis White
19 Smeltzers Road
Tehkummah, Ontario
P0P 2C0



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notice

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

United Manitoulin Islands Transit is seeking a qualified business development consultant to assist with the transformation of the public transit system from a fixed route to an on demand system.

The qualified candidate will have a Masters in Business Administration, experience working with Financial Institutions and/or Insurance companies. We are exploring vehicle electrification and artificial intelligence systems for on demand human travel on Manitoulin Island, with the potential to build a bock chain network. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, fee expectations and C.V. to info@umit.ca. **This request call will close on February 19, 2021.**



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FINANCE CLERK

Summary

Finance Clerk is under the direct supervision of the System Administrator and is responsible to assist with continued fiscal responsibility of the NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre for the provision of accurate and timely financial information to the System Administrator. The Finance Clerk will assist and carry forth financial policy set by Wikwemikong Unceded Territory (WUT) so to promote the mission and growth of the NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre so to maintain the integrity of the Health Centre.

Responsibilities

1. Health Centre financial and statistical reporting (collecting and inputting stats to appropriate reporting programs);
2. Monitor expenses on a daily basis using an excel program to have an up-to-date balance;
3. Input and monitor account coding and processing of accounts payables and receivables are correct;
4. Support the Finance Liaison on all month end financial reporting and adjustments;
5. Assist in financial reports to various funders including federal, provincial and non-governmental funders;
6. Assist all accounting including business transactions, processing accruals and adjustments, reconciling accounts and preparing monthly accounting statements;
7. Assist in completing year-end adjustments;
8. Preparing for and participating in annual audits.

Qualifications

- College Diploma or related business accreditation
- 2 years of experience in Accounting
- Minimum of 2 years' experience in a financial position within a First Nation's environment
- Minimum 2 years' working-experience in accounting required
- Knowledge of accepted accounting rules, practices, tax laws and reporting requirements
- Strong technology skills and ability to work as a member of a multidisciplinary team
- Demonstrated interpersonal skills that promote mutually beneficial and respectful professional relationships
- Ability to develop consultative relationships with the Health Services Director and other Program Managers
- Ability to write concise reports to various audiences
- Ability to represent and to promote First Nation services
- Effective communication skills with individuals at all levels of the organization
- Computer literate, including effective working skills with software; Sage, MS Word, Excel and e-mail
- Ability to adapt to and learn new software
- Able to work efficiently as a part of a team as well as independently
- High level of critical and logical thinking, analysis, and/or reasoning to identify underlying principles, reasons or facts
- Able to work well under pressure and meet set deadlines
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills
- Ability to interpret and implement company policies and procedures
- Attention to detail in all areas of work

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

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

Deadline: February 8, 2021 @ 4:00pm

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Licence & Abstract.

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We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions.

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on February 17, 2021, at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Municipal Office, 14 Water St. E., Little Current, Ontario.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 19 040 006 12200 0000; Bay Estate Rd. S., Sheguiandah; PIN 47135-0352 (LT); File No. 19-01; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,295.09**
2. Roll No. 51 19 040 006 38782 0000; 1392 Bay Estates Rd. S., Sheguiandah; PIN 47135-0013 (LT); File No. 19-04; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$12,943.37**
3. Roll No. 51 19 040 001 11400 0000; PIN 47124-0104 (LT); Part Lot 17 Con 3, Howland; File No. 19-07; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,052.94**
4. Roll No. 51 19 040 002 11100 0000; PIN 47120-0172 (LT); Part Lot 27 Con 3, Howland; File No. 19-08; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$3,856.19**
5. Roll No. 51 19 040 002 15000 0000; PIN 47120-0230 (LT); File No. 19-13; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$3,837.49**
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Hospital addresses transparency questions

by Warren Schlote
MANITOULIN—A recent Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) board meeting featured a disagreement between a board member, the hospital president and the board chair when a fundraising discussion moved in-camera, according to the governing body's bylaw, despite the board member's strong dissent. Board member Tom Ondrejicka is vice-chair of the fundraising sub-committee. That committee held a meeting via Zoom on January 14 at which they discussed potential fundraising initiatives and changes to the fundraising model in light of this year's expansion of the Mindemoya hospital site's emergency department. The committee submitted its report for the January 28 MHC board meeting, but the fundraising report that appeared in the final public agenda package was missing an item. Mr. Ondrejicka raised a concern that the fundraising report did not reflect the motions passed at that meeting.

