

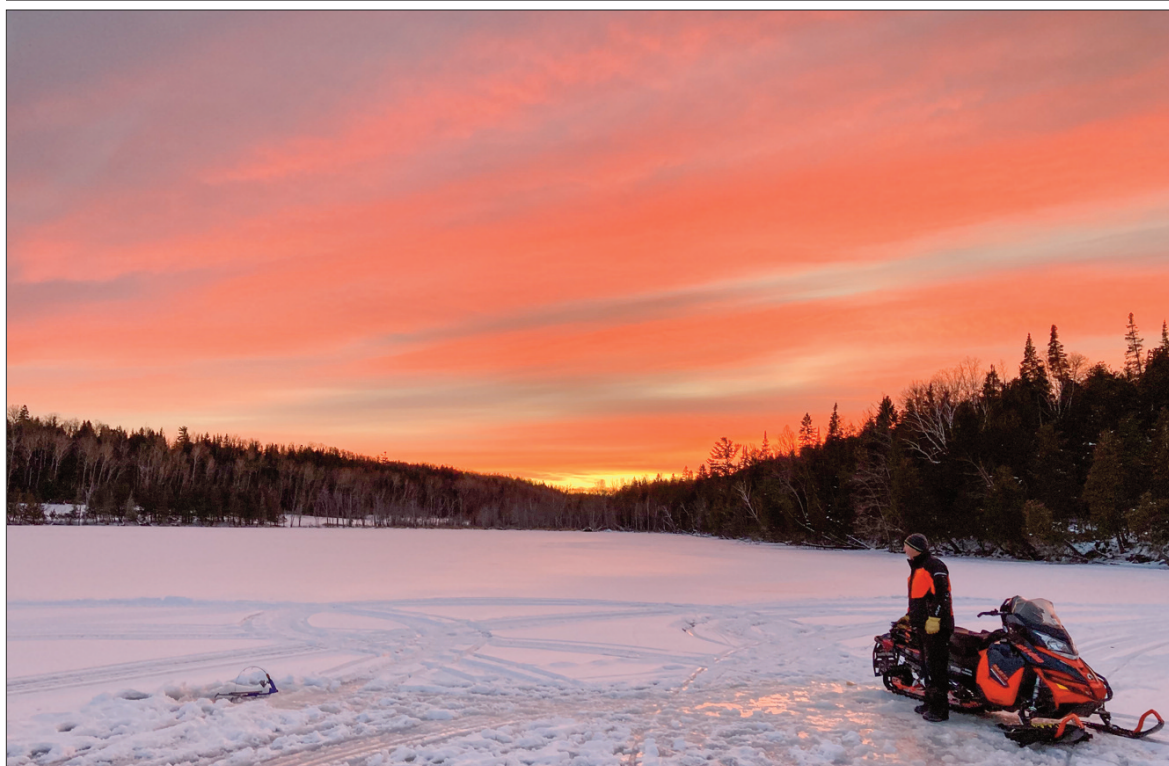
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NIGHT BITE—A Pike Lake angler takes in the stunning sunset of Friday, January 8 as he jigs for a dusk-hungry walleye. A reminder to always check ice conditions before heading out onto any frozen body of water. Unseasonably warm temperatures have made for unsafe ice so far this winter. Four inches of ice is considered safe for ice fishing, while at least five inches is needed for snowmobiles.

photo by Aaron Case

Wiky Nursing Home residents and staff the first to receive COVID-19 vaccine in public health unit

WIKWEMKOONG—Chief and Council of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories told The Expositor that vaccinations will be made available this week for staff and residents of Wikwemikong Nursing Home (WNH). The long-term care (LTC) facility will be the first to get the vaccine in the Sudbury-Manitoulin District.

Ogimaa Duke Peltier told The Expositor that WNH has received 105 doses of the Moderna vaccine, enough for each resident and staff member of the LTC home.

In a statement Monday, Ogimaa Peltier said, “On behalf of council, I am pleased to report that the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine will be arriving this week and is designated for our nursing home residents and staff. We are relieved to be able to provide our most vulnerable with the vaccination. Wiikwemkoong has been diligent in taking all the measures possible to keep our citizens and community free from the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to practice all the recommendations from health officials and our pandemic team.”

“I am thrilled to see vaccine getting into the arms of the most vulnerable people in our area and those who care for them,” said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, medical officer of health with Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD). “Chief Peltier and the staff of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home are champions and PHSD has been proud to support them in this historic moment.”

“Vaccines are a critical tool in

our fight against COVID-19,” added Dr. Sutcliffe. “I look forward to our continued collaboration for a safe, effective and efficient rollout of the vaccine to protect against COVID-19.”

Ogimaa Peltier said Wiikwemkoong expected its nursing home to be among the first to see the vaccine in the PHSD catchment area as the community has been working tirelessly behind the scenes, lobbying on behalf of its most vulnerable residents.

“The elders living there are our knowledge keepers, our language keepers,” he added, noting that the pandemic has made it incredibly difficult for these important members of the community to pass this knowledge on to the younger generation.

On December 23, 2020, Health Canada authorized the use of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in individuals 18 and older with some exceptions. Its safety and

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Manitoulin posts ten active cases of COVID-19

MANITOULIN—Public Health Sudbury and Districts reported another case of COVID-19 on Manitoulin on Sunday, January 10, the 10th case since Tuesday, January 5.

Nine of the 10 cases are members of a family unit. The Expositor has learned that the most recent case is an elderly person who had contact with the family.

Sunday’s positive case brings Manitoulin’s total COVID-19 count to 23 since March of 2020. As of January 11, 13 of those cases have been resolved. The health unit’s total case count sat at 359 on January 11, press time, 67 of which are considered active and 292 of which are resolved.

The provincial government announced on Thursday, January 7 that Northern Ontario’s lockdown would be extended for 14 days to match the original end date of the southern Ontario lockdown, January 23, and has extended virtual-only learning for southern Ontario students until January 25, though Northern Ontario students returned to school as originally scheduled this past Monday.

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Friends of Old School bid to save historic building

Plan to incorporate as not-for-profit through Ontario Historical Society

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The ongoing saga of the Mindemoya Old School building seemed near to endgame when Central Manitoulin council voted recently to issue a request for proposals to demolish the edifice. But in doing so a number of councillors left the

impression that the door was still open a crack for a Hail Mary pass, should someone or some organization come forward with a sound and definitive plan to repurpose the Old School in a manner that would take the pressure off of the municipal books.

Weengushk Film Institute

stepped forward to investigate the building’s potential as an extension of its facility, but that option may be too far in the future to fit that bill, according to Mayor Richard Stephens.

“I am under the impression that won’t fly because of the building being under the hammer for demolition,” he said when contacted following an online meeting of supporters with the Ontario Historical Society.

The online meeting of approximately 30 people included Mayor Stephens and another councillor. It heard a presentation from OHS executive director Rob Leverty, who outlined the options that have proven successful in saving numerous other buildings across the province. Essentially, the participants heard that private not-for-profit groups have been stepping up to take over historical properties ranging from light-

Facebook or by email. A passcode will be provided hours prior to the event that must be stated in the video recording anglers submit. The combination of live release and the passcode will ensure that fish are both caught within the event time frame, and also legally

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Fishing derby tickets for sale for virtual ‘Ice Extravaganza’

Multi-zone, multi-species two-week event

MANITOULIN—Tickets are now on sale for the Northern Ontario Ice Extravaganza, which kicks off in just 30 days.

With the Manitoulin Ice Showdown on pause until next year due to COVID-19, this new and exciting virtual format will allow Northern Ontario anglers the luxury of fishing close to home in search of one or more prize-winning fish.

The Extravaganza starts Friday, February 12, which is the licence-free family fishing weekend, and will go on until February 28. This gives anglers ample opportunity to get on the leaderboard and win a cash prize in one of the five divisions available in this derby.

This year’s edition of the derby will take on a virtual format as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of all participants from COVID-19. The virtual format will also allow for anglers from all around the Sudbury, Algoma and Manitoulin districts to participate, as the virtual weigh-in process means that you do not have to report to a weigh station, but rather submit your measurements online via video through

Wiiky youth actor gains Hollywood prominence

Sladen Peltier has Los Angeles move in his sights

by Warren Schlote

OTTAWA—Up-and-coming Wiikwemkoong actor Sladen Peltier is navigating the complexity of working in acting during a global pandemic and its related travel restrictions, all while balancing his high school education from home and trying to stay motivated as he explores new opportunities to appear on screen.

“Finding Canadian work isn’t too bad, because there’s lots of small and big things that happen here in Canada. ‘It Chapter Two’ was filmed near Toronto, so busy filming ‘Running Home,’ a film that is there’s lots of opportunities.



Even with the competition, you’re bound to get one eventually,” Sladen told The Expositor.

People who don’t immediately recognize Sladen’s name will likely still recognize the young Anishinaabe actor for his big break as young Saul Indian Horse in the 2018 film ‘Indian Horse’ as well as a role in 2019’s Stephen King thriller ‘It Chapter Two.’

He got the opportunity to take on his first acting gig when he received a casting call flyer at a Little NHL tournament, as this

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Billings, Central Manitoulin residents asked to consider climate action in upcoming survey

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

KAGAWONG—Residents of Billings Township and Central Manitoulin will be asked in upcoming surveys to share what most concerns them about climate change in their communities, what actions they are willing to take and how their municipalities should prioritize climate action. Both municipalities have accepted a proposal from Vancouver-based consultant Ethelo to proceed with the climate change engagement surveys.

Ethelo uses proprietary technology to help organizations with citizen participation leading to improved decision making and has worked with many other municipalities on climate change engagement. Surveys are developed specific to each municipality and gather residents' experiences and knowledge as well as gauge community priorities.

Billings climate change co-ordinator Kim Neale is drafting the content with assistance from the Climate Action Committee and Ethelo will format the survey and prepare summary reports. Ms. Neale prepared an initial draft for discussion at Billings Climate Action Committee's December 9 meeting. "I'm trying to take two years of research and make it as user friendly and engaging as possible," said Ms. Neale. "We want to get people thinking about the

changes that are upon us and which ones they think will impact them the most."

The survey will be divided into community emissions and corporate emissions, with shared spaces or natural assets, waste reduction, residential and transportation emissions under community while encouraging climate action through public policy, funding of climate action in Billings and the township's asset management plan will be considered under the corporate side.

Under the topic of drought, for example, the platform will explain that drought is expected to increase by X amount which means more fire bans, potential water shortages and being unable to cut down a tree because of a risk of sparks, Ms. Neale explained. It will also list actions that can be taken to mitigate drought. "We are going to ask, out of these impacts, which is more important to you? Which actions would you be willing to do? Rate that action as hard or easy to do. What actions do you want the municipality to prioritize?"

The actual questions and scenarios are still in draft format. The committees will meet again in January to finalize the survey for review by municipal staff and approval by council. The survey is also intended to show how much a particular action will

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Noise complaints will now be reviewed by a municipal committee of the Northeast Town

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTHEAST TOWN—At its first meeting of the new year, January 5, Northeast Town council discussed amending its property standards bylaw to include noise violations in light of recent noise complaints in the municipality.

CAO Dave Williamson noted that because of the spate of noise complaints, staff undertook some research on different municipal approaches to noise bylaws. He did note, however, "that if you have a noise bylaw in place, it's up to the municipality to enforce them 24/7."

Most specific in the noise complaint category are those that are repetitive in nature and occur in zoning areas where this sort of noise would not normally be heard, for instance, in a residential neighbourhood.

"An option would be to inte-

grate it (the municipality's current noise bylaw) into the property standards bylaw," Mr. Williamson said, explaining that this way complaints would be dealt with in the same manner as property standards issues, such as a cluttered or uncut lawn. A written complaint would be brought forward that would then be addressed by a committee of council.

Mr. Williamson went on to explain that the bylaw amendment would have a couple of caveats, such as noise that is occurring in a properly zoned area. If the area the noise was coming from was zoned accordingly (i.e. industrial or commercial), it wouldn't be deemed a nuisance.

"I think this is a very good idea in that each individual complaint is unique and can be reviewed as

such," said Councillor Al Boyd, noting that he was in favour of the amendment.

Councillor Michael Erskine said this bylaw would not deal with the particular issues he has been hearing about from constituents. "This won't stop vehicles running through the night, would it?" he asked. Mr. Williamson said that would be the discretion of the committee reviewing the complaint.

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Assignack, Tehkummah, Killarney name shared EDO

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—The townships of Assignack, Killarney and Tehkummah have named Islander Shelba Millette as their new shared economic development officer (EDO), taking advantage of a three-year funding agreement from FedNor to cover most of the officer's wages.

"Thanks to the funding support of FedNor and our partners, the Municipality of Killarney and the Township of Tehkummah, Shelba Millette has begun her tenure as (EDO) for the communities of Assignack, Killarney and Tehkummah," read a press release from the Township of Assignack, the municipality that is holding the FedNor grant and will add Ms. Millette to its employee roster.

The Expositor tried several times to arrange an interview with Ms. Millette; she later provided a statement about her thoughts on joining the new municipal role.

"I am thrilled to be able to work closely with each community involved in order to boost positive collaborated economic growth within this unique District of Manitoulin tri-partnership," she stated in an email.

As per the funding agreement announced May 31, 2020, Assignack is designated as Ms. Millette's sole employer, though she will divide her time equally between that township, Tehkummah and Killarney.

Readers of The Expositor may recognize Ms. Millette as the director of tourism at Destination Manitoulin Island.

"(Ms. Millette) has had many years of experience working with Destination Manitoulin Island and is a recognized advocate for economic possibilities on the Manitoulin," stated the Assignack press release.

Ms. Millette explained that tourism is an important part of



From left, Amazing Race Canada host Jon Montgomery stands with Anthony Johnson and husband James Makokis, a two-spirit couple that won the 2019 show. The couple will be presenting at the upcoming virtual Mnaamodzawin gathering.

Virtual gathering helps to build Island LGBTQ2S+ connections

by Warren Schlote

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Youth on Manitoulin Island and beyond are invited to attend Creating Connections Gathering, a first-of-its-kind online event for two-spirit and LGBTQ+ individuals next Saturday, January 23 when Mnaamodzawin Health Services will host a free virtual gathering that includes guest speakers, two-spirit teachings and opportunities to meet Islanders who identify as LGBTQ2S+.

"Having that community acceptance is something that is super important for mental well-being," said Aaron Bowerman, a long-time LGBTQ2S+ advocate from Sheguiandah First Nation who will serve as emcee for the event. "If I had something like this (when I was younger) I feel like I would have been able to accept myself a lot sooner and I would have been able to start my life sooner."

The event is open to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous attendees and is targeted primari-

ly at youth aged 13 to 25 on Manitoulin Island, though it is open to others as well.

