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# Firefighters practice ice rescues in frigid North Channel waters



The chilly waters of the North Channel are largely ice-free, making it the perfect place for the Northeast Town fire department to practice their ice rescue skills.

photos by Michael Erskine



"Victim" Mark Schraeder is assisted by the ice rescue team, one member getting into the water to help push the victim up onto the ice.



Once the victim has been pulled to the sled by other team members hauling on ropes, the victim is carefully rolled on to the rescue sled.



Safe at last. Thanks to a steady haul by the on-shore members of the rescue team, and with an immersion-suited member ensuring he stays safely on the sled, the victim is ready for transport to an ambulance and the hospital.

# Coronavirus foils Manitoulin family's plans to visit daughter-in-law's parents in China

by Michael Erskine

SUDBURY—Roadblocks and indifference of Canadian bureaucrats have prevented the parents of Fanfan Yang, wife of Wade Smith of Providence Bay, from travelling to Canada from Chengdu, China to meet their twin grandchildren Leo (eldest by two minutes) and Luke—now, the rise of the coronavirus has derailed the Smith-Yang's plans to travel to China as well.

Peggy and Wayne Smith of Providence Bay were looking forward to joining their son Wade and his family on a trip to China last Wednesday, but concerns about the coronavirus forced them to cancel their trip. It would have been quite an odyssey for the young family, but one they were basically forced to take since they could not secure visitors' visas for the family to come to Canada.

"We would have had to fly to Beijing from Toronto and then take a three-hour flight to Chengdu and about a two-hour drive to the small village where Fanfan's family lives," said Ms. Smith. The region is not on the general tourist itinerary, so the Smiths found themselves to be in something of a visible minority position the last time they visited. But the people there are friendly, even if conversations with folks in the village are somewhat challenged by the communications gap.

Although Wade Smith and his wife have made three applications for a visitor's visa, a fairly lengthy, convoluted and expensive proposition, they have faced roadblocks every time.

"We are basically just about ready to give up," said Mr. Smith. "Fanfan really misses her family and she

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Wade Smith and Yang Fanfan hold twins Leo and Luke in this photograph with Ms. Yang's parents, father Yang Daibing, mother Cao Qun and younger sister Yang Yalan, taken on the family's last trip to visit in the summer. The Smith-Yang family's planned recent trip back to visit her parents had to be cancelled due to concerns over the coronavirus outbreak. Even before the current health crisis, the family has been repeatedly refused visitor visas. (Last names come first in China.)

# Ontario Power Generation says 'no' to proposed nuclear waste disposal site following opposition from Saugeen FN

by Michael Erskine

SAUGEEN FIRST NATION—The Saugeen Ojibway Nation (Chippewas of Saugeen) were asked to vote on a proposal to host a deep geologic repository (DGR) close to the shores of Lake Huron on the site of the Bruce nuclear power station. The response of the band membership was a resounding no, with 1,058 no votes out of 1,232 total votes (170 voted yes, with four spoiled ballots).

The Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) is officially named the Chippewas of Saugeen, but began using the SON name in the 1970s.

"This vote was an historic milestone and momentous victory for our people," said Ogimaa Lester Anoquot in a release following the vote on Saturday. "We worked for many years for our right to exercise jurisdiction in our territory

and the free, prior and informed consent of our people will be recognized."

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) spokesperson Fred Kuntz

accepted the result, noting that "OPG respects the decision of the SON community. We followed the SON process. So we will uphold

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# Fishing tips from Bob Izumi

featured guest of the Manitoulin Ice Showdown 'If the fish aren't biting, keep moving'

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Ever wonder what a Canadian professional angler and host of Bob Izumi's Real Fishing Show might do when he heads south to Florida on vacation? If you guessed that Bob Izumi goes fishing you would be right on the money.

The Expositor caught up with Mr. Izumi by cellphone while the famed angler was snack and tackle shopping somewhere down in the land of the Everglades to chat about the upcoming Manitoulin Ice

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# Anishinabek Nation recognizes two Island health heroes

by Warren Schlote

SAULT STE. MARIE—Two Anishinaabe healthcare professionals on Manitoulin Island were recently recognized by the Anishinabek Nation on January 21 for making a difference in their communities and helping to transform the lives of the people they serve.

Aundeck Omni Kaning community health co-ordinator Shirley Corbiere was one of the two Island recipients of the Anishinabek Nation Heroes in Health Awards. A total of three awards were given out at the ceremony, with the third recipient being Wendy Tyson, community wellness worker at Wahnapitae First Nation.

"It was really nice to get that recognition," said Ms. Corbiere, a past recipient of a health recognition award from the organization when it was still known as the Union of Ontario Indians. She attended the event with her sister and community worker Mandy McGraw.

Some of the remarks shared about Ms. Corbiere during the awards presentation, as printed in the Anishinabek News, state that she is passionate about her health work and has worked to ensure the services in Aundeck Omni Kaning remain strong and steady, while also being relevant and useful for the community members. She was nominated for the accolade by Naandwegamik



Three individuals were recently honoured as Heroes in Health by the Anishinabek Nation at a Sault Ste. Marie conference. From left is Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre community researcher and registered nurse Karen Pitawanakwat, Aundeck Omni Kaning community health co-ordinator Shirley Corbiere and Wahnapitae First Nation community wellness worker Wendy Tyson.

photo by Marci Becking / Anishinabek News

Health Centre team lead Jenny McGraw.

Ms. Corbiere has taken particularly close care of mothers, babies and elders, as well as approached diabetes and high blood pressure. Rather than simply providing health supports, she also advocates for education and prevention of these conditions before they become problems, as well as monitoring individuals to help manage their health.

She said she looks forward to continuing on the health initiatives that the community has already advanced.

'I want to say a big thank you for (the community's) support and for nominating me for this award," said Ms. Corbiere.

The other Manitoulin award winner came from the community of Wiikwemkoong.

"I was honoured," said Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre registered nurse and community researcher Karen Pitawanakwat, one of the award win-

"Mary-Jo Wabano (the health services director at Naandwechige-Gamig) started off saying she wishes she could nominate everybody at the health centre, but eventually chose me because of my work focused around aged care." said Ms. Pitawanakwat. "She gave the example that I'm able to do the work I do in our language and how

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# Reflecting back upon 2019: a Big Wild Year

NORTH BAY—"Every meal's a memory." A simple, stand-out phrase that seemed to perfectly summarize 365 days of harvesting and prepar-

It has now been a full month since Delphanie Colyer and Jeremy St. Onge successfully completed their Big Wild Year challenge, a full year of only consuming wild foods that naturally occur in their surrounding environment, and the two have been reflecting on their accomplishments as they transition back into more flexible diets.

The above remark, which neatly tied together the act of harvesting and the act of eating, came from Ms. Colyer closer to the start of the

"(We were) eating something that we had collected at a special place, and I said that about the meal. Jer looked at me and we shared a long, thoughtful silence about how meaningful the year would be in that regard," said Ms. Colyer.

Mr. St. Onge said certain foods created a stronger nostalgia than oth-

"Even in the coldest days of winter, pulling frozen blueberries out of the freezer can very strongly remind me of that feeling of heat, sweat and sunshine, the smell of dried moss and the sensation of blueberries sliding through my fingers and plopping into the picking basket," he

They both cherished memories of warm April mornings at the sugar bush. Eating a venison meal conjured memories for Mr. St. Onge of buy-...continued on page 10

Margaret Jackson, left, and Jeannette Corbiere-Lavell took on their roles as flappers with great gusto at the Debajehmujig Storytellers volunteer appreciation murder mystery dinner theatre event, held last Thursday.

photos by Michael Erskine Debajehmujig Storytellers celebrate

# Fundraisers seek to propel Wikwemikong High School robotics squad to worlds

WIIKWEMKOONG—The Wikwemikong High School robotics team is heading to the World Championships in Detroit this spring, having qualified by finishing in the top three Chairman's Awards last year, but success comes at a cost and the fundraising goal to get the team to Detroit, Michigan is set at \$50,000.

"We have several fundraising events coming up," said Wikwemikong High School teacher and fundraising coordinator Melissa Cooper. "First of all we are having a paint night, those have been very popular.'

John and Stephanie Thomson of Who's Crafty have stepped up to hold one of their popular painting

"We thought it would be a great thing to do to help the kids, art helping STEM sort of thing," said master artist Ms. Thomson. "Lots of people like to support the robotics team and they are going to need a bit more help this year as they are going to the World Championships. It's quite an accom-

plishment. So this was an opportunity to team up with the Wikwemikong High School and support this trip for the kids."

The Who's Crafty paint night will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday, February 11 at the Wikwemikong High School and costs \$40, with all materials supplied. "For every ticket sold \$15 goes to the robotics

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volunteers, establish two new awards MANITOWANING—A veritable army of volunteers help to ensure successful events at the Debajehmujig Storytellers' Creation Centre in Manitowaning. On Thursday, January 30, those vol-

unteers were sent on a mission to investigate murder most foul as the venerable theatre company held an invitation only murder mystery dinner as thanks.

The evening was a who's who of Debaj volunteers, nearly all in costume and character and hilarity ensued at every turn. In honour of the occasion, Debajehmujig

established two new volunteer awards, with the inaugural award presentations going to those awards' namesakes. The awards were constructed of small grey stone obelisks surmounted by a

The first recipient of the Cassandra Odjig Volunteer Award went to perennial volunteer Cassandra Odjig, who could not make it to the ceremony but who provided a touching video acceptance

The first recipient of the Marjorie Trudeau Award went to longtime board member and volunteer of 30 years Marjorie Trudeau.

"I have enjoyed working with Debajehmujig all these years," said Ms. Trudeau in accepting the award. "Although I don't do as metal petroglyph, crafted by One much as I used to be able to, I still enjoy working with everyone.

> "We can't say enough about how much we appreciate all of the help provided by our volunteers,' said Debajehmujig Executive Director Lynda Trudeau. "We just couldn't do what we do without you. Chi-miigwetch, chi-miigwetch, chi-miigwetch."

> Ms. Trudeau was assisted in handing out the rest of the more than 30 appreciation awards by master of ceremonies Christianna Jones. Those awards consisted of a wooden slab charcuterie board, also crafted by One KWE and including the same petroglyph design woodburned onto the surface of the board.

> The dinner, prepared and served by the Debaj staff, consisted of a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings. A cash bar courtesv of Rainbow Ridge ensured there was a good selection with which to wash down the repast and there was plenty of non-alcoholic beverages on hand as well.

The rest of the evening consist-

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# MSS premieres 'Bye Bye Birdie' next week

M'CHIGEENG—The year is 1958. Conrad Birdie is a rock n' roll star who is hitting his stride when the United States Army calls with a draft notice. It's about to be bye-bye for Mr. Birdie, but not before one last big publicity stunt involving a farewell kiss with one lucky fan.

That's the setting for this year's upcoming Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) musical production of 'Bye Bye Birdie,' which hits the high school stage for a three-night run next week.

Things are going really well. We're very excited; I've heard from the technical team and the directors that they expect this will be the best show we've ever done. It's ambitious, it's a huge undertaking," said producer and MSS teacher Yana Bauer.

What normally happens with MSS musical theatre productions is the directorate will meet to begin planning for which musical they wish to perform during the coming year. Then, students audition and get assigned parts and undertake months of preparation before the curtain call.

However, things went slightly differently this year—it's the first time MSS has had a musical theatre course, which served as a fifth-period class.

"This year, the students in the musical theatre course had to pitch a show to the directorate. They had to do the legwork and find a production that would be relevant for a Manitoulin audience and would work on our stage with our performers, as well as figure out a props inventory, costume ideas and

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<u>editorial</u>

# Saugeen Ojibway Nation have stood firm for our water

Sighs of relief could be heard echoing across the waters of the Great Lakes as members of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (the First Nation formerly known as the Chippewas of Saugeen) put their collective feet down and gave a convincing boot to the concept of a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for low and intermediate nuclear waste being constructed mere feet from the shores of Lake Huron. Thanks to the overwhelming rejection of the DGR, Ontario Power Generation has backed off of locating the DGR beside the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station.

This has been a win for plain (and somewhat uncommon these days) sense. Despite assurances of the safety precautions planned for the facility, we find ourselves in full agreement with Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare. There is no perfect safety when it comes to nuclear waste.

Those arrayed against locating the DGR on the shores of the Great Lakes are legion, so universal and consensual is the anathema directed at the concept, that it is hard to comprehend how the idea has remained in play for so long.

Of course the funds being supplied to potential "willing" hosts for the project have been substantial and it has therefore been arguably in the best interests of many elected officials to play along and take the lucre for their communities' development—when the chips finally come to the pot, it is hard to imagine any community remaining "willing"

The economic carrot held out to communities like the Saugeen Ojibway Nation have been substantial, both in short-term economic and community development terms as well as potential long-term economic benefits. To the credit of the First Nation community members they looked much farther down the road and concluded that water is indeed life and that future generations must be protected—even if that means foregoing immediate gratification.

Would that more communities and their elected officials look ahead seven and more generations when it comes to our environment and the health and well-being of our descendants.

This is by no means an Indigenous/non-Native divide. This is an issue upon which both communities can agree and work together. Water is life to everyone, as is the air and the land and it behooves us to step up to protect Mother Nature, even if that may mean slower economic growth and a lifestyle less focused on rabid consumption and despoiling of the commons.

There is little question that humanity's best interests lie in adopting better conservation and stewardship of the commons. We must come to recognize that the water we drink, the land upon which we grow our food and the very air that we breath are finite and not inex-

haustible resources.

These are hard lessons to learn. For the nearly the entirety of humanity's existence we have generally been able to ignore our impact upon the environment and many of us do not want to accept those days are now over, preferring to invest in the fairytale that the vast majority of the globe's entire scientific community are engaged in some kind of liberal environmental hoax.

But it is not like the writing has not been on the wall for some time. The lessons of air pollution came to a fore at the dawn of the industrial revolution, with the deadly fogs of London literally killing people in the streets, lessons that China, India and other nations attempting to catch up to the industrialized West are also now learning the hard way.

We can no longer afford to bury our heads in the sand and ignore what Mother Nature has been telling us for centuries. It is past time to clean up our act and to start acting like adults instead of enabled and entitled children when it comes to the environment. It has become a favoured meme of those who do not wish to accept the hard truth to foist those pejorative labels on the youth clamouring for change today. But it seems those labels are more appropriately to apply to their parents and grandparents these days.

It is long past bedtime for the idea that the Earth and its resources are inexhaustible and that we can continue to toss our garbage into the street or a water body—and this is especially true of radioactive waste destined to remain a danger for years longer than humanity has been descended from the trees. Kicking our feet, sticking our fingers in our ears and wailing curses at those bringing that unwelcome message won't suffice this time.

The last ditch and depressingly defeatist argument now being put forward that "the damage has been done and there is no point in trying" is to ignore the technological accomplishments of humanity over the past centuries. London's fogs no longer kill, phosphates in our lakes and rivers are in steep decline, acid rain is no longer sterilizing our lakes and the ozone layer has begun to heal.

We can do these things if we can overcome the forces of greed arrayed against humanity's survival, set aside our counterproductive hubris and learn to grow up as species.

To that end we need look no further than the residents of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

Today we say chi-miigwetch, thank you and merci, for you have done us all an immeasurable service. Now if only we can continue to learn as we move forward to overcome the tragedy of the commons to create a brave new world for those who come after—seven generations and beyond.

<u>letter</u>

# We have become too complacent when it comes to diseases

The politeness gene fails us by not wanting to give offence when faced with sneezing and coughing

To the Expositor:

The Assiginack Family Health Team added a splash of colour to their wardrobes this week, wearing diaphanous yellow gowns and matching disposable face masks. Dr. Bedard took the initiative as a preventive precautionary action. His view was that we should all take the spread of infectious diseases more seriously. We are not prepared to face another major epidemic. Other health clinics in Ontario are taking similar precautions.

The ethical discussions whether to quarantine all travellers coming from China to Canada has caused great debate in this country. The US has declared a public health emergency as of Friday, January 31. Canada is prepared to screen and isolate all potential health risk individuals with a 14-day quarantine procedure. However, a new and disturbing case in London, Ontario of the coronaviris has caused concern because this individual was in hospital a few days previous and released with no symptoms.

It used to be all school children were lined up in the auditorium once a year and given vaccines for such infectious diseases as measles, diphtheria, whooping cough, smallpox and polio, which in preceding generations caused death or disfigurement. I remember the stern faces of the nursing staff who administered the management of treatment. Tears or hysterics were not allowed. The long sharp point of the needle had to be suffered in silence. As a consequence of years of vaccination procedures through out the province, the eradication of these diseases caused a decline in vigilance. We have enjoyed the freedom from worry

for a long time.

Many of us have endured the constant sneezing and coughing of infected individuals who come to public meetings or gatherings when they should stay at home. I believe it to be a dangerous practice of the hosting organizations not to address this as a public health risk. They should consider the greater good of others. The vulnerable, the elderly and the very young who are more susceptible to infection and go home sick themselves. The 'politeness gene' fails us by not wanting to give offence. There is nothing impolite in asking an individual who is quite obviously ill to act in a responsible manner and get well at home.

Sometimes the body will act up without our permission. If it becomes necessary to expunge bodily fluids in public, please cover your nose and mouth completely by using whatever may be conveniently at hand—a shirt, sweater, towel or napkin—then sneeze. Internally. No harm done. You're already infected.

The second worst possible thing to do is to sneeze into the elbow. This action only gives a jet propulsion shove of the pathogens into the air and ensures that everyone will be breathing it in within minutes. And the worst possible thing, ever, is to open your mouth and let everything drip and drool over everyone within spitting distance of the expulsion. I have seen this happen time and again.

We can all act sa $\bar{\text{fely}}$  and responsibly within reason by caring for each other and becoming more aware.

Lee Weimer Manitowaning

# Island comic Charlie Adams brings 'Funny Business' to Little Current

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—Manitoulinbased funnyman Charlie Adam is bringing his own comedy stylings, as well as the laugh-worthy sets of three colleagues to the Anchor Inn in Little Current on February 15, promising a delightful evening of comedy in support of the Little Current Lions Club.

