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New Island brew named for Norisle

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The SS Norisle is one of Manitoulin's iconic images, having plied the waters surrounding Manitoulin from when it entered service as an automobile and passenger ferry in the fall of 1946, bringing thousands of visitors to the Island each season until its retirement in 1974 when the Chi-Cheemaun took over. Since 1975, the vessel has been ensconced on the Manitowaning waterfront as a tourist attraction and now is the namesake of one of the latest offerings from the Manitoulin Brewing Company.

"I'm quite pleased," said Assiginack Mayor Dave Ham, a long-time champion of the venerable steamship, when informed of the new brew. "It is great to see the old lady recognized as an important part of the Island's history like this."

The Expositor caught up with Blake Thompson, lead brewer for the Manitoulin Brewing Company and the person co-owner Blair Hagman called, "the brains and skillsets behind this brew."

"I've always been fond of brewing darker beer such as stouts and porters at home," shared Mr. Thompson of the inspiration for the recipe for the new stout. "So, when developing the Norisle Stout most of the elements came from a recipe I devel-



HERE'S TO THE NORISLE—Assiginack Mayor Dave Ham hoists a can of the new Manitoulin Brewing Company offering Norisle Stout while standing in front of the iconic vessel on the Manitowaning waterfront. The SS Norisle once carried vehicles and passengers between South Baymouth and Tobermory on the Bruce Peninsula before being retired in favour of the ferry MS Chi-Cheemaun.

photo by Michael Erskine

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Sir John A. Macdonald School name retired in favour of Wiikwemkoong water walker Josephine Biidaasige Mandamin

Durham District School Board makes the decision

by Tom Sasvari

PICKERING—On Monday, January 17, the Durham District School Board (DDSB)'s board of trustees voted to rename a Pickering based school Biidassige Mandamin Public School, in recognition of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory band member Josephine Mandamin who was an advocate for water protection and became known as the 'Water Walker.' The decision was based on a recommendation from the school naming committee which was formed to consider the renaming of this school from Sir John A. Macdonald. The committee was comprised of local trustees, staff, students, a member of the Indigenous Advisory circle and community members.

"The reason this amazing woman's name was chosen is that she contributed a lot to education about how important water, clean water, is, and how important the environment is to everyone," Carolyn Morton, chairperson of the DDSB and a trustee for the townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge told The Expositor. She said trustees made the decision in response to community concerns about the school's original name, noting Sir John A. Macdonald was instrumental in bringing about Confederation in 1867 but also presided over the starvation of Indigenous peoples on the Prairies, and introduced the residential school system with Indigenous children taken from their parents and forced to assimilate into white society.

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Water Walker the late Josephine Mandamin, left, with her great niece Anishinabek Nation Water Commissioner Autumn Peltier.

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Wed. Jan. 26 is 'Bell Let's Talk' day and MSS has services, programs ready

Mental health a priority

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
M'CHIGEENG—Today, Wednesday, January 26, is Bell Let's Talk day. It's a day to increase aware-

ness around mental health and mental illness. The theme for 2022 is keep talking, keep listening, and keep being there for ourselves and each other. Rainbow District

School Board (RDSB) came up with a week-and-a-half worth of celebrations that started on Monday, January 17, said Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) social worker Alison Orford.

"We created a document where teachers could very quickly click

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Noojmowin Teg developing mobile mental health, addictions clinic launching spring 2022

by Lori Thompson

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—The target date for the launch of Manitoulin's mobile mental health and addictions clinic is April 1, said Danielle Wilson, executive director for Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, which was tasked with the development of an Island-centric service. It's one of four pilot project investments announced by the province last fall, part of Ontario's Roadmap to Wellness plan (2020) to address gaps in mental health and addictions care and to reduce waiting lists and long wait times.

Noojmowin Teg is ideally suited to lead the project, Ms. Wilson told The Expositor. "While we do provide the services for our Indigenous populations, we also have other services that are available to everyone," she said. That includes a sexual violence forensic nursing service, available to anyone whether they are Indigenous or non-Indigenous.

"We already do provide services for the entire Island and much of our services are already outreach-based," she added. "We go out to the West End and all the way down into Wiikwemkoong, and even up into the Espanola area. Many of our staff are already very experienced in the outreach capacity of the services."

The new service will be available to all Island communities. Each of the four test pilot sites is developing a suite of custom services and delivery formats in accordance with their community needs. Some are

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Iconic Ward's General Store in centennial year

Third generation of family operates landmark Tehkummah business

by Michael Erskine

TEHKUMMAH—The country general store has become something of a trope these days, but R. A. Ward and Son General Store in Tehkummah, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in its present location, is definitely the real deal. With an eye to supplying everything needed by the Island's farmers through all four seasons it was a given that "if Ward's don't have it, you don't need it."