"What we're trying to do is to create a community and help people recognize there is a community they can be part of," said Jacquie Allen, mental health counsellor at Mnaamodzawin and a co-organizer of the gathering. "One of our goals is to help people feel like they're not alone, to feel like there's other people in the community who are supportive."

The gathering runs from 10 am to 5 pm on the Saturday. Although this is a one-off event for now, Mnaamodzawin hopes to gather feedback from participants so it can work toward creating future youth support groups and other initiatives. The health centre is also seeking information on the supports that parents may desire.

The point of this meeting is to offer young people opportunities for socializing and possibly winning prizes, all while learning about the supports that exist for

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Shelba Millette

the economic development priorities of all three communities, so preserving strong connections with that industry and its constituent businesses will be key to the prosperity of the townships.

"Enhancing and increasing year-round sustainable tourism related developments—assets, products and revenues—is a priority," she said. "I look forward to all the good things to come in 2021."

These communities in eastern Manitoulin are the final areas on Manitoulin to hire an EDO. Some hopeful priorities in Assignack include the S.S. Norisle and Burns Wharf Theatre, as well as business attraction and retention to build a vibrant Main Street.

Anyone wishing to contact Ms. Millette can reach her through the Township of Assignack.



Kelly Brewer has found herself a natural fit at Sugar Bush Coffee

Kelly Brewer grew up in Toronto and was living in Barrie when she first visited Manitoulin to take a course. She fell immediately in love with the Island and bought a home in Kagawong. Kelly loved the city but felt she'd outgrown it and has found just what she needs in the community spirit that thrives on Manitoulin.



Kelly Brewer

"That's when I find an interesting root or piece of driftwood, maybe something that has fallen and can see a Green Man in it or a tree spirit."

Kelly is quite happy to test the baking, especially when there are new goodies to try, and has yet to find anything she doesn't like. "The coffee's good. Everything's good," she said, but it's the people she likes best. "I love the people that come in here. I get to meet everybody, the ones that live here and those that pass through. I love people. I'm a chatter, so I couldn't have found a better job."

Kelly's been working at the Sugar Bush Canadian Coffee House in Kagawong since last August. "I walked in and thought, now the Island has everything I could possibly want. I was a barista in Toronto for a while but realized that I couldn't live in Toronto and sell coffee. It's been a dream come true ever since."

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Lions help build the future

Lions Sandra Pope, Brenda Newman and Larry Lecappellain display a cheque from the Southeast Lions Club, payable to Wikwemikong Nursing Home for its building fund. This donation was made in memory of two long-time Lions, Helen Oswald and Joyce Sprack.

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Tragic events in America stand in stark contrast to the shadow of 9/11

The domestic terrorist attack last week, by American citizens, visited on the United States Capitol Building in Washington, DC is the apex of irony.

Later this year, Americans and citizens of other democracies will take time out of their days to mark the destruction of the World Trade Center twin towers in New York City by foreign terrorists and the associated loss of life.

The chief irony will be that these commemorations will also make reference to the brave citizens whose identities were never known who managed to wrest control of the hijacked passenger aircraft, Flight 93, whose target was that same US Capitol Building in Washington.

These brave souls caused the aircraft to crash land in Pennsylvania en route to its target: the symbolic home of the US democracy. All lives were lost, terrorists and those who resisted them alike, along with the lives of the rest of the passengers, all of them ordinary people who happened to be in the wrong aircraft at the wrong time. Or, more properly in the circumstances, the right place at the right time, certainly in the case of the heroes who brought down the airplane well short of its intended target.

The commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the horrors of the event that quickly came to be known by the abbreviation of its day and month—9/11—is just nine months from now.

That event shook American society and appropriately elicited sympathy from governments and individuals worldwide who stood in solidarity that something like this could be visited on a nation that stands for freedom, democracy and the rule of law.

The intent by foreign terrorists to destroy that same Capitol Building, that was in all likelihood saved from catastrophic destruction nearly 20 years ago by the heroic events of ordinary Americans, stands in unbelievable contrast to the actions of last week's mob of American homegrown terrorists who invaded the Capitol Building, also intent on destruction and, in all likelihood, murder. Thankfully, those homegrown terrorists were also stymied by a handful of brave individuals defending the heart of their nation.

Was this symbol of American democracy saved by the unknown heroes who managed to veer that airplane from its destructive path and so deny the foreign terrorists what would have been their signal victory on 9/11 just so that, nearly two decades later, a mob of domestic terrorists could accomplish what the offshore terrorists failed to do?

Both of these events received worldwide news coverage. Both events shocked the world.

Nearly 20 years ago, the events of 9/11 were a unifying force in the

United States. People came together in the face of an unexpected attack. Red and blue political differences were much less important for the nation had been viciously attacked. People stood together and the world stood with them.

Four years ago, the Americans chose to elect a demagogue as president. Not only that, they elected a president who has increasingly demonstrated an ever-more tenuous group on reality.

No question, he and his minions fanned the flames that led to last Wednesday's terrorist attack on the Capitol Building precisely when all the members of both houses of the American Congress were seated together. Another irony: nearly 20 years ago, on 9/11, all the members of the US Congress had also been in session, doing the nation's business when they too were the target of terrorists.

In each iteration of the two attacks on the Capitol Building, events could have unfolded with much more tragic outcomes.

We would think that the destruction of the World Trade Center towers in New York City and the terrible loss of life that ensued on 9/11 and the consequent bringing together at that time of the American people as they faced a common enemy would have endured; that a domestic attack on this symbol of the common goals of America and its citizens would have been unthinkable, even 20 years on.

That's what we would like to think.

But in the nearly 20-year interval, the world has changed...a lot. The internet has come into its own, spawning diverse tentacles that disperse an unimaginable volume of information, much of it malignant.

This has enabled the demagogue the people elected four years ago to turn his presidency into a cult, with the willing assistance of his many enablers, who for reasons that are really unknowable and illogical wish to sew suspicion and dissent of ideas and institutions that, 20 years ago, were largely well thought of and generally trusted.

That spirit of distrust and dissent led directly to last Wednesday's domestic attack on the nation's members of the US Congress and its legislative building, all in broad daylight! People who were angry at Jihadist militants from Middle Eastern nations 20 years ago have managed to redirect this anger on their own institutions for all the world to see.

This is an American problem and it must be solved by people of good will south of our border. But the nations of the world, in particular Canada as the closest neighbour with all the positive energy that flows between our countries in terms of commerce, arts, defence and personal relationships must be particularly heedful of the hurting place that the United States has come to be and to offer our communal support, by way of example, and this must be a priority for both individuals, businesses and our national government.

letters

Reaching out with reconciliation tea

Proud Anishinabek take the high road after drumming confrontation

To the Expositor:

On December 29, 2020, a late model GM truck, with a snowmachine in the back, stopped and yelled unnecessary comments towards us while we gathered in our recently erected teepee.

The man first drove by around 7 pm, claiming he almost hit a truck parked on the shoulder of the road, came back, stopped and yelled to get the truck off the road and some other obscenities. On his way back into town, he stopped again, and again yelled towards our teepee comments about 'stop that drumming' and 'move your f'n truck.'

I came out of the teepee to try to see what the commotion was all about and who this person might be yelling at, surely it was not at us. We called the police to report the truck on the side of the road at 7:56 pm. A short while later, maybe 5-10 minutes, the truck pulls up again. We asked him if it was he who was yelling. He said "yes, I almost hit that truck (I called the cops). I stopped and checked to see if anyone was in there, but it was locked."

Before we could discuss things further the OPP arrived and the man left.

Now, you may think he was yelling towards the truck. I thought that as well. But that would be the first time he stopped, when he checked to see if the truck was occupied, which it wasn't, thank goodness. With the man stopping and yelling a second time, knowing no one was in the truck, who was he then yelling at? And obviously no one was drumming

in the truck.

We are proud of who we are, what our beliefs are and how we carry ourselves. We are Anishinabek and have erected a teepee to enjoy the outdoors even in the winter. Our teepee is a warm place illuminated by a fire that keeps us warm when inside. The fire helps with prayer and meditation, reminding us to be grateful for the things we have in this life and those things that keep us alive and healthy.

This incident has left us feeling attacked, even hurt. I was not going to send this letter in to The Expositor, but the more I thought about it and processed the incident, the more I realized that I had to. We already live in a cynical world, a society and country built on lies and theft. We live within systems that were created and are still implemented to get rid of the "Indian Problem."

For all that my ancestors fought for, for all the systemic trauma induced on our people, for all our children watching, witnessing and experiencing the sometimes overt, but mostly subtle racism, I must write this letter.

In closing, we offer to the man in the truck, please stop by the teepee, have some tea and let's talk about who we are, where we come from and get to know one another.

In unity,

Sam Manitowabi
Wewebejiwung

Federal government should go into complete lockdown

It's comforting to just to stay at home alone with nobody nagging

To the Expositor:

Premier Doug Ford is now calling the federal government to put more restrictions on international travel. I remember bringing up this issue a long time ago because I knew it was part of the problem why this virus just keeps spreading more; some of these travellers were spreading this coronavirus. I'm a very safety-minded person, I always try to put safety first and now this virus is more contagious than it was before. This could cause more lockdowns if the federal government does not act right away. The federal government should go into complete lockdown on international travel, just close it or shut it down from international travellers arriving. I know they will not do it either because money is just far more important than the lives of citizens. But, we do have a lot of cry-babies too who would be complaining about

it. We are just dying to travel around because the world is just going crazy that they are willing to die just to get their way, even when they know how this coronavirus is very dangerous.

I keep up to date with it and I have seen people who survive it after getting it and that they are almost crippled or still suffering from it and their suffering could last for the rest of their lives, maybe even with the vaccine now coming out. It might just get a lot harder to control this virus now because it is more contagious. I hope citizens will be more cautious now and myself, I have no problems isolating myself. Actually, I'm used to it. My travelling days are over. I had enough of it already; it's more comforting just to stay at home alone and nobody nagging me.

Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong

more letters

Some thoughts on fear, current events and the power of faith to stand firm

A firm stand is needed when dealing with fascists

To the Expositor:

The riots and insurrection incited by former President Trump at the Congress this past week caused your old retired clergy a lot of fear. I was truly frightened out of my wits imagining that the deranged and unhinged former president would set off the missile attack process, or blow up the congress. Learning later in the day that pipe bombs and weapons were placed strategically about the area added greatly to my fear and helplessness. This topic of fear is mentioned more than 300 times in the Bible and one theologian (Walter Bruggemann) advises that the bible can be summarized in two words: 'Fear not' and 'I'm with you, don't be afraid,' says our God.

John Mueller in his book 'Overblown' when examining the topic of fear and terror questions countries responses to fear and terror noting that "politicians, media, the security bureaucracy have whipped the American population into a state of terror." "Which is the greater threat," he asks, "terrorism or our reaction against it." Mueller makes a good point: As we recover from this week of terror, what

will our reaction or response be exactly? Initially I felt hatred toward our neighbours to the south, and anger at their willingness to allow this deranged fellow to hold office for so long. However, I finally calmed down and realized that living in fear and experiencing hatred toward a deranged former president simply allows him and terror to win and to generate more fear and more terror: We come from a long line of people who have not given in to acts of terror, who have spoken out, who have declared that never again will this happen, and never again will we give in to fear and to terror.

If we give in to fear and to hatred, then Trump has won and is destroying us from within. Rather let us stay strong and let us dig into our Bibles and into our history to remember the words of Moses to the Israelite people when in distress: "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today."

We must indeed "stand firm" and part of standing firm involves standing up against the fascism that Trump and his supporters have been promoting for the past four years.

Fascism, a form of far-right, authoritarian ultranationalism characterized by dictatorial power, forcible suppression of opposition and strong regimentation of society and of the economy, has been endured and promoted by Donald Trump for far too long. People chose to bury their heads in the sand rather than to take a firm stand, and a firm stand is what is needed. Trump has promoted insurrection, violence and insists on writing history his way rather than on the truth—he lost the election! History reveals that one does not negotiate with terrorists/fascists, rather one takes a firm stand by removal from office, arresting of the terrorists who stormed the congress, removal of passports and in short zero tolerance.

Let us pray, stand firm, and indeed "fear not." Fear not President Trump's fascism, fear not terrorism, fear not COVID-19. Rather let us trust in God, stand firm, and remember that we are not alone.

Rev. Jean Brown
A Haweater born in Mindemoya
Henderson, Ontario

Outrage expressed over Old School demolition plans

Instead pursue more constructive notions for the building—all that's required is imagination

Central Manitoulin Mayor and Councillors,

Though I am new to the community of Mindemoya, after recently moving here from the neighbouring community of Providence Bay, I share the outrage over the appearance of a corrupt motive for the council sneaking through the recent motion to demolish the Old School site.

It's obvious there is a secret agenda resisting the filing for establishing this complex as a "heritage site," let alone ignoring various proposals for the short-sighted notion of turning these various structures into a parking lot.

My gut tells me that the only reason for this would be to eventually use the site for a luxury condominium complex and strip mall, which could not be a more horrible and inappropriate idea.

Since the funding for a modern sports multiplex went down the crapper, rather than considering any one of various alternatives, I suggest pursuing the inclusive notion of all the following: an expansion of the nearby Weengushk Film Institute, an assortment of arts workshops, office for a Manitoulin Island search and rescue training facility,

affordable housing units, renovation of the existing hockey arena and an outdoor performance complex.

All that's required is imagination. If you visualize it, the necessary resources will appear. What was that famous quote from 'Field of Dreams' (1989), "If you build it, they will come."

Derek Stephen McPhail
Mindemoya

Great Lake waters go up and go down on an indecipherable trend

There is nothing unusual about that

To the Expositor:

An article featured on the front page of this paper last week, 'Climate change clear driver of Lake Huron's high water,' presented some comments regarding water levels that are interesting to fact check. Particularly in light of comments in the media leading up to the current increase in water levels. Here are a few selected from various newspapers in the USA and here in Ontario: 1996, "warmer air temperatures increases moisture loss, decreases runoff and leads to a decline in lake levels;" 2009, "Big climate change headed Michigan's way study says, state could see warmer temperatures lower lake levels;" 2017, "Rising temperatures could lower water levels in the lakes."

Water level records for the Great Lakes are maintained by the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory

(part of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). Calling up the graph for Michigan/Huron, there is no obvious trend that can be easily deciphered. The levels go up and they go down and have done so for as long as records have been kept. In addition to the current situation there are a number of level increases that are similar. For instance, from 1926 to 1928 the lake rose three feet or 1.5 feet/year. From 1948 to 1952 it rose 2.8 feet or 0.7 feet/year. For the period 1964 to 1972 the rate of increase was 0.6 feet per year. The current increase is 0.7 feet/year without considering the current hiatus.