"These are really good comics, some of the best in Sudbury. There's going to be three there plus myself," said Mr. Adam.

The headliner for the evening is Rylan Stolar, the self-titled 'Dealer of Comedy.' Also taking the stage are Michael Hamilton and James Judd (of Iroquois Falls, not the US-based James Judd that hosts a show on NPR).

Mr. Adam will be serving as emcee throughout the evening. He will inject short sets of a few minutes in between the main acts' 20-minute routines.

Islanders may know Mr. Adam for a variety of reasons—he organized a comedy show in 2016 at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, he is a retired music teacher and is also a licenced wedding officiant with Humanist Canada. He has put

together next Saturday's show as a benefit event for the Little Current Lions Club.

"Someone mentioned to me after that (2016) show that I should consider donating part of the proceeds to a charity of some sort. It was a good idea," said Mr. Adam. "The Lions will benefit by selling more tickets and the comics will benefit because they get a more lively audience."

Although the licenced event is 19+, he said the comedic material would not delve into areas he referred to as "gross."

"I picked the sort of material

that a general audience would like to hear. Some comics in Sudubury call me the king of clean—that doesn't mean I don't have suggestive material, but I'd never let the F-bomb go," said Mr. Adam.

Comedic inspiration originates in a number of places for Mr. Adam. He has kept a journal of humorous experiences over the years through family and friends, and taken small amounts of artistic licence to enhance the stories. However, certain parts of his life are off-limits based on his own

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# What we do now will determine where we end up

by Lori Thompson

MINDEMOYA—There has been a recent surge of interest in climate change from the global down to the local level. Al Douglas, president of the Climate Risk Institute, spoke about climate change to Manitoulin Nature Club (MNC) members and guests last Friday, January 31 at the Mindemoya Community Cen-

Mr. Douglas is a familiar face to many Islanders, having spoken on the topic to various groups over the past several years and as a partner with Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association on the Island-Wide Climate Change Risk Assessment project. He has been working in the field of climate change impacts and adaptation since 2002 and noted there was nowhere near the interest then that there is today. He was last here around election time, he said, and was pleased to see the attention climate change was receiving globally, especially coming from the youth. "The magnitude of the problem requires enormous effort on our part in countries around the world to deal with the chal-

Mr. Douglas led attendees through climate change science and trends before discussing impacts and mitigations or adaptations that can help us live with the effects of climate change. He began by mentioning the recent World Economic Forum that occurs annually in Switzerland, where delegates from countries around the world talk about the perceptions of risks that they face in terms of likelihood and impact or consequences of experiencing these challenges. Over the years, environmental challenges have risen to the top to the extent that in 2020, economic challenges did not make the top five list.

Even the language has changed, noted Mr. Douglas. Previously, the forum's Global Risk Report used the words 'climate change' but in 2020 this was changed to 'climate action failure' in response to the general global failure at both responding to climate change and in seeking necessary solutions.

The top five on both lists all have connections to climate change. Extreme weather, natural disasters, biodiversity loss and water shortages are all affected by changing climate. Another item of significance, he continued, is "these countries see this as an economic challenge and the economic losses we stand to face

Scientific evidence shows that it is greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in the atmosphere that relate to the temperature changes we see over time, he said. It is possible to look at gas bubbles that have been trapped in ice for hundreds of thousands of years and analyze the gas and determine its composition. The concentrations of GHG in the atmosphere have risen over the years. This correlation and the data from various studies has been used by countries around the world to develop climate models that give us a sense of how things are going to change. "That's the questions everybody asks," he said. "They want to know what it's going to look like into the future.'

One of the challenges of GHG is that what we emit today will continue to be in the atmosphere for a long time. "We're already committed because of the emissions today," warned Mr. Douglas. "We're committed to another 20

# Climate **Change Commentary**

or 30 years of warming along a certain trajectory. This is challenging. Imagine how challenging that is for politicians who run in four-year cycles."

Canada is warming at a rate that's twice the global average. There have been notable shifts to more rain and less snow with an overall decrease in snow accumulation and extreme weather events. There is evidence to show more of that is happening. Annual and seasonal mean temperatures have increased across Canada with the greatest warming occurring in winter. Between 1948 and 2015 the mean annual temperature increased by 1.7° C for Canada as a whole and 2.3° C for northern Canada. There are also seasonal variations with winter

but more and more severe droughts during summer months which is consistent with trends in the US and global climate models.

Mr. Douglas explained various modeling techniques and the ability to focus in on large lakes and big landforms in smaller regional climate models but also discussed current limitations. "The challenge and question often asked by the people who are doing the engineering for our infrastructure in our communities is they want to know more how extreme weather is expected to continue. They want to know how the intensity of something like rainfall is expected to change in the future. It's very hard to do that, very hard to give those projections because we don't have a good historical

slope," Mr. Douglas continued. "Shoreline infrastructure is incredible, waterlines are up and you have increased wave action; there's lots of erosion that's happening that's pretty significant, damage to docks and piers and things like that."

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In the natural environment there will be changes to the composition and the health of forests leading to forest fires, pests and disease while in the Great Lakes, water temperatures have been increasing and there is evidence that shows changes in water quality and quantity. Overall, the diversity of species is changing. Climate change is altering temperature regions and migrating species are pushing out existing residents. Certain fish species are

tells us about the likelihood, like how high water levels are right now, how likely is it that you get to this point in the future or beyond. Climate analytics tells you that part, that modeling will tell you how likely it is if this will continue in the future or if this will eliminate these sticky situations in the future."

Examples of potential adaptations are green roofs in cities to cool ambient air temperature, or water collectors on roofs to reduce demands on city resources during periods of drought. "We try to implement natural infrastructure or low impact development to try to reduce the amount of water that's getting into the storm water system; we try to funnel it and channel it. We need natural engineered solutions to be able to capture that water and as you can see, there's a number of other benefits to come along with this sort of thing as you can see. It provides habitat for pollinators; it's cooling and reduces the amount of water that gets onto the surfaces; there are multiple benefits to these sort of things that we call adaptations.'

Examples in the natural environment may include assisted migration, creation of migratory paths for species to migrate to more suitable regions, maintaining and restoring natural disturbance regimes and conservation measures that manage range limits and coastal migration. Maintaining wetlands is significant for helping to attenuate flooding situations and they provide habitat for migratory birds.

Updating building codes and standards to reflect future climate is also crucial, said Mr. Douglas. He also noted the importance of the banking, investment and financial sectors in future adaptation by requiring stakeholders to better analyze and manage risk with respect to climate change.

Closer to home, the Island-Wide Climate Risk Assessment project was begun several years ago with a vision to undertake an Islandwide risk assessment and provide a picture of how climate change would affect the Island. The project has come a long way, said Mr. Douglas, but "there's still a couple of sectors we'd like to dig into a little bit to paint a clearer picture. Manitoulin Streams is driving this and we're trying to find the resources with them to keep it going. The vision is that you would have a report and the assessment would tell us how things are changing on the Island and what we can expect for the future so we can be prepared to manage that."

"We need political will and political commitment in order to drive the size of the change that we need with respect to emissions reduction. You can see local efforts going on in cities and towns and communities around the province, around the country and around the world which is really catalyzing action and mobilizing people," he said.

Mr. Douglas offered a final message for consideration. "Climate change is certainly a complex and multifaceted challenge. Climate and weather affect pretty much everything to do with our lives. It's not easy but there's evidence to show how things are changing. There is a role for everyone, for all levels of government, for individuals, institutions, associations, non-government and academia. Advance the planning and take action."



Al Douglas, left, of Climate Risk Institute, stands with Marcel Beneteau, chair of Manitoulin Nature Club, following Mr. Douglas presentation on Climate Change.

photo by Lori Thompson

temperatures warming more than summer ones, and the warming is not uniform across the country. "In the northern parts of our country, especially in the winter months, all of the buildings were built to depend on of an increase in the magnitude permafrost and they're deteriorating quickly," he said. "We're slowly adapting."

What can we expect from these trends? "An increase in hot extremes, more frequent and intense extreme weather events, decreased snow and ice cover, earlier ice break up and later freeze up dates, increased potential for drought conditions and forest fires and increases in flooding, said Mr. Douglas. In the Lake Huron/Lake Michigan basin, August temperatures are up by 2.3° F from 1951 to 2017. The frostfree season has increased by 16 days. Total precipitation is up 14 percent and heavy precipitation is up a considerable 35 percent.

Data from the Gore Bay weather station was compiled by Risk Sciences International (RSI) to predict Manitoulin Island's climate forward into the 2100s. The graph showed rising temperatures and rainfall amounts, shrinking snowfall, increased annual precipitation in general

statistical data set to be able to calibrate against (events like a one in 50 or one in 100-year storm)."

He then used a bell curve to demonstrate how the likelihood of extreme weather events is expected to increase. The return periods will be shorter so the odds of a one in 100-year storm will increase significantly over any given year, he explained. "It's pretty simple. This is the part you focus on when you think of what we need to do to reduce emissions and what we need to do to adapt to climate change: the search for solutions. We've got to focus on solutions to drive things forward.'

"Municipal impacts are going to require local solutions," he continued. Impacts include damaged or destroyed infrastructure, public health concerns, increased and more severe forest fires and increases in flooding.'

"As you can imagine, freezethaw cycles damaging concrete and making potholes means a need for more maintenance and you can imagine more extreme precipitation eroding around culverts and bridges compromising the stability of the soil and the

migrating further with warm water species favoured over cold water species. Frogs and toads now emerge earlier and have their calling done earlier. There is also an uncoupling of timing of the predator-prey relationships, explained Mr. Douglas.

"The best form of adapting to climate change is to actually implement measures to reduce GHG emissions." he said. "We need significant amounts of that to slow things down. Especially for future generations as they deal with this towards the middle or the end of the century. But adaptation deals with the consequences, seizing opportunities that manage the risks associated with a changing climate.'

Because climate change will impact different areas in different ways, adaptation needs to begin with local solutions and risk assessments are the foundation to good adaptations. "Doing these sorts of risk assessments in your community and your watershed takes the knowledge of the people who have already experienced these sorts of things, these challenges," noted Mr. Douglas. "We have a lot of knowledge we can pull out on the fly and process like this and ultimately it's the

# Ontario Provincial Police, public safety radio channels to be encrypted

by Warren Schlote

ONTARIO—The Public Safety Radio Network (PSRN) in Ontario, a network of radio infrastructure that is used by public agencies and emergency responders in the province, is set to go silent to the public's ears by 2023 as the network is modernized and upgraded to use updated and encrypted technology.

In October 2018, the province announced the upcoming modernization of the then-20-year-old radio network, which is among the largest and most complex public PSRNs on the continent.

Ontario's PSRN facilitates communications from agencies including firefighters, conservation officers, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and other emergency first responders, corrections officers, enforcement officers and other public servants working in safety-related roles.

The new system will be using the Motorola Solutions ASTRO 25 technology, which is in line with Project 25, a standard for PSRNs across North America that was established in 2001. All transmissions over this network will be both digital and encrypted, meaning the public will no longer be able to listen to these radio feeds, unlike the current system.

"The real advantage is it's a much more reliable, more robust system providing 38,000 public servants and emergency responders with a better way to communicate," said Chris Whaley, the OPP's lead on their migration to the new provincial system. The overall transformation is government-led but the OPP has a considerable number of users and vehicles and the changeover will require considerable work internally to adjust to the new network, which is to be phased in from 2021 to 2023.

The new system will be interoperable with all of the other systems in Ontario that have previously switched to an encrypted P25 protocol. Each OPP radio will also be GPS-enabled, an advancement that is expected to greatly improve officer safety.

The PSRN is among the last of the systems in North America to not comply with the new standard, according to an Ontario press release.

Switching to an encrypted system may cause concerns



# Manitoulin OPP investigates theft from Gore Bay arena

On January 25, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP responded to a theft occurrence on Highway 540 in the Township of Burpee and Mills.

Officers responded to the scene and found a person of interest with their vehicle stuck in the snow. As a result of the investigation, a 55-year-old woman from Burpee and Mills has been charged with theft under \$5,000.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on February 19.

#### Ten years of data reveal poor behaviours behind majority of snowmobile fatalities

With Snowmobile Safety Week just past, the OPP has released a 10-year data report on snowmobile fatalities, which officers hope will encourage snowmobilers to avoid the recurring behaviours that contributed to the majority of the incidents over the past decade.

During the past 10 snowmobile seasons (2009-2019), the OPP has investigated 175 snowmobile fatalities throughout the province. Among the findings in the report, excessive speed, loss of control, driving too fast for the conditions and ability impaired by alcohol were listed as the top contributing factors. In fact, alcohol was involved in almost half (45 percent) of the deaths.

Another compelling fact is that almost half (45 percent) of the snowmobilers who died were travelling on frozen lakes or rivers at the time of the incident. The circumstances that led to the deaths include intentionally driving onto open water (puddle jumping/water skipping), breaking through the ice and collisions with other snowmobiles and natural landmarks.

"Whether you are a beginner or seasoned snowmobiler, it is important to avoid all manner of risk while enjoying the thousands of kilometres of diverse, scenic snowmobile trails Ontario has to offer," said Vijay Thanigasalam, parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Transportation. "Maintaining control of your snowmobile at all times and never making alcohol or drugs part of your ride will go a long way to keeping snowmobilers and their passengers safe this season."

"Our OFSC Interactive Trail Guide is an excellent tool for keeping snowmobilers well-informed about the status of trails throughout Ontario," said Andrew Walasek, director, stakeholder relations, OFSC. "The OFSC, in partnership with the OPP, is counting on all snowmobilers to take full responsibility for their own safety as well as the safety of their passengers and fellow riders this season."

The OPP is reminding operators that no ice is safe ice. All riders should ensure they use proper safety equipment in addition to wearing appropriate outerwear for the environmental conditions they may encounter.

# Anti-fraud presentation

Manitoulin Detachment OPP Community Services Officer Constable Marie Ford will be hosting an anti-fraud presentation at the Tehkummah Triangle Club seniors' hall, 468 Highway 542A, on Tuesday, February 18 at 1:30 pm. All are welcome. To RSVP please email Constable Ford at marie.ford@opp.ca



By 2023, Public Safety Radio Network airwaves will no longer be heard by the public.

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about public accountability and transparency. Some 1,000 OPP radios on 40 percent of its talkgroups are currently encrypted. These are mainly used for special units such as covert and tactical operations, while the majority of communications with dispatchers are publicly monitorable using a digital scanner or through an online feed.

Although rare, situations can arise when criminals may use scanners while committing crimes to stay ahead of the police response. There are also circumstances such as traffic stops, domestic disputes or medical emergencies where personal information about those involved is transmitted over open channels.

Fortunately, said Manitoulin OPP Community Services

Officer Marie Ford, members of the press tend to be the main listeners of the current radio feeds and there is a solid working relationship between them and police.

"The media I've worked with are professional and not going to breach safety to benefit a news story. If we know they're going to act responsibly, that's great, they should be getting those messages out there," said Constable Ford. "When we have a serious collision with a road closed, to get information out about the closure or a detour is important. The public wants to know that."

This newspaper is among the media outlets that make use of live OPP audio feeds.

In some locations where police force radios have gone encrypted, such as Calgary, law enforcement groups have provided accredited media organizations with access to radios for news gathering purposes. Mr. Whaley said that conversation had not come up within the OPP ranks, but said that all possibilities were still under consideration.

"This is a big step so we're certainly open to that discussion. One thing I would say is we're trying to follow the trend, the pattern, the intent of privacy commissioners across Canada. Agencies in Alberta and certainly Saskatchewan have certainly been good examples where the privacy commissioners have said 'now you have encryption, you are to use it,'" said Mr. Whaley, referring to the balance between protecting personal information and being transparent about police operations.

Mr. Whaley said that a possibility in the future may be to have a specific channel or channels unencrypted for media and operational partner benefit, such as a channel in the Greater Toronto Area that is monitored by tow truck operators so they can respond more quickly to crashes without having to be dispatched individually.

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# **Manitoulin Sporting Life**



#### Northern Ontario curling playdown success

Congratulations to the Chandler brothers who had a winning four and three record at last week's Northern Ontario playdowns to determine who will represent the North at the 2020 Canadian Brier. **Jordan and Kyle Chandler** actually needed to play a tie-breaker game to see who would advance to the semi-finals against former Manitoulin resident, **Sandy MacEwan**.

Congratulations guys, get them next year!

#### **Jet-setting hockey opportunity!**

Zagassage Toulouse, a M'Chigeeng-based athlete who skates with the Manitoulin Panthers will once again be showcasing her skills on a larger stage than the Nickel District League. Zee, as she is also known, is off to play in Budapest, Hungary from April 16-26! She will be playing with a 2006 team although she wasn't born until 2007. She also accepted a position to play on a 2007 Pro Hockey Elite playing in Edmonton this July in the War for the Roses and with the Women's Hockey Academy 2007 team playing in Niagara Falls May 22-24. Next season, she will be transitioning back to girls' rep hockey for her Bantam year. Keep up all your hard work, Zee and success will follow.

#### Winterfest winners

Congratulations to the winners of the three-division Winterfest Weekend hockey tournament hosted by the Little Current Lions last weekend

For the sixth year in a row, Wiikwemkoong's Urban Legends, headed by **Urban Peltier**, took the Oldtimers title in a showdown against an Espanola team captained by **Paul Kallioinen** while the Bardown Beauts, led by **Jessica Aguonie**, were the Women's division victors beating out last year's title champs the Frosty Beavers, ably captained by **Beth Armstrong**.

The Sportsmen B division was won by the Espanola Eskimos, captained by **Justin Nicholson**, taking out the North Shore Degenerates, led by **Thomas Hayden**, on Sunday afternoon while the coveted Sportsmen A title was regained by **Logan Bayer**'s Mindy Lakers over last year's champs, the LC Bucks, headed by **Dustin Varey** in a fast-paced edge-of-your-seat game.

# Minor midget play junior!

Congratulations to Wiikwemkoong's **Carson Shawana** who has been called up to play with the Espanola Express Jr. A team. The stalwart defenceman did not look out of place skating with guys up to five years his senior. The Express coach was impressed with Carson's play and expects to use him more as the season progresses.