Ward's actually came into existence in 1906, when farmer Joe

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Ward's General Store has been the go-to place for many Island residents over the past 100 years. Giving rise to the saying, if Ward's don't have it—you don't need it.

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



DOWNED LINE—A broken hydro pole, which brought power lines down this past Sunday morning, left a total of 5,075 Hydro One customers in the Gore Bay, Western Manitoulin, Billings, Central Manitoulin and several other areas on the Island without power for, in some cases, a lengthy period of time. The power outage took place at 7:52 am this past Sunday, with damage to the hydro pole adjacent to Wright Street in Gore Bay having broken down. While work crews with Hydro One were on scene fixing and replacing the broken hydro pole and downed lines, several members of the Gore Bay Fire Department were on hand all day and early evening, closing the road to all traffic at two locations on Wright Street and Highway 540B. Power was fully restored to all customers at 6:30 pm.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Roger Beaudin receives Tony H. Jocko Memorial Heroes in Health Award

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Roger Beaudin, health department manager for the M'Chigeeng Health Centre, is one of five people who have received the Tony H. Jocko Memorial Heroes in Health Award.

The late Mr. Jocko died in a tragic canoeing incident last summer when he and his wife were caught in high winds on Lake Huron near Spring Bay.

"It is quite an honour to be one of the first people to receive the Tony H. Jocko Memorial Heroes in Health Award," stated Roger Beaudin. "Along with being a friend of mine, Tony was our go-to guy with the Anishinabek Nation Team as its federal health policy analyst. There was no timeline set when we could call if we had a concern or something we needed to discuss. You could call him at 8, 9 pm at night, it didn't matter, he would answer. Tony was always trying to advocate for

health care for aboriginal people." Five people were named as the heroes in health award winners at

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M'Chigeeng First Nation resident Roger Beaudin, who is the health department manager, for the M'Chigeeng Health Centre was nominated for and named as one of five people to receive the Tony H. Jocko Memorial Heroes in Health Award.

Wendy Gauthier delivers final fundraising report to Manitoulin Centennial Manor bd. of directors

Under her watch, Manor has raised \$500K in seven years

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—It was a bittersweet moment, as Manitoulin Centennial Manor's board of directors received retiring fundraising chair Wendy Gauthier's final report. A provincial appointee to the Manor board, Ms. Gauthier has helmed the Manor's fundraising efforts to a series of remarkable successes during her tenure, but she is quick to deflect any accolades for her efforts.

"I have enjoyed working with this board," she said, adding, "I am grateful that even when faced with making difficult decisions, this board has put the wellbeing of the residents, the staff and the Manor first."

Ms. Gauthier noted that in the past seven years

more than \$500,000 has been "invested" in the Manor from several sources. "I choose that word on purpose," she said. "The donations are an investment in what is considered an important part of the health care system here on the Island."

This year, nearly \$45,000 was raised during the Tree of Lights campaign alone.

Far too few of those "investments" have come from grants from upper tier governments, she said. Instead, the bulk of this remarkable flow has originated from active fundraising through letter writing, concerts, the gala, the Tree of Lights campaign and unsolicited donations. "Many of those unsolicited donations have come from benefactors who wish

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A revamped waterfront would cost Assiginack Township \$2.3 million, engineers tell council

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—An Assiginack Township waterfront study, which would see an expansion of the marina and docks and beach and Heritage Park upgrades, would cost approximately \$2.370 million to be constructed, a senior engineer from a Sudbury firm has informed council. And with this report on the terms of reference for this costing, concerns from

councillors were registered about moving the beach and the need for more parking in the area.

John Cannard, a senior engineer from JL Richards, presented the costing report at a council meeting held last week via Zoom. "The total construction costs are estimated at \$2,370,000 but does not include stormwater treatment and excludes taxes." The biggest share of the costs is \$1.457 million

for the marina expansion.

"I would like to thank you for inviting me to the meeting here tonight," Mr. Cannard, who is originally from Sheguiandah, told council. "My terms of reference were to prepare a costing estimate for upgrades of the beach area, marina and heritage park," he said.

"One thing I would like to point out is that when we put the costs together, we were basing the costs on other similar projects we have or are doing," said Mr. Cannard. He explained the plans include relocating the existing beach to the south of the current beach site in order to extend the marina. "The docks and beach area would have to be moved past the pavilion and south of that."

"If the beach is moved would there be environmental concerns we would have to consider, because of materials getting into the water?" asked Councillor Christianna Jones. "Are we going to do an environmental assessment on that?"