Absent was a motion that presentations and reports from the fundraising committee be discussed as a board.

Prior to the meeting, MHC determined that the motion in question fit within section 2.1 (3)(b) of its open and closed board meetings policy.

That item states that a discussion can be placed within an in-camera or closed session if it pertains to "other entities or persons where the information being discussed may compromise the relationship of the hospital with them or its relationship with its stakeholders."

The policy reason for moving the discussion in

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We would like to extend a huge thank you to each and every person who showed their love and support during our recent stays at both Health Sciences North NICU in Sudbury and Toronto Sick Kids, after the traumatic birth of our daughter on December 24, 2020. We want to take this time to acknowledge everyone who sent personal messages, reached out to family and friends for health updates and sent donations to help with our unexpected, three week hospital stay. We are overwhelmed with all the kindness and generosity of our community and so grateful to live on Manitoulin Island. Love, Ashley and Zachary Bowerman and baby Lyla 38-39c

in memoriam

BONIFACE—In memory of Harry, my fishing buddy, brother-in-law and best friend, who passed away on February 1, 2005 after a long fight with cancer. A page in my memory book has sadly turned another page. Harry, thinking about you a lot. Doug 38c

Death Notices

ROY ARTHUR JAMES MCCULLIGH

May 4, 1942 - January 27, 2021



In loving memory of Roy Arthur James McCulligh who passed away January 27, 2021. Dear son of Wesley and Bernice McCulligh (predeceased). Husband to Marilyn (predeceased). Brother of Norman (Muriel predeceased) and Dougal (predeceased) (Shirley). Loving father of Arthur James McCulligh (predeceased) (Wanda), Tracy Bailey (Mike), Karen Buchanan (Kirby) and Jo-Ann Bray (Mike). Grandfather of Sydney Burton, Mitchell (Kelsey), Scott Bailey, Charlotte, William (Lexi), Katherine Buchanan (Sheldon), Curtis (Aileen), Austin Moir, Wyatt, Matthew and Hayley-Rose Bray. Great-grandfather of Everett Gee and Kingsley Bailey. Roy was born and raised on Manitoulin Island, but also lived in Sault Ste. Marie and Iron Bridge. He was a successful business man in the oil furnace industry, talented and accomplished in his career. Proud that his son Jamie and grandson Scott followed in the same career. Roy enjoyed fishing with family and friends and providing for his family. Being on the lake was his piece of heaven. Roy enjoyed his visits with special friends at Little Current Place. He spent many hours reminiscing with family and friends about "remember whens" and ancestry. He held his wife Marilyn and children very close to his heart and they were never far from his mind. A private family graveside service will be held in the spring or summer of 2021 in Hilly Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, you may donate puzzles to the Little Current Place Common Room so that many others may reminisce as Roy has.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul:
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
 for His name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
 shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil:
 For Thou art with me;
 Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me
 in the presence of mine enemies:
 Thou anointest my head with oil;
 My cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life:
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
 Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

HULDA R. (SHELLEWELL) BULMER (nee Campbell)