What is even more interesting are the comments attributed to Andrew Gronewold. For example, "when we run various model.... there is no significant signal whether levels might be higher or lower in the future." In other words,

models developed thus far have zero predictive ability.

As an objective look at the graph of lake levels to date show, there is nothing unusual about the levels or the rate of increase for any of the Great Lakes.

A short note about the term "climate change." It is not a driver of anything. In other words, climate change is not a causal actor it is a "report card." It is fair to say that a rise in temperature will cause this or that—some positive and some negative. Saying that climate change will do this or that is confusing and inaccurate and is certainly not a driver of high/low water levels.

Shane Desjardins
Mindemoya

An open letter to the minister of transportation

Cyclists' organization pleased with the new Northern Ontario Transportation Plan

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an open letter to Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney and has been reprinted here at the author's request.

To the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, minister of transportation,

Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you for the recent release of the Northern Ontario Transportation Plan and hope that you will take the following observations, recommendations and comments under consideration.

The provincial infrastructure investments in the form of paved shoulders for the safety of all road users on three of the four provincial highways on Manitoulin Island have helped MICA's work since 2010. Manitoulin Island is now known as one of Ontario's and Canada's best cycle destinations.

Now many Manitoulin accommodation providers report more than 20 percent of their annual income is due to cycle tourism.

We applaud your goal of getting people moving and connecting communities efficiently and safely.

The province-wide cycling network plan shows Hwy 542

for most of its length as the planned cycle route.

MICA advocates for paved shoulders on Hwy 542 for its entire length on Manitoulin.

Reasons: Hwy 542 is heavily used by ferry departure anxiety driven traffic. Hwy 542 is used by low speed farm traffic. Hwy 542 is used as the main access route by a great influx of Amish families travelling by horse and buggy in the last 10 years. Hwy 542 is, in many portions, part of the 850 kilometre suggested cycle routes found on Manitoulin used by thousands of cyclists every year for three of the four seasons. Hwy 542 travels through three municipalities and is currently in very rough condition, too narrow for the safety of all vehicular traffic. In addition the badly broken edges currently make travelling along Hwy 542 on a cycle very dangerous, as cyclists have to enter far into the roadway for safe travel.

Studies have clearly shown that paved shoulders are cheaper when the cost is calculated over five years and much safer for all road users (forty-one percent less car accidents).

We are advocating for adding paved shoulders for the safety of all road users in Northern Ontario.

We are happy to see cross ministerial input sought in your committees. Moving people is so very much interrelated with the ministry of health, ministry of tourism and the ministry of education.

We are very pleased to read of the investment your ministry plans to put into upgrading existing rest areas and building additional ones. In 2020 we noted that it was difficult for our visitors to find open facilities and remains difficult for locals when we shop in towns on Manitoulin. Our residential gardens and bush are used as latrines as a result of road side park facility closures.

We are advocating for opening the seasonal facilities earlier and closing them later. We would like to see at least one all-season facility in each northern hamlet. As well as more frequent all season facilities throughout our extensive Northern highway web.

Sincerely grateful for your work and insight.

Looking forward to your response,
Maja Mielonen, president
Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates

A call for letters, pro and con, for the Old School's future

Make yourselves heard

To those who care about saving one of the last historic buildings in Central Manitoulin,

Apparently, according to one member of council, the property committee is keeping track of the numbers of positive and negative comments regarding demolition of the Old School.

This sturdy brick and stone structure is still solid and was built to last. It looks as good now as it did when it was built 100 years ago!

To think it will be demolished to make 22 parking spots for a potential and unrealistic complex that would be better suited to a location on the outskirts of town is ludicrous.

Over 800 people signed a petition opposing demolition,

but council maintains it was signed by random people with no local connections. Not so! Signatures were from people with direct connections to Manitoulin and mainly Central Manitoulin.

Again, this only serves to support their hidden agenda.

Please make yourselves heard. Let them know that there are more positive responses than negative. Send a letter to council and do it soon. Their next meeting is on January 12. Let them know that there are a great number of people who can see beyond their own agendas and see the importance of preserving one of the last pieces of history in the area.

Lynn Quesnel
Big Lake

The following is a list of the current council members in Central Manitoulin as found on the municipal website:

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Tehkummah Council Notes

December 1

Fire department cost recovery bylaw

Council briefly discussed and approved a bylaw that would allow the township to recoup costs incurred for fire department calls. The bylaw allows the township to submit claims to insurance companies if substantial resources are used in a call for service.

Later in the meeting, council approved an agreement with a company to manage the claims for a portion of the recovered cost.

This bylaw will enable the township to register for the Ministry of Transportation's Authorized Requester Information Service to look up information about vehicles and drivers.

Annual Christmas tree event

Council approved a request from Councillor Eric Russell and wife Betty to host the third-annual Christmas tree event, modified this year for COVID-19 protocol. It took place on Friday, December 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on the municipal grounds. There was no Santa and no bonfire; masks and physical distancing were required. The Russells monitored safety compliance.

Legion recognition book

Council approved its annual business card-sized ad in the Royal Canadian Legion Military Service Recognition Book at a cost of \$290 including HST.

Electronic tax bills

Council directed staff to investigate the cost and setup requirements to implement an electronic tax bill option for ratepayers. This originated from a taxpayer request and could potentially save postage costs, simplify communications with out-of-area taxpayers and may speed up the tax collection process.

Budget meeting

Council will hold a special meeting to discuss the 2021 budget on December 15 at 7 pm.

Arena donation

Council deferred a motion to donate some money toward the Providence Bay Arena's operating expenses in recognition of the Tehkummah residents who skate there in absence of a rink in the township. Staff is to investigate which arena most ratepayers use before any donation decisions are made.



Law & Order

WTPS seizes handgun, prohibited weapons and cocaine

On January 5, in the early morning hours, members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) responded to a call for service in the community of Wiikwemkoong where individuals were reported to be in possession of a firearm.

As a result of the investigation and collected information, police have seized in excess of 100 grams of a white powdered substance believed to be cocaine. In addition, police have also seized a sum of Canadian currency as proceeds of crime, a restricted handgun and prohibited weapon.

All three accused persons, Dylano Williams (21), Kenyon Ohamu (24) and Lascel Tyndale (22), all of Toronto, have been charged with: possession for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine and possession of property obtained by crime including numerous restricted and prohibited weapons offences.

The accused persons appeared at the Ontario Court of Justice via divisional bail court on Wednesday, January 6 at 10 am and were remanded in custody for further bail deliberations later this week.

If you have any further information in relation to this investigation, please contact the WTPS or Sudbury Crime Stoppers at 1-(800) 222-8477 (TIPS).

Manitoulin OPP investigates collision, charges laid

On January 2 at approximately 5:39 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Paramedic Services and Whitefish Falls Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle collision on Highway 6, south of Espanola.

Police learned the vehicle was the subject of a previous driving complaint. Upon speaking to the driver, police also determined driver to be under the influence of a drug. The driver was arrested and brought for further investigation to Espanola detachment.

A drug recognition expert investigation was completed and as a result, the driver, Larry Fowler, 31 years old of Wiikwemkoong was charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs; dangerous operation; possession of a Schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, other drugs; and possession of a Schedule 1 substance, opioid (other than heroin).

The accused was released on an undertaking to appear and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on March 1 in Espanola.

The accused was issued a 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

Insurance risk assessment

Tehkummah received a report from Frank Cowan Insurance about potential risks within the township. All of the recommendations in the report were recommended to be addressed within 30 to 60 days; the township had addressed all but one issue at the time of the meeting.

Fire Marque agreement

Tehkummah entered an agreement with Fire Marque Inc., a company that will allow the fire department to claim excess firefighting expenses from a recipient's insurance policy.

The township is not currently recovering such costs and will benefit from the new agreement, despite Fire Marque's 30 percent cut. Some insurance associations have warned that having such an agreement in place may cause premiums to rise.

Eligible fees include the current Ministry of Transportation rate per unit per hour, rate per person per hour and other costs ranging from foam to metered water, air tank refilling or even water bomber drops.

New Xerox copier

Council approved the purchase of a Xerox Altalink C8155 multifunction office machine at a cost of \$6,334.85 plus HST, including a service agreement. The cost per black and white page will be marginally higher than before but the colour print cost has dropped considerably.

Holiday landfill hours

Because the landfill's open day, Saturday, coincides with the Boxing Day statutory holiday, council directed staff to explore the possibility of opening that day, opening on another day in lieu of the missed Saturday or skipping the week altogether.

November 17 (special meeting)

FCM asset management funding application

Tehkummah adjusted the wording of its application to receive funding for asset management planning through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The particulars of the program have not changed, including the township's already-pledged budget contribution of \$6,990.

Tehkummah also updated the wording, but not the material contents, of its animal control and heavy vehicles bylaws at the meeting.

New EDO

Tehkummah approved the proposed hiring of Shelba Millette as the shared economic development officer between it, Assignack and Killarney.

November 3

Outdoor rink request

Patti McKenzie wrote to council to request that the recreation committee build an outdoor skating rink, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic when recreation opportunities are limited and children need safe ways to be social and get exercise.

Councillor Lorie Leeson explained that the recreation committee had never truly formed and it tends to be just two individuals organizing things and trying to find volunteers each time.

Reeve David Jaggard asked what liability the township may face, to which clerk-administrator Silvio Berti said he was unsure and thus suggested that council defer the motion until staff could find more information.

Councillor Eric Russell recalled that when he first joined council, he worked with former councillor Paul Bowerman to make a rink at the ball field but they only got half the

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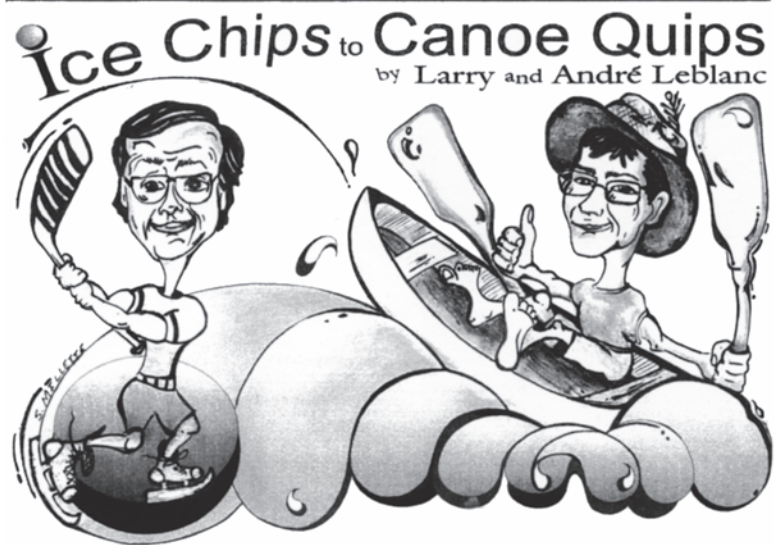
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Manitoulin Sporting Life



Dance Fever, pandemic...?

Dancer and educator **Candice Irwin** and her enterprise Body Stories Dance Instruction, has officially opened up registration for the winter dance session in Mindemoya! Her classes are appropriate for ages four and up. (Candice is also going to be taking over the dance teaching in Manitowaning starting this month as well. Classes are all being organized directly through the Township of Assiginack.) No dance experience needed at all!

Of course because of the extension of the lockdown, class dates and prices have changed. Classes are set to run from January 26 to March 9 (seven weeks) at the Mindemoya Community Centre. The cost is \$80 plus tax for creative movement and \$130 plus tax for all other classes.

Candice grew up in Victoria, B.C. where, immersed in the arts, she got to study many forms of dance. Her teaching and artistic practice is founded on the idea that dance is for everyone and brings this belief into everything she does. Welcome to Manitoulin, Candice!

Class sizes are small so get your registration in early! You can register through their online Google form: <https://forms.gle/x1Ab2Tq4rbyRUMkX6>. If you have additional questions please feel free to contact Candice at bodystoriesdance@gmail.com, by phone at 647-213-1497 or on the Facebook at @BodyStoriesDance.

World Junior squad, Team of the Year!?

Okay, well last year's team (2020) was named the Canadian Press' Team of the Year, just on the crest of 2021 and right in the midst of this year's teams' winning streak. The 2021 version, rolled through all of their games with straight wins right through the to the gold medal game in fact, for those who didn't follow this year's iteration.

One difference is that their goaltender, **Devon Levi**, was the first goaltender in 40 years that did not get poached from one of the three major junior leagues (OHL, QMJHL or the WHL) in Canada. He is one of the few net-minders who played all of Canada's games, maybe back to his idol, **Carey Price**.

Of course we will lament that the New York Rangers denied **Alexis Lafreniere's** bid to play on the team. Voted 2020's most valuable player of the tournament, Alexis was still eligible to play this year but talents of his caliber are way too valuable to risk injury.

In the end, it was Canada's constant rival, the United States, who scored first and shut the Canucks down to be awarded the gold. The Canadians composed themselves quickly however and endured the arduous awards and medal presentations lined up on the silver medal blue-line. Good show guys and we will be watching next year, team!

Nature deficit, disorder!?

There has been many, many studies launched over the years about how we humans can benefit from being outdoors. It seems to be common sense that anyone can find value in getting oneself off the couch and at the very least into your yard and ideally into the closest thing to nature that you have readily available.

Much to my chagrin, there are some studies show that there is little benefit. Thankfully, I cannot find any studies demonstrating detrimental effects whatsoever to learning or being outdoors. Actually, a vast array of them purport untold benefits. So called, Outdoor or Forest Schools have even been launched over the previous number of years. Students in these classes spend the vast majority beyond the traditional walls of academia yet are taught the curriculum of their region.

Those students being outside dealing with or enjoying what Mother Nature has to give and yet learn through a different lens, move forward with a more holistic view. In a recent post on social media, consummate outdoorsperson, **Neil Debassige** (Fuel the Fire) also makes a strong case for not only kids but all of us to get outside and reap the profits. Check him out on FB.

A good sport is good for sports.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR?
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Mike Laidley, right, formerly of Little Current, squares off against the Huntsville Havoc in one of his first games as a professional hockey player. Mr. Laidley, 25, signed on with the Pensacola Ice Flyers, part of the Southern Professional Hockey League, late last year.

photo by Faith Easton

Little Current's Mike Laidley joins Florida pro hockey team

by Warren Schlote

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Little Current's Mike Laidley began his first professional hockey season this past December, trading the beaches of Manitoulin for the northern Florida coast as a left winger for the Pensacola Ice Flyers in the teams' 2020-2021 season.

"It's definitely a little different from what I was used to in college; pro is a whole different world," 25-year-old Mr. Laidley told The Expositor in early January. "It's been great so far and super exciting. Hopefully I can keep it going and stick it out for the entire year."