Mr. Cannard said, "our terms of reference was limited to working out and costing out the project and the anticipated construction costs. If the work is carried out, the township would want to have

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Services Board receives govt. funds to continue patient transfer service

by Tom Sasvari

ESPANOLA-MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB), along with hospital partners on Manitoulin Island and Espanola have received great news in the form of funding from the province toward patient transportation services.

"This is great news, even though it is not permanent funding at this point," said Fern Dominelli, CAO of the DSB. "Having a fully functioning patient transfer service is vital for the LaCloche/Manitoulin area as it ensures our paramedics are available to respond to 911 calls and save a life."

"Having a reliable patient transfer service (PTS) for medically stable patients is critical for Manitoulin," said Timothy Vine and Paula Fields, interim co-chief executive officers (CEO) of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC).

Nicole Haley, CEO for the Espanola Regional Hospital said, "this is great news for hospital patients who need to travel to Sudbury for diagnostic testing."

Christine Elliott, deputy premier and minister of health has approved annualized base funding up to \$300,000 starting in the 2022 calendar year to support non-ambulance transportation for medically stable patients.

The PTS is a partnership between the MHC, Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre and the DSB. This partnership started with a pilot program approved by the Northeast Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN) in March 2013. Last year, the partners signed a three-year agreement, which will provide a personal support worker and attendant in each vehicle

Although the annualized base funding does not cover the costs for this service, it will go a long way to one day having permanent funding for the PTS.

"Although it does not cover the

entire service it goes a long way to providing a service long term." He pointed out the cost of providing the full PTS last year was \$460,000.

Mr. Dominelli explained, "now that we have the funding we will be sitting down with our partners and be putting together a plan on how we are going to best use these funds. One of the priorities is to

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S.S. Norisle revitalization project is full steam ahead

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—A representative of the S.S. Norisle Steamship Society says the restoration and proposed use for the historic ship are still being explored, that the project is definitely not dead. The project has only been curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Norisle has been moored in the Manitowaning harbour since its decommissioning by the Own Sound Transportation Company in 1975.

John Coulter, director of restoration for the society told The Expositor, "the proposal for complete restoration of the ship hasn't changed, only the ability to negotiate with various agencies and the government has, due to the pandemic. The idea is to restore the ship to a four-star Great Lakes cruising ship. That has always been the case." The Norisle would be one, if not the only Canadian cruise ship that would venture throughout all the Great Lakes.

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Be a sweetie, give this story a readie Annual Expositor Valentine poetry contest call for entries

MANITOULIN—Valentine's Day will shortly be visible on our calendars and so The Expositor's annual Valentine's Poetry Contest is calling for entries.

This annual event has been ongoing since the mid-1980s and the prize for the winning verses has remained the same through the years: lovers' dining for two at the Manitoulin restaurant of the winner's choice.

(In the current pandemic circumstance, this could be by way of a gift certificate however, as of January 31, restaurants will re-open with capacity limits.)

The deadline for your heartfelt entries is Friday, February 4.

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Happy Valentine's writing (and please see the ad on Page 15)!

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opinion

editorial

Our Island and rural heritage hold important values

There is a lot of buzz these days over the importance of historical buildings and preserving the heritage those edifices convey to future generations. But there is another heritage, dare we say possibly even more important, a heritage that springs from the land-based roots of our rural agricultural heritage.

That is not to overlook the important contribution of our Anishinaabe community members, indeed, too many forget that there is a long history of agriculture on Manitoulin among the Anishinaabe, one that in many ways long predates that of those who now share the traditional territories upon which non-Indigenous communities exist today. The values of honesty, humility, bravery, wisdom, truth, respect and love are foundational teachings of the Seven Grandfathers. Make no mistake, the "virtue" of hard work was also foundational to the Anishinaabe way of life on the land as well, for without it, like those early farmers who settled on Manitoulin, there would be no future generations to pass on those values.

Farming is hard work and, the odd bumper sticker notwithstanding, too often a thankless vocation. It stands as a vocation because without the intense passion that word entails, few would step forward to take up the plow and combine.

Certainly, with the advent of robotic milking stations and other equipment, much of the truly backbreaking labour has been alleviated in the modern age, but long hours and heavy work remain central to the operation of a farm, along with the ever-present danger and risks associated in working with large animals.

Just as it is important to preserve important historical buildings, many of our rural values, the heritage passed on to us by past generations working on the land, also need to be nurtured and preserved for future generations.

It was those rural values that lay the foundations of Canadians developing a reputation as elite troops through conflicts such as the

Boar Wars of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, both the First and Second World Wars, on to the Korean conflict, through the plethora of peacekeeping missions of which our nation expresses such pride, and even to more recent days of serving in Afghanistan, Mali and many other international hot spots.