In loving memory of Hulda R. (Shellewell) Bulmer (nee Campbell), 94 years, who passed away on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Health Sciences North, Sudbury. Beloved wife of Bill Bulmer and late Charles Shellewell (predeceased). Loving mother of Heather Martin (David) and late Gordon Shellewell (predeceased), stepchildren Wayne Bulmer (Elizabeth) and Janice Cirelli (Peter), mother-in-law to Debbie Shellewell. Cherished grandmother of Paul Martin (Tracy), Steven Martin, Brian Martin (Bryn), Janine Shellewell, Tyler Shellewell (Brittini), Emily Bulmer (Greg), Philip Bulmer, Rebecca Bulmer, Douglas Cirelli (Julie) and Laura Cirelli-Imbeau (Gates) and many great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Lifelong friend to Lil Giusti. Predeceased by two sisters and two brothers. Sadly missed by nieces and nephews. Hulda was born in Little Current. She started her working career at age 16 with Bell reaching the position of supervisor. She then worked at K-Mart as the Personnel Manager for 25 years. She knew all the staff by name and never forgot them. She spent many happy times at her camp in Mindemoya. She loved to travel and spend time with family. She will be remembered as a very loving person who always made you feel welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Calvin Presbyterian Church would be greatly appreciated. At this time, there will be no funeral visitation or service. Cremation with interment in the family plot at the Park Lawn Cemetery at a later date. For donations or messages of condolence, please go to Loughheed.org. Arrangements entrusted to the Loughheed Funeral Home.

IVOR HAROLD CADDEL



Ivor Harold Caddel passed away peacefully on January 27, 2021 at St. Joseph's Hospital in his 80th year. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Irene (nee English). Ivor is survived by his children Barbara, Blair and Brianne; his grandchildren Connor, Emma and Sam. He will be remembered fondly by his remaining sister Mary Catharine Smeltzer, and many brothers and sisters-in-law. He was a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews and was known to bring a smile to everyone's face. A long-time lover of the road, Ivor started out driving a truck which brought him to Hamilton and continued his career at Harvester International and Vopak. Many family trips and memories surrounded his love of the open road. He loved all of his grand puppies past and present and enjoyed sneaking them treats from the table. A special thanks to the Respiriology team and their staff for their care and compassion. Visitation was held at P.X. Dermody Funeral Home, 796 Upper Gage Ave. (between Mohawk and Fennell) on Sunday, January 31, 2021 from 2-6 pm. A private family service was held on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 1 pm. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all in attendance must RSVP on the funeral home website or by calling 905-388-4141. All in attendance must wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Interment and Celebration of Life to follow at a later time. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Joseph's Foundation or the Hamilton SPCA would be greatly appreciated by the family. Online condolences can be made to Dermody.com.

DOLORES NAHWEGAHBO (nee Jackson)

June 26, 1948 - January 29, 2021



In loving memory of Dolores Nahwegahbo, who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre with her family by her side. Beloved wife of Robert Nahwegahbo, cherished mother to Craig, Gordon and Julie, and loving sister to many wonderful siblings. Dolores was born in South Bay, Wiikwemkoong First Nation, later moving to Toronto, Ontario where she fulfilled her childhood dream of becoming a Nurse. She worked at several hospitals in the Toronto area before retiring from Woman's College Hospital where she worked in the operating room. Upon her retirement Dolores returned to Manitoulin Island and continued her nursing career with the North Eastern Manitoulin Island Family Health Team working part time to serve her new community of Little Current. Dolores was an avid gardener and volunteered with a lovely gardening group where she made many friends. Special thanks to the staff at the Manitoulin Health Centre for their compassionate care and hospitality during her final days. Memorial donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society and would be much appreciated. Visitation is on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 from 3 to 7 pm. Service is Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 11 am at the Island Funeral Home. Visitation and services by invitation only. Cremation and Celebration of Life to follow.