The unpredictable nature of 2020 and the global pandemic made the process far from certain. He signed an agreement to try out for the Florida team in August at a time when organizers were still unsure of whether they would be able to have a season.

He finally got training camp details in November and left the Island for the sunshine state on December 18, 2020. Mr. Laidley required negative COVID-19 tests both before he left and when he reached camp, and must complete weekly testing during the season.

"(Florida is) not the first place I thought I'd be playing hockey, for sure; it's a little different to go to the rink in flip flops and shorts right now," said Mr. Laidley with



Mike Laidley heads to the blue line with his Pensacola teammates at the start of an early January game.

photo by Faith Easton

a laugh.

The Southern Professional Hockey League saw major changes this year, dropping from 10 teams to five in the states of Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Alabama. Games are scheduled to avoid having any overnight stays wherever possible, to keep the teams out of hotels and other public places where they may risk exposure.

Because of the team capacity cut, the competition has been fiercer than ever. Some of the top players on shut-down teams have found spaces among the remain-

ing five, including some players on the Ice Flyers.

"In the East Coast Hockey League, which is in the tier above us, only a handful of teams are playing there right now. We have some guys too who got called up to that league last year ... but this year their teams have folded so they came back to the league here," he said.

One measure the league has not taken, however, is banning spectators. Although the capacity is down from the roughly 8,000 seats at home-ice hockey games, some

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...Manitoulin posts 10 active cases of COVID-19

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"These time-limited measures are being taken to help ensure that all Ontarians stay at home as much as possible to minimize transmission of the virus and prevent hospitals from becoming overwhelmed, while at the same time being responsive to the fact that Northern Ontario students are not able to learn at home as effectively due to limited access to reliable Internet service," stated a January 7 press release from the Ontario government.

The Ontario government has pledged a \$1.3 billion plan to improve student safety in educational settings. This includes investments in personal protective equipment, improved ventilation, money to support the hiring of additional staff, as well as a promise to increase asymptomatic testing as a surveillance measure against the pandemic.

"In the nearly two weeks since Ontario was moved into a province-wide shutdown, trends in key public health indicators have continued to worsen in both Northern and southern Ontario, including concerning trends in health system capacity, most notably in hospitals. Trends show increasing transmission in many Northern Ontario public health regions, with only one region showing a sustained low level of transmission," a government press release stated.

PHSD is among those health units that has shown increasing cases, including a recent slate of 10 new cases on Manitoulin Island from this week. This is why Ontario

has extended the temporary lockdown measures in the North.

"The impacts of these time-limited measures throughout the province will be evaluated after 14 days to determine if it is safe to lift any restrictions or if they need to be extended," the release continued.

Other ongoing issues include increased workplace transmission and more community spread in the wake of the holiday season as a result of more people visiting friends and family.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it is crucial that all Ontarians continue to follow all public health and workplace safety measures," said Dr. David Williams, Ontario's chief medical officer of health. "To help stop the spread of COVID-19 and safeguard health system capacity, Ontarians are strongly urged to stay at home, limit trips outside of their households for essential reasons only and must not gather with individuals outside of the people they live with."

Child care, both home-based and at centres, will stay open during the lockdown. Ontario has pledged funding for school boards to increase technology access for students.

Financial support is also available for families during this temporary remote learning period through the 'Support for Learners' program. Starting on January 11, the

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...tickets for sale for virtual 'Ice Extravaganza'

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in accordance with the event rules.

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

ple cash prizes.

Registration is \$60 per person and includes your entry into the derby for two weeks. Participation in the derby is open to anyone in Zone 10, South Bay of Zone 13 and Zone 14, North Channel from Sault Ste Marie to North Shore to the east of Phillip Edward Island, including Collins Inlet.

Tickets are now on sale for the Northern Ontario Ice Extravaganza at FishManitoulin.com or can be purchased on location at The Manitoulin Expositor or Wikwemikong Tourism Offices. Rules, a detailed map of the fishing zones

and other information on the event can also be found at FishManitoulin.com, or join the Northern Ontario Ice Extravaganza event page on Facebook for live updates.

The Manitoulin Expositor, Wikwemikong Tourism and the Wiikwemkoong Anglers Group look forward to a safe and fun two weeks of fishing for all participants.



Moe Gauthier of South Baymouth shows off two rainbow trout lunkers caught through the ice last winter.

...Florida pro hockey team

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fans are still allowed to cheer on the players in person.

The league has cancelled all fan-player interactions such as signings and meet-and-greets to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread.

Prior to his Floridian move, Mr. Laidley was in his fifth year at St. Lawrence University in upstate New York, in a master's program, where he also played for the school's hockey team. The university sent students home in March and Mr. Laidley was back on Manitoulin through the spring and summer while he planned for his next steps.

He was in contact with the Toledo Walleye, a team part of the East Coast Hockey League in the tier above the Ice Flyers' league, with a tentative offer to attend their training camp. However, the start date moved backward several times and he had to pass. Last week, that team cancelled its entire season.

Mr. Laidley was also exploring options of playing professionally in Scandinavia before he decided to focus on eastern US teams.

"I'm just trying to focus on my game right now with where I'm at, try to improve each and every day, and hopefully get a shot to move up when the time comes," he said, adding that while his dream remains breaking into the NHL, he is satisfied as long as he can keep developing and being an effective team member.

Mr. Laidley has played a handful of games with the Ice Flyers so far. While goals and assists eluded him for the first few games as he got used to playing again, he said he was determined to keep putting his best skate forward through this season.

"Each game I'm getting better and there's more confidence there," he said. "I've been waiting a long time; it's been a long summer of training and skating back home getting ready and I'm super excited to be back into it."

The Pensacola Ice Flyers are ranked first in the league as of press time Monday, after playing six games. The season will be 42 games long, down from the regular 56.

He credited his skills as a strong, fast skater as assets to his power forward role in both defensive and offensive action. Growing his offense skills and stickhandling are his goals to make sure he is ready for the next professional tier.

He has good company on the team alongside a handful of Canadians. One player from Oakville has a mutual friend with Mr. Laidley; the two teammates formerly played each other when they were both in school 10 minutes apart in upstate New York.

"They're great guys and easy to get along with, which made it easier to transition," Mr. Laidley said.

He expressed gratitude to the many fans back home who have been reaching out to offer messages of support and well-wishes for a successful pro career.

Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

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



LANE PHILLIPS

CONGRATULATIONS, LANE!



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Lane Phillips is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and academics. He is a Grade 11 student who certainly keeps himself busy. When he isn't busy with practices, work and school, he can be found mainly in the outdoors. Lane takes part in activities such as hunting, trapping, fishing, walking, cross-country skiing, tennis, swimming, kayaking, and paddle boarding. When Lane is not outside he often is cooking/baking or taking part in student's council.

During his years at Assinack Public School he participated in many of the offered sports. Lane took part in sports such as soccer, volleyball, basketball (for two years), and 3-pitch. Lane also participated in track and field. The track and field events he participated in were various running distances. He also took part in triple jump, standing long jump and running long jump. Lane began his skating experience at a pretty young age, from there he played hockey in Manitoulin for two years. He also took part in sports outside of school for fun. Currently outside of school Lane practices his skills in sports such as tennis and badminton. He also enjoys doing yoga whenever he gets the chance.

Throughout Lane's sports experience he has achieved a great improvement of a variety of skills, and is especially well rounded when it comes to both sports and life skills. In his earlier years he received 3rd place in a cross country meet, and often placed in the top 10. Lane also had the opportunity to go to North Bay to compete. Throughout Lane's sports experience he has grown and shown just how flexible he can be when it comes to trying new things. Lane takes part in many sports related activities and always tries his best, no matter if his motivation feels depleted. When it comes to the motivation needed and the inspiration that comes with it, someone who is very inspiring to him is Rosa Parks. Lane says this because she faced a pressing issue and stood for what was right and through her struggles she inspired civil rights activists and eventually the issue was resolved. For Lane she is inspiring because she persevered through tough times and stood for what she believed in, creating change for the greater good.


He continued to play sports in high school, and in Grade 9 he played singles in badminton, as well as tried out for tennis but didn't make the team. In Grade 10 he could not play badminton or tennis because of the school closures due to COVID. In Grade 9 Lane made it to NSSA in singles badminton but could not play because he was sick. Lane is looking forward to playing badminton and tennis in the upcoming seasons. Lane is currently doing online school but hopes to come back to school for 2nd semester. He is very much hoping that COVID-19 does not intervene, and looks forward to furthering his skills.

Throughout Lane's sports season, he is motivating and provides positivity. His positive attitude and collaboration never fails to keep himself in high spirits. Lane's favourite sport is probably tennis because he finds it very fun and enjoyable. He likes playing sports that have rackets more than sports that don't because it requires him to have quick reflexes. He likes playing sports because they are very fun and good for his health. Sports help Lane to keep active and healthy, and they also help him to put aside problems and clear his mind so he can just have fun.

In school, Lane's favourite subject is biology. In biology he enjoys learning about life, specifically he likes learning about morphology and evolution. With that said he is looking forward to taking physics and kinesiology in the upcoming semester. This semester, Lane also has very much so enjoyed social justice and equity because he likes to learn about issues involving oppression and discrimination in the world, from this he has helped to take action in the way of a micro-initiative. He raised money to buy masks and hand sanitizers to put into care kits that he gave to Manitoulin Family Resources to distribute to people who may be needing them. Lane raised money by selling keychains. When Lane finishes high school, he hopes to go to university, however, he is not too sure what he wishes to take yet. Lane is thinking about taking something in biology, engineering or maybe architecture.

Lane is one of many outstanding Mustangs, and with his diligence, his imaginative and optimistic mind, and his constant personal drive, he is sure to represent MSS well. Have an exceptional year, and keep up the super work Lane!!

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...Wiky Nursing Home to receive COVID-19 vaccine

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effectiveness in people younger than 18 years of age have not yet been established.

“It’s definitely a start,” Ogimaa Peltier said. “The sooner we get started the quicker we can see that light at the end of the tunnel.”

The ogimaa said he would continue to press the provincial and federal governments for a more robust vaccination program for his community as soon as doses of the vaccine are made available.

About the Moderna vaccine

The Moderna vaccine is an mRNA vaccine which means that the vaccine teaches cells how to make a protein that will trigger an immune response. These proteins are called ‘spike proteins.’ Once made, spike proteins are recognized by



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the immune system as foreign and a body’s system starts to create antibodies to clear out this foreign material. These antibodies help fight the infection if the actual virus does enter the body in the future.

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While the Moderna vaccine needs to be frozen for storage, it can be kept at “regular” freezer temperatures as compared with the ultra-low-temperature Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Ogimaa Peltier echoed Dr. Sutcliffe’s comment, stating Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories “believes that immunization against the virus is one important way to protect its community from COVID-19 and will be encouraging everyone to get the vaccine as it becomes available.”

...Wiikwemkoong youth actor gains Hollywood prominence

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newspaper first reported in 2016. On-ice skills were a significant part of his ‘Indian Horse’ role.

Sladen’s dual passions of hockey and acting have continued to fight for precedent in his life, especially when potential gigs happen at the same time as big tournaments. This year, he hasn’t been able to join hockey, baseball or lacrosse teams because of the public health crisis, and has had to pass up some acting opportunities because of travel restrictions and the challenges in going back and forth between Los Angeles and Ontario.

“I was supposed to be down in LA with my dad right now, working on a TV series, but we couldn’t do it with the travel restrictions,” he said.

The parts and opportunities keep coming Sladen’s way, despite the state of the world. He has a prominent role in a soon-to-be-released film called ‘Running Home,’ directed by Zoe Hopkins and filmed in Six Nations of the Grand River. COVID-19 has pushed back the release date.

His agent has kept busy in search of new opportunities, including for a few potential animated projects. With recommendations against travel, audition processes have become slightly more accommodating—preliminary tryouts can be completed at home by sending in a recording of him reading the parts into his phone and sending off the audio file.

Sladen’s dad, Alex Peltier, said he was concerned about turning down some parts in LA during the pandemic and what impact that may have on his career. However, he has had some reassurances from Sladen’s agent and from directors who have emailed the family directly to say they understand the situation and still wish to work together in the future.

“It makes me proud that they’re after him, that they want him,” Mr. Peltier said. “They treat him very well (in Los Angeles).”

Mr. Peltier said he has encouraged his son to pursue his passions, whether that may be hockey or acting (or both, as in the case of ‘Indian Horse’), and has helped to keep connections up with executives down there.

One new friend for Sladen is the director of ‘Indian Horse,’ Stephen Campanelli. The two regularly share conversations and Mr. Campanelli keeps an eye out for potential opportunities (he is a frequent collaborator with Clint Eastwood).

Sladen said he was proud to be able to portray Indigenous roles on screen, especially in projects like ‘Indian Horse’ that also serve an educational purpose of illustrating Canada’s treatment of Indigenous peoples.

But he hasn’t let his work go to his head. The ninth-grad-

er said he doesn’t broadcast his work on the silver screen beyond a few close friends, preferring to be known as ‘Sladen’ rather than “that guy in a movie.”

These days, he is spending a lot of time at home with his mom Katelin Gillis in Ottawa, going to virtual school alongside his younger sister from their bedrooms. The virtual learning has been a good experience for Sladen, who got to spend a few months in Wiikwemkoong this year because he could continue learning there uninterrupted.

There is a chance that he may end up in a Los Angeles high school for part of his next few years of education. Sladen said he recently did an online interview with a teacher about the prospect of playing lacrosse for the school and learning there.

This would allow him to be closer to work opportunities in Hollywood and also put him in the same halls as fellow up-and-comers, such as basketball star LeBron James’ child.

Despite his surroundings around plenty of big names, a lot of his inspiration comes from closer to home. Sladen sometimes helps his dad, a carpenter, on his work projects. He is interested in following higher education and possibly getting trained to be an electrician.

For now, Sladen is remaining busy with school and enjoying a little break in the acting roles as he prepares for what 2021 will bring.

“I find (balancing things) pretty good,” he said. “The life experience of doing this is very cool!”

...Manitoulin posts 10 active cases

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program will be expanded to allow \$200 for each child or youth up to Grade 12 and \$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 with special needs. Applications will be open until February 8 on the Ontario.ca website.

Ontario has also injected \$10 million into student-centred mental health support services, such as Kids Help Phone.

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Community-owned internet passes first funding obstacle

Ontario, Canada announce massive increases to broadband funding

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—The Ontario and Canadian governments have announced a combined increase of more than \$1 billion to their broadband infrastructure funding in recent weeks, with their aim to connect everyone in the country with high-speed internet within the decade.

"In general, this is good news. It's the biggest investment ever made both provincially and federally," said Michael Groh, senior consultant at Rock Networks, a company that is working with communities on Manitoulin and the North Shore to explore the feasibility of creating a community-owned fibre optic internet network to deliver high-speed connections to the region.