Those values have laid the framework for many of those who have gone on to successful careers far afield from the field, in medicine, in science and the trades, and many are those in those fields who credit their rural upbringings to their successes.

Our rural values are immensely relevant in the modern age. Those values have been fundamental and foundational to the concept of stewards of the land that are too easily forgotten or misunderstood when one's only experience of life is the concrete forests of an urban environment.

Conservation of land and water is of huge importance to the agricultural community, witness the many productive partnerships that have taken place on Manitoulin between landowners and Manitoulin Streams in order to revitalize our Island's watersheds, and farmers are too often painted in dark tones, misunderstood by those whose lives are far separated from the land. In these days of carbon sequestration, few stand closer to the forefront of maintaining a negative carbon footprint than a farmer.

Even though few Canadians today directly trace their roots one generation back to the farm, nearly all of us will discover a farmer within two. Farmers are literally from whom our Canadian values have sprung.

So, as the John Wesley song reminds us, "Thank a farmer." Look it up, it is well worth the listen. Farmers are not only the custodians of the land upon which they cultivate, but the wellspring of the foundational values humanity needs to share if we are to survive in the coming years.

Expositor correction

impropriety toward underage girls. The Duke of York cited should have been Andrew. The

Expositor sincerely regrets these errors and omissions and extends our apologies for any offence or embarrassment that may have been caused.

letter

A more comprehensive perspective please

The few and the powerful disproportionately control and shape the many's perspective

To the Expositor:

I would like to take this opportunity to mention a few comparative examples of current and historical events that might widen the readers' perspective with regard to today's coronaviruses and the resulting vaccine mandates.

I am not an accomplished writer and will therefore present my thoughts in point form in order to keep this letter as short and simple as possible.

1. The military involvement of wealthy western nations over the last number of decades in the Middle East has been presented to its citizens by political leaders, military experts and mainstream media platforms as necessary for world peace, stability and the safety of its citizens from militant terrorists. Similar to today's pandemic coverage; overwhelming mainstream media coverage using images, slogans, rhetoric, dogma and commentary has been used to justify these military actions which have resulted in the expenditure of trillions of dollars in taxpayers' money. Those of us who questioned these actions and the mainstream narrative are sometimes regarded as ignorant, subversive and unpatriotic. We have been told to 'support the troops' and venerate the 'frontline heroes.' We are also told by the authorities and experts that the actions taken, with the resulting collateral damage are unfortunate but necessary. These countries are now seemingly worse off than before. Vast sums of taxpayers' money have ended up in the hands of a few multinational military and industrial corporations. Instead of roads, hospitals, housing, community centres, power generating infrastructure etc. being created, many have been bombed and destroyed. Now we are no more secure than before. In fact, we are less secure, with more people who are angry and radicalized because of the deaths and destruction caused. Sometimes fear, whether real or perceived, makes societies react in negative, destructive and nonsensical ways. This seems to be similar to some of the actions taken in response to this current pandemic. Maybe the money and public resources devoted to weapons etc. could have been used at home and abroad to invest in hospitals and critical infrastructure in preparation of our growing populations of sick and elderly. This would have helped mitigate the health crisis we have today.

2. The development and implementation of antibiotics. This has been a game changer in modern day medicine, helping to prevent injury and death due to microbial infections with seemingly little adverse risk. The effectiveness of antibiotics has led to widespread use and sometimes overuse in both humans and animals. One such example is the well documented overprescribing of antibiotics by doctors to their patients as a 'cure all' measure for many ailments. Another example is the overuse of antibiotics for profit, in intensive commercial livestock settings to promote animal growth through the prevention of microbial disease. This overuse has led to the emergence of antibiotic resistant 'superbugs' which have caused a host of problems and complications, costing society dearly. Can we compare this overuse to the possible overuse of vaccines as a 'cure all' for infectious diseases? It should be noted that children growing up in Ontario during the 1970s and early 1980s received a total of 22 vaccine doses for the prevention of infectious diseases as compared to now (2020 'pre-COVID') where children receive 66 vaccine doses by the time they are 18. Antibiotics are 'good.' More antibiotics are not necessarily 'better.' Vaccines are 'good.' Are more vaccines necessarily 'better?' May there be unforeseen negative consequences?