### Education versus sport or because of sports?

One remarkable record was broke at this past Sunday's Super Bowl and it was accomplished by a Canadian to boot. **Laurent Duvernay-Tardif**, a McGill University graduate, became the first medical doctor to play in the National Football League's championship game. Icing on his cake was that he played for the winning Kansas City Chiefs side!

The rarity of such an occurrence is often as a result of the belief that you must make a choice between athletics and schooling. However, with the right guidance, athletes can take the valuable lessons and strengths earned through training and competition and use them to their benefit when applied to their education.

The teachings of sports are too numerous to examine here. The more obvious of course would be dedication, teamwork, goal setting and following instructions. One of the less tangible but essential skills needed in sports and education is the ability to fail. Of course failure is as easy as falling off a log but it is what effective athletes are able to do that separates them from the pack.

Successful students and competitors alike have the uncanny ability to first, not be afraid to fail, and then reflect on their mistakes, evaluate and plan how to prevent them and finally be able to put it behind you and move on. My **Dad** coached my brother **Wade**, a netminder for the Panthers for many years. His advice to him after he allowed a goal was that there was no time for beating yourself up but to "get a shut-out from here."

My anecdotal observations as an educator are that far too many students are terrified to be wrong. This can have several results. One is that an individual does not take enough of a risk to push themselves to their potential and are content with "okay." A more insidious outcome is when a student maligns the "try-hards" then laughs off their own flop with a flippant, "well, I wasn't trying anyways!"

A postscript to the Kansas City win has a regional connection. North Bay's **Ryan Hunter** was dressed and sitting on the sidelines with his Chiefs' teammates but did not see any game-time. A back-up for fellow Canadian Laurent Duvernay-Tardif, who had a strong game, meant Ryan kept his front row seat. However, Hunter is another great example of perseverance. During a league game this season, Ryan made a mistake that caused coaches demote him to the practice squad. Undeterred, he trained even harder, and was eventually brought back to the team.

Always try hard everyone and expect that you will make mistakes. Just have the strength to learn from them.

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# President of FIRST Robotics Canada to visit Manitoulin Secondary Thursday

by Jocelyn Kuntsi, business manager, Manitoulin Metal

M'CHIGEENG—Over the past two years at competitions, FIRST Robotics president Mark Breadner has gone out of his way to make the Manitoulin Metal Robotics Team (FRC6865) feel welcome. Each year, team mentor Allan Davy offered to return the favour by inviting him to visit Manitoulin Secondary School. This year, Mr. Breadner is making the trip to Manitoulin tomorrow, February 6 to support the Island team during the pre-season.

Mr. Breadner, president and founder of FIRST Robotics Canada, works tirelessly to inspire students to participate in robotics and create STEM futures for generations to come. Born in Hamilton, he worked with IBM Canada as a systems engineer and marketing representative. He later became the direc-

tor of robotics for the Toronto District School Board. He mentored the very first Canadian team in 1998 and was the winner of the Woodie Flowers Mentor Award.

Mr. Breadner is looking forward to meeting the MSS students who are busy building the competition robot for the 2020 Infinite Recharge season. The students are looking forward to talking with the prestigious visitor about the opportunities and benefits of robotics (plus he's bringing pizza!).

The MSS team has generously been supported this year by a variety of sponsors including, Manitoulin Transport, Microsoft, Argosy, JK Auto, Rumorsquad Gaming, Kat's Pet Supply, Sheppard and Son and Rezplast. Manitoulin Metal competes at Georgian College (March 6-8) and Nipissing University (March 27-29), both regional qualifiers.



### Bond Rink takes Gore Bay bonspiel

The Peter Bond rink won the Gore Bay Curling Club men's annual curling bonspiel held this past weekend. The Bond rink is, from left, Dan Pedan (second), Peter Bond (skip), Cole McClaughlin presenting the trophy, J.J. McCabe (lead) and Harold Fox (vice). This is the second year in a row Team Bond has won the event, beating out Team Mark Love





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# Winterfest Winners

#### **Oldtimers**

For the sixth consecutive year, Wiikwemkoong's Urban Legends took home the Oldtimers division 'banner' from Winterfest Weekend. The victors are, back row, from left, Dave Webkamigad, Urban Peltier, Perry Cuomo, Bruce Recollet, Warren Corbiere, Robert Sutherland: front Greg Mishbinijima, Wassengeso, John Manitowabi, Louie Pheasant and Mike Panamick

#### Women

The Bardown Beats beat the defending Frosty Beavers in a shootout to take the Women's division title. From back, left, is Shelby Saucier, Savannah Corbiere, Gabby Chenard, Delaney Webkamigad, Ashlyn Hare; front row, Sara Morrison-Lazarus, Harmony Rivers, Shaylene Restoule, Lyric Peltier and Jessica Aquonie.



### Sportsmen B

The Espanola Eskimos were named Winterfest Sportsmen B champs following a blowout game against the North Shore Degenerates on Sunday. The Eskimos are, back row from left Josh Wiest, Jaksen Stevens-Cada, Carter Mittroff, Kennedy Sintal, Riley Bennette, Darren Nicholson, Bryce St. Pierre; front row, Ryne Denis, Kurt Podlatis, Jason Paquette, Joel Berry, Jayden Southwind, Justin Nicholson, Colin Withers and Coach Adam Richie

# Sportsmen A

It was a comeback game for the Mindy Lakers at Winterfest. Facing off against the LC Bucks, the Lakers were looking to regain their title following last year's loss to the same team, and regain they did, winning the Sportsmen A title in a fast-paced game. The Lakers are, back row, from left, Quinton Recollet, Vern Cooper, Zach Innes, Nevada Waindubence, Arron Assinewai, Logan Bayer, Tony Fey; front row, Jason Peltier, Dave Lazarus, Lyndon Peltier and Filip Stekovic

photos by Alicia McCutcheon



# Rainbow elementary schools out twice this week

by Warren Schlote MANITOULIN—Island elementary school teachers have returned to the picket lines once again this week, with Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) taking part in job action on both Tuesday, February 4 and Thursday, February

The Tuesday strike is part of the rotating strike model but Thursday's job action involves all ETFO members and schools across Ontario. Student transportation is cancelled for Rainbow schools but the buildings will still be open for childcare, before- and after-school programs and community usage, according to a press

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Andrew Hughson is one MSS athlete who can stay focused in a game while still having fun. Andrew is a Grade 10 student who enjoys hunting and fishing when he isn't busy doing schoolwork or attending hockey practice.

Playing sports is something Andrew has done from a young age. During his years at Assiginack Public School, he played softball. He also used to play hockey in Sudbury for Cousin Vinny's. This year Andrew has joined the boys' Mustangs hockey team, and he plays as goalie. One of his athletic accomplishments is setting a new record with 18 shutouts in one hockey season. Although baseball is not offered at MSS as a school sport, he is looking forward to playing more baseball on his own time in the spring.

Andrew's favourite sport is hockey because he enjoys playing the game and meeting new people. Hockey is also an opportunity for him to hang with the boys and work as a team with them. He enjoys playing sports in general because they keep him moving. He appreciates how you can't just be standing still to participate in sports, and that not everyone can play all sports because they each require a different skill set.

In school, Andrew's favourite subject is gym because he likes to be able to move around and play sports. Gym class keeps him active and lets him improve his skills. After he graduates, Andrew would like to become a heavy equipment operator.

Andrew is one of many talented Mustangs, and with his kindness, confidence and sense of humor, he is sure to make MSS proud. Let's go, Andrew, let's go!



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# ...Anishinabek Nation honours Island health heroes

...continued from page 3 much that's appreciated.'

Speaking remarks from the evening stated that Ms. Pitawanakwat has adapted her care approaches to reflect current trends and best practices within the healthcare industry.

"Karen takes the time to listen and visit with the people; her knowledge and use of Anishinaabemowin language is a true demonstration of respect and love for the people," stated Ms. Wabano in her nomination form.

Expositor readers may remember Ms. Pitawanakwat's name from the

recent series in this newspaper about the Canadian Indigenous Cognitive Assessment (CICA), a revolutionary tool to diagnose mental functioning impairments that is culturally specific and sensitive to the lived realities of Anishinabek people.

Her role in developing that tool was a factor that supported her nomination. Ms. Pitawanakwat said she hoped this award win would help to spread the word about the CICA so more lives could be changed for the better.

Joining Ms. Pitawanakwat at the

awards ceremony was Ms. Wabano, staff from Noojmowin Teg who also work closely with aging populations, Island community caregivers and Lorrilee McGregor from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

'Chi-miigwetch to everyone. I've always felt supported, welcome and got very positive feedback from all of the communities that I go in," said Ms.

Each award winner received a framed certificate that was signed by Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare.

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# ...MSS premieres 'Bye Bye Birdie' musical next week

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She added that it was neat to allow the students to have that freedom and level of responsibility for process. Once they made their pitches, the directorate decided on what would be the best fit.

"The kids are a lot more invested and they have a better sense of what goes into a production than in previous years because they're seeing the process from beginning to end," said Ms. Bauer.

This is not the first time MSS has attempted 'Bye Bye Birdie.' A previous production a few years back was derailed by job action, something that seemed to follow the musical into this school year.

Ms. Bauer said she hoped the current Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation rotating strikes would not escalate so that the production could proceed as planned.

The play's directorate is the same as last year and the supervising teachers seem to have found their preferred niches for a production of this sort. Mike Zegil is artistic director, Chris Theijsmeijer takes on musical direction, Casey Boisvert is in charge of choreography, Heather Theijsmeijer is the technical director, Jill Ferguson is the head of costumes and Allie Carrick is serving as stage manager.

The character of Mr. Birdie (Sam Howson) is managed in the play by songwriter Albert Peterson

As is often the case, a handful of elementary school students have signed up for roles as well. Ms. Bauer said they have been embraced by the older students and are making a positive addition to the performance.

The band consists of a mix of current students and MSS alumni who will be jamming out the play's

soundtrack. As might be

expected, it draws influence

from the rock n' roll heyday

of the 1950s and Ms. Bauer

said some people from that

era may remember fond

memories from the time.

Manitoulin Secondary School students are hard at work rehearsing for the upcoming production of 'Bye Bye Birdie,' which is set to hit the

(Ethan Theijsmeijer) and his partner Rose Alvarez

(Abbie Harper). Twentyeight MSS students have offered their talents for onstage roles, with many of them playing two or even

This production has faced the usual challenges that tend to surface while working on a show in rural cated the process.

"We have, as always, a resilient group of adults, youth and parents who are ing. The community has been amazing too in terms of stepping up, finding hard-to-find props ... the number of people who have come forward has been amazing," said Ms. Bauer.

The construction and behind-the-scenes crew have likewise been facing and overcoming challenges (such as a lighting control board that arrived less than two weeks before show-

As is the case with other MSS productions, the team has managed to incorporate certain local references, including recently-controversial Little Current street names, into the musical.

Ms. Bauer said MSS' 'Bye Bye Birdie' show will rival any school, even those with bigger arts programs.

We're taking on things other schools would balk at," she said. "We love the show so much. It's so much fun; we've never done a show in the '50s era. It's great music and there's a bunch of new kids who are actors this year."

Advance tickets can be purchased at any of the Island's Guardian pharmacies or at the IDA in Gore Bay. Otherwise, the \$16 tickets can be bought at the door on a show night.

'Bye Bye Birdie' takes to the MSS stage for a threenight run between February 13 and 15, beginning at 7 pm each night. There will be one intermission during the evening.



stage next week

# ...Wikwemikong robotics

...continued from page 3 team," said Ms. Thomson.

The paint night will follow a Mt. Ross theme and participants will bring home a painting dedicated to famed Public Television painting instructor the late Bob Ross.

"Come on out and join us for a fun evening where we will share a few laughs and paint to raise money for a great cause," said Ms. Thomson.

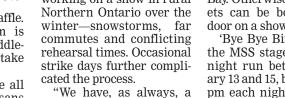
Tickets can be purchased by contacting info@whoscrafty.com, or by speaking to Ms. Cooper at the high school or contacting Ms. Thomson at 705-929-3581.

Otner fundraising events in the works include a big prize money bingo at the high school later this

month and a quill box raffle. The fundraising team is also exploring a paddlepainting workshop to take place later this year.

"The quill boxes are all created by local artisans and are quite beautiful and intricate," said Ms. Cooper. People should check the Wikwemikong Board of Education website (wbeeducation.ca) or the Wikwemikong Robotics Team Facebook page or Twitter for details on when the other events are taking place," advised Ms. Cooper.

Those seeking to just send in a donation by electronic money transfer should just contact Wikwemikong High School at (705) 859-2870.



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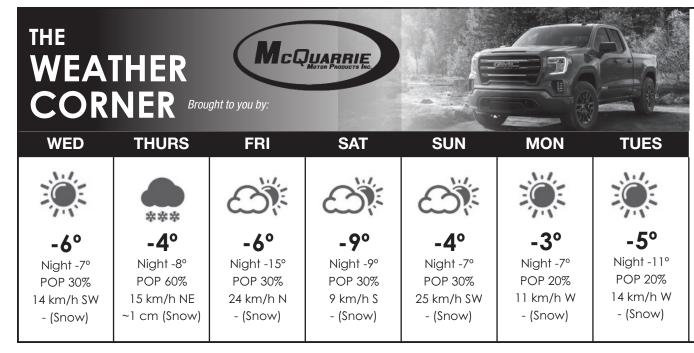
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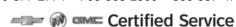
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# ...duo reflects on lessons learned from Big Wild Year

...continued from page 3 ing a rifle, refining his aim and stalking a buck for hours. Even the feel of soil under his fingernails could be brought back through food.

Mr. St. Onge enjoyed the extra time he got to spend hunting, fishing and gathering compared to an average year. Ms. Colyer said making regular video updates for Mr. St. Onge's YouTube channel, One Wildcrafter, was something that allowed them to see how much they had accomplished—the harvesting was so intensive all year that the two were deeply living 'in the moment' for much of the time.

"Because of the speed of moving into the next collection or hunting season, sometimes looking back at those videos or pictures was shocking in how much we may have forgotten as we had to be so into the next chapter of the year," she said.

Mr. St. Onge attributed much of their success to the copious time they spent collecting, preserving and preparing food, on top of an existing knowledge base.

"It really does take a community, as well. You should have good resources ... and good contacts to help you verify your species, collaborate with you and share with you in your times of need," he said.

Ms. Colyer said the stockpiling from the months leading up to the challenge was crucial—their predictions for the amount of food required were fairly accu-

rate.
Adapting food selections to one's own body is also important, so testing well in advance of such a challenge is invaluable.

"Be wise and listen to your body. If it isn't for you, be aware. One should know that it is a time-consuming task and that there isn't much time for other pursuits (such as family or work)," said Ms. Colyer.

She said she gained a much stronger appreciation for the skills Mr. St. Onge brought to the challenge when she tried them out for herself. But even after a year, she said she felt she had improved many of her own skills as well as her knowledge of wild foods in the area.

When asked whether they would undertake a

similar challenge once again, both heartily said

Mr. St. Onge agreed because of the health benefits, the even better results that would come through the experience they had already gleaned, as well as the opportunity to have a greater academic focus on the project.

"I would be more careful about targeting certain species when they are at their peak abundance, and make sure I didn't miss some of the staple foods, especially wild root crops," he said, and agreed with Ms. Colyer that forming an inter-reliable network of wild-food eaters would be a major asset.

Ms. Colyer agreed that specific food targeting, after learning their preferences, would be a good addition.

"We would have planned a trip for nuts and also had the equipment to process them in a timely fashion. But all the other foods we collected, I'd keep the

with me, as will the knowledge of the importance of protecting wild and semiwild spaces, and of reducing all of our negative impacts on the environment.

Ms. Colyer, who has roots in Wiikwemkoong, said learning about the alternatives to current destructive ways of food production, as well as how the body responds to various foods, was fascinating.

"To appreciate that food is around us and to explore it, especially in the face of so much food insecurity, (any) amount of wild food collecting and eating is beneficial and I would wholeheartedly recommend it," she said.

"The things that will stay with me are all the good memories of collecting and harvesting food," said Ms. Colyer. "I will continue to involve the kids in these pursuits especially because they saw and appreciated the excitement and work involved."



The Big Wild Year challengers were Jeremy St. Onge, left, and Delphanie Colyer. They only ate wild foods for the duration of 2019.

same," she said. "I would love for this to be turned into something larger so that more nutritional information and biological data could be secured."

The Big Wild Year was confidence-boosting for Ms. Colyer, who said there were many wonderful memories to savour.

"For me, it was buying my shotgun and rifle and getting out to learn and experience my first hunting season. Also, feeling confident in the time I had put into the previous two years learning about plants in order to go out and secure food," she said.

In addition to personal confidence, Mr. St. Onge said he gained an understanding of the living conditions of centuries ago.

"My appreciation for the abundance that is available in the wild will always be

Although the challenge is over, the legacy of the Big Wild Year is far from finished. It will remain a presence in the lives of Mr. St. Onge and Ms. Colyer, as well as the many fans who cheered them on through the year.

A handful of posts made throughout January show the innovative ways the two have been fusing wild foods with their more conventional diets. Ms. Colyer recently made a venison stew with a mix of wild foods like leeks and mushrooms, but also pantry staples such as carrots and potatoes. For dessert? 'Big Wild Year' cookies, so named because they came right from the challenge.

"The year continues with a new group formed out of the Big Wild Year Facebook page, and the writing of books and speaking to folks, and feeling utterly appreciated for doing something we really wanted to explore," said Ms. Colver.

Visit Facebook.com/Big-WildYear to look through memories of a year-long challenge and see a link to the new group for sharing wild food knowledge. The Expositor extends a hearty thanks to Ms. Colyer and Mr. St. Onge for sharing their challenge so openly with the readers, and wishes them well in their future adventures.



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# ...Rainbow elementary schools out twice this week

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release from RDSB
spokesperson Nicole
Charette.

As a result of the ongoing work disruptions, RDSB director of education Norm Blaseg issued a statement January 23 saying that student report cards would not be released at this time.

Phase five of strike protocol began this past Monday, February 3. It puts a halt to all extracurricular activities, regardless of whether they take place during the instructional day or afterward. Also, a rotating one-day strike and a province-wide one-day strike will take place every week until further notice.