MARIAN JANE BROWN (nee King)

May 20, 1941 - January 28, 2021



In loving memory of Marian Jane Brown (nee King) who passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at Health Sciences North. Marian was born in Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island, Ontario on May 20, 1941. She is survived by her husband Ted Brown, daughter Jane (Keith) Montgomery and sons Gary (Miriam), Ron (Debbie) and Roger (predeceased) (Danielle). Marian was grandmother to Jason (Lisa), Heidi, James, Zachery, Carson, Josh (Sarah) and Kayla. She was also great-grandmother to Karissa, Owen, Cole, Kaden and Caroline. Marian was a sister to John (Ruth) and Doug (Cathy). Marian's grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy. She particularly enjoyed following her family members involvement in hockey, track and field, baseball and horse racing endeavours. Her favourite hobbies included knitting, crossword puzzles, reading a good novel and tending to her flowers. Due to COVID-19, a private visitation will take place. A graveside service will take place at a later date in the Mindemoya Cemetery. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

Death Notices

MARGARET "MARG" WATSON-HYLAND



In loving memory of Margaret "Marg" Watson-Hyland who passed away unexpectedly in Arizona with her husband Terry by her side. Beloved wife and best friend to Terry Hyland. Loving mother of Rob Watson (Genelle) and stepmother of Elaine Hyland and Michael Hyland (Stacey). Cherished grandmother of Ryan (Darian), Liam, India and Shannon and step-grandmother of Shane, Eric, Michael and Ethan. Predeceased by her parents William and Pearl Harris and brother Donald. She inspired so many others with all the hats she wore so perfectly, a mother, grandmother, boss, pilot and friend. She was strong and driven, the life of the party, lit up the room and was and is loved by so many. She was the strongest, most resilient, and most accomplished woman there was. Marg bought a business when women were not business owners and she took it to the top. She was so proud of her success and all her amazing accomplishments. Marg was all about her plants and garden and had an extraordinary green thumb. She loved to work, dance, cook, snowmobile, ski, travel, fly and ride her motorcycle, and she loved her family more than anything in the world. She is a staple in the aviation community and no matter where she went there was always people there who knew her name. She taught her family how to work, how to fly a plane, she was always there for them and would not dare miss one of her grandson's hockey games. Marg was extremely proud of her family and leaves a legacy of love, compassion, hard work and laughter. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home.

Northeast Town Council Notes

January 19 Coyote bounty

George Hagen of the Manitoulin Trappers Council gave a deputation to council January 19, requesting council consider a coyote compensation program similar to other Island municipalities.

Council reviewed the matter at its January 26 meeting. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Please see the full story on Page 3.)

Fire Department report

Northeast Town Fire Department Fire Chief Duane Deschamps gave his calls for service report to council. From December 13 to January 13, the fire department responded to seven calls for service: December 13, single vehicle accident on Highway 540 south of Bidwell Road; December 16, a chimney fire on White's Point Road; December 17, single vehicle accident on Highway 540; December 18, single vehicle accident on Highway 540 at McLean's Mountain Road; January 7, carbon monoxide call in Little Current; and January 9, single vehicle accident on Highway 6, which was called off en route.

Councillor Bill Koehler asked Mr. Deschamps if the fire department bills the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) when responding to traffic accidents. Mr. Deschamps replied that they do, but hadn't for two of the aforementioned accidents as they had minimal involvement. He explained that if they are called off en route, they do not bill the MTO. He also noted that there are issues in billing as the department sometimes has a hard time receiving an incident report number from police, which is required by the MTO. Fire departments only have 60 days in

which to issue an invoice. "If we can be compensated for any amount, I think we should bill for it," Councillor Koehler said.

Councillor Al Boyd asked who dispatches the calls to traffic accidents. Mr. Deschamps said that most calls originate from the Central Ambulance Communications Centre.

Community services report

Reid Taylor, manager of community services, supplied his report to council, noting that the rec centre is currently closed to the public and that arena ice was to have been removed last week.

The outdoor rink, located at the tennis courts, will be created soon, weather permitting.

Community services staff has been busy cleaning and sanitizing the rec centre and other town buildings. Mr. Taylor added, noting that there is a long list of winter projects to accomplish.

Mr. Reid also shared that events co-ordinator Lisa Hallaert is planning some Facebook Live programming in the coming weeks.