3. The development and introduction of semi-synthetic and synthetic opioids. Another medical technology which seemed at first to be a panacea in the treatment of both chronic and acute pain. Large phar-

maceutical companies developed, heavily marketed and promoted these new drugs downplaying the potential risks. Medical doctors embraced these drugs, prescribing them and in many cases over prescribing them. In recent years it has come to be understood that these drugs have significant potential in creating strong mental and physical addiction as well as the risk of death or injury due to overdose. This has caused a huge expense to society, putting a large strain on an already fragile health system. Further legal investigations have exposed some pharmaceutical companies with the manipulation and obfuscation of data under the guise of proprietary information. This is not an isolated scenario. Large pharmaceutical corporations have been investigated and convicted by judicial bodies worldwide for withholding and manipulating data, sometimes many years later after the damage to society has been done. All in the name of profit and competitive advantage. Does the public at present have access to all the data regarding these current vaccines? No. We have enough data which has been studied by medical scientists and specialists worldwide raising legitimate questions and concerns as to their safety, efficacy, and necessity, disregarding any far-fetched conspiracy theories.

4. Macintyre powder. This has been in the local news lately. It is an aluminum and aluminium oxide powder that was administered (inhaled) by miners between 1943 and 1979. It was thought to prevent silicosis among miners. For many it was mandated by their employers as necessary for their health and safety. Only later was it discovered to have no protective effect and in fact results in an increased risk of Parkinson's disease and possibly other neurological diseases. The studies are ongoing. The possible comparisons to vaccine mandates speak for themselves in my opinion.

I could continue with many other examples of drugs and medical treatments that at first seemed only beneficial with little adverse risk (i.e. thalidomide, some implants, negative reactions to multiple drug use etc.) only later to be recognized as causing unforeseen harm many years later after exposure to large segments of the population, especially to the sick and elderly.

In conclusion with the above examples in mind, it seems to me that one of the main underlying themes of advanced societies is: the few and powerful disproportionately control and shape the perspectives and actions/reactions of the many, often for their own benefit. This is done by various means including the use and control of public resources, the control of information by media including books, newspapers and digital platforms. Some of us have difficulty believing those in positions of power both public and private would offer nothing but the absolute truth concerning important issues of the day. I believe it is incumbent on the individual to question everything presented to us in society. Be curious. Be critical. Exercise your intellect through the pursuit of knowledge. This might help make for a better society in my opinion. Sometimes what at first may seem to be a clear cut issue is in fact more complex and nuanced. I hope this letter helps the reader widen his or her perspective and to understand/empathize with those of us who choose not to participate in this current vaccine regime. Instead, choosing a healthy diet and lifestyle and if necessary, undertaking successful and well documented therapies in the event of contracting these ever mutating corona viruses.

Respectfully,

Pat Keating
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Jack and Betty Wood

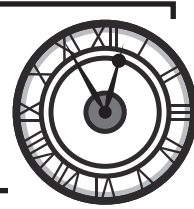
Jack and Betty both come from a lengthy line of successful ranchers and farmers in the Green Bay area. Today they call a small part of the original 735 acres home. The early farm harboured beef and milk cattle, a huge garden, a quarry and a lively stream. Their son Jim runs much of the farm and the quarry today. The Wood home overlooks the barn and yard, and Jack helps feed the wintering cattle. In addition to his work with cattle, Jack has also spent time working at INCO, the Beer Store in Little Current and driving a school bus. He was a volunteer firefighter for 23 years. Betty helped Jack on the farm. Her compassion for seniors also brought her to the Centennial Manor as a housekeeping aide and later some part-time work in the kitchen.

Their lovely home was previously the Tanner house in Rockville before it was relocated to Green Bay on Townline Road. "Moving that house was a delicate operation. We expected it to either be intact and liveable or a pile of rubble when it got here. It was good that Raymond Chatwell had moved other houses. Despite our apprehension and the use of a tree to leverage the house sideways for proper placement on the truck, all was well that ended well."

"My parents, Alvin and Aleta (Davis) Wood farmed all their lives. Dad, born in 1918, was the first of our family born in that community. He and Mother had seven of us." John Alvin, 'Jack,' was born first, on September 9, 1937, on the farm of his maternal grandparents, John 'William' J. Davis, and Anne (Atkinson) Davis at the Poplar Corner in Mills Township (now Burpee and Mills). He was named after his dad Alvin, and Grandfather William Davis, who was both a farmer and a carpenter. He built many houses on Manitoulin and a small lodge on an island near Kil-



Now and Then
A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Jack and Betty Wood.



Jack Wood's younger siblings, brother Ronnie and sister Marion, riding on the stone boat pulled by the family horse on the way to school.

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"I spent the first six months at the Davis farm. Great grandfather G.P. Davis had been born in that same house, so lots of history there. Paternal Grandparents, Leslie and Sarah (Cosby) Wood farmed in both the Rockville area near the Cosby Subdivision and the Green Bay area on Lake Manitou. They had two 200-acre farms. Grandfather Leslie was about 60 years old, a father of 12, when he met with an untimely accident. The whipple tree broke from a load of loose hay. Grandfather landed on the tongue of the wagon and was severely injured. He died a couple of days later."