The first round of strike action commenced on November 26, 2019. It led to stoppages of EQAO and math testing activities, stopping surveys and data collection, not attending meetings, not taking part in planning processes or responding to electronic communications from school administration out-

side of working hours and not taking part in committees. Work on report cards was greatly reduced and all teachers met and entered the school as a group 15 minutes before the start of class.

Strike action moved to round two on December 10, 2019, which included all the preceding elements but also axed planning new field trips, creating visual displays at the request of administration, enrolling in additional qualification courses through the school board, collecting money for non-charitable purposes, purchasing school supplies away from school time and sending memos home to students.

Phrase three began on January 13 with added restrictions on planning or joining assemblies unless supervising students, not taking part in field trips, not taking part in extracurricular activities outside of the school day, orders not to arrive more than 30 minutes before the start of

school and orders to leave within 15 minutes of the end of the instructional day.

January 20 ushered in phase four, a ban on taking part in any school board or ministry-led professional learning. Phase five is now underway.

ETFO has said several times that the province is not co-operating in bargaining. The union said in four months of talks from August through December 2019, the negotiators were not able to discuss the issues of most importance to ETFO—adequate special education funding, a strategy to deal with classroom violence, keeping the current Kindergarten model, ensuring fair hiring practices, appropriate class sizes and keeping educators' pay matched with the rate of inflation.

The elementary union contract works in a similar structure to the province's public high school teachers—there is a central contract for the broad,

province-wide issues, which is negotiated between provincial union and Education ministry representatives. Once that contract is ratified, local agreements can be negotiated between school boards and their teachers on the issues specific to a given region.

On the subject of the high school teachers, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) is still undertaking rotating job action. RDSB schools were spared from this week's rotating one-day strike but may be taking part in a future week's negotiations.

As mentioned in a previous strike update, the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association, which represents Catholic elementary-level teachers in the province, as well as the French-language l'Association des enseignantes et des enseignants francoontariens have been engaging in job action at the same time.

This is the first time all four unions have held job action simultaneously since 1997.

Last Wednesday, January 29, ETFO and the province began exploratory talks once again, but those broke down by that Friday. OSSTF and the province have yet to try resuming negotiations as of press



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# ...safety radio channels to be encrypted

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The new encrypted radios will be a significant upgrade over the current OPP encrypted units. Mr. Whaley said if one of the encrypted handheld radios were to go missing, the process of securing and reencrypting the units would require technicians to physically handle every single radio and the process may take upwards of three months. This is an expensive and labour-intensive process.

"If that were to happen with this new system, we can turn the (stolen) radio into a brick by sending it a code to turn off, and send new encryption keys over the air and have all of our radio system re-encrypted in a matter of hours," he said.

In the modern age of social media, much police information to the public is already being pushed on channels other than official radio communication networks. This offers the potential for richer communications including two-way dialogue, internet links and photo and video sharing, versus the audio- and push-only communications by listening to a scanner.

Some concerns exist whether certain occurrences will be withheld from social media, threatening accountability, but Mr. Whaley said all radio traffic is recorded and can still be used in courtrooms or requested if needed. It just will not be available in real-time any longer.

Mr. Whaley also said local safety groups such as the many volunteer fire departments on Manitoulin Island will not need to purchase new equipment to join this system; those have always been separate from the government agency communications channels.

If not for open radio channels in years past, however, at least one Manitoulin officer might never have joined the force. Retired OPP constable Al

Boyd, now a Northeast Town councillor and a member of the Manitoulin Community Policing Advisory Committee, said he used to listen to police calls as a boy which sparked an interest in working in law enforcement and later in amateur radio.

He did acknowledge, however, that the new system will provide more reliable and robust communications abilities. He shared a memory of a night patrolling LaCloche Island when he attempted to run the information of a driver and licence plate but couldn't reach the dispatcher in Sudbury. This was an older radio system than the current 1998 network.

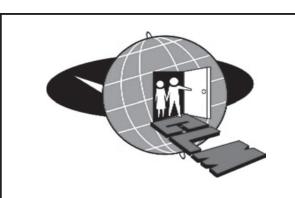
"All of a sudden, I heard a

voice come over the radio that said, 'Hi OPP in Canada from Poplar Bluff, Missouri. This is Fred with the Missouri State Police. I hear you loud and clear; you're sounding great—let me run that fellow for you.' We had crystal clear communications, but I couldn't call my dispatcher in Sudbury," he said.

The Manitoulin Amateur Radio Club, of which Mr. Boyd is a member, is also revitalizing its own ham radio transmitter on McLean's Mountain. It will soon be transmitting both analog and digital signals, moving even the ham operators one step closer to the modern public safety requirements.

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# ...Coronavirus foils Manitoulin family's plans to visit daughter-in-law's parents in China

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is considering going back home permanently."

As in most cultures, families are a very important part of Chinese values. Mr. Smith explains that, especially in the first month after a child is born, the family gathers around the mother in support and to give her rest.

"They are very upset that they have not been able to see their grandchildren," said Mr. Smith.

Adding to the frustration has been a decided lack of transparency as to why the visas are continually being denied.

"They give us the same three reasons every time," said Mr. Smith. The first is a concern that the family will not return to China once they have arrived in Canada. "They want to know what ties they have to China. We show that they have a successful business, two properties, they have a large family and the parents on both sides are still alive—it really is a huge family. Fanfan's sister is still in school there."

The answers the couple have received from Immigration Canada as to why these points are not strong enough to prove the family would return following their visit to Canada remain vague. A freedom of information request also

failed to clear up the details of the actual roadblock. The process, he said, lacks transparency.

Even an appeal to the office of Sudbury MP Paul Lefebvre has proven fruitless. "We were in contact with his staff," said Mr. Smith. "His secretary called back and basically gave us the same answers as we had already received."

"We are basically left with asking for a judicial review as our only option," said Mr. Smith. Initiating a judicial review is an expensive avenue, and as an economics student at Laurentian University he knows that path presents some serious financial challenges.

In the meantime, and on a more positive note, the Smith-Yang family have not faced the kind of racist backlash being widely reported in the southern media. Although, Ms. Yang does not go out and about that much with two very young children to ride herd over.

"Most of the people we know are from work and that sort of thing," said Mr. Smith. "They know we were planning a trip to China to see her family and they have questions, but it is more of a friendly thing."

It was a bit of a different story when the couple went to secure a marriage licence, however. "There was a bit of a funny feeling through that process," said Mr. Smith. "At

first they said we couldn't get one because Fanfan didn't have an Ontario residency, then they said they had to take her Chinese residence card. I didn't think that was right." In the end, love did prevail, however and the couple were able to marry.

The Smith-Yang family might try to secure visitors' visas sometime in the future, after the current health crisis has passed and settled down, but with Fanfan now considering a permanent move home that is up in the air. They will eventually have to decide whether that would be throwing good money after bad.

"It's very frustrating," said Mr. Smith. "We have done everything that they have asked of us, but we still get nowhere." With a process that offers poor transparency and a lack of constructive feedback on what to do, the couple are understandably frustrated. "We really don't know what else they want us to do."

As to the cancellation of their trip to China, Mr. Smith was philosophical. "You don't want to be bringing anything back with you that could cause people to get sick," he said. At least that is something a person can get their head around

# ...Island comic Charlie Adams brings 'Funny Business' to Little Current's Anchor Inn

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"I don't include anything about teaching. There's sort of a sacred trust there. But with all of the other comics at the event, there's such a wide range of topics," said Mr. Adam.

He had glowing recommendations of his fellow performers. Mr. Hamilton has hosted the longestrunning open mic event in Sudbury at Little Montreal, a major hub of the Nickel City comedy scene.

Mr. Stoller, who hails from Spanish, hosts another open mic show at The Asylum in Sudbury. Mr. Judd was described as possibly the funniest performer of the night, though Mr. Adam has only been able to see him perform a couple of times.

Mr. Adam said he hoped to see a good number of people at the show; he said the bigger the audience, the bigger the thrill.

Anchor Inn co-owner Denise Callaghan said she was looking forward to hosting the event.

"(Mr. Adam) seems like he's got a bit of a following and that's always good. We're very happy they're donating part of their funds to the Lions Club as well," she said.

Ms. Callaghan added

that she hoped attendees would get a nice happiness boost and wear big smiles during the evening of good entertainment.

The Little Current Lions Club was the lucky benefactor for the show because he said it is an important part of the Island's support and service network.

"When I do another one of these shows in the future, maybe I'll pick another. I'd like to do other parts of the Island too because I've already done several in Little Current," said Mr. Adam.

The Little Current show is at the Anchor Inn on Saturday, February 15 at 9 pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through the Anchor Inn or by calling Mr. Adam directly at 705-561-9690.

Those who want to check out the show but cannot make it on Saturday can get a one-day sneak preview at the Espanola Legion on Friday, February 14 at 8 pm. Proceeds from that show will be going to support the hosting Legion.





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# ...Debaj celebrates volunteers, gives awards

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ed of a mix and mingle of characters as the dinner attendees attempted to sleuth out who the murderer was. Laughter and animated conversation filled the Larry Lewis Creation Centre hall until the culprit was unveiled.

Michael Eshkawkogan was the only participant to successfully unmask the culprit and secure bragging rights.



Christianna Jones presents Marjorie Trudeau with the inaugural volunteer award, named for her.

photos by Michael Erskine

As part of the evening's festivities each participant received a stack of \$300 in murder mystery cash with which to bribe and lubricate witnesses—Jackie White was the undisputed master of the pocketbook by evening's end, amassing a fortune well in excess of \$4,000, handily winning the Monevbags Award.



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# M'Chigeeng's Alan Corbiere becomes York professor

# Historian also applying to become Canada Research Chair

by Warren Schlote

TORONTO—M'Chigeeng historian and researcher Alan Corbiere has had a busy year—in addition to getting his PhD at age 50, he has secured an associate professorship at York University, a tenure-track posting that he hopes to turn into a Canada Research Chair (CRC) position.

His colleagues had been suggesting for years that he should go for his doctorate and Dr. Corbiere had begun to consider it. At a conference, he got the final push he needed—his supervisor Carolyn Podruchny called him over to look at her laptop which had all of the application forms half-filled out. He just had to add the missing information and it was ready to submit.

"I really wouldn't have applied otherwise. People kept saying 'do it,' but I was always too busy with the work I was doing in my community," said Dr. Corbiere.

He also secured a Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research



Historian Alan Corbiere has travelled the world seeking museum collections of Anishinaabe artifacts. He has most recently been appointed to a professorial position at York University.

those bits and pieces into

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years, though every educa-

tion is unique. Owing part-

ly to his past research in

Anishinaabe history, Mr.

Corbiere became Dr. Cor-

biere on September 30, 2019,

only two years after he

Conducting a major

research project such as

this was never an option for

Dr. Corbiere while at the

OCF because he was con-

stantly writing funding

applications on an annual

basis. It led to a feeling of

Dr. Corbiere then took up

a position at M'Chigeeng's

Lakeview School where he

developed the Anishinaabe-

mowin revival program. He

had a personal desire to

revitalize the Ojibwe lan-

guage for the next genera-

tion—his parents spoke in

Ojibwe to each other but

began his thesis.

burnout.

The average length for a

one big thesis," he said.

Council grant and received three years of funding for the work.

"I was really looking forward to dedicating three years to it. That's why I went in for it, I felt I had done a lot of research but didn't have the time to pull it all together," he said, referring to past projects such as the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation newsletter, the organization where he served as executive director for five years.

"I wanted to wrap up all

only spoke in English to their children.

"One day when I was a teen, my dad was talking to me and started speaking in Ojibwe. Then he says, 'you don't understand what I said, eh?' I said no, and he responded 'I should have taught you our language.' That stuck with me," said Dr. Corbiere.

Years passed. Dr. Corbiere met his wife and were soon expecting their first child, but he could not yet speak Anishinaabemowin.

"I realized then that all my ancestors, my parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, they all spoke Ojibwe. I could sit there and blame (my parents), or I could do something about it. So that's what I tried to do. Unfortunately, I wasn't fast enough to pass it down to my kids," Dr. Corbiere said.

He deeply immersed himself in building language-teaching tools at Lakeview School. Few Ojibwe teaching materials existed then but many more have appeared in the years since.

The Lakeview School position brought him closer to elders and let Dr. Corbiere attend numerous conferences.

"I felt like I had accumulated a lot of different files about different oral traditions. I just wanted to sit down with a place to think and try to write this all out and put it all together," he

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# ...nuclear waste disposal site

...continued from page 1 our 2013 commitment not to proceed with the DGR at the Bruce site without their support, and now we will move forward to develop an alternate solution."

Mr. Kuntz said OPG will now explore other options and "engage with key stakeholders to develop an alternate site selection process. Any new process is going to include engagement with Indigenous people, as well as interested municipalities."

Mr. Kuntz remained philosophical about the result of the vote. "Now we are able to move forward with other options," he said.

"Awesome," responded Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare when asked for a reaction to the news. "The people have spoken, now it is up to those putting this forward to accept and respect the will of the people. It's pretty clear."

The SON are no longer members of the Anishinabek Nation, and as such Grand Council Chief Hare tread carefully on the issue, although he has never pulled any punches when it comes to the idea of putting a nuclear waste storage facility on the shore of Lake Huron.

"I was asked by some people to go to SON on this issue and I said 'no, we have to let the people there decide'," he said. "It is their community and it is their decision. But personally, I am against storing nuclear waste anywhere near the lakes. We all have to drink that water and it is all of our lives that could be affected by a leak."

Grand Council Chief Hare does have a suggestion for moving forward on the storage issue.

"You can't just charge in and say 'we are putting that in close to water and just tell everyone that is how it is going to be.' Those days are long over," he said.

"You have to do it the right way. Sit down and have conversations about some ideas." Grand Council Chief Hare said that, at a minimum, those discussions should only entertain potential sites that are 50 kilometres to 100 kilometres away from the shore. "You have to ensure that it is doable and you need the public's support," he said.

He also said that any solution must be easily monitored and done so on a very regular basis. "Never say never when it comes to leaks," he said. "When it comes to storing nuclear waste there is no perfect, foolproof solution." But above all, consultation with key stakeholders is crucial, and there are no more "key" stakeholders than the Indigenous communities whose territories and way of life could be impacted by any failure of the DGR and the many non-Indigenous communities who call the shores of the Great Lakes home.







# ...Fishing tips from Bob Izumi

...continued from page 1 Showdown taking place February 22 and 23.

Mr. Izumi will be hosting a meet and greet at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre on the Saturday night starting at 7 pm and will be front and centre at the awards ceremony on Sunday afternoon. He will also be filming segments for his television program while on the Island. This raises the question, how does one meet and greet the star power angler (visions of Wayne's World scrapping and bowing spring to mind). Does one kiss the

"No, no, no," laughs Mr. Izumi. "I'm a pretty down-to-earth kind of guy—one of the gang. I'm just a lucky guy who goes fishing for a living. I have had an amazing run over the years."

Mr. Izumi notes that sportsfishing is one of those great levelers in life. "You make all kinds of friends, no matter what age you are or where you are from; everyone loves a great fishing story."

One of the most common factors to be found among anglers is a love of the outdoors and what better way to engage with the outdoors and like-minded people can there be than spending a day out on the water (or in this case the ice).

It might be winter, but that doesn't slow down the schedule all that much for "just a guy who makes his living by going fishing." Mr. Izumi will be back in Canada in a few weeks, appearing at the Toronto Spring Fishing and Boat Show February 14 to 17 before coming to the Island for the Manitoulin Ice Showdown.

Mr. Izumi is no stranger to the Island, having filmed segments for his popular Bob Izumi's Real Fishing Show.

"We spent some time up there filming at Batman's (Batman's Cottages and Campground) last September," he said. "It was great, a really good trip. We caught quite a few smallmouth bass and some largemouth."

So let's get down to the Real Fishing brass tacks what does Bob Izumi recommend when chasing the big ones out on the ice?

"There are two approaches to ice fishing," he said. "You can sit and wait or you can move around. I like to move around."

Although you have to register to fish on either Manitowaning Bay or Lake Manitou and stay on that body of water for that day, you are free to move around those lakes.

"My style of fishing is to cover a lot of ground," shared Mr. Izumi. "The key is to find the active fish." Fish, he explained, are much like most people, creatures of habit and tending to follow set runways. The trick is to find

the runways where those active fish (those that will strike your bait, lure or jig) are hanging out. "It's a bit of a flip of the coin, really," he said

Mr. Izumi said that he was really looking forward to returning to Manitoulin Island during icefishing season and meeting people at the Manitoulin Ice Showdown.

The derby is jointly hosted by the Wiikwemkoong Ice Fishing Derby and The Manitoulin Expositor and features two cool \$5,000 first prizes, second prizes of \$3,000 and third prizes of \$2,000 for each lake, not to mention great prizes for spots four through 10. There are also two tagged fish contests of \$2,500 on each day for Manitowaning Bay and target weight contests of \$2,500 for each of the two days on Lake Manitou. The registration prize is a 2020 Polaris Voyageur 550 snowmachine and there is also a "Pimp'd Hut" Big Trout Contest with \$3,500 in prizes.

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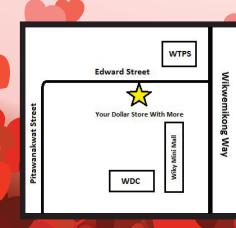


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# Little Current Lions offer frosty fun time at Winterfest

Little Current resident Brenna Pollard stepped into the chilly winter weather Sunday afternoon to claim the second prize winnings for her snow sculpture: a big scary cobra in hot (cold?) persuit of a bunny. Brenna acknowledged that her mom Melanie (holding baby brother Tegan) also helped out with the family endeavour. The snow sculpture contest is sponsored by the Expositor Office as part of the Little Current Lions Winterfest Weekend.