The Expositor first reported on the North Shore push, led by Huron Shores Mayor Georges Bilodeau, in its June 30, 2020 edition. Mayor Bilodeau was unable to provide comment on the funding increases by press deadline Monday.

Ontario first promised \$315 million in 2019 to increase broadband access in the province through the Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) program. On November 4, it announced an additional \$680 million for such initiatives over the next six years, bringing the total investment to \$995 million.

Also in 2019, the federal government introduced the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF), with a goal of linking all Canadians to high-speed internet by 2030. It originally consisted of \$1 billion but a November 9 announcement this year nearly doubled that total to \$1.75 billion.

The transition to millions of people working, learning and socializing remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic has further exposed the digital divide that exists in Canada between those who can access affordable high-speed internet and those who cannot; the latter often appear in rural, remote and Northern communities.

The government's goal is to provide internet to all Canadians at speeds of at



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least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) for downloads and 10 Mbps for uploads. (A megabit, Mb, is one-eighth the size of a megabyte, MB.)

Many critics have said the 50/10 goal is far too low, especially when considering the proposed completion date of 2030 when internet demands will only have grown. The Rock Networks proposal, for instance, would be fibre-based and would involve a mix of fibre-optic cables to homes and towers to transmit the signals over longer distances.

Fibre networks have the capability to transmit data at speeds of 1 gigabit per second (Gbps) for both upload and downloads (like Mbps and MBs, gigabits are one-eighth the size of gigabytes). This would make a fibre network 20 times faster than the present 50/10 government standard, potentially making fibre more future-proof against ever-increasing internet speed and bandwidth demands.

Rock Networks' proposal for a community-owned fibre network in this region has cleared the first barrier toward accessing the provincial ICON funding, said Mr. Groh. The government selected it as a candidate to proceed to a stage-two application, with more in-depth data required before a December 11 deadline.

He indicated that the team would also be submitting an application to the national UBF.

Politicians at the provincial and federal levels who represent the Island from their Opposition seats said they welcomed the news but treated the announcements with great caution.

"If they're serious then they need to make sure they put the programs in place and get things moving, because that's not what's happening right now. Internet is an essential service," said Carol Hughes, NDP MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasung.

Referencing how important internet has become in the modern world, Ms. Hughes listed the importance of broadband alongside the government's poor progress on ending boil water advisories in First Nations across Canada.

"There's a huge demand out there, whether it's for health, education or businesses. This is our reality nowadays and it's probably the number one issue (besides accessing unemployment benefits) during COVID-19 that I've heard and continue to hear," the MP said.

She noted the patchwork system that exists in her expansive riding and that, in places with advertised high-speed service availability, the connections often do not come close to their promised speeds.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha said the news was positive but he feared it may be another government announcement that lacked substance and a plan to implement the proposal.

"That said, my colleague John Vanthof, the member for Temiskaming-Cochrane, introduced a private member's bill to push the government to be held accountable. Part of this bill will make the government report back to the legislature as to how, where and when the money is being spent," he said.

He added that his own party had promised large amounts of money toward broadband infrastructure in the 2018 election campaign but said any real progress made by the current government could offer positive benefits.

"Any dollars toward the development of broadband are still welcome; however, it needs to be backed by actual investment," he said.

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...Billings, Central Manitoulin residents asked to consider climate action in survey

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contribute to increasing equity and health and wellness in the community as well as reducing operational costs, said Ms. Neale. "We don't just make decisions in a bubble because they reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

"It gives our community a summary of a climate risks study that's been completed so that we can be aware of the effects of climate change and how it impacts the municipality and what the people or residents of the municipality are expecting to see," said Bryan Barker, councillor for Billings and deputy mayor. "It gives us local knowledge from the residents about the impacts climate change is already having on the community. For example, we experienced high water levels this year and last year too. We had a little bit of flooding around the town hall and where our small craft basin is now, we've to shore up the shoreline, increase the breakwall and that sort of thing. Then back to the summer of 2018, we were pretty much in drought conditions with very little rain in the spring and summer so we want to see the impacts of that. It also gives residents the opportunity to choose the actions they'd like to see the township take and prioritizing these actions. It gives us an overall idea what the community is looking for and what they're expecting and what they've already experienced as far as climate change."

Billings is considering a telephone survey, said Mr. Barker. "We hope to reach different people within the community for a good cross section of the demographics of the community makeup." Because of the makeup of the municipality, Billings has a large number of seasonal residents and their input is wanted as well. He thinks a telephone survey may allow the municipality to gather better data and a variety of concerns but how the community will be engaged has not been finalized.

Central Manitoulin councillor and Climate Action Committee member Dale Scott noted that Ethelo has prior experience working with municipalities to develop community climate engagement and he is confident that with their help, Ms. Neale and the committee will develop a user-friendly survey that will attract attention to the climate issue and that residents will want to participate.

"The survey pretty well takes care of all the sectors that emit," said Mr. Scott. "We have a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and our commercial and our infrastructure buildings take a certain percent. Our municipal fleet is a certain percent, but the two main emissions from our municipality are private transportation and individual residences. I'm hoping that we can narrow the survey down so we get some good information back. I think the most important is just to get the communication out and get people thinking about climate and what you can do yourself that's not going to cost a huge amount of money. Maybe it's something like composting at home," he suggested. Landfilling food waste creates methane emissions which are much stronger than carbon dioxide.

Mr. Scott is hopeful for Ontario to have incentives in the future for things like landfill diversion. "They obviously

have a new blue box program but it's not in effect until 2025. Something simple like bring back the insulation incentive for your home would be good. The money you put into insulation in retrofitting an older home pays back in energy savings and directly relates to emissions. I'm looking forward to the survey and need to get that message out to the residents."

"We have a huge advantage here on Manitoulin because we still have a lot of forest cover and grass cover so the carbon sequestration is significant," he said. "I'm sure it's zero net, that what's sequestered likely is more than what we emit but that doesn't mean we shouldn't take measures."



The survey will help the municipalities develop climate action plans.

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He thinks people should consider a more fuel efficient or hybrid vehicle the next time they're in the market, and should support local farmers' markets as well. "There's an impact on greenhouse gas emissions every time we go to the grocery store," he explained. "There's packaging on just about everything we buy; hopefully people do recycle at home. It should be easy in Central Manitoulin because we have a pickup every week. All this packaging is creating manufacturing emissions and we have to deal with it as a municipality. Right now, we have to landfill it."

The climate action plan that this survey will inform is going to be a communication tool and provide an education for our residents, Mr. Scott said. "Hopefully a percentage of them might consider making even small changes that will benefit the whole community. If they can see a return on investment that will be huge."

He doesn't believe in pushing too hard for people to adopt "a gold standard of solar panels and a heat pump that costs several thousand dollars in the beginning" as they may not react well. "That was the biggest reason why the municipality did not declare the state of the climate emergency. We felt it was going to scare our residents. They need a soft approach of communications and education right now."

Central Manitoulin resident and teacher Cori Davy is a member of the Climate Action Committee. She got involved because she works with youth in the community. "I see that they have some concerns," she said. "I like to be involved and help them understand what's going on and how they can make a difference right here in their own

lives and help from a local perspective. I feel that by being part of the committee, I can bring some input from the students, their perspective, as well as go back and share what locally we're going to do and hopefully they can do at home and get the word out more."

She describes herself as passionate about the earth and the environment. She feels that business is important but at the same time, "we should ask how can we do business in the least intrusive way to the Earth. It's important that we don't leave it a mess for future generations. I'd like to leave it better than we got it when our turn is done."

"All we want is to ask the residents what actions are you willing to do without changing and altering your whole life in order to make a little difference to help reach our goals," said Ms. Davy. "Little changes will make a difference and if we all take little steps like carpooling or composting or walking to the store, it will make a difference for the future."

The expected date for the survey launch in both communities is late January or early February.

...Noise complaints committee

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Councillor Erskine said he had concerns with the committee passing sweeping judgments such as what a 'normal' noise is and what trouble that could bring to the municipality.

Mr. Williamson reminded council that should the committee decide to rule in favour of a complainant, a ticket would be issued to the person found in violation of the bylaw which could then be argued before a judge in court.

A motion was passed to amend Bylaw 2004-36 B to include noise violations, which states "No person shall or cause a mechanical sound that is constant or intermittent that continues over an extended period of time which interferes with the neighbour's enjoyment of their property. Noise generated in the normal course of doing business in an appropriate zone is exempt."

Expositor clarification

The January 6 Page 3 article 'Council may eliminate need for cab licences in Northeast Town' quotes from a staff report which states: "There are at least two other companies that take fares in town, one being Jeff's Taxi and the other being Island-Wide Taxi." The Expositor has learned that in fact, Jeff's Taxi has not operated passenger service in the Northeast Town for a number of years.

Craig McMurray, owner and operator of Island-Wide Taxi (a fully insured cab company operating in the Northeast Town and beyond) also contacted this newspaper following the publication of the story. Mr. McMurray shared that he had contacted the Northeast Town to obtain a licence, but was turned down due to a lack of available licences.

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Innovative 2+1 highway pilot projects advocated for North on hold in Ontario

by Warren Schlote

ONTARIO—Road safety advocates are calling for a 2+1 road pilot project in Northern Ontario, a popular system in northern Europe that enhances traffic safety and flow, though the Ontario government has no intention to pursue the idea at this time.

"It certainly is a model that can apply on any existing two-lane road. We had a feasibility report done which identified that and recommended a pilot project. We initially had some good support from the ministry but since then it's been fairly silent," said Mark Wilson, resource member at Going the Extra Mile for Safety (GEMS), a subcommittee of the Temiskaming Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce.

The 2+1 highway concept is not common in North America, though it has proven successful in many European countries such as Ireland and Sweden. It involves a road structure that is a constant three lanes in width with a physical barrier between the opposing traffic flows.

The centre divider gives one direction a passing lane while the opposite way has a single lane. These sides switch every few kilometres. The physical barrier prevents risky passing behaviour and its regular structure can calm drivers who know a safe passing opportunity will soon arise.

GEMS had been working with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) which has decided, for the time being, to not proceed with a pilot project to test the usefulness of such a road structure in Northern Ontario.

The committee has been advocating for a pilot project on a 35.4-kilometre stretch of Highway 11 and engineering firm WSP completed a feasibility study on whether or not such a project would be worthwhile in the area.

The engineers reported that a 2+1 road system

would reduce both the frequency and severity of collisions but the benefit/cost ratio was not high enough to undertake a widespread implementation of the model.

However, the team suggested it would be useful to create a small pilot project to study the potential impacts of such a road design. All of the estimates used European data which may or may not directly correlate to road conditions in Northern Ontario.

"We found in the report that there would in fact be a 41 percent fatality drop, and it would all but eliminate cross-over collisions, which make up 69 percent of the fatalities," said Mr. Wilson.

Northern Ontario is a prime area in which to test a road system that could make highway travel safer. Deaths on Northern roads happen twice as often as in southern Ontario, partly because of the higher number of two-lane main roads as opposed to those with physical barriers between traffic directions.

"Something like (2+1 roads) could potentially alleviate a lot of congestion and a lot of safety concerns with the accidents we see throughout Northern Ontario. This idea could potentially work here as well as it has in Europe, but first we need a pilot study. This government is not receptive to that," said NDP Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha.

An existing way to enhance traffic flow and safety has been highway twinning, such as the ongoing road work on Highway 69 between Sudbury and Parry Sound. This involves constructing two parallel roadbeds, one for each direction of travel, and having a physical divider between the two.

This carries a high cost. GEMS estimates the cost of building a twinned road at \$6.4 million per kilometre, whereas 2+1 roads can be built on the existing or a

widened original roadbed for up to 75 percent less, estimated Mr. Wilson.

The 2+1 work best for roads that see between 2,000 and 20,000 vehicles per day, on an annual average basis.

Advocates have long called for more passing lanes on Highway 6 north of Little Current, a road for which a 2+1 study may be effective.

Highway 6 sees an annual average of 3,200 vehicles per day but summer values are as high as 4,250 vehicles per day. Traffic increases to 3,900 vehicles per day north of the Sudbury/Manitoulin border and 8,500 between Espanola and the Highway 17 junction.

"On Highway 6, we see major traffic volumes during the summer and busy times like hunting season. A lot of those people have extra trailers or campers and they all take Highway 6. With a proper investment in the highway, it may alleviate a lot of the safety concerns we have," said Mr. Mantha.

He added that tourism is increasing across Northern Ontario and as traffic grows each year, making roads safer to reduce the risk of mishaps—part of a road design philosophy called Vision Zero—is more important than ever.

There was once a desire for a 2+1 pilot on Highway 6 from Tobermory to Wiarton to enhance flows and reduce inappropriate passing.

These roads carry some added maintenance costs above a conventional roadway. Cable barriers require

regular tensioning and maintenance-free metal dividers are more expensive to install.

Snow removal operations remain largely the same as existing roads, with plows using wide wings to clear the double-lane section in one pass.

MTO spokesperson Kristin Franks said the ministry was aware of the studies into the new road model but had no plans for any

such pilot projects in Northern Ontario.

"While this research provides an excellent knowledge base on the use of 2+1 facilities from which to start, more work is needed to address the differences and concerns from the European design before this system can be considered for implementation in Northern Ontario," she wrote in an email to The Expositor.

Mr. Wilson said he had

received strong support from organizations such as the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and Ontario Good Roads Association, but acknowledged that any work toward a pilot project in the province is presently at a standstill.

"It's always a battle of trying to move through government and bureaucracy. We're keeping at it," said Mr. Wilson.

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...Old School group bid to save

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houses to rail lines as various levels of government have shied away from the expense of preserving the province's historical heritage.

The OHS was granted the power to incorporate non-profits (the only non-governmental agency in North America to be granted such power). Over 45 agencies have been created by the OHS since 2015 alone—basically one a month. On Manitoulin Island, both the Central Manitoulin Historical Society and the Michael's Bay Historical Society were incorporated by OHS.

The concept of forming a non-profit was embraced by the Friends of the Old School following the online meeting. "We are forming a non-profit," confirmed Jan McQuay, one of those individuals who has been battling to save the Old School. She said that the concept had not occurred to the committee previously set up to seek a way to repurpose the Old School.

"I'm not totally in favour of setting up a free-standing corporation when we already has the Mindemoya Historical Society," said Mayor Stephens following the meeting, but asked if that organization had expressed any interest in taking on the project he responded, "no."

Despite his misgivings over the concept of forming a non-profit to take over the management and repurposing of the Old School, Mayor Stephens insists that there is "absolutely no question" of his supporting saving the building from the wrecking ball. "I see no reason to proceed with this when the building could stand for years without an issue, provided it gets a new roof."