"In March of 1938, we moved to a big white house in Green Bay and rented everything: the house, all implements, the cattle and even the family dog. The owner, Henry Skippen, had moved to Sheguiandah where he was running a store. The two-day trip to our new abode involved an open sleigh bearing all of us, and a complete selection of household belongings. We travelled across slushy, foggy Lake Manitou and Lake Mindemoya. Uncle George Bayer helped."

"Mother had a tough time keeping the milk bottles warm for me and she was terrified of moving

over slushy ice. The horses plodded slowly over the lake. As we were approaching Sandy Beach in Green Bay, we became happily aware that a horse and sleigh from Sandy Beach on the Green Bay shoreline was moving towards us. The two teams of horses recognized each other from a distance and started to whinny loudly, propelled with new conviction as they moved towards each other in the fog. It was a happy moment when we realized that we had traversed the soft ice successfully and the worst was behind us."

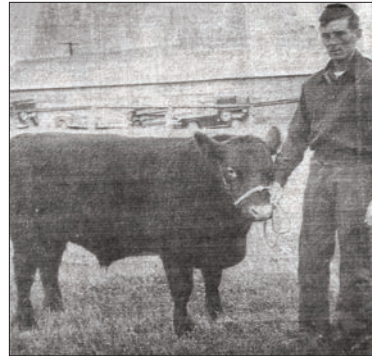
"Siblings Marion, Ronnie, Lawrence, Myrna, Ivan and Bruce were born after that move. We all worked on the farm. Mom sold hen eggs and raised over 100 turkeys from chicks. One year we sent 100 turkeys to the Royal York Hotel dining rooms in Toronto."

The world was at war. "As a young boy, I remember hearing the roar of two planes maneuvering in swooping motions over our farm in the late 1940s. I was convinced they were Germans who were about to bomb our farm. I was really frightened until I found out one pilot, a friend of our neighbour, was just playing a trick. They dipped their wings in friendship as they left, but I was

terrified of planes for years after that."

"My first ride to school was in the Davis sleigh, a homemade concoction consisting of a little cabin built onto the sleigh and a small heater. We had a bag of hay for the horse and a big buffalo robe for extra warmth. Five more kids were picked up on the way. Our horse knew the hour-long path to school well and the holes through the sleigh's dashboard were for lines (reins) that guided the horses should we meet another sleigh on the way. A loud 'whoa' would stop the horse, too. At lunch we would feed our horse and any other horses the hay."

"I liked math and spelling the most and the teachers were nice, including our last instructor, Mrs. Charlotte Dunlop of Pike Lake. Recess was always fun. "Anti-I-Over was a tag game where you



Jack and his winning calf for the Queen's Guinea Calf Competition for senior 4-H club members on Manitoulin at the fair. Later, he took this calf to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

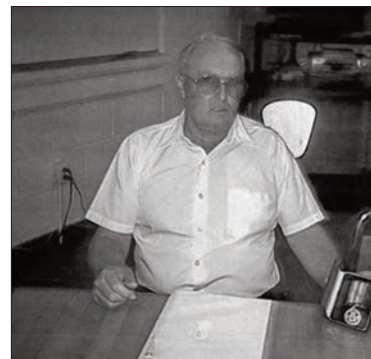
had to throw the ball over the school and then run to the other side and catch someone. We were kind to our teacher and didn't play tricks, apart from moving the hands of the clock occasionally when we wanted to get out a little earlier. Christmas concerts were exciting. John Skippen and I would often sing, and his mother

Isabelle played the piano."

"In high school, science and geometry were favourites but Latin and French weren't. We all took the bus home so there was no time for extracurricular courses or activities. Each winter, the Department of Agriculture sponsored night courses through the 4-H club. I took courses in electrical work, farm management and mechanics. Warren Legge taught some of the courses. Ed Burt taught us about successful pig farming at classes in Kagawong. There were music courses too and I would bring my violin."

In the mid 1950s, young people usually met at dances. Jack and Betty became acquainted at a dance at the Bidwell Hall in 1958. Jack was playing drums and violin with his band, The Manitoulin Serenaders. "Jack asked to take me home," Betty adds with a smile. Jack confesses, "I was trying to find out her name before we left but nobody knew it. Isabelle Skippen was driving us home. Luckily, Betty lived between the Bidwell Hall and our house, so we found out who she was when we stopped at her farm."

"Maternal grandfather Charlton was a coal dock worker and Bertha a homemaker," Betty shares of her ancestors. "Our large family was a happy one. Beatrice, our mom, was very hospitable, and we always had a full house on Sundays. Paternal grandparents Billy and Louise (Sheppard) Parkinson farmed too. Grandmother Parkinson lost a leg to diabetes and replaced it with a wooden version, which kept her very mobile. When I was five, grandmother bought me a white dress covered with red strawberries and a red belt. She told me that white was not a good colour



Jack Wood receiving a fire department volunteer award in 2003.

for someone my age, but despite her reluctance, I pleaded with her to buy the dress and she finally agreed. I loved it for a long time."