Maureen Nahwegahbow of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation poses with her family's first-place snow sculpture in the Expositor Office's Snow Sculpture Contest, a part of the Little Current Lions Club Winterfest Weekend. Maureen accepted the prize for the creation of the large and colourful rendering of the 'Pennywise' character from the Stephen King movie 'It.' She said the family tries to do something every winter and the theme is based on something in which her grandchildren are currently interested. Other family members who helped out include Maureen's son Randall Atlookan and her partner Chris

Steve and Jo Pittaway of Brisbane, Australia attended the Little Current Lions Club's Winterfest hockey tournament on Saturday evening to watch their very first live hockey game. The couple is staying on Manitoulin for two weeks while visitng family, Linda and Dan Wilton of Mindemoya. They found the action (Little Current Bucks in red jerseys) fast-paced and exciting to watch.

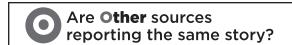


**LEFT:** Youngsters enjoy the snow globe craft at the Little Current-Howland Recreation Centre on Friday, a PD Day, courtesy of the municipality as part of the Winterfest Weekend activities in Little Current.

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Current residents Christopher McGaughey and Jessica Myers decided to create a 'Snoralax' and enter it into the Expositor Office's snow sculpture competition during Winterfest Weekend. It paid off because they took third place honours for the Dr. Seuss-inspired character. It's laying down because, Chris said, that's what Snoralaxs do: they are inclined (according to Dr. Seuss) to lay down across roadways and block traffic. The family dog, Luna, also smiles for the camera.

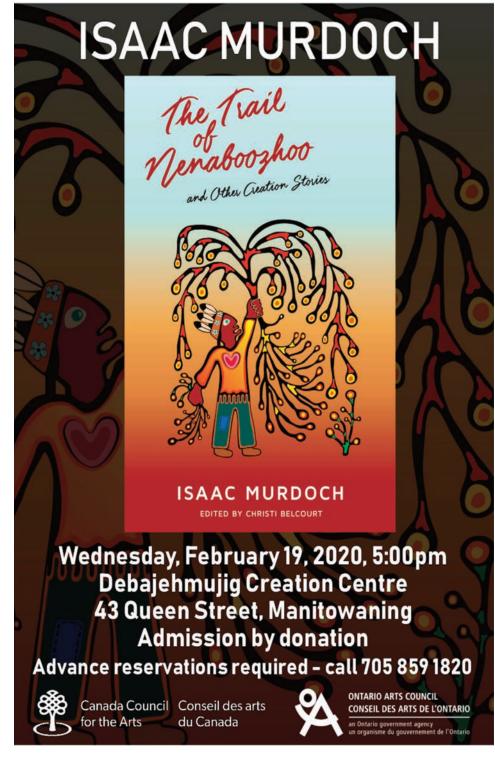




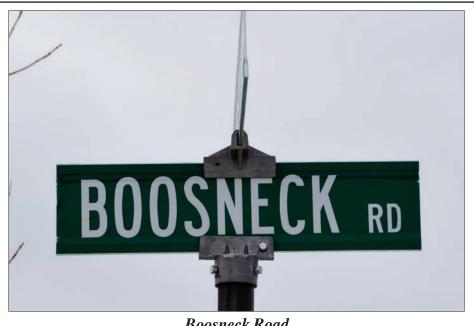
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Boosneck Road

It's official: the name of the former Boozeneck Road has been changed, by order of the Northeast Town council, to Boosneck Road (or is it Buznik...) following some research into the origins of the name of that roadway that connects Highway 540 to North Channel Drive in Little Current.

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# ...Alan Corbiere becomes York professor

...continued from page 14 said.

A key difference he has found is that Anishinaabe history tends to be placebased, whereas a western approach to history is more time-based. He turned to the language to better understand how traditional stories created meaning for generations.

"I've been looking at the recordings of elders, typing out what they say in Ojibwe, coming up with a translation and analyzing it, but there are also archival documents written in Ojibwe that I actually have to process," said Dr. Corbiere. 'I want to make a documentary record of what the elders are saying in Ojibweif you studied German history, you would be required to know the German language.'

He said cultural norms are deeply tied to language and written traditions, but Anishinaabe history is heavily oral-based. Dr. Corbiere has been advocating for more books written in the language and has met some resistance from traditionalists who say the oral tradition should remain as

"The thing I see happening, when it's a purely oral tradition, we stand to lose more of what the elders have to share at this point in Oiibwe if we don't record it and work with that," he said.

Corbiere hopes to Dr. turn this assistant professorship in Indigenous History through York University's history department into a CRC position, and will have to apply to the federal government for that designation.

"If I get the CRC, what that will allow me to do is get a reduced teaching load at the university so I'll be able to conduct the

research I've been trying to do for the last number of years. And, I'll have time to write it up instead of working on proposals and reports," he said.

Dr. Corbiere is presently refining the proposal within York University. He will submit his application in April and it could take as long as six months before he hears a result.

His proposal recognizes that the majority of Native history available right now is multidisciplinary; that archaeologists, anthropologists, historians and linguists have been writing about Indigenous peoples.

"The majority of the source material for Native history is written by priests, fur traders and Indian agents. Although people recognize or say there is an oral tradition that holds a lot of answers, I don't see that we have a great amount of materials to draw from yet," said Dr. Corbiere.

His goal, after five years of study, is to increase the amount of records and Anishinaabe elder perspective records written in the language, written in the way Indigenous peoples describe it them-

The OCF connection has returned into his life—he recently found out it has partnered with York University to digitize OCFheld recordings of 1980sera interviews with elders. Dr. Corbiere will be able to reference these for his research.

For someone whose future goals as a young person had nothing to do with history (he was more interested in becoming a Maple Leaf or a famous rock musician), Dr. Corbiere has certainly come a long way to getting his PhD and pursuing a Canada Research Chair posi-

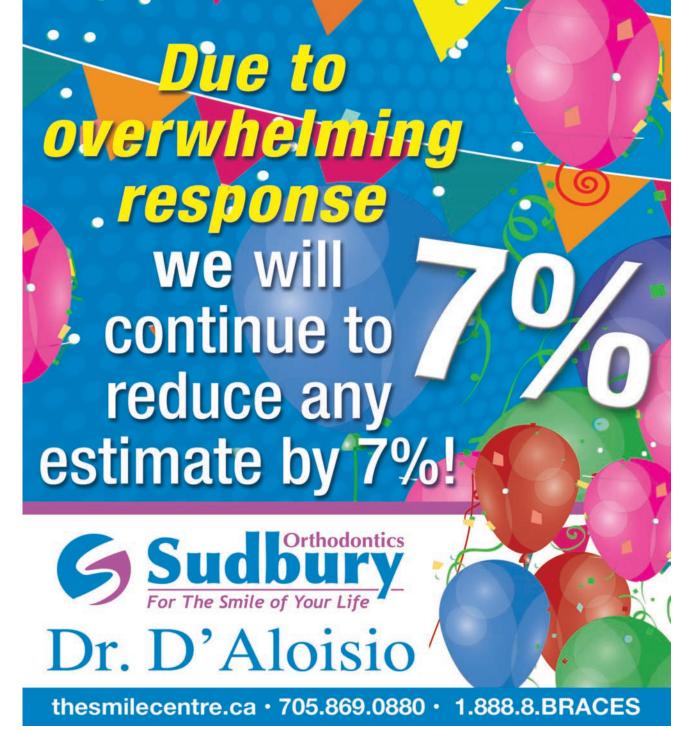
"I give so many thanks to Carolyn Podruchny. She was a tremendous help in getting into (and through) the program," said Dr. Corbiere.

He also credited the elder advisory committee at Lakeview School for supporting his language project and changing the way he thought about history. Those members were the late Lewis Debassige, the late Nancy Debassige, Ted Corbiere, Evelyn Roy and Melvina Corbiere.



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# Canadian Constitution co-author gives cannabis legality talk

by Warren Schlote

AUNDECK OMNI KAN-ING—First Nation cannabis producers and retailers may find themselves on much surer footing as cannabis trading on traditional lands gains a strong defence through sections 25 and 35 of the 'Constitution Act, 1982,' according to the man who literally wrote those sections in the constitution.

"Your treaty rights are constitutionally protected," said Del Riley, former chief of the National Indian Brotherhood (which later became the Assembly of First Nations).

"We've always run our own businesses, we've always traded all sorts of goods," he said. "We've never had to have licences for our businesses before."

Mr. Riley began his keynote address by sharing how he became involved in the constitution in the first place.

He was still chief of the National Indian Brother-hood and was working extensively with land claims. This gave him a thorough understanding about the existing rights of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

However, many of those rights were not formally recognized in federal documents and policies. Mr. Riley thus began to organize an effort to entrench those rights in the constitution at a national level.

Part of his journey involved speaking with parliaments in Canada, Australia and England. As part of the British lobbying effort, he opened an office there.

As Canada's constitution began to take shape, Mr. Riley's efforts only grew stronger. Constitutional negotiator and future prime minister Jean Chretien made a deal with Mr. Riley to close his English office in exchange for including treaty rights in the constitution.

Mr. Riley then worked as a principal negotiator and helped to author the wording that ultimately became part of the act.

Despite the constitutional changes, Mr. Riley said there were many lasting problems stemming from the Indian Act, first enacted in 1876, that ensured the federal government would hold the majority of control over First Nations. This was a racist act from an extremely racist prime minister, said Mr. Riley.

By consulting the clauses he helped include within the Constitution Act, Mr. Riley said First Nations could begin to take more control over their local economies. If First Nations vote to secede from the Indian Act, as several have discussed in recent years, having cannabis stories that pay licencing fees or other taxes to band councils could help bolster a reserve's economy.

Next to speak was Tom Keefer, editor of Dispensing Freedom magazine. He is non-Indigenous but has been politically involved on First Nations issues since the 2006 Grand River land dispute in Six Nations of the Grand River.

He noted that the Cannabis Act, although sometimes seen as an affirmation of the public's right to cannabis as medicine, in some ways can be seen as "Prohibition 2.0" because it sets up legal consequences for people who are involved with a plant he called harmless. He added that Indigenous peoples were not properly consulted on the Cannabis Act.

"The federal government still controls medicinal cannabis, but they gave control over recreational cannabis to provincial crown corporations," said Mr. Keefer.

The problem, he says, is that Indigenous relations in Canada are within federal jurisdiction while all recreational cannabis is governed by the provinces.

"The provinces, for their part, claim their laws apply on reserve. This is a bold move," he said.

Because of the Indian Act restrictions, no band councils have the authority to enact their own policies about cannabis unless they



Del Riley, former chief of the National Indian Brotherhood, talks cannabis rights to a group assembled at the Four Directions Complex in Aundeck Omni Kaning.

# photo by Warren Schlote

are not in conflict with the Cannabis Act.

The main issues related to cannabis today, according to Mr. Keefer, include the numerous raids against dispensaries, the racist Indian Act, the lack of consultations on recent legislation changes, violations of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and treaty rights, and a lack of a recognition of Native medicine or the on-reserve economy.

He noted that Seven Leaf in Akwesasne became the first Indigenous cannabis producer to be licenced by Health Canada, but they cannot sell their products to their own people through on-reserve stores.

Mr. Keefer also said some band councils have passed bylaws to make their reserves cannabis-free zones, which could be ruled as unconstitutional.

"The argument is that we don't need new laws, we already have laws about how to control medicines," he said. "Ultimately, the issue isn't cannabis. ... It's the sovereign right for you to govern your own economy on your own terms."

The economic benefits for reserves can be massive. Mr. Keefer cited some First Nations with multiple outlets can do more than \$100,000 per day in cannabis sales. He said one particular store on a particularly busy day did \$120,000 of business alone. It's likely that a significant portion of that income would be reinvested in the community.

"That might lead to a whole lot of other issues you'd need to talk about, but poverty won't be one of them," he said.

Stacy Amikwabi was the third and final speaker and he shared some of his experiences navigating the legal system and trying to uncover information about the Amikwa people. He talked about how treaties must include co-existence of settlers and Indigenous peoples, but "we've never had that from day one," he said.

Mr. Amikwabi's experience is centred around his time spent in band administration, which began as lands manager for Henvey Inlet First Nation.

There followed a question-and-answer period for the three speakers. To the question of how those in the cannabis industry can build solidarity in the face of raids and discouragement, Mr. Keefer said he expected the connections to build naturally, especially with meetings between those charged while they work together to find a way forward.

Mr. Riley reaffirmed his commitment to helping those charged with violating cannabis regulations, and said he would be happy to be an expert witness if required in a legal proceeding

These meetings with Mr. Riley are circulating to other First Nations in the coming weeks. Wahta and Cape Croker were on the list for the coming weekends, and there is a meet-

ing of the newly formed North Shore Anishinabek Cannabis Association in Nipissing First Nation on February 6. This happens to be the same location as a planned rally about the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement.

Following the talk, those involved in the First Nations cannabis industry were welcome to receive a signed certificate from Mr. Riley stating that their operation is protected under sections 25 and 35 of the Constitution Act.

One of those receiving a certificate was Matt Esquimaux, owner of Bud-

dies Smoke Shop in Aundeck Omni Kaning. He was the one who organized the day's event.

"I wanted to put it on to learn and get a better hold on sections 35 and 25, and so we wouldn't get the wool pulled over our eyes," said Mr. Esquimaux, who has been running his dispensary for six months.

He said he was happy with the event although the turnout was a little smaller than he had hoped, but said he was confident those in attendance would take the knowledge and pass it along to those who could make use of it.





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The award was presented on January 21 as part of the PEP (Procurement, Employment and Partnership) conference hosted by the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Council of Aboriginal Business (CCAB). During the acceptance speech Jason Peltier, manager of business services, acknowledged the dedication of Waubetek General Manager Dawn Madahbee Leach, who was recognized in 2018 as one of Canada's top 100 most powerful women by the Women's Executive Network. He also recognized Waubetek's founding board members who had the vision and foresight to establish Waubetek back in

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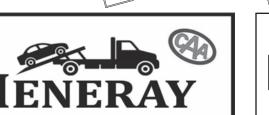
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Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week visit www.area84aa.org/manitoulin or call 705-674-6217 for more info.

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Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. To receive adult or youth/parent information on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or to volunteer with our Association, please contact: The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis

Association of Ontario. Tel: 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-6682 (outside GTA) or write to: Ste. 402, 170 Donway West, Toronto, ON M3C 2G3. Please visit our web site at: www.meao.ca.

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

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Gateway To Life Church service schedule, Sunday Morning Gateway Kids ages 4 to 12, 9 am to 10 am; Sunday Worship, 10:30 am; Tuesday Bible Study, 7 pm; Wednesday The Gate Youth, 7pm. Affiliated with P.A.O.C., 22 Vankoughnet street east, P.O. Box 681, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0. Pastor Philip Hovi 705-368-0245, email: office@gatewaytolifechurch.com

AOK Gospel Fellowship in Aundek Omni Kaning, Ontario. Pastor Jerry Legault. Sunday Services, 10:30 am; Children's Sunday School, 10:45 am; Thursday Bible Study, 6 pm. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth

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**Codependents Anonymous** 12-Step Meeting for healthy relationships. Every Tuesday, 7 pm to 8:15 pm at the Elders' Centre, Sheguiandah, 11108A Hwy 6. For more info coda.org, codamanitoulin@gmail.com. Facebook @codamanitoulin.

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38-39c



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37-38p



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31-40c

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Eight Ball Pool Tournament at the Little Current Legion Wednesday nights starting at 7 pm. Entry fee is \$5. Maximum 10 players. Rules based on Legion and V.N.E.A regulations. For information contact co-ordinator, Norris Valiquette, 705-368-1717.



**Sea Cadet Events** 

Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps weekly parade is now at the Manitoulin Secondary School gymnasium on Monday nights, beginning at 6 pm. All youth 12 to 18 are welcome to join. For enquiries, please contact 705-805-0350.

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**Knox Valentine Gala** featuring Burns Wharf Theatre players at Knox United Church, 25 Napier Street, Manitowaning on Saturday, February 8. Chicken and rib dinner at 5:30 pm, entertainment at 7 pm. Tickets, \$25. For reservations call Donna, 705-859-2746 and leave a message no later than Friday, February 7 at noon.

36-38p

A pop-up market will take place at the Little Current United Church Hall on Saturday, February 8 from 10 am to 4 pm. Vendors welcome. For more information call Karen at 705-272-8688. Sponsored by the Little Current United Church.

37-38p

Winter rummage sale at Knox United Church Hall in Manitowaning on January 29 to February 1 from 10 am to 4 pm. Closed Sunday, February 2. Open Monday February 3 to February 4, 10 am to 4 pm. Clothing, shoes, books, houseware, bedding, miscellaneous items including reduced items from the Little Shop Around the Corner.

37-38p

Sweetheart Luncheon at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Manitowaning on Spragge Street, Wednesday, February 12, 11:30 to 1:30 pm. Soup, sandwiches, squares and beverages. \$8. Take-out available. Tickets may be purchased from church members or call 705-859-3426 or 705-859-3041.

37-38p

Bingo, Valentine Special, Sunday, February 9 at 1:30 pm at the Tehkummah Seniors Hall. Regular games, specials and jackpot. Regular games, \$20; special games, \$50. Jackpot. Admission is \$20; 50/50 draw and door prizes. Canteen open, light lunch. Bring your own bingo chips. Sponsored by the Tehkummah Seniors Club.

37-38c

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 25 at All Saints Anglican Church Hall, Gore Bay from 5 pm to 7 pm. Adults, \$10; 5 to 12 years of age, \$5; children under five, free. Serving pancakes, sausages, whipped cream, strawberries and Manitoulin maple syrup.

38-40p

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Tuesday, February 11 at 7 pm at the Assiginack Museum Assiginack Township invites all businesses, organizations, groups and interested persons in Assiginack.

Please send at least one representative from your group to share your ideas.

Invite others who may be interested!

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38-41p

Come and join us for a Lenten retreat, theme, 'Trouble with Trust' at Our Lady of Canada Church on Saturday, February 22 from 10 am to 6. Bring your own lunch, snack and coffee, tea or water supply. Free will offering. If interested call Keith Legree, 705 968-0822 or email keithlegree@gmail.com.

38-40p

OPEN MIC IS BACK-George Williamson and friends have returned to the Little Current United Church's Assembly Hall. Come, bring your instrument, your voice (or both) and become one of George's Friends or just come and be entertained. Coffee, tea and refreshments served at this free event. Free-will cash donations go to the Manitoulin Food Bank. Next events will be Friday, February 7 and 27 at 6:30

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# Employment Opportunity YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH WORKER PERMANENT FULL – TIME

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Youth Mental Health Worker.