Central Manitoulin's property committee was set to hear six delegations at its Tuesday, January 12 meeting, including Ms. McQuay, Lynn Quesnel of the Central Manitoulin Historical Society, Aaron Quesnel, Kae Elgie of the Architectural Conservancy of Canada (who is expected to outline the various funding sources that would be available to a not-for-profit) and Jim Smith.

"We are going to see if we can take it off of them," said Ms. McQuay, who said that the Friends of the Old School has been re-energized by a host of new members. "We are only looking at focussing on the Old School," she said. "We are not looking to save every old building on Manitoulin."

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Tehkummah ministry supports 400 Zimbabwean girls

by Warren Schlote
 TEHKUMMAH—A ministry within Manitoulin Community Church in Tehkummah, led by Pastor Ramona Daniso and her husband Humphrey, is supporting 400 Zimbabwean girls this year with feminine hygiene products that they could not otherwise access, thanks to the generosity of donations from the Island community.
 “It really feels good to give to something outside of yourself, to think you’re helping someone who isn’t able to take care of that

couple connected with the Mwanyenyas and made plans to launch the charity. This past Good Friday, April 10, Pastor Daniso took over as pastor of Manitoulin Community Church and began online services during the pandemic. Rather than serving a wide swath of regions by dropping off supplies and moving on, the registered charity selects communities for long-term support. It began with 50 girls in 2018 and has now surpassed 400 in six communities, with aims to add a seventh in the



Close to the end of school before the holidays in November 2020, Dignity for the Girl Child held a Christmas party for the girls they serve, at which the girls received care packages (including COVID-19 safety supplies like hand sanitizer in addition to hygiene products) and a hearty meal.

but the realities of Zimbabwean life make those less feasible. Electricity and good washing water supplies are spotty at best and the girls would have to hang their pads out to dry on wash-lines, something that may detract from their dignity.
 Pastor Daniso met her husband while on a two-year trip to Zimbabwe and the couple relocated to Canada to ensure they could raise their children in the best possible environment.

The Tehkummah community and congregation of Manitoulin Community Church have been extremely supportive of Dignity for the Girl Child, having raised more than \$5,000 this year for the cause within one month.

Any extra funds go toward supporting more girls, enhancing their monthly kits (which normally cost about \$10) and giving small gifts to the volunteer administrators in Zimbabwe.

“We follow the words of Jesus: ‘what you do unto the least of these, you do unto me.’ So whatever you do for people that they can’t do for themselves, that’s like your own gift to God,” said Pastor Daniso.

Anyone wishing to support Dignity for the Girl Child can make a donation through Manitoulin Community Church; further information is posted at dignityforthechild.com.



Part of Dignity for the Girl Child’s mission involves outreach and educational initiatives in the communities with which it works.

need for themselves. There’s a big world out there, even though there’s lots of needs here too,” said Pastor Daniso, who heads up Dignity for the Girl Child with Mr. Daniso, in partnership with Jeffrey and Juliet Mwanyenya in Zimbabwe.
 Pastor Daniso has been involved in mission work in Zimbabwe for more than 20 years. Mr. Daniso is from there; on a trip home in 2018 for his mother’s funeral, the

new year. Adequate feminine hygiene products are extremely important to the girls in this region especially. Pastor Daniso said girls would either find unsafe solutions like leaves, stuffing from a mattress or rags, or would simply have to stay at home during their menstruation.
 Those who choose to withdraw can quickly fall behind in school, leading to worse education outcomes

and harming girls’ already lower chances at reaching their potential in life.

“A lot of it has to do with expense; what is available can be quite expensive,” said Pastor Daniso.

She described the rural areas of Zimbabwe as similar to Manitoulin Island, albeit with a complete lack of stores. The equivalent, she said, would be if people had to travel to Sudbury every time they needed anything.

“A lot of girls we help are orphaned; they might live with elderly people or with extended family. The thing is, for most people, the biggest need is just getting food on their tables so getting their young teenage daughter hygiene supplies isn’t the biggest priority,” said Pastor Daniso, acknowledging that other needs exist within these communities but her charity’s effort helps create an important sense of dignity.
 “It’s interesting to get reports back about how

much hope is infused within a community when we’re there, because I think it just lifts their spirits to know that people care,” she said.

Dignity for the Girl Child raises funds and sends them to partners in Zimbabwe to purchase the hygiene products. It does this because shipping supplies overseas can bring issues of border clearance and the risks of products not reaching their intended destinations.

Ms. Mwanyenya has been the main partner in Zimbabwe; her and her husband have been very active in missionary work and Mr. Mwanyenya is a director of Agape Children’s Ministry. They have worked with Pastor Daniso for 15 years on her various mission trips to the country and she said she has developed a deep

trust with them, as opposed to others who claim to be helping but are really running scams.

The Zimbabwean couple has enabled Dignity for the Girl Child to expand to several communities as they forge relationships and new connections with the people they know on the ground.

This year, Dignity for the Girl Child raised extra funds to host Christmas parties for the girls where they each received a meal and a present. They took home a few months’ worth of sanitary products alongside toiletries and washcloths and, especially for this year, a bottle of hand sanitizer.

Pastor Daniso acknowledged that disposable sanitary products are not as environmentally sustainable as reusable options,



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LGBTQ2S+ individuals on the Island.

In places like Manitoulin, where communities and support services are spread apart, discovering one's identity and feeling supported during that process can be challenging. Ms. Allen acknowledged that LGBTQ2S+ conversations need more visibility in a local context.

"We need to be able to have people feel comfortable and to be open about their sexuality at all ages, and I think that's something we don't see a lot," she said, adding that these topics sometimes come up during the counselling sessions she facilitates.

Part of that effort requires inviting community members, such as Mr. Bowerman, the emcee, to take part of the process. He identifies as two-spirit and actively works to strengthen communities through harm reduction, sexual health promotion and HIV education in Toronto.

"I didn't hesitate when they asked me to be emcee," he said. "Initiatives like this conference help to promote diversity and inclusion, challenge social norms around sexuality and build community acceptance on Manitoulin."

Keynote speakers at the event will be two-spirit couple James Makokis and Anthony Johnson, Cree and Dine (Navajo) men respectively, who gained fame as the first two-spirit team on *The Amazing Race Canada*. During that season and beyond, the team raised awareness and advocated for two-spirit, LGBTQ+ and First Nation issues.

Another speaker is Métis, Cree and Mi'kmaq elder Lauren (Blu) Waters, wolf clan, whose spirit name is Istchii Nikamoon (Earth Song). She works at Seneca College as an elder on campus, providing traditional teachings and one-on-one counselling. She is part of the grandmother circle in the National Inquiry for Murdered and Missing Women and is grandmother to commissioner Brian Eyelfson.

Finally, queer and Indigenous advocate

Teddy Syrette, whose spirit name is Ozhawa Anung Kwe (Yellow Star Woman), of Batchewana First Nation, will also be part of the event. Mx. Syrette has received awards for their advocacy work, including from the Bonham Centre, Planned Parenthood Toronto and the YMCA. (Mx. Syrette uses gender-neutral they/them pronouns; Mx. is a gender-neutral honourific.) Their work has focused on gender and sexuality diversity, as well as Indigenous histories and experiences, and has set Mx. Syrette on a healing journey for themselves while also helping others learn.

Ms. Allen, who is the parent of a two-spirit person, has been organizing the event since November alongside Ken Lander, a mental health clinician at Mnaamod-zawin.

"I've been on the Island for a couple of years now and I've been to the pride events; I think they're great but the Island is so geographically large so it's hard to create connections in the first place," said Mr. Lander, who is gay. "A lot of challenges and barriers can be helped through the strength of knowing you're not alone. That was my personal motivation to really become a driving force behind this."

He acknowledged that there are both accepting groups as well as some resisters on the Island to LGBTQ2S+ people. Mr. Lander said he hoped people would foster a sense of community through this event.

"There seems to be a little excitement brewing already," he said.

Organizers are hoping for about 60 people to turn out to the event, though its online nature will allow for as many as 200. The interactive event will also be accommodating to those who don't wish to turn on their camera or who wish to use a different screen name.

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Dinner and a show

On afternoon of December 20, John and Sharon Savage had a surprising visit from this female pileated woodpecker—surprising because, although they often see them in the trees surrounding their home, none has ever landed and eaten on their deck railing. She fed on the sunflower seeds that they had spread there, but after a few minutes one of the resident squirrels approached her, telling her that they were not her seeds. She spread her wings as a warning to Mr. Squirrel that she could easily handle him if he got too close, but eventually she got tired of this pest and flew to one of our feeders to continue her meal in peace. How did Mr. Savage know it was a female? The male would have the red on his head continue all the way forward to his beak, and the black streak that starts at the back of the beak on the female would be red on the male.

photos by John Savage

Ice fishing rods donated to Assiginack students in memory of Shan Case

MANITOWANING—Manitowaning resident Shan Case loved the outdoors so much that during winter she would ice fish right on the lake, not inside a traditional hut which might offer protection from the elements.

Sadly, Ms. Case passed away in the fall, but her memory has been honoured through a generous donation to Assiginack Public School—an ice fishing rod for every student.

“We wanted to do something in Shan’s name,” said husband Brad Ham. Son Brett Ham is a graduate of Assiginack Public School and the family has always been very supportive of the school, their community and the children and youth who call

Manitowaning home.

“Shan loved the outdoors and ice fishing,” said Brad Ham. “She also loved this community and wanted to entice the kids to get outside. It snowballed from there.” The family received lots of support from individuals and businesses, including AJ Bus Lines and Eastlink.

Just before the holiday break, Christmas came early at Assiginack Public School when Mr. Ham donated the ice fishing rods to students in a live, outdoor video presentation which was broadcast to classrooms within the school.

“Our students were thrilled,” said Principal Heather Pennie. “We are most grateful to Brad and



Lily Stewart, a Grade 6 student at Assiginack Public School, proudly displays her new ice fishing rod. Each student at the school received an ice fishing rod in memory of Shan Case.

Brett Ham, their extended family, and all donors who made this happen.” “This will certainly encourage our students to enjoy the outdoors,” the principal continued. “And, just like Shan Case, they may fall in love with ice fishing and make it part of their healthy, active lifestyle.”

“We participated in regular outdoor family activities and went fishing every chance we had,” Mr. Ham explained. “When Family Day was introduced, Shan had the first fishing derby on Manitowaning Bay.

Some 15 people participated, and it got bigger from there. The fishing derby became an annual community event.”

“Shan always said, ‘you kids need to get outside’ and she modelled this with her own son and his friends,” he added. “With this donation, her legacy lives on.”

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Liberals table climate accountability legislation to set national emissions targets

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

OTTAWA—Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada Jonathan Wilkinson tabled the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act in November to set binding national emissions reduction targets to help Canada achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. "The Act tabled delivers on a promise we made to Canadians during the last election to provide a legally binding process for this government and all future governments to set national targets."

Having net-zero emissions is necessary to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5°C, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; this was the goal agreed upon by most countries in the 2015 Paris Agreement. Net-zero means either no greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions or emissions are completely offset by other actions that remove climate warming GHG from the atmosphere. More than 120 countries have already committed to net-zero by 2050 as have several provinces

and cities across Canada.

"Reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions is what the science says we must achieve and this 30-year project will require every future government to take actions to grow our economy while reducing emissions in every sector," said Minister Wilkinson. "This achievement is necessary to ensure our kids and grandkids can live in a world with cleaner air and water and to ensure our businesses maintain and gain a competitive edge by producing the low carbon products the world wants to buy."

The Act, if passed, will legally bind the government to a process to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. The Act requires a GHG target plan every five years starting in 2030 that includes measures to reach those targets. It will establish a Net-Zero Advisory Body to provide independent advice to the government on the best pathway to reach its targets. It will also require the government to publish an annual report describing how departments and Crown corporations are considering the financial risks and opportunities of climate change in decision

making, and will provide for independent third-party review by the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development every five years.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the Act "lays out a framework of accountability and transparency that will ensure we reach this goal," but some organizations feel the legislation doesn't go far enough. In its statement, Ecojustice welcomed the federal government's commitment to achieving net-zero by 2050 and its efforts to take the climate emergency seriously. "This is the first time that a federal government has introduced legislation to hold themselves and future governments accountable for reducing emissions. This legislation is a significant step to put Canada on the course to achieve its emissions targets and sets up Canada to become a global leader. However, Ecojustice also believes that there is room for improvement on issues such as the lack of a 2025 target and robust independent expert advice."

Ecojustice lawyer Julia Croome said, "It is a compre-

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water they needed. The next year, council did not support the effort, he said.

Councillor Leeson said that years ago, council donated to the Providence Bay Arena because many Tehkummah residents went to its free skating days.

The motion suggested deferring the request until the recreation committee could provide further details.

Councillor McKenzie asked how the township could set up a functional recreation committee. Mr. Berti suggested updating the list of prospective volunteers and holding a meeting of those individuals, at which the group could set up terms of reference.

Sea container request

Councillor Gordon formally brought forth his long-standing request that the township acquire a shipping container for storage purposes. He has raised the issue for several months and his efforts increased after council permitted the South Shore Volunteer Firefighters' Association to have one shipping container for storage at the ball field at a recent meeting, as an exemption from its zoning bylaw that does not presently allow for such items in the township. Tehkummah is updating its zoning bylaws to address travel trailers and shipping containers.

"I think it's something we need. If there was no COVID, we'd still have a hallway full of books, the washroom would be full (of municipal records) and things would be at the seniors' hall and Floyd's hunt camp. I'm sure the fire hall would be happy too," Councillor Gordon asked of council.

Mr. Berti said municipal files cannot go into a shipping container because it would neither be weather sealed nor pest-controlled, and there were questions of winter access.

Councillor Leeson agreed that storage was tight in the township and Councillor Russell supported the concept of a storage container, referencing records storage disputes in the township from the past decade.

Mr. Berti said the township had applied for funds to expand the municipal building under COVID-19 funding intakes, part of which would be used for records storage, to which

Councillor Gordon replied that this would be a short-term solution to a long-term problem, and he did not understand the reasons for the impasse.

Councillor McKenzie said it seemed most councillors were concerned about library storage; therefore, the library should be the one pursuing the request. He acknowledged the clerk-administrator's argument that sensitive records cannot be stored in such an environment and said he was against the township getting a shipping container for storage.

Councillor Leeson suggested using the South Baymouth museum's vault as records storage if required. Reeve Jaggard suggested deferring the motion until council had more information.

"Yep, what the hell, I don't care," muttered a frustrated Councillor Gordon as he and the rest of the councillors voted to defer the request.