"I used to walk with grandfather when he moved the cows between fields. He called me 'Gabby Gibson' because I wouldn't stop chatting." Grandfather Wesley died when Betty was about seven years old. "After he passed, I would often stay with grandmother and help her gather eggs. Occasionally we would play hide and seek. It was a lot of fun until she reversed roles one day. She hid and I had to find her. I couldn't locate her, and after some time, I became upset, threatening to go home if she didn't come out. She finally revealed her hiding place and I had been taught a good lesson about role-reversal and my own insecurity."

Bidwell Public school, beside the Orange Hall in the hamlet of Bidwell on the Bidwell Road, was where Betty went to school. "It was a three-mile walk each way," Betty recalls. "Spelling and math were alright, but I remember the special Valentine's Day parties

the most." High school was in Little Current and teacher Fred Smith, who taught at the public school, would give Betty a ride."

Betty minded the store and cleaned cabins two summers at Al's Camp in Kagawong, owned by the McDougalls. She met Jack at the dance in Bidwell Hall in 1958. The two dated and married exactly two years, two months and two days after they met, on September 9, 1960. "I made sure we married on Jack's birthday so he would always remember our anniversary," Betty added, smiling. "It has worked out well over the years."

"We married in my Charlton grandparents' home in Little Current. Some guests had to stay outside because the house was too small for the entire wedding party." The hall in Mindemoya accommodated more guests. Besides family and close acquaintances, there were many friends they had met at farm meetings. They had two and a half sittings in the basement for the midnight wedding lunch of sandwiches and desserts.

The honeymoon gave them a week of visiting family and getting to know each other a little more. "We drove to see Great Aunt Margaret in Durham first and then headed for Michigan where Elmer and Doris Casemore lived. They had befriended us when they bought land from dad, and developed a subdivision on Rosewood Lane, Lake Manitou."

Betty and Jack took up residence across the street from his family farm where Jack worked with his dad. Betty joined the 4-H Club to learn more about cooking and sewing. She loves to cook and bake. Jack also worked at the Beer Store for a few years. "My boss, also Jack (Ferguson), had been a soldier, newly arrived from overseas, when he found work in the new Beer store built in the late 1940s. The two of us made a good team. The boss ran a tight ship, and he had a good head for math. We developed a productive system for checking the sales each day, allowing us to balance the inventory and ensure no break-ins had occurred. Floors and windows were washed each day. He didn't like electronics, but you could easily get away with that back then. I liked working with him."

"In 1964, the roof blew off dad's barn and we replaced it." Afterwards, the young family moved to Sudbury so Jack could work at INCO, caretaking and loading cars with iron ore pellets, recovered from the nickel smelting process, and bound for the big boats in Little Current where they were loaded at the old CPR docks on Goat Island. They came home on weekends to tend to their 25 cows. "We needed more summer



Ready for a kiss at their wedding reception, 1960.

pasture for them so we asked Jack Peck if we could rent some from him. The following week, we bought two farms, 435 acres, from him."

"This allowed us to move back home and then a few years later, buy Jim and Mary Burnett's farm. We lived there for a few years and then we moved the house from Rockville to here. An addition was put on to accommodate our growing family of William, Patricia, James and Maryanne."

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Another whirlwind year for Island real estate market

Sellers market likely to continue through 2022

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—Last year was another whirlwind year for the real estate market on Manitoulin Island. While the number of residential property sales remained on par with 2020, the average sale price increased more than 40 percent over last year.

"It's definitely been a crazy year," said Leanne Lewis, sales representative with Royal LePage North Heritage Realty. Last summer was her fifth in real estate and it was by far her busiest, not slowing down like it normally does.

"I'm just speaking for myself here, but usually when the boat stops running and winter comes on, it slows down but now there are still people traveling and looking at properties," she said.

"Interest rates were attractive this summer," said Jordan Chandler, owner of RE/MAX The Island Real Estate Brokerage. "Another thing is people in the city are able to sell for so much money and have so much purchasing power when they come here. There's a lot of cash offers. That's a big factor, for sure."

An increase in market activity on the Island started in 2019, said Chris Bousquet, owner of Bousquet Realty. Bousquet has been in real estate on Manitoulin Island for more than 25 years. "There was still a good supply (in 2019), but sales were increasing and the low interest rates were key at that point."