#### **Job Summary**

Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Manager/Clinician, the Youth Mental Health Worker provides professional clinical assessment, counselling, education and referral services to individuals, groups and families; and health promotion services in the form of educational and primary prevention activities to the community of Wikwemikong, ages 13 to 25 years. To promote healthy children, youth, family and community environments in which all community members can thrive through culturally appropriate community-based programs. To support the complete physical, emotional, spiritual and mental well-being of the youth, ages 13 to 25 years. To participate in the "Outdoor Adventure Leadership Experience" (OALE) program by taking necessary training to enhance skills to ensure overall well-being and safety, which includes but is not limited to safe food handling, advanced wilderness first aid and youth leadership manual training. Participate in the ten day canoe trip as determined by annual schedule

### Responsibilities

- To ensure that culturally appropriate and effective clinical services are provided to the youth, between the ages of 13 years and 25 years.
- 2. To facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient mental health and addictions services to the youth between the ages of 13 years and 25 years.
- 3. To ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager.
- To promote culturally appropriate mental health and addictions services in the community of Wikwemikong
- 5. To participate in the "Critical Incident Response Plan" for Wikwemikong.
- 6. To participate in the anti-bullying campaign.
- To participate in the anti-bunying earnpaign.
   To participate in the "Outdoor Adventure Leadership Experience".
- To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Mental Health.

### Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in psychology or social work or one of the helping disciplines; or,
- Successful completion of a college diploma program in the social services field.
- Standard Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Training;
- Advanced Wilderness First Aid
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST):
- Mental Health First Aid;
- Clear criminal reference check
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- Must have a valid class "G" driver's license and own reliable vehicle

Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

# Youth Mental Health Worker

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

Deadline: February 7, 2020 at 4:00 pm

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

ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

I've been waited on hand and foot and I am taking advantage! Right now, Kim is whip-

ping up western sandwiches for lunch. Coffee served in the early morning by Kathy and after a dinner last evening of delish veggie pizzas (Kim's homemade canned sauce) we had three games of cribbage. Kathy and I won the first two, the opposition went to bed, I am smiling. We had a perfect day, as far as roads went, the whole way down, and once Sherry got her Australian G.P.S. guy to talk to us, he took us right to the door of their lovely home in Meaford (on the side of a hill with a lovely view of lakeward). Oh, crap and Tiki games on Saturday evening. I did not do well on either, but I would have won if the high score counted! I've been enjoying visiting here so much that I've forgotten the real reason I am here.

Reminded Sunday night, a call from Susan and a call from Derek and Jodi. Kim started his Sunday with a hockey game. We ended it with a terrific Tiki game with Kirby, Kathy's brother David and his wife Alex, after a delicious dinner that we all enjoyed. It was wonderful seeing these folks as it had been quite a few years! Alex has been fighting that old devil cancer and is to be part of a test/study group. What a terrific fun evening, a lot of laughter.

Monday, the end of a verv long day. Up early for the Toronto run. I didn't think it would be so far from Kim's. The appointments went like clockwork. We made it just in time, fitted in four, including the consult, Kim and Sherry were in on that one. Met some lovely folk. Consultants amazing and most reassuring in a kind of a way. They had to study my catscan to

**Tehkummah Talk and Times** 

see if I'm a candidate for the "TAVI". I have a regime I have to follow and no lifting over 10 pounds, they say. (I guess I'll have to dump half my purse!) Kathy had a good supper ready for the oven. She had just got home from work ahead of our arrival. Despite the fact we were tired it is after 11 pm and I'm writing this. The dog Toulin and beautiful cat Guiness.

Back-good day for travelling, eight tables for cribbage, lots of delicious desserts today, thanks all: high hand, Lorrie Lee, 24; first, Dorothy A. and Flo, 946; second, Betty Jean and Bill, 944; third, Marg C. and Hugh, 938; almost winners, Bob and Vicki, 937; low, Glenda and Betty, 834; door prizes, Betty Jean, Judi, wooden heart. Thank you to all the cribbage players for supporting and enjoying our Wednesday afternoons. They are fun, and they start at 1:30 pm. Interested?

We got home about eight (maybe) on Tuesday. Called my local sisters to update them. Mollie called this morning. The trip home was good after we got away from the lake effect sloppy stuff snow beyond Collingwood. Stopped to stretch at Parry Sound and Sudbury Walmart for some light shopping. Got home to hear of the death of Beulah Russell, too. We missed Nora's funeral, too. Saddened to read of Austin Eade's death. Sympathy to all the Quackenbush family and connections. Beulah and I did some 4H classes, home baking, sewing, cooking, Women's Institute way back when. Family friends, too, always.

I met Austin Eade when I worked in Little Current, 1952/1953. A good friend of mine boarded at their home and she went to school up

there. He was such a nice person! They were supporters of our UCW events, too. I have so many friends through the column, and I am so grateful that the writing has allowed me this privilege.

Bid euchre, Thursday afternoon, 4 ¾ tables: first, Brad P., 212; second, Dorothy C., 193; third, John N., 189; low, Pat Nelder, 78; 50/50, Linda B.; moon, John Novak.

I was trying to watch "Bell Let's Talk." My nerves weren't too bad until the TV cut out and when I tried to get help from the company. Well, I'm no good at push this, push that, what number etc. etc. etc. I have concluded (shouldn't we all) that the "Dad Ratted" devices are the death of us and our sanity. The minute things don't work right, I feel the blood pressure start to rise. It's lucky, I cannot deal, lucky, too, that the people are not nearby. Or else! I truly believe we need to go back, go way, way back, or is it too late?

George Third gave me a call on Friday morning to say he appreciated my poem Fading Star. I am so happy to hear of the positive reactions and compliments. Ray brought me a couple of pieces of a most delicious pizza for my supper on Friday. He shopped Amish!

Liz and Earl saved me a piece of their wedding cake and their wedding day program. Thank you so much!

Saturday, the neighbours were snowshoeing camp road. Ellen and Bella went, too, and Gemma. Apparently, a tree clawed up by a bear since last week; Tara said she could smell bear. Ray and Skylar were fishing, and they didn't even catch any ice. I got invited

**M.S.S. 以** Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

Today is the third day of the second semester! Students are starting to settle into their new routine of classes. February 14 will be the last day to make any changes to your second semester courses.

On Monday, February 3, the boys' hockey team was back in action after the exam break playing Lo-Ellen at the McCrory-Countryside arena.

The girls' hockey team is playing a home game tomorrow, Thursday, February 6 against Bishop Carter at the M'Chigeeng arena at 3:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to cheer on the Mustangs

Also on Thursday, February 6, the Manitoulin Metal Robotics Team is expecting a special visitor. Mr. Mark Breadner, president and founder of FIRST Robotics Canada will be visiting the MSS robotics team to support the Island team during the building season. The team is getting ready for competitions at Georgian College in Barrie on March 6 to 8 and at Nipissing University on March 27 to 29.

The MSS musical production of 'Bye Bye Birdie' is only a week away. Show nights are February 13, 14 and 15. The curtain rises at 7 pm. Tickets are \$16/each and are available at the Gore Bay IDA, and at the Guardian Pharmacies in Mindemova, Little Current and Manitowaning. Tickets are also being sold at the door on show nights. The cast list includes Ethan Theijsmeijer as Albert Peterson, Abbie Harper as Rose (Rosie) Alvarez, Sam Howson as Conrad Birdie. Natalia Bell as Kim MacAfee, Maggie Chapman as Mr. MacAfee, Alexandria Lewis as Mrs. MacAfee, Larissa Chevrette as Ursula Merkle, Jocelyn Kuntsi as Mrs. Peterson, Jordan Goddard as Hugo Peabody, Aspen Debassige as Randolph MacAfee, Myah Emerson as Harvey Johnson/doctor/train conductor, Katie Chapman as Nancy/Gloria, Rachael Orford as Alice/wardrobe

woman, Trish Patterson as Deborah Sue/sad girl 1, Cindy Middleton as Helen/Mrs. Johnson, Journey Ruyter as Margie/sad girl 2, Zoe Langevin as Penelope/ traveller/Phyllis, Ryan Goddard as Mayor/Mr. Johnson/teen/Maude, Cassandra Temple as the mayor's wife/teen, Monica Zilio as Mrs. Merkle/teen, Lucy Joshua-Matthews as Karl/reporter 1, Chris Gillespie as Freddie/police 1/stage hand, AJ Steeves as guitar man/Teen/geezer Gwyneth McLeod Jimmy/reporter 3/geezer 2, Lydia Penas teen/reporter 2/TV camera person, Alexandra Joshua-Mathews as teen/reporter 4 /police 2 and Hailey Ferguson and Alexandra Wilson-Zegil as teens/reporters/TV people/citizens. The stage manager is Allie Carrick and the head technical director is Mrs. Theijsmei-

Grade 8 information night for students and parents will be held at MSS on February 20 at 6 pm.

Just a reminder for students needing volunteer hours that opportunities are always available across the Island. The Manitoulin Ice Showdown is needing volunteers for the upcoming ice fishing derbies. Check the guidance office for information and contacts as well as other volunteer opportuni-

Joke of the week: Two men were talking. Said the first, "I went to the theatre last night but had to leave after Act I."

'Why was that?" asked the second man. "Well, the program said 'Act II - one year later' and I couldn't wait."

Upcoming events include MSS hockey, the MSS production of 'Bye Bye Birdie, Grade 8 information night and much more!

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

there for supper. Ray, Tara and I had a couple of games of cribbage afterward. They are still

learning. Doing well. Sunday morning, I woke to a world of white, my TV was back again and I kind of feel better than I did in

the night.

Lots of birds at the feeders this morning. I'm missing church, but I have a cat on me for comfort.

Finally, got the cards of congratulations to Liz and Earl. Was a full restaurant on the McCauley side. Susan, Simon, Simon's nieces, nephews, Pauline and Wayne and we were next door with Sherry, Dave, Cal, Tara, Skylar and I celebrating Ray's birthday. Sherry and I missed the half century event by being away last weekend (26th).

Absolutely beautiful morning sky this third day beautiful February, and the groundhog didn't see his/her shadow. I think this is good?

help wanted



Looking for a piano or guitar music teacher. Call 705-285-1331.

35-38p





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#### **HELP WANTED ASSISTANT MANAGER/COUPLE**

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Send resume to rterrace@amtelecom.net rockgardenresort.on.ca



## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Community Health Nurse** 

CONTRACT (Subject to Renewal) Salary: \$45,000 - \$60,000 / year (dependent on education and experience)

The Community Health Nurse will provide core nursing functions and services to the WRFN community. Focusing in program areas of community health, promotion and maintenance of the health individuals, families and community; that value principles of primary health care and focus on promoting health, preventing disease and injury, protecting population health, as well as when required a focus on the coordination of curative, urgent and emergent care, rehabilitation and supportive or palliative care.

#### SOME KEY JOB FUNCTIONS: (Detailed job description is available upon request)

- Plan and assist in the triage of Client's needs and assist in the delivery of the following Community Health Program, taking into account the physical, social, spiritual, mental and environmental factors which influence each individual, family and community:
  - i. Predetermination Health Services
  - ii. Prenatal Health Services
  - iii. Maternal and Newborn Health Services
  - iv. Infant and Pre-School Health Services
  - v. School Health Services (for community school and childcare centre) vi. Community Health Service (such as providing screening clinics for cancer care)
- Assist in the development and delivery of an immunization program in accordance to Public Health Ontario. FNIHB Policies and Procedures, and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Standards. Also, ensuring to maintain a communicable disease reporting program in collaboration with external health service agencies;
- Assist in the delivery of community health programs in accordance with the Community Health Service Policy and Procedure Manual, and FNIHB Nursing Manuals (Preconception Health, Prenatal Health, Maternal Newborn, Infant and Preschool, School Health and Community Health Services);
- Deliver community health services in group or individual settings such as the community health center, the community hall/center, the community school childcare center, home visits and/or other designated community sites;
- Develop and maintain positive relationships with the individuals, families, the First Nation staff and the leaders of the community and clarifying WRFN's personnel policies when required;
- Supporting the First Nation in the development of safe and efficient health facilities/operations;
- Meeting with or communicating with visiting physicians, nurse practitioners, optometrists, dentists and hospital authorities or other agencies involved in the care of the WRFN's community members on a regular basis and as

### **EDUCATION**

- A two (2) year College Diploma in the Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) is required;
- Must be willing to take the Immunization Certification On-Line Course upon hiring and attend mandatory training session. Upon completion CHN will be required to write the immunization exam and will be subject to a series of practical exams for immunization.

- Two (2) years' experience in community health nursing with special emphasis on immunization, communicable disease, prenatal and community health care.
- Two (2) years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization.
- Must be registered and in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario.

## **SKILLS**

- 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;
- Ability to demonstrate initiative, optimism, discretion, tact, self-assurance, dependability, and leadership;
- Excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills, including proficiency in computer applications, especially Microsoft Office and Electronic Medical record Program(s);
- Problem-solving and leadership skills;
- Good knowledge of the Anishinabek culture and issues affecting Anishinabek children, families of WRFN;
- Ability to understand and/or speak an Anishinabek language would be considered an asset;

Applications will be accepted via email, fax, and mail or in person to the attention of:

### CONFIDENTIAL:

Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Manager

Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; P.O. Box 188; Birch Island; ON POP1A0 Email: andream@whitefishriver.ca: Fax: (705)285-4532

Applications must be submitted by February 6th, 2020 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following; Cover letter, current resume, copies of diploma, and 3 reference letters (with contact information).

Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to employment. We thank all who apply, however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



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#### **Employment Opportunity CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS WORKER (CYMHAW)**

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre - Nadmadwin Mental Health Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Child & Youth Mental Health & Addictions Worker.

#### **Job Summary**

Under direction and accountability to Wikwemikong Health Centre, the CYMHAW will provide clinical assessments, planning, treatment and counselling to children and youth of Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve under the age of 18 years, and consultations regarding community behavioral assessments and intervention

#### Responsibilities

- To complete general responsibilities relevant to administration and counselling practice.
- To provide culturally appropriate and effective clinic services to Wikwemikong children and
- 3. To participate and/or promote mental health awareness to children and youth.
- Mandatory participation in the Outdoor Adventure Leadership Experience program by taking necessary training and participating in the ten day canoe trip.
- To participate in quality improvement and personal growth activities.
- Perform other duties as assigned within the scope of the position

#### Qualifications

- Successful completion of a Post-Secondary degree or diploma in one of the helping disciplines preferred;
- Experience in providing clinical service to Aboriginal Youth
- Demonstrated experience in First Nation program delivery and in Traditional healing coordination.
- Experience in conducting counsellor/client interviews, assessments, planning and treatment, referrals, group facilitation and group therapy;
- Must have a valid class "G" driver's license and own reliable vehicle

Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work related reference contacts, marked **CONFIDENTIAL to:** 

#### Child & Youth Mental Health & Addictions Worker

Attention: Melissa Roy 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 7, 2020 at 4:00 pm

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's License & Abstract and Accreditation 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. ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.



# **Leadership Opportunity**

## The Organization:

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (NTHC) is a diverse and rapidly evolving health centre that provides culturally relevant services that combine western and traditional healing approaches. NTHC is committed to supporting and promoting the overall wholistic health and well-being of Anishinabek individuals, families and communities within the District of Manitoulin Island and the surrounding area. To do this, they operate community-based programs and services. establish partnerships, and promote healthier communities through both traditional and western healing methods.

To learn more about Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, please visit www.noojmowin-teg.ca

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director (ED) is first and foremost a leader for Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (NTHC). The ED manages the delivery of western and Anishinabek healing programs and services with an integrative, respectful and effective approach. While the Board has overall responsibility for planning and managing NTHC operations, the ED leads with NTHC's community-based values and supports the wholistic health of every client. Acting as the spokesperson for NTHC as delegated by the Board, the ED is an expert communicator who is comfortable working with diverse clients and in diverse settings.

For more details or to further explore this leadership opportunity, please contact:

Laurie Sterritt • Partner

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# Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc. and Nooimowin Tea Health Centre **Employment Opportunity Casual On-Call Receptionist**

#### Responsibilities:

- Perform all receptionist duties and activities for incoming calls and greeting all visitors and clientele in a professional manner
- Maintain and monitor voice message system on a daily basis
- Maintain and monitor in/out board as well as sign in/out sheet
- Maintain and monitor the office equipment and order supplies
- Record & log incoming and outgoing mail and delivery packages on a daily basis
- Perform mailroom functions through distribution of incoming/outgoing mail as required
- Provide support services to Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc. & Nooimowin Teg Health Centre employees in areas of typing, photocopying, ordering supplies, etc.
- Identify efficient and effective procedures that relate to the improvement of office administration
- Ensuring all client information, personnel matters and other information are deemed confidential

#### **Qualifications:**

- Office Management/Business Administration and/or Medical Secretarial Certificate or three years relevant experience in a health or office setting
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook)
- Knowledge and understanding of the Ojibway culture, language and traditions is an asset
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to multi-task
- Preference will be provided to individuals of Indigenous Ancestry

#### Deadline: Friday, February 14, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

Send Resume, cover letter, CPIC/VSS, 3 current work-related reference letters marked 'Confidential' by email, mail or in person to:

> **Human Resources** Mnaamodzawin Health Services Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540 48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 Phone: (705) 368-2182 ext. 271 • Fax: 705-368-2229

hr@mnaamodzawin.com

Incomplete submissions will not be considered. We thank all for applying, however, only those under considerations will be contacted.



# **UCCM ANISHINAABE POLICE** CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ENAAG-DAWAAB-JIG COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The United Chief and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Anishinaabe Police Services Commission is seeking applications from positive, dedicated individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry who are members of the UCCM Member First Nations to serve on a "civilian oversight" body known as the Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee.