Christmas plans

Council approved the closure of the municipal office and roads department, except for snow plow needs, December 24 through 26 and December 29 through 31. Council also set employee Christmas bonuses and gave \$250 to the fire department in lieu of its usual support of its Christmas party, which is cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Donations, payments

Tehkummah donated \$500 to the Manitoulin Family Resources Christmas basket campaign. It also donated \$200 to the Manitoulin Student Aid Fund for Manitoulin Secondary School graduates from Tehkummah. The township also paid an annual membership due in Destination Manitoulin Island of \$282.50.

October 6 Road construction update

Councillor McKenzie expressed concern that the new ditch along the 10th Sideroad, which had recently been rehabilitated, contained three feet of water. Roads superintendent Kevin Dunlop explained that there were two beaver dams yet to be cleared and that Dave Millette had already trapped 16 beavers in the area.

Smeltzer's Drain update

Two ratepayers had appealed decisions from the court of revision. The issue will go to a tribunal at some point in the future.

Waste study intent

Council agreed to send a letter of intent to Gagnon Renewable Resources that it would support, in principle, a waste volume and profile study.

Grant management services

Council entered into an agreement with Grant-Match, an agency that identifies funding opportunities for municipalities and helps them apply in exchange for 10 percent of the first million dollars in funding and five percent of all additional funding.

Resilient Communities Fund

Council agreed to apply to the Resilient Communities Fund through the Ontario Trillium Foundation for COVID-19-related technological improvements. This would allow for measures such as improving municipal computers, possibly getting councillors laptops for Zoom meetings and find-

ing ways to better serve the public through technology. EncompassIT agreed to help the township apply.

Propane rider

Tehkummah accepted a rider from Superior Propane for a price of 54.5 cents per litre for 23,367 litres, excluding taxes. Mr. Berti said the rate did not change from the previous year.

Information items

Council received an update on its asset management plan application status update as number 269 in the queue. Council also received a complaint from South Baymouth resident Larry Killens about parking at the South Baymouth postal outlet.

The township further received an update on the status of COVID-19 in the

district and a progress report on the Rogers Creek Bridge replacement project.

Safe restart agreement

Tehkummah applied for funding under the second phase of Ontario's safe restart agreement for municipal operating dollars.



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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.

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

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

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Looking for back copies of This England quarterly magazine. If you have any please contact Eric at 705-282-2284.

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notice

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

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Sea Cadet Events

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

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Wing Night, Thursday, January 14 from 4 to 8 pm. Wings, \$1 each, (sauces for wings: salt and pepper, sweet chili, sweet and sour, honey garlic, first, second and third degree, parmesan cheese and pepper and Cajun); cheese balls, two for \$1; Jalapeno poppers, \$1; cheese sticks, \$1; mushroom caps, nine for \$3. Take-out only, pick up at the Legion. To pre-order call or text 705-348-0123. Delivery within town limits available.

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- Posting #17** Part Time Permanent Elementary Teacher in Sudbury Ojibwe (a.m.)
- Posting #18** Part Time Permanent Elementary Teacher in Sudbury Ojibwe (p.m.)

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, proof of qualifications, recent performance evaluations and/or practice teaching reports, the names of three professional references by 3:00 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2021 to:

Human Resources
Rainbow District School Board
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury, ON P3E 1P2
email: HRT@rainbowschools.ca

Rainbow District School Board thanks all applicants for their interest in the public school system. Only those applicants who are selected for an interview will be contacted prior to February 5, 2021. The candidate selected for the position will be required to provide a criminal record check.

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

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

Overview:

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

Required Competencies:

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

Qualifications and Work Experience:

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

Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2021 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:

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

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
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MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Community Health Nurse - COVID Prevention
ONE YEAR FULL-TIME CONTRACT

Overview:

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Required Competencies:

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

Qualifications and Work Experience:

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

Deadline: Friday, January 22, 2021 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
GRADE 5/6 TEACHER

Salary: Based on Shawanosowe School Teacher Salary Grid

The Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) invites applications for the position of a Grade 5/6 Teacher, commencing immediately. Shawanosowe School is an Indigenous school governed under the Whitefish River First Nation and regionally through the Kinooaadziwin Education Body. This community-centred school focuses on academic achievement while providing grounding in culture and identity and nurturing children's gifts.

WRFN is seeking an individual who will contribute to Shawanosowe School and to the community, and who will become involved in extra-curricular activities when required.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To ensure all students are supervised safe, culturally supportive environment that meets the approved curriculum plans and mission of Shawanosowe School;
- Achieve academic excellence by working collaboratively with school staff and to communicate effectively with parents;
- Ability to prepare daily lesson planning and long range plans;
- Follow the policies and procedures of Shawanosowe School and the Whitefish River First Nation.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education or equivalent;
- Ontario Teaching Certification; with membership in good/active standing;
- Certification in Primary/Junior and/or Junior Intermediate;
- At least 1-2 years teaching experience;
- Must have excellent planning and organizational skills;
- Must have excellent communication skills;
- Up-to-date First Aid and CPR;
- Additional qualifications in Special Education would be considered an asset; and
- Experience working with Indigenous communities would be considered an asset.

Interested and qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to the attention of:

Glenn Forrest – Band Manager
Whitefish River First Nation;
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road;
P.O. Box 188;
Birch Island; ON
POP1A0

Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

Applications must be submitted by **January 15th, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.** and must include the following:
Copy of Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) certificate and three professional reference names.

**Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to commencement of employment.

We thank all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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'The Adjustment League' by writer Mike Barnes is a subconscious adventure for those who enjoy unusual thrillers. A man starts probing into the possible neglect of a family elder in an affluent household in

Toronto. He has been tipped off by someone from his past. This investigative process starts to expose a tangle of corruption and brutality. This is a riveting, memorable novel that focuses on the outcome of inhumanity, abusive wealth and demeaning influence on the most fragile members of society.

Alexander McCall Smith's newest volume of his 'No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency' series is another terrific novel that continues to enchant readers worldwide. 'The Land of Long Lost Friends' takes us back to the beauty and simplicity of Botswana for another adventure with the Detective Agency ladies. This is a wonderful series that I highly recommend. Smith is a terrific writer, creating authentic, lovable characters and

bringing to readers pleasure and entertainment in a gentle, wise and humorous way.

Young Adult Pick: 'Sled Dog' by Terry Lynn Johnson.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
& ADDICTIONS WORKER**

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

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking a caring, energetic and enthusiastic individual. Someone who has a keen understanding of Child and Youth Mental Health & Addictions field along with knowledge of prevention and intervention activities, facilitation and implementation of culturally appropriate programs. If you are a team player and have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, then you may be a great fit for this position.

Reporting Relationship: The Child and Youth Mental Health & Addictions Worker will work under the general guidance of the Mental Health Clinic Manager and Health Services Department Manager.

Position Summary: The aim of the service is to provide supportive counselling to M'Chigeeng children and youth to support their wholistic well-being. The position will further contribute toward capacity building opportunities within the community's Health Centre program and services, as well as with the children/youth and families. The incumbent will consult and work in collaboration with M'Chigeeng Mental Health Team, as well as other multi-disciplinary professionals. The services of the Child and Youth Mental Health & Addictions Worker are to strengthen a widening circle of care responsive to the needs of each young person. Services are both community and school-based, working with teachers, school counsellors, principals and parents.

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred

- University Degree in Social Services/Addictions field of study and two (2) years' relevant work experience
- Extensive work/volunteer experience in the coordination of workshops and seminars within a Native organization/community is a strong asset

Minimum

- College Diploma in Child & Youth Work, Social Services or related field of study (i.e., Addictions & Mental Health Diploma) and/or lived experience and knowledge
- Three to five (3 - 5) years' work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions
- Knowledge and skills in mental health, alcohol and/or drug addictions awareness and prevention
- Excellent Public Speaking and Facilitation Skills

Other

- Be a role model both during and after regular work hours
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal)
- Must obtain and keep current First Aid and CPR Certifications
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinaabe language is an asset
- Must have own transportation and valid Ontario Class "G" driver's licence

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

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

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

Child and Youth Mental Health & Addictions Worker
c/o Art Jacko, Enaagdenjged
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

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

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

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If the following positions may be of interest to you, please contact the Director of Operations at HumanResources@kenjgewinteg.ca and schedule a date and time to have a virtual coffee break!

Social Worker Full Time

Position Objective:
The Social Worker provides school-based mental health services and support to students of Kenjgewin Teg. This position works as part of the Student Services Team, and will liaise with external resources, in support of student needs.

Classification:
Specialist SP2 Program/Service Delivery Specialist/Salary Grade Band G

UnderHire Level Salary Range \$45,306 – \$50,341 – \$55,375
Qualified Level Salary Range \$52,076 – \$57,862 – \$63,649
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Marketing & Communications Specialist Full Time

Position Objective:
The Marketing and Communications Specialist is responsible for the marketing and recruitment communications function for the programs and services of Kenjgewin Teg and plays a critical role in meeting marketing, recruitment, and enrolment goals. The Marketing & Communications Specialist will create, manage, and implement a robust, yet flexible, communications, branding, and marketing plan.

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Anishinaabek Curriculum Developer Full Time

Position Objective:
The Anishinaabek Curriculum Developer is a foundational and integral team member supporting quality assurance implementation of the organization's lifelong learning philosophy in Anishinaabe Aadziwin for existing and new courses/programs. This position will work with the Director of Quality Assurance and several cross functional teams across the organization, including external stakeholders, to support delivery of integrated Indigenous/Anishinaabek curriculum within the organization's lifelong learning programs.

Classification:
Program/Service Coordinator/PSC4 Team Leader/Salary Grade Band H

UnderHire Salary Range \$48,138 – \$53,486 – \$58,835
Qualified Level Salary Range \$55,331 – \$61,479 – \$67,626
Advanced Qualifications Salary Range \$62,524 – \$69,471 – \$76,418

To enjoy that cup of coffee and discuss the qualifications and job descriptions, please contact the Director of Operations by email at HumanResources@kenjgewinteg.ca.

Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2021 at 12 noon

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of:
Cover letter, detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:
Dr. Janice Mitchell is a veterinarian with Island Animal Hospital and Little Current Veterinary Services, and a beekeeper too!



PAW'S FOR THOUGHT

Kitty allergy? A new hope

by Dr. Janice Mitchell

It's a new year, and as always, we look to it with hope and an anticipation of positive things to come. There were many ideas I had filtering in my brain from the mention of a veterinary anti-parasitic drug, Ivermectin, as a possible treatment for COVID, to the use and caution of essential oils with our pets. However, a recent article that came across an informative vet education site caught my eye and thought it might be interesting to share with you. For those of you who have allergies to cats, or know someone who does, this article will be of relevance to you.

It is estimated that worldwide, one in five adults suffer from sensitivities to cats. It is the most common animal origin allergy in humans. As a result, it is a common reason for families to relinquish their beloved feline or to not considering adopting a cat. For those that continue to tolerate snotty noses whilst petting Felix, it often means poor quality sleeps, reduced alertness and fatigue, often as a result of the side effects of antihistamines that one takes to stop incessantly rubbing their eyes and/or nose.

So what is the biological weapon in cats that can cause such a profound reaction? Well, it has to do with a protein in the cat's saliva. In particular, it is called Fel D1. Up to 95 percent of cat allergic individuals are sensitive to Fel D1. Fel D1 protein is produced in the cat's salivary glands and is transferred to the fur during grooming. It is produced by all cats regardless of breeds, age, sex, weight and hair. There are no truly hypoallergenic cats (sorry Canadian sphynxes, you lose that claim). The Fel D1 protein easily spreads to the household environment with the shedding fur and dander, and thus becomes airborne in dust. It is very sticky and sticks to clothing and upholstery, and can hang around six to eight months.

Now I know there are some of you who have found that certain cats you may have owned have caused more of a sniffly reaction than other cats. Researchers have indeed discovered that Fel D1 production can vary widely between cats, and also can vary widely in the same cat throughout the year. However, all cats never stop producing this protein daily.

In a sensitized individual, the Fel D1 protein binds to the receptors on special immune cells called mast cells, and unlocks the door to these cells to release a plethora of histamines which causes all the lovely allergic symptoms of itch, inflammation and mucus. For those who are severely affected by allergies, current management has con-



Caution: Allergic reaction may be caused by licking or by being licked by one of these animals.

sisted of some difficult choices. These include a constant cleaning of the environment and the use of HEPA filters; allergy shots (immunotherapy); bucket loads of antihistamines; blocking the incriminating cat from being in certain rooms; the risky task of bathing the cat; and finally, the saddest decision of all, rehoming the cat.

The hopelessness of some of these solutions has

thus made the recent release of a product by the Purina Institute of Nutritional Science so exciting and promising. For the past 10 years, researchers at Purina's institute have discovered a way to neutralize the Fel D1 protein through the help of chicken egg antibodies. By feeding a cat a diet that was coated with an egg product containing anti-Fel D1 protein antibodies, the cat's saliva became

neutralized and thus no longer recognizable as an allergen when released into the environment. They also studied the

long-term safety effects of feeding the anti-Fel D1 antibody to a large population of cats and discovered that there was no clinical difference between those that were fed the diet and those that weren't. Remember, this was a 10-year project before publicly releasing this product. They found on average that it would take three weeks for the Fel D1 protein levels to drop after commencing the diet, and discovered that it reduced the Fel D1 protein levels by approximately 50 percent.

Is this product available in Canada? I was curious myself after watching this video. A quick check on our veterinary purchasing site revealed the affirmative. It is available as a kibbled food called Live Clear, aptly named. I would be most curious indeed to try this product out and hear feedback from those who suffer from allergies. Here's hoping there is no more "achoo" while your kitties "chew" on the new! Mew!



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Gwekwaadziwin

Seven Grandfathers – Live in Aftercare – Counsellor

Program Description:

The Gwekwaadziwin program provides a client-centred model of mental health and addiction treatment for youth and young adults. It will support a community of healthy young people working towards wellness, education and economic prosperity for First Nations individuals and communities. Gwekwaadziwin's program meets the client on the spectrum of care, from stabilization through treatment, residential aftercare, outpatient aftercare and transition back into their family and community. It has two proposed age-appropriate streams serving youth from 13-30, ensuring that the needs of transition-age youth are addressed. The Four Directions adolescent program serves youth age 13-19. The Seven Grandfathers program is designed for young adults age 19-30. The Seven Grandfathers programs consist of three phases: Land Based Treatment, Live In Aftercare, and Community Aftercare.