Councillor Laurie Cook asked why the outdoor rink is no longer located at Sisson Park at Low Island. Mr. Taylor explained that the distance from the rec centre to Low Island made it harder to manage and maintain. He also said the tennis court location is also better protected from the wind. The councillor then asked which location sees more usage, to which Mr. Reid replied that he believed the rec centre location saw slightly better use, judging by the amount of garbage left behind.

Building controls report

Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson gave the building controls report,

explaining to council that 2020 saw a new record for the number of building permits and new builds at 23 new residential buildings, one multi-residential unit and seven new seasonal dwellings.

2020 also brought in \$116,000 in building permit revenue with Mr. Williamson reminding council that any surplus in this account goes into the buildings control reserve account.

Public works report

Wayne Williamson gave the public works report on Tuesday night, sharing with council that daily road patrols are being conducted with trucks being dispatched as required.

At the landfill, operations are going well and three new recycling bins to replace old, worn out bins will soon be in operation.

Mr. Williamson shared that the municipality's 2010 Freightliner is experiencing 'engine coding' and BMM is currently investigating the cause.

Mr. Williamson also said that staff is currently on the winter schedule with operations beginning at 5 am, ending at 1:30 pm, unless otherwise required. Staff are currently being isolated to their own shops—Sheguiandah, Little Current and landfill—as per COVID-19 protocols.

He also noted that John Anderson has been hired as a temporary staff member for one employee who is currently on sick leave.

2021 Census

Council passed the following resolution regarding the 2021 Census, "that the council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands supports the 2021 Census and encourages all residents to complete their census

questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community."

New subdivision

While not in the Northeast Town, council received a notice of application for a plan of subdivision from the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) for Leah Pezzutto as the subdivision comes close to Northeast Town boundaries at Bay Estates. The location of the planned 48-lot subdivision is Lot 22 and Part Lots 23 and 24 and Lot 25, Concession 7 and Lots 22 through 26, Concession 8 in Assignack, adjacent to the north side of Sunsite Estates.

A public meeting on the proposed subdivision was to have been held via teleconference on Tuesday, January 26 at 7 pm at the MPB office in Gore Bay. For more on this story, see Page 3.



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camera was not listed on the public agenda package, so members of the public did not receive justification for the change. Board members had already received a pair of emails explaining the change.

Mr. Ondrejicka told the board meeting that there had already been discussions in the community pertaining to the discussion items in question, something the hospital executives said they were not aware of.

At the end of the open meeting and before the board moved in-camera, Mr. Ondrejicka spoke up to express his concerns. He dissented on moving into a closed session.

Board chair Terry Olmstead explained that the discussion was about items that were not ready to be made public, but he did not mention the specific board policy that justified the move.

"We moved it in-camera for a reason, Tom, and the reason is we don't want anything going out there that's not necessarily going to happen," Mr. Olmstead said.

"When I'm told that we're going there because we don't want Warren (Schlote, Expositor reporter) to be on the call or that this is confronta-

tional for media or sensitive, I don't understand," Mr. Ondrejicka replied, stating that the upcoming hospital expansion will require considerable fundraising for new equipment and that he felt it was in the hospital's best interest to have as much public conversation as possible.

The hospital is still in the 'quiet phase' of the fundraising campaign, before it begins its public appeal.

The Expositor spoke with MHC president and CEO Lynn Foster on the day after the meeting, who clarified the above reason for moving the item into a closed session.

"The only piece that was removed from the report related to the (above) item under the closed session policy, which, we felt if it was out in the open, might compromise community relationships," Ms. Foster said.

She also noted, as she had during the board meeting, that the edited document was a report from the board and not the official minutes, which would remain intact.

Ms. Foster further explained that all board members had received two emails before the board meeting to explain why MHC moved the item into a closed session. The board

policy line item that justified moving into a closed session was not listed on the public agenda, and Ms. Foster agreed that it may be useful to have such information listed in the future.