### Purpose of the Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee:

The Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee is being established to improve police accountability, promote higher standards of police services, and increase public confidence in the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and the UCCM Police Service

### Function of the Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee:

In accordance with UCCM Anishinaabe Police Services Commission By-law No. 2, Enaag-dawaab-jig will be empowered to perform five functions:

- to solicit, receive and make recommendations to the Commission on community concerns about police services of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service;
- to review UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service policies and make recommendations to the Commission on changes to these policies;
- to observe or participate in external investigations:
- to review complaints which could not be resolved by the internal complaints process; and,
- to coordinate mediation and arbitration services for Police Officers of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service who

### Eligibility Criteria for Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee Members:

- be an individual of at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- be knowledgeable or familiar with the community, culture and language of the UCCM police service area;
- not be an employee or an Immediate Family Member of an employee of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service or the Commission:
- not have a criminal record of conviction for any indictable offence, or any summary conviction offence which, in the discretion of the UCCM Board of Directors, and in all of the circumstances of the conviction, is inconsistent with the proper fulfilment of the role of Enaag-dawaab-jig and the reputation of Enaag-dawaab-jig;
- not be a judge, justice of the peace, peace officer, elected member of Council of a Member First Nation, or a lawyer or paralegal who practices in the area of criminal law:
- be of good moral character and a respected resident of their community;
- be actively engaged in a Member First Nation; and, have a general knowledge of policing issues.
- Other Important Information for Applicants:

### Must be able to attend all scheduled meetings and training;

- Must have access to a vehicle and be able to travel; and
- An Oath of Confidentiality will be administered.

Closing date for applications is February 14, 2020 @12:00p.m.

Please submit a Letter of Interest in the format of a Covering Letter, Resume, along with a Criminal Reference Check and one letter of endorsement from a leader (Chief or Councillor, past/current employer) from your community to:

> **Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee Application** U.C.C.M. Anishnaabe Police Service 5926 Hwy 540, Box 332 M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

For questions or more information, please call Denis Blake, Enaag-dawaab-jig Coordinator at 705.862.2701, or visit our website at www.uccmpolice.com (for information on By-Law #2)

# Part I of a series

# Shipping to Manitoulin more than twice as expensive as to Espanola

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

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Businesses based on Manitoulin Island and others who ship their products to Island locations have to face a barrier that exists to a higher degree in this area than most surrounding parts of Ontario—shipping costs.

"People want to shop local and always come in and say, 'I can get this cheaper elsewhere.' We try to compete with those prices the best we can, but where we're located and because of our smaller store, it's harder," said Sara McDonald, sales manager at Redbow Floor and Wall Fashions in Little Current.

Ms. McDonald has been working at the store since 2011 and has seen "pretty steady increases" in shipping costs ever year.

"I don't want to bash the shipping companies because I can understand why it's gone up, but I think it's important to get it out there that we as a business can't compete with Sudbury, and Espanola even."

For major Canadian carriers such as Purolator, FedEx and TransForce International (the parent company that owns many courier services such as Canpar and Muskoka Delivery Service), Manitoulin Island addresses are considered remote destinations, likely due to the Island's nature being that of a dead end as opposed to along a major trans-Canada route

FedEx considers all postal codes on Manitoulin Island within its 'Fedex Ground® Remote Rural Surcharge' for domestic packages, as well as being subject to out-of-delivery-area and out-of-pickup-area surcharges for international packages.

The domestic package surcharge for the P0P forward sorting address (the first half of a postal code) is \$12.50. This also applies to the communities along Highway 17 that share the P0P prefix such as Cutler and McKerrow.

In Espanola, however, the remote rural surcharge is still \$6 despite its relatively high population and close proximity to Highway 17.

"While I cannot get into details regarding our pricing strategy, like any business, we make pricing decisions based on economic conditions, market conditions and the value of the service we provide," said FedEx Express Canada communications specialist James Anderson in a statement to The Expositor.

The owner of a Sudbury-based company that ships its products across Canada, including Manitoulin Island, said they noticed shipping prices jumping much higher in the recent past than ever before. They wished to remain anonymous due to possible implications on their company's shipping services.

"I see it as a trend in places, especially the places we send to that are fairly remote like northern Newfoundland or BC, the prices for shipping have gotten to be whacky. In 2018 especially, we had to discontinue working with some places because of what we'd have to pay for shipping," they said.

The business owner expressed their frustration that, despite Purolator and FedEx having shipping depots on Kelly Lake Road in the southwest area of Sudbury, it is significantly less expensive to ship goods hundreds of kilometres farther than Manitoulin (which is less than 120 kilometres from these depots) than it is to get those same items to the Island

In a comparison of shipping costs from Sudbury to various points in Ontario conducted this past summer, shipping prices to Little Current were close to \$40 through FedEx and \$27 through Purolator. On FedEx, those goods could reach St. Thomas for half the cost. Through Purolator, a shipment to St. Thomas would be roughly \$10 less expensive than Little Current.

In one price quote obtained by The Expositor, the 'beyond destination' charge from Purolator on a hypothetical Little Current shipment amounted to an additional 30 percent of the regular shipping fee.

The Expositor asked Purolator spokesperson Courtney Reistetter about why Manitoulin Island faces higher shipping charges than other area destinations.

"Manitoulin Island covers many municipalities, and specific transit times and rates are dynamic based on origin/destination of shipment postal codes," stated Ms. Reistetter in an email. "In some cases of our services, an additional charge will be applied when the origin or destination point is deemed by Purolator to be remote or is not serviced directly by Purolator."

The number of kilometres between stops is the factor Purolator uses to determine whether beyond charges apply.

The Sudbury business owner lamented the loss and mergers of businesses with a more localized focus such as Muskoka Delivery Service, which has since been absorbed into Canpar. The business owner said prices increased considerably across all companies since that merger took place.

TransForce International spokesperson Rick Leckner declined to comment on Manitoulin Island shipping rates.



The relatively short distance between Espanola and Manitoulin can mean a significant jump in shipping costs for Manitoulin businesses.

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Delray McCarthy of Eenvoudig Simply Unique, based in Mindemoya, has been using Canada Post to ship her lightweight products that she sells in her online store.

"As a seller who has a store on the Island and online, it is very frustrating that we don't have access to other means of shipping services," she said. "I receive supplies from all over the world and the biggest hurdle is extreme shipping charges. The more expensive it is to bring something here, the more expensive the product becomes. Which has a totally negative impact for business."

Although shipping costs to Manitoulin Island are quite high, they are still more economical for most individual businesses than asking an employee to make a trip to Sudbury and back. The costs of fuel, vehicle maintenance and staffing add up in a hurry. Commercial shipping companies also face higher costs in carrying out their operations, which may lead them to pass along the increased costs to their clients in varying degrees.

Island businesses and smaller delivery companies have explored their own strategies to help lower their shipping costs, some of which will be detailed in a future edition of The Expositor.

# **Death Notices**

# CORA BELLE FINCH July 7, 1936 - January 24, 2020



In Loving Memory of Cora Belle Finch, July 7, 1936 to January 24, 2020 passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre at the age of 83. Dear daughter of Pearl and Maurice Finch (both predeceased). Beloved sister of Nelda Horn and Roy Finch. She will be

missed by many cousins and friends. Cora Belle was a very hard worker. She worked for 31 years at Standard Products in Georgetown. She enjoyed going to plays, traveling and was an avid reader. She dedicated her time to care for her Mom until her passing in January 1999. Cora Belle was a very private person who enjoyed her time gardening and had many people admire it. A Graveside Service will be held in the Spring. Arrangements entrusted to Island Funeral Home.

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

# notice مگرسی

Free food cupboard. If you could use some help with groceries, you are invited to stop by the Gore Bay United Church to pick up some supplies. The Food Cupboard is open on Thursdays from 12 noon to 3 pm or 6 pm to 8 pm. All are welcome. No means test required. If you have questions, please call 705-282-2011.

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The Little Current Anglican Church Ground Luncheon was a great success. We wish to thank the Little Current Lions Club, Manitoulin Expositor and our local radio station for their advertisement of our participation in our communi-Winterfest weekend. We sold out, thanks to all those who hopefully enjoyed our luncheon. A portion of our proceeds is being donated to our Island Chemo Unit in Mindemoya. For any one thing to be a success it takes the involvement of many. Thank you.

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# † in memoriam

PAISLEY—In loving memory of Clarence Earl Paisley who passed away February 3, 1994

Till memory fades and life departs, you live forever in our hearts. Resting peacefully with his wife Peggy and son Willis.

Remembered with love by Willard, Wayne and Gloria, five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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# Application for CONSENT Under Section 53 of the Planning Act To be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Waterfront Artisan Incubator and Technology Center

File No.: Con 2020-01 Applicant: Dianne McGaughey

Location

Legal Description: 266 Hwy 540 Howland, Concession 11, Lot 22

Official Plan: Residential Zoning: R1

### PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

The purpose of this application is to create 2 new lots.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

The applicant is creating two new lots

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.

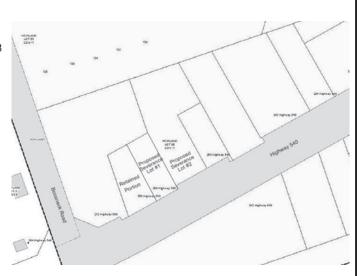
**IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND** this Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED** of the Decision of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed Consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority at the address shown below.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY THAT FILES AN APPEAL** against a decision of the Approval Authority in respect of the proposed consent has not made a written submission to the Approval Authority before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Cress, Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority, at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.

Dated: February 5th, 2020 Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands 14 Water St. E.; P.O. Box 608 Little Current, ON POP 1K0 Ph: (705)368-3500



# The benefits of heat pumps in an era of climate change

by Jan McQuay

t's January, when temperatures rarely creep above zero, and the heating season is in full swing. Most people on Manitoulin are keeping their homes warm by burning fossil fuels, either oil or propane, but with the escalating climate crisis, people are now looking for ways to reduce their home's carbon footprint.

I have an oil furnace. Last spring, I looked at my oil bills and calculated the amount of carbon dioxide that goes up my own chimney into the atmosphere. It's about six tonnes every year, just for heating my house. I wanted to do something about that, but replacing my entire heating system was out of the question. In this province, hydro is one option to reduce carbon emissions, but electric baseboard heating is inefficient and costly. Besides, I already had a good furnace. In the end I chose an air-source heat pump system, not to replace my furnace, but to provide heat most of the year while keeping the oil furnace for the really cold weather.

Heat pumps come with

two main parts, an outside unit that looks a lot like an air conditioner, and a unit that fits right into the top of furnace in the house. So, in July, a landscaper removed some bushes behind my home near Mindemoya and made a nice smooth area there for the outside unit. Then the installers came to set up the two components of the heat pump system. As with all new things, I wondered if it would really work, but when the cool nights of September arrived the heat pump automatically started up. It kept my home warm right into November, even when the outdoor temperatures dipped to -7°Celsius. Later in the month the furnace sometimes kicked in too. The way they work together is a bit complicated. Raising the thermostat generally triggers the furnace to heat the house up more quickly, but once the house has reached the desired temperature, the heat pump

less often. Others on have had air-source heat pumps much longer than me. Brad and Anya Wright, who live in Gore Bay, bought one seven years ago to connect with their propane furnace. In winter their furnace kicks in when needed, and he figures the heat pump has easily paid for itself already. They only need to fill up the propane tanks once a year.

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People don't hear much about air-source heat pumps. Geothermal heat pump systems get more publicity. They work without a back-up because pipes, buried five or six feet underground where the temperature is fairly constant, pick up the heat. Ted Kilpatrick and his wife Sandy installed a geothermal heating svstem when they built their house in Kagawong in



Jan McQuay shows off her new heat pump.

2010. In-floor heating provides them with a constant heat. Their house has other energy-saving features such as lots of insulation as well, and they figure the geothermal heating costs them less than \$1,000 per year. Their carbon footprint for home heating is minimal.

Retrofitting an existing home with an air-source heat pump is a more affordable way to "go green." The world is already experiencing the wilder weather that greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide, are causing. Increasingly dangerous fires, heavy rainfall causing floods, and summer droughts hit the headlines almost daily. Since early November. catastrophic bushfires in Australia have incinerated 100,000 square kilometres, the equivalent of the land mass of 75 Manitoulin Islands. In Newfoundland, record snowfalls paralyzed St. John's this month. Closer to home, the Parry Sound fire that started July 18, 2018 raged until August 5, burning 113 square kilometres, and causing evacuations in Henvy Inlet. We could smell the smoke on Manitoulin.

this Experts warn extreme weather is not even the "new normal," it's iust the beginning. A year ago, the United Nations gave us only 12 years to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half, to avoid much worse devastation. Last November, 11,000 scientists from around the world warned of "untold suffering" and that the planet is facing a climate emergency. Fossil fuels are the main

cause. One litre of oil promore than five pounds of carbon dioxide that goes up the chimney. We can't see carbon dioxide, but, like air, it has weight. It's easier to think of carbon dioxide having weight by considering trees, which take carbon dioxide from the air through photosynthesis, and store it in wood. Anyone who has carried an armful of firewood knows it is heavy. About half of the weight of dry firewood is carbon.

When choosing my heat pump, I looked especially for efficiency. A government-run labelling program makes finding the most efficient products easy for consumers. Just look for the blue Energy Star. Products with an Energy Star label will use less energy and cost less to run. For heat pumps, you can also look at the HSPF rating, which reflects overall efficiency over an entire heating season. A heat pump with an HSPF rating of 10 is more efficient than 8.5, even though both qualify for the Energy Star. I chose a model with a 9.6 rating.

There is a significant upfront cost. The highly efficient unit I chose cost \$6,674 plus tax, plus electrical inspection. From a strictly financial standpoint for the homeowner, the payback for an investment like this depends on the savings per year, and that depends on the future prices of oil and electricity, among other things.

Today one litre of oil costs about \$1.08. I figure my heat pump can provide the same amount of heat as a litre of oil, for around 40 cents. Most of the literature says people can cut in half the amount of oil they currently use. If so, a bill of \$2,000 per year for oil will be reduced to \$1000 for oil plus \$400 for electricity. As for future prices, oil will likely become more expensive, because the carbon dioxide pollution from burning oil is no longer completely free, and as the carbon-tax-and-rebate

ramps up, the cost of oil will rise, making electricity more attractive.

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hope to cut that in half. The

up-front cost is significant,

and government incentives are sorely lacking. But the

stakes are high. At stake is

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# **Northeast Town Council Notes**

#### **Application for** consent

The Northeast Town's planning authority received an application for consent from Mark Anderson and Candace Hall at its January 23 meeting of council. The couple was asking to grant an easement across their property to three individual property owners. CAO Dave Williamson explained to council that this ask was a result of a conflict between neighbours with Mr. Anderson and Ms. Hall stepping in to help.

Mr. Williamson said there were no issues with the application from a planning perspective and that all three landowners could be granted an easement with one bylaw.

Council granted the easement and the motion was carried.

Later in the meeting, also received a request from one of the thankful landowners, Glynn Clarke, who asked that council allocate a name to the new access road that runs through the Anderson/Hall property, Anderson suggesting Sideroad Anderson Lane. Council passed a motion to name the road 'Anderson Lane.'

#### **Budget passed**

Council passed its 2020 budget at the January 23 meeting which included a 4.62 percent growth to the levy, equating to a tax increase in each of the wards: Ward 1, 0.09 percent; Ward 2, 3.12 percent; and Wards 3 and 4, 1.34 percent.

In a recorded vote, Councillors Michael Erskine, Barb Baker, Dawn Orr, Al Boyd, Bruce Wood and Mayor MacNevin voted in favour of the budget. Councillors Bill Koehler and Laurie Cook voted against it. Councillor Jim Ferguson was absent from the meeting.

### **Donation requests**

Council received three donation requests, two of which came from the Lions Club.

The Little Current Lions Club requested a donation for its Winterfest Weekend to go toward the cost of ice-time rentals. A motion was made to donate \$200 to the club's endeav-

Councillor Michael Erskine shared that the Lions Club was in need of Winterfest volunteers and that he would be spending some time bartending on the weekend and suggested that council look to find ways to help the club out

The Lions' second donation was regarding the municipality's annual Haweater Weekend contributions and included a thank you for council's annual support. Williamson explained that as this is a line item in the budget, council could disregard the ask.

Thirdly, representatives of the Sheguiandah Fall and Manitoulin Genealogy Club thanked council for its support of the 2019 Fall Fair and asked for its support for 2020. Council passed a motion to \$200 Sheguiandah Fall Fair.

"This is an excellent cause," Councillor Dawn Orr said of the fair.

#### **Ministry of Natural** Resources and Forestry work permit

Council received a welldocumented work permit request from Sarah Warburton and Dr. Stephen Cooper.

'Last year, due to numerous storms and rising water levels, we sustained damage to a section of an existing erosion control structure on our waterfront," the couple writes.

"In front of our cottage there are two peninsulas that have been in existence since we purchased the property in 1998." They note that a look on Google Earth will show council how the peninsulas once looked.

As part of submitting a work permit to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to clean up the damage and bring the peninsulas back to the way they once were, the couple needs municipal documentation stating that the work corresponds with local bylaws and the Northeast Town Official Plan.

Mr. Williamson said the municipality does not have concerns with the permit.

Councillor Erskine said he knows that people often do the work without the permission and that he was "glad to see people doing things right," commending Ms. Warburton and Dr.

Councillor Laurie Cook asked what happens if the permit is not granted but the work is still done. Mr. Williamson explained that they could face hefty fines and even charges from the MNRF.

Councillor Al Boyd said he agreed with Councillor Erskine, "it's rare that people do it the right way.

Councillor Bruce Wood asked if town staff monitored the work.

"We would leave this to MNRF," Williamson responded.

#### **Manitoulin Brewing** Co. request

Manitoulin Brewing Co. (MBC) president Blair Hag-

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man wrote to council seeking permission for the use of the Spider Bay Marina grounds to launch its Current to Killarney Race, taking place on July 4.

MBC is seeking space for a registration tent on July 3 and a place to store 15 large canoes overnight and access to the boat ramp the following.

#### **Fire Department**

Northeast Town fire chief Duane Deschamps presented the fire department's January report to council.

The fire department responded to five calls for service: a report of an open barrel burn on December 27 with nothing found; a fire at the Legion on January 1; a chimney fire on January 10; a tractor trailer fire on January 11; and a false activation fire alarm on January 18.