Position Description:

The Live In Aftercare Counsellor will provide continued support to participants while they attend the Live In Aftercare portion of the Seven Grandfather Program. This residential setting supports participants as they continue their wellness and recovery journey and as they begin working, volunteering or pursuing educational opportunities. This position is for 40 hours a week comprising of both day and afternoon shifts.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Reporting to the Seven Grandfathers Team Leader
- Responsible for taking direction and implementing it to Live in Aftercare Programs
- Continue to develop and implement model of care
- Responsible for liaising with land based and community aftercare programs
- Assist in development of client-centred holistic treatment plans
- Assist program participants in continuing their recovery via life skills, education, therapeutic interventions
- Responsible for liaising with community organizations
- Assist in implementation of research projects
- Responsible for assisting with housekeeping and maintenance involved with the program
- Responsible for completing duties to implement all Gwekwaadziwin programming

Qualifications:

- Preferred education is a Bachelor in Psychology, Social Work or related field with mental health and addictions training with preference given to Masters level candidates
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinaabe history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Proven experience with management, program development, research and outcome measurement
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field with proficiency in outdoor experiential learning, education, aftercare and client-centred models of care
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Able to participate in outdoor and athletic programming
- Mature individual who is able to work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

- Possesses a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle, able to obtain an 'F' class Driver's licence with a preference given to those who already hold a class 'F' driver's licence
- Ability to work outside normal business hours as required
- Must have a relevant degree and three years' work experience in Psychology, Social Work or Health-related field – with a preference for a designation with a regulatory college

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications

Closing Date: February 3, 2021 - Noon

To Apply: Please submit a letter of application and resume.

Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted.

Complete Applications may be emailed to samg@gwek.ca

Please reference email: Live In - Aftercare Counselor- Application

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MAINTENANCE WORKER

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40 hours per week

The municipality is seeking to fill one full-time position. Possession of valid driver's licence (Class "G") is required. Job descriptions may be picked up at the municipal office.

The following experience would be considered an asset to the position:

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**The Manitoulin Cattleman's Association
is moving our AGM to a virtual format this year.
The meeting will be held on the Zoom platform,
for Wednesday, January 20 at 11 am.**

Please RSVP to Jordan Miller,
at b.jordan.miller@gmail.com
by Sunday, January 17th,
to make sure you get the Zoom invite.

Additionally, if you have any questions about using Zoom, feel free to contact Jordan at that email address.

If you are a checkoff paying member or have a local membership, please join the meeting to hear about local issues in beef production, reports from the Beef Farmers of Ontario, the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association & MPP Michael Mantha, as well as director/executive elections.

THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH RAYMOND RIVET

In grateful recognition of the wonderful care he received, a bequest has been made by the late Joseph Raymond Rivet, who passed away on September 11 2020, of a sum of money to be divided equally among the nurses, PSWs and other support and administrative staff at the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay who were employed and working at the Lodge during the time he resided there.

Persons who were employed in any capacity at the Manitoulin Lodge from May 28, 2019 to January 24, 2020, and wish to claim a share of this bequest, should notify the undersigned Solicitor on or before January 31, 2021, after which date the bequest will be distributed without further regard for persons who fail to make a claim.

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 hensive bill that can maintain momentum for climate action when the spotlight is off the federal government. However, Canada has missed every single emission reduction target it has ever set. This bill has the potential to hold our political leaders to account for meeting that net-zero by 2050 target."

Catherine Abreu of Climate Action Network Canada also expressed concern about the lack of target for 2025 and added, "This government has committed to delivering a new climate plan to meet a more ambitious Paris pledge within the next six months. This should be reflected in a comprehensive new climate law. There is a real emphasis in this bill on the minister's duty to report rather than to achieve our climate commitments and that is another thing we will be working to change through the amendments process."

Prime Minister Trudeau responded to concerns about the lack of tangible penalty for missed targets by saying Canadians will determine the consequences for a government that doesn't lead on climate change. "Climate change remains one of the greatest challenges of our time," he said. "Just like COVID-19, ignoring the risks of climate change isn't an option. That approach would only make the costs higher and the long-term consequences worse. People have already seen what floods, storms and wildfires do to homes, communities and businesses."

Canadians are aware of the threat climate change poses to our health, our economic future and our planet, he said, and have made it clear that Canada must take climate action now.

"We don't have to choose between clean jobs and good jobs," said the prime minister. "The argument that protecting the environment and growing the economy don't go hand in hand is an old and failed way of seeing things."

Cathy Orlando, national director of Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada saw much to celebrate in

Bill C12 and encouraged the cooperation of all parties and premiers to "get behind this Bill."

She called on "all adults, including politicians of all stripes and all levels, to act on the words of our young leaders: listen to the experts, cooperate on the climate crisis and rebuild a better world post-COVID and post-climate emergency."

† in memoriam

NEVILLS—It has been a year since we lost her. A wife, a mom, a sister, a grandmother and a best friend to many. She was a no-nonsense lady that we lovingly called "Mom" or "The Boss" depending on the situation. I am talking about my mom and Tim Nevills wife Marion J Nevills. She was born in Swift Current, Saskatchewan to Ruby and Carl Johnson. She was the second child and the oldest daughter of five siblings. She was a farm girl, dabbled in modelling and worked at a printing house. She would eventually move to Elliot Lake, Ontario in the summer of 1967 with her small family. She wore many hats in Elliot Lake back in those days. She ran a worm and live bait business, assistant manager and redecorated the New Nordic Hotel. She sold kitchen cabinets and designed the kitchens that they went in. She helped manage the town's Radio Shack franchise and would eventually end up managing the Oaks Hotel. She moved to the island in 1989 and officially became part of the Nevill's family in 1991. She enjoyed the pace of life on the island as well as the natural beauty of the area. She was a very generous hostess during the holidays in the summer and winter. She especially enjoyed many drop-in visitors during her evening cocktail hour. Great conversations and always lots of laughs! Usually plenty of homemade snacks like her famous nuts and bolts as well. She was the heart of any gathering and the glue that held much of our family group together. She was wise, kind, understanding and always had time to talk. For me, her son, and for her husband Tim, she was always there. She never wavered in her love, help and support. 2020 has been a very tough year for all of us but our toughest blow was losing our matriarch on January 8th. She passed away quietly at the Mindemoya Hospital surrounded by family and friends. It was then and remains now the hardest emotional hit that Tim and I have had. We miss her laugh, her attitude and her spirit that sparkled in her bright blue eyes. She lives on now in our hearts, stories and memories. We take solace in that as long as we remember her, she will never truly be gone. 35c

CULGIN—In loving memory of Ted Culgin, January 14, 2017. Your memory we treasure. Loving you always, Forgetting you never. Barb, Andy, Dawn and Willow 35c

thank you

Thank you everyone for your thoughts and prayers, cards, food and flowers. I appreciate everything from the bottom of my heart. Also to my two new friends Lianne Hovingh and Sarah Quackenbush who helped me by showing so much love and compassion during my darkest days. Also people who I didn't even know who reached out to me. You are all very special. Thanks again everybody and stay safe in these troubled times. Sincerely, June Baker 35c

Death Notices

JUDITH "JUDY" BURNS (GILCHRIST)

October 22, 1952 - January 2, 2021



In loving memory of Judith "Judy" Burns who passed away peacefully in the early morning of Saturday, January 2, 2021 in Sudbury, at the age of 68 years. Youngest daughter of the late John and Nelda Gilchrist (Johnston). Loving wife of Kirk Burns. Dear mother of Cindy Harley (Darrin) and of Melanie Johnson. Judy will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her granddaughter Megan French. Also survived by her sisters Myrtle Dawson (late James), Donna Bailey and Shirley Bock (John). Predeceased by her siblings Viola Pearson (late Stan), Ernie Gilchrist (June) and Ronald Gilchrist (late Mary Ann). Her fur baby Chewy will also miss Judy's loving and playful presence. Judy retired from Canada Revenue Agency after many years of dedicated service. Among her many talents, she will be remembered for cooking, especially meat balls and potato salad, singing and dancing any where and at any time she pleased, and most notably enjoying a Coors Light and a smoke with her high heels on while basking in the sun. Her many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends will always cherish her memory. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all the professional staff at Finlandia, the Northern Cancer Centre and Health Sciences North, 4th floor North for the dedicated care and attention provided to Judy and to her family. Due to the pandemic, a Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Donations to Pet Save in memory of Judy would be greatly appreciated. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

WESLEY GEORGE CLINE



Wesley George Cline passed away on Thursday, January 7, 2021, in his 66th year. Beloved husband of Claire and dear father of Bayden and Bobby (Michelle). Loved grandpa of treasured granddaughter four-year-old Alexandra Claire. Wes will be sadly missed by his brothers Keith (Carolyn), Wayne (Giselle) and Lorne, sister-in-law Barb (Jim) and brother-in-law Jedd (Christine), as well as many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Clarence and Margaret (Carr) Cline. He was an IT Tech at Central Manitoulin Public Library and also worked in Libya (Africa) for many years. Wes loved woodworking, cars and taking the pontoon boat out for a cruise with Claire. Everyone liked Wes, he was such a kind man and so ready to help everybody, and when asked how he was, he always answered "still breathing." He loved Michael's Bay and all the wildlife. He will be missed by Buzz, Magic and Vegas. As Wes requested, cremation has taken place, and he will be buried in Mindemoya Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Manitoulin Pet Rescue, Mindemoya, Fixing Your Felines, Manitowaning or Manitoulin Pet Save, Evansville. "MY LOVE"

OLIVER NEWLANDS

December 2, 1970 - January 3, 2021



Oliver Newlands passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at the age of 50. He is survived by his wife Diane and children Mathew and Carly (Tristan). Oliver will be sadly missed by his sister Heather (Francois) Masbou, mother-in-law Marilyn Prior, father-in-law Steve Prior (Cathy), "grandma" Margaret Pickard, sisters-in-law Connie Hester and Sherry LeProhon, nieces Sophie and Shelby and nephews Oliver, Chase, Christian, Aiden and Marshall, as well as many friends. Predeceased by his parents William and Audrey (Berry) Newlands. Oliver was born December 2, 1970 to William and Audrey Newlands. Oliver lived his entire life in Kagawong except for a short period of time when he attended Sault College to obtain his small engine mechanic certification. On May 22, 1993 he married Diane Prior of Ice Lake, the love of his life, where they began their life together. Oliver and Diane purchased the family business, Berry Boats, and Oliver was the 4th generation owner and so very proud of growing and continuing this family heirloom. Outside of his family, the "shop" was what he loved next, he never considered it work and loved every day he spent there. He loved working with the "boys," visiting with all the customers, and the challenge of fixing other people's challenges. Although he loved the business, the one thing he was even more proud of and cherished more than life itself were his two children Mathew and Carly. He would look forward to regular updates about their life and accomplishments and their day-to-day happenings and would often share with others so very proud. Oliver will always be remembered for his quiet, kind, loving personality, always willing to lend a hand to anyone. Visitation was held on Friday, January 8, 2021 from 4 to 8 pm and Saturday, January 9, 2021 from 1 to 5 pm at the Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay. A spring burial and funeral will be held at the Kagawong Cemetery when friends and family will be welcomed to attend to celebrate Oliver's life. Memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary or the Billings Museum as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

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.

ENIE (LAURENE) PELOQUIN (nee MAJURY)

February 11, 1931 - January 3, 2021



Enie (Laurene) Peloquin (nee Majury) passed away peacefully at Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current, Ontario on January 3, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Jack (John) Peloquin, predeceased. Loving mother of Laurie Peloquin (Steve Lambert) of Elora, Joanne Thurston (Rick) of Little Current and Valerie Alward (Phil) of Innisfil Beach. Cherished grandmother of Jake, Julie, Benjamin and Michael. Dear sister of Elaine Martin (Gene) of Sarnia and predeceased by siblings Bob, Fern, Ross, Lorne and Karen. Enie grew up in Paisley, Ontario. She moved to Sudbury where she married Jack Peloquin and where they brought up their daughters. Enie and her husband always loved the forests, lakes and wildlife of Northern Ontario, so upon retirement they moved off the grid. They relocated to a cabin on Washagami Lake, where they spent 20 glorious years. When the time came to move back to the city, they chose Little Current on Manitoulin Island to make their home. Enie has lived there since 2008. Enie will be remembered for her calm, logical approach to life, her love of her family, and her always positive outlook. With only one word, most people would describe her as "sweet." She will be sorely missed by her family. At Enie's request, there will be no visitation or services. Donations can be made to the Manitoulin Health Centre-Ladies Auxillary. Arrangements entrusted to the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home.

GREGORY FREDRICK TAYLOR

August 6, 1964 - January 5, 2021



It is with deep sadness the family announces Greg's unexpected passing after a courageous fight with cancer at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at the age of 56. Predeceased by parents George and Helen Taylor and siblings Pam and Steven Taylor. Survived by loving sister Christine (Paul) Tetro. Beloved uncle to Amanda (Ryan) and Melanie (Eric), and great-uncle to Noah and Ethan. Dear nephew of Thelma Taylor. Will be deeply missed by his dog Star and many cousins and friends. Greg had a love for the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and spending time with his friends from Manitowaning on the island he loved so dearly. In staying with Greg's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Please leave your condolences, thoughts and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

Big Lake School to have work done

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The Big Lake Schoolhouse hall is getting a bit of a patch job in order to hold it over until a decision on its future can be determined. The hall, which is used extensively by the Big Lake Women's Institute (WI) (one of only two remaining Women's Institutes on Manitoulin) sustained significant amount of water and mold damage following ice damage to its roof. There are five halls in Central Manitoulin, the Big Lake and Sandfield halls, as well as the Mindemoya Community Centre, Spring Bay Community Centre and the Providence Bay Community Centre.

"We voted to lock down for two weeks," said Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens. "We had a discussion about it generally at the property meeting. It was decided we would patch and take a closer look at it in the spring."

In an earlier meeting focused specifically about the future of the municipality's outlying halls, it was suggested that the activities that currently take place in the Big Lake Schoolhouse could instead transfer to the nearby hall in Sandfield located just a few miles away.

While the idea was not dismissed out of hand by the Big Lake representa-

tives and the Sandfield reps were welcoming, it was clear from the discussion that the Big Lake hall is used a lot in the warmer months and that the community would like to see the hall maintained. In the earlier meeting it was also revealed that neither hall costs the municipality a significant amount of money to operate, with their leases covering the vast amount of the operating costs.



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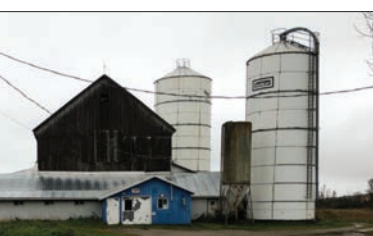
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950 SQ. FT. 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!!!! - This cottage located in a park setting at the north end of Mindemoya Lake is just a short walk to the nice sand bottom waterfront access which is very kid-friendly. The cottage features a large deck,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



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



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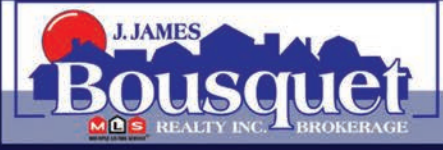
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