"It's never our intent to withhold information and we recognize that the media is welcome to attend our meetings. Most often, unless they fall within the closed session list, they are open," she said.

Before Ms. Foster's clarification, this newspaper had contacted a media spokesperson for Ontario Hospitals Association (OHA) on Friday, January 29 for clarification about general province-wide policies that govern closed sessions, transparency and the allowable reasons for going in-camera.

OHA then told MHC that this reporter had contacted them regarding the question that stemmed from the MHC board meeting.

The Expositor contacted the same OHA media spokesperson again on Monday, February 1 to ask about the association's policies regarding sharing media requests with external parties, especially when they are of a general policy nature and not specifically about one organization's bylaws.

This reporter received an auto-response from the OHA spokesperson that they were no longer working at the organization. The Expositor has forwarded its request about OHA's internal transparency policies to the new spokesperson but did not receive a response by press time Monday.

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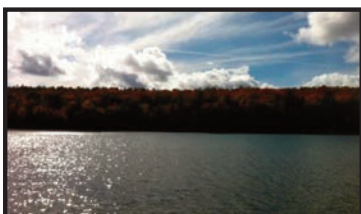
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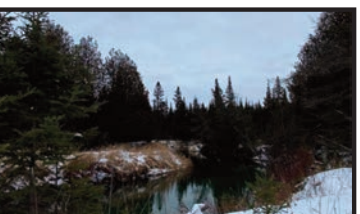
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MANITOWANING - This cozy bungalow is a perfect starter, investment or retirement home. Lovely double lot with bright sunny spots as well as cool shady places to sit on a hot summer day. Large laundry room, good sized bedrooms and good sized eat-in-kitchen. A short walk to all amenities. Call now to view. \$149,999. MLS#2090967



NORTH CHANNEL LAKE-FRONT ON BAY OF ISLANDS DR. - Building lot in desirable prime residential waterfront community within minutes of Whitefish Falls, ON. Features a driveway, telephone & hydro services available. Year-round road. Enjoy world class boating & sailing. Build your dream home or cottage! MLS#2087533



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



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



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



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



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



AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE OVER AN ESTABLISHED EGG GRADING OPERATION - The house has a small orchard out front & has seen continuous upgrades including Geothermal. Two drilled wells provide good potable water. Pasture 70 acres, bush 28 acres, several outbuildings. Owner is prepared to assist in the transition of licence. Properties are separately deeded, farm & chattels can be purchased separately. MLS#2089993



GREAT OPPORTUNITY - Large lot in Manitowaning, perfect location for a small apartment complex/rental units. Walk to downtown area, doctors office, post office, grocery store, pharmacy, and bank. Asking \$49,500. MLS#2090179



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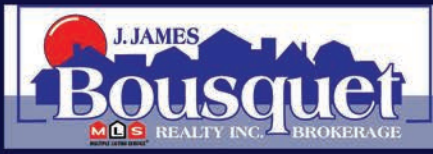
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Famous for her Christmas cookie trays, and slightly off beat personality, Jennifer Hooper is equally known for her intense work ethic. Holding down a full time job outside of real estate doesn't keep her from doing her absolute best to meet her clients' needs. A single mother of three incredible kids, Jennifer is always on the go. From repairs and home decorating projects on her century home in Manitowaning, to walking her beloved chocolate lab "Poppy" on side roads, there is rarely an idle moment for Jen. Giving back to her home community as well as her work community is very important to Jennifer, who firmly believes in staying true to her values of honesty, and integrity. Her favourite thing about real estate is that "click" when a buyer client walks into a home, and it's THE ONE. Jennifer approaches real estate with a true appreciation for not just her clients, but the life changes they are making; sometimes happy, sometimes sad. In acknowledgment and with highest respect to the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi people, Jennifer will always be grateful for the opportunity to work and live on this beautiful Island.



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