Deschamps Mr. explained that the department has recruited two new members since the start of the year, putting their complement at 12.

On Sunday, February 2 the fire department was also to take part in ice water rescue training in the North Channel.

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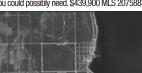
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**Community Services** 

Manager of Community Services Reid Taylor spoke of the many events currently taking place at the recreation centre by both community groups and the municipality including minor hockey, Mustangs hockey, Manitoulin Panthers, Skate Canada Manitoulin, karate, ballet, craft and cooking workshops, indoor walking and the Lions Club's Winterfest hockey tourna-

He also noted that the tender for the ice plant is out and waiting bids, explaining that in January, 11 companies from across

the province looking to bid on the project did a walk-through of the arena.

#### **Public Works**

Ian Phillips gave the public works report, sharing that regular winter maintenance was being performed as required, landfill operations were going well and that the equipment was all working well. He also noted that the 2019 Freightliner was back from repairs with a brand new

In other public works news, the crew has all been trained for working at heights by Northern Safety Solutions.



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FANTASTIC BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!! Known as Sandfield General Store, this very large commercial building is currently a gift shop, a restaurant & a corner store. It has plenty of parking, storage areas & land. Along with this business is a 2 storey, 5 bdrm, 2 bath home that would make a great little bed & breakfast. Lake Manitou is a stone's throw away & this location is quite central & very much needed as the competition is mainly 20 mins or more away in every direction. There is a resort trailer park directly behind this great commercial business & its huge untapped potential. Reduced to \$300,000 MLS#2062704



25 ACRE PROPERTY WITH YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS & 2 BDRM COTTAGE!! - Located on Union Road only 30 mins from the amenities of Mindemoya & only 15 mins from the Town of Gore Bay. The cottage comes with most contents included & is also adorned with a brand new roof, a drilled well & new water pump, hydro with a 100 amp breaker system, a storage shed, a wood-fired sauna & a new Bunkie. This lovely property has over 300 ft of road frontage, a kilometer of nicely maintained ATV trails & over 2 kilometers of walking trails & of course traversed by plenty of deer. Asking \$119,000!! MLS#2079009









MELDRUM BAY cottage plus camp on Hill Street a very short walk to the marina. Cottage 875 sq. ft. & camp 750 sq. ft. each w/hydro, drilled wells & steel roofs. Cottage is served by septic system. (1462)



LAKE MANITOU COTTAGE on level lot w/60 ft Rockville Road waterfrontage, sandy beach, good dock & sand bottom swimming. Bungalow 754 sq. ft. w/deck across water side has 2 bedrooms, 4 pc. bath, open kitchen dining living area w/propane stove fireplace. Recent upgrades of windows, doors, siding, shingles, fascia, soffits. Most contents including newer washer, refrigerator, stove. \$149,000 (1431)



BC LODGE POLE PINE CABIN w/loft & deck, in the hardwoods, on Lake Kagawong. Seasonal, off arid, open concept, of 300 sa, ft., w/pine interior & reclaimed plank flooring. Served by wind turbine powered composting toilet & outdoor amenities of deck, dock, firepit, Accessible shoreline & westerly sunset view. Very private, mature hardwood forest. 2.45 ac. & 347 ft. lake frontage. Some contents. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$172,000 (1478)



SILVER WATER HOME on surveyed lot 120 by 330 ft. fronting on Hwy540. Closed in sunroom porch plus 1.5 storey 990 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, bath, large kitchen dining & living room. MBR on first floor. Some contents. \$59,000 (1077)



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ft. westerly facing frontage. Remote, off the grid forest

w/seasonal access via Mud Creek Road w/elevated sunset view the full length of the lake. Four terraces to water, \$79,000 (1408) GORE BAY 3.21 ACRES of variable terrain for an estate home, market garden operation or lot development.

Mostly open good land w/town water & sewer available. Doc Strain Dr. frontage 87.19 ft. & Park St. frontage 45.26 ft. \$42,000 (1453) COOKS BAY WATERFRONT w/980.46 ft. of frontage & 5.87 ac. of tree covered terraced land. Direct access

to the dock and boat ramp. Excellent seasonal access

No other services, \$99,000 (1479) ICE LAKE 13.21 ACRES w/192 ft. of shoreline w/road kept open year round. Long rectangular acreage & easterly exposure to the water. \$39,000 (1475)



LOON LAKE ACREAGE w/789 ft. on Hwy540 & 391 ft. on water. Open 23 ac. of tillable land w/access down east boundary via Loon Lake Road to private driveway, partly developed building site, 2 newer well built sheds & privy w/finished interior. Ready for a south facing home or cottage w/sun all day. \$97,000 (1485)



SILVER LAKE COTTAGE w/no road in front of 181.5 by 412.5 ft. lot of 1.72 ac. Level w/limestone outcrop shoreline & sand beach w/vear round access, hydro, lake water & raised bed septic. Round log cottage 612 sq. ft. w/kitchen, 3 pc. bath, open dining living sleeping space in front of stone fireplace. Square log self-contained bunkie 16x20 w/one bedroom, loft, kitchenette dining living area. Detached garage 16x24 & some contents. Excellent location for Manitoulin summer sunsets. \$198,000 (1486)

GORE BAY RURAL 3 acres w/hydro, municipal water, sewer & vear round access via Smith & Fraser Streets w/panoramic view in all directions. Mostly cleared arable land, on west side of Town, for mini farm, market garden & other rural uses. Two separate lots to accommodate two residences for the larger family. \$43,500 plus tax (1420)

LAKE HURON lot 150 ft. w/access via Little Lake Huron Road & Cedar Trail. Off grid 3.6 ac. of forest w/flat limestone waterfrontage. Zoned Shoreline Residential. Great getaway. \$45,000 (1418)

BURPEE 25 ACRES of forest 1.4 km east of Misery Bay Park Road, w/good access over ATV & walking trail. Great escape. \$17,900 (1461)

LAKE HURON WATERFRONT 100 by 420 ft. w/access driveway in place. Includes a small A-frame sleep camp & a licensed travel trailer. Accessed via Little Lake Huron & Pebble Roads. \$55,000 (1484)

GORE BAY HALL STREET serviced building lot 66 by 164 ft. facing the bay. Level site for a near downtown home. \$25,000 (1483)

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UNIQUE LIMESTONE LOT on Lake Huron's Western Manitoulin south shore w/southerly exposure from 150 ft. & 5.3 ac. Remote, off the grid getaway w/fantastic views & amazing sunsets. Flat rock shoreline & open areas w/evergreens, various wild flowers & other plant life. Close to Misery Bay Provincial Park hiking trails w/rare plants, wildlife & alvar ecosystems. \$45,000 (1465)

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CHECKERBOARD 5.5 ACRES, fully surveyed w/8x12 shed for shelter w/steel roof & siding. Wooded lot w/road access within 1400 ft. followed by a good ATV & walking trail. Road can be extended. Good hideaway. \$13,900 (1469)



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CHALET ON 100 ACRES accessed from Union Road w/most of the off grid conveniences. Balcony & large deck, 2+ bedrooms, 1.5 baths, eat in kitchen, living room, wood fired sauna, drilled well & more. Lots of trails, tree stands, hydro a few poles away, generator wired, furnished including propane appliances. \$209,000 (1456)



DAWSON TOWNSHIP bush camp on pretty one acre w/direct access from Hwy540. Well built & finished portable schoolroom all wired, ready to be a buffer from the road & a couple of rustic cabins. \$49,000 (1463)



BLACKSMITH CENTRE on corner of Main & Meredith Streets w/4320 sq. ft. over 2 floors. Concrete building 36x60 ft. on fully serviced 39x127.6 ft. lot zoned core commercial. First floor garage plus business space &second level 4 & 1 bedroom apartments. \$119,000 plus HST (1432)



AFFORDABLE COTTAGE, on Ice Lake, near Gore Bay in private setting of beautiful old growth maples, 200 ft, frontage, 2.67 ac, w/hvdro & vear round access by the residents. Bungalow w/bedroom, living room, kitchen & 3 pc. bath plus spacious deck. Scandinavian bunkie, large privy & shed. Gently sloping landscaped lot to waters edge. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241 \$119,500 (1460)



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2+1 BDRM COUNTRY HOME - With large double garage on 3.7 acres of land in the quaint town of Silver Water. This beautiful home located close to Silver Lake which is good peaumul nome located close to Silver Lake which is good fishing for Walleye & Bass has many upgrades including hardwood flooring, propane furnace & new windows. The 3.77 are lot comes with two driveways & a 31 x 24 ft garage with storage loft. Many other great fishing lakes are close by & the amenities of Gore Bay are just 30 mins away. Asking \$1.69.000 MIS #2079296. \$169.000. MLS#2079265



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AFFORDABLE LAKE FRONT LIVING - 4 season brick AFFURDABLE LAKE FRONT LIVING — 4 season brick home, nestled amongst mature trees on almost two acres. Offering 5 bdrms, & 2 full baths, this home has all the room you'll need. Vaulted ceilings with skylights & plenty of windows throughout bathes the home in natural light. Large kitchen features plenty of cabinets, with peninsula for casual breakfasts. Living room & family room boast unparalleled lake views. Go kayaking right off your own private dock. Great fishing, including bass & pike. Call for a viewing today. MLS#2083920



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DREAM HOME - Royal showpiece home. Highest quality of finish and ultimate in privacy. 4,850 square feet with 12 rooms plus double attached garage. 4 fireplaces, 6 baths, Trex sundecks, stone sided detached garage with 4 bays. Mature hardwood forest surrounds trout river & ravine that dissects this 162 acre property. Features 3,040 feet of desirable waterfront comprised of 5 separately deeded sites. 4 km to airport. Numerous other features, please call for comkm to airport. Numerous other features, please call for complete details. MLS#2075504



forest that includes some mixed forest areas with White Pine, mainly level but includes some escarpment outcrop pings at one corner plus excellent access along two sides of the property. Very attractive location off New England Side Road in Assiginack Township. Only \$89,000. MLS#2083900



LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Deman the best of the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Mixed forest includes mature hardwood, pine & cedar. Great access, close to amenities in Mindemoya, close to the ferry access at South Baymouth & ideal for privacy & quality construction with over 33 acres & 627 ft shoreline on Lake Manitou. Asking \$249,000. MLS#2083315



LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Demand the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Mixed forest with mature hardwood, cedar & pine. Great access off East Road close to amentities in Mindemoya or ferry access at South Baymouth. Over 35 acres & 610 ft frontage on Lake Manitou for excellent privacy! Asking \$199,000. MLS#2083312



YEAR ROUND VICEROY WATERFRONT HOME ON LAKE MANITOU - Built in 1994, this R2000 home features an open concept main floor with numerous windows allowing for an abundance of natural light, and a wonderful view of the lake. Home has a large deck along two sides, as well as access from the Master Bedroom. In addition, the home has a partially finished basement that provides the extra space needed when family and friends visit, an insulated 24 x 28 detached garage, a concrete dock, and a boat fluunch at the waterfront. Lake Manitou offers great fishing all year round. Call Newl Askins 9349 000 MI \$\$\frac{820757898}{2000 MI \$\$\frac{820757898 waterfront. Lake Manitou offers great fishing all year round. Call Now! Asking \$349,000. MLS#2075885



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#### **EXTREMELY HIGH QUALITY 3 BDRM HOME WITH NICE VIEW OVER LAKE MINDEMOYA!!**

This beautiful home with its hardwood loors & vaulted ceilings comes with a magnificent kitchen with cherry stained maple cabinets, 3 baths including the en-suite in the huge 600 sq ft master bdrm found at the top of a spectacular oak stair case. The manicured lot comes adorned with a variety of mature trees which nicely outline the property, amazing concrete driveway & huge sidewalks leading to 2 large decks of which one is a covered verandah. Also on the lot is a 10 X 12 storage shed & a heated completely finished & insulated double size

garage. Asking \$370,000. MLS#2074309 25 ACRE PROPERTY WITH YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS & 2 BDRM COTTAGE!! - Located on Union Road only 30 mins from the amenities of Mindemoya & only 15 mins from the Town of Gore Bay. The cotage comes with most contents included & is also adomed with a brand new roof, a drilled well & new water pump, hydro with a 100 amp breaker system, a storage shed, a wood-fired sauna & a new Bunkie. This lovely property has over 300 ft of road frontage, a kilometer of nicely maintained ATV trails & over 2 kilometers of walking strails & of course traversed by plenty of deer. Asking \$119,000! MLS#2079009 LOWER SLASH - A wonderful 3.06 acre building and/or recreational lot that is close to the water in South Baymouth. This well treed lot with a small cleared section is on the Lower Slash Road, and also has access via Indian Point Road. This lot is only 20 minutes to the golf courses and grocery store in Manitowaning. Call Nowl Asking \$24,900. MLS#2083576 BUILDING LOT - Level building lot in Literature of the current. Great location on quiet street. 35.66 x 150. Asking \$13,000. MLS#2079127

INCREDIBLE VISTA – One of a kind building lot on municipal water overlooking Strawberry Channel. 315.55 ft frontage with south east exposure on a year round road. 8 km from Little Current. Call for details. MLS#2077531

**EXCEPTIONAL WATERFRONT ACREAGE** - 62 acres with 1,931 ft frontage on Manitowaning Bay at High Falls. This exceptional property features include mature hard-

wood forest, great beach area, hydro, access road to site & a tremendous setting for waterfront development. Only \$390,000. MLS#2075497

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# Canadian Forces couple unveil innovative side hustles in support of veterans

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN-When it comes to giving back and paying it forward a couple of Canadian soldiers have launched a pair of business ventures aimed at improving the lives of our veter-

Jamie and Nathan Farquhar-Kay are both currently-serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces, Ms. Farquhar-Kay as a reservist clerk with the 2nd Battalion Irish Regiment for six years and Mr. Farquhar-Kay as an infantryman with the 1st Battalion of the famed Royal Canadian Regiment for 12 years. Mr. Farquhar-Kay is from Manitoulin and the couple hope to soon relocate to the Island.

The couple sat down with The Expositor over a cup of brew at the Anchor Inn in Little Current to talk about what they have been up to and how it all came about.

'We were at a barbecue for Bill Kerr, the only surviving triple amputee from Afghanistan, helping to raise money for a new van to help him get around and we realized that we wanted to do more for vets," said Ms. Farquhar-Kay. (Famed Island artist Ivan Wheale had donated one of his large format Georgian Bay paintings as part of the same effort, as documented



Jamie and Nathan Farquhar-Kay, both currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, have created H-hour Apparel—clothing with a cause

#### photo by Michael Erskine

continue to sponsor veteran in The Expositor last year.) "It was about two or three athletes by donating apparel directly to them.' months later that we came up with the idea. There are With the nucleolus of an homeless veterans, guys

idea in mind, the couple set about building their clothing line but there were plenty of hurdles to overcome on the road to success. "We knew absolutely nothing about business," laughed Ms. Farquhar-Kay. But if there is one thing you learn while serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, it is organizational skills, and a great deal of business is really about logistics and organization.

"We originally started out with a fitness-oriented business," said Ms. Farquhar-Kay. "Then we decided to re-direct our business

'No plan survives contact with the enemy" goes the old Prussian military adage, the same can be said of business, but the couple are proven quick studies and very attentive to their market.

Much of the mainstream fitness market can come across as a bit elitist—the uber-focussed spandex world of kelp smoothies and protein shakes.

"That's not us," laughed Mr. Farquhar-Kay. "We are more of the work out and then kick back and have a beer and some wings in front of the television crowd. It's okay. We are more about promoting being happy with what you are and how you do things. Basically, fitness but taking all of the elitism out of it. Makes it more about leading a balanced lifestyle and being happy."

From a pure fitness clothing line they moved over to focus on a demographic that likes to "work hard and play hard.'

Following that philosophy, H-Hour Apparel has become something of a success and has led to the couple devise a second, complementary "side hustle:" Lakelife Co., a subscription box company inspired by Manitoulin Island and the cottage lifestyle.

"I grew up in Providence Bay," shared Mr. Farquhar-Kay. "We moved away when I was about eight, but then I moved back again when I was around 15 and I went to Manitoulin Secondary School for about four years." His family still lives on Manitoulin Island. Ms. Farquhar-Kay has fallen in love with the Island as well. "We hope to move back to the Island permanently sometime in the next couple she said. of years," The concept for the subscription box company is to supply a box of items that are geared to people who live on lakes. "Lake-life essentials, basically," shared Ms. Farquhar-Kay.

The couple built their first box and are planning to officially launch the service on February 15. "We have created a starter box stocked with items like bath bombs, cup coolers and soap bars," she said, explaining that while the subscription service will ship a box quarterly, folks can jump in anytime and begin with the starter box.

"It's kind of a dip your toes in box as well," said Mr. Farquhar-Kay.

Each quarterly box will focus on that corresponding season, with items of use aimed at the lake dweller lifestyle.

The couple have also ventured into the business consulting world, taking what they have learned by starting up their own businesses and sharing that with oth-

"These days you can start a business from just about anywhere," said Ms. Farquhar-Kay. "We found starting the first one very challenging, but it is definitely a lot easier the second time around. Find a niche and go

"We wished we had known a lot of the things we learned in starting H-Hour at the beginning,' agreed Mr. Farquhar-Kay.

The couple were on Manitoulin over the weekend doing promotional photo shoots and Mr. Farquhar-Kay was sporting one of their company's potential new products. "We have had a lot of success with hoodies at this time of year, Tshirts, tanktops and ball caps," he said, pointing to the shirt he was wearing. "This is something we are currently testing.'

The couple's online presence and product lines can be explored online at www.HHourApparel.com and LakeBox.ca and by exploring those hashtags on Facebook and Instagram.





without proper clothing,"

said Mr. Farquhar-Kay. "We

thought if we were to set up

a clothing business, we

could eventually help sup-

ply those veterans with

clothing." H-Hour Apparel

The couple donated

almost \$550 to Wounded

Warriors in support of

Highway of Heroes Bike

Ride (this money stays local

in Sudbury) last year. "We

have also worked and donat-

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"Lastly, we

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