During summer 2020, after COVID hit, there was an influx of tourist activity on the Island, Mr. Bousquet pointed out. "People coming to the Island were looking for a place to escape from the city. We saw an increase in sales later in 2019 and not much new inventory came on the market by spring 2020, so demand and low inventory certainly drove the prices up. We've seen that continue through the pandemic up to this point."

While real estate prices have shot up on the Island, Steve Rolston notes the trend across North America is similar, with some areas quite a bit higher than other areas. Mr. Rolston knows trends. He is broker of record for J.A. Rolston Ltd. and has worked in real estate for 35 years.

"One number that may surprise a lot of people is the value of a vacant lakefront lot on Manitoulin has gone up about 300 percent. That's since 2017, when the average price of a North Channel lakefront lot was about \$80,000."

In early 2017, a vacant 100-acre agricultural property was trading at about \$800 to \$1,000 an acre. That's increased to over \$2,000 an acre, but the increase actually took place over 2017 and 2018, so the first real estate to take off in Manitoulin was agricultural land. Lakefront lots became slightly more valuable in 2019, but it was when the pandemic kicked in that the tripling of value for vacant lakefront land occurred, as well as a doubling of value for vacant bush lots and hunting land, Mr. Rolston said. Those

increases are based on 100 acre lots. Five- and 10-acre lot values have increased even more.

During historical peak markets, it was the land that doubled in value. What Mr. Rolston is seeing now is different. "Your \$150,000 home is worth \$300,000 today, or even more. What's really extreme, in my perspective on this, is seeing homes and cottages double in value through this trend. That's a very odd trend. We don't normally see that in a peak market. It's commonplace for land to double in value every peak in the market, but buildings don't typically appreciate in value. They tend to depreciate so you don't normally see a house double in value through such a short period. We've never seen that on Manitoulin, I don't think. It's been extraordinary. I've never seen anything like it."

Low interest rates and Manitoulin becoming more well known may be factors in the current market but it's also likely that Manitoulin is playing catch up to other markets after many years of lagging behind. Toronto real estate started going up in value and continued to do so for almost 20 years with a nice, fairly steady upward trend, explained Mr. Rolston. "Manitoulin stayed almost flat for 20 years value-wise and then took this huge jump up. We've caught up to what Toronto's done over the last 20 years (percentage-wise) but it just happened all at once, so it looks incredibly extreme."

It's not uncommon for the Manitoulin Island real estate market to play catch up: in 1990, over the course of a year a lakefront lot selling for \$25,000 increased to \$60,000. "It's not the first time we've seen this trend," Mr. Rolston said. "It just exceeds any historical trend we've seen, I think ever, in this area."

As much as prices have risen on Manitoulin, Island properties are still more affordable than other tourist areas such as Muskoka, the Bruce Peninsula and the French River, said Ms. Lewis. "In all honesty, you can go and sell a waterfront place on Manitoulin but you're never going to get waterfront property anywhere else in Ontario for the price that you can get it here, except maybe further north. In reality, we're pretty lucky."

In the past, the buyers he worked with were more likely to be locals, Mr. Chandler noted. "I'd say that 90 percent of the people I've worked with this year are from southwestern Ontario. They've found us and they seem to want to invest here. Some move here because they have options for work (such as working remotely from home) and some aren't selling their homes in the city but their homes are worth more, so they use the equity and buy a cottage with cash up here."

"Retirees that are living here while their family and grandchildren are living somewhere else in Ontario or even Canada aren't getting to see their grandkids," Ms. Lewis noted. "Quite a few people on the Island are selling and retiring and just downsizing. They see the market and

see that their places would probably sell so they're taking advantage of that."

The continuing record low inventory and record high demand are definitely factors in driving prices up on the Island. "It's really a trend happening nationwide but certainly not the norm for the market on Manitoulin that we're used to," Mr. Bousquet said.

In mid-January, there were 29 residential properties listed for sale on Manitoulin, including residential building lots and seasonal properties. Prices ranged from \$1.5 million to \$129,000. In 2021, there were 75 properties listed for sale in January, a considerable drop over previous years. In January 2020, there were 176 listings. In January 2019, there were 255. In 2018 there were 281 and in 2017, there were 323.

When she started out in real estate, it was nothing to see something on the market for a year or more, Ms. Lewis noted. "Now if it's on the market for 30 days, there's something wrong. It's priced wrong or there's no road access or there's something wrong with the building, because everything is selling quick. Personally, I can't see the Island screeching to a halt where there's going to be a whole bunch of listings with no buyers. I think we're going to continue to see a good market on the Island and that's really dependent on what COVID does. I don't know what's going to happen."

"We'll just see what spring brings," Mr. Chandler said. "Normally you have an influx of listings in the spring. We'll see if we get that or not. Normally December through February is very, very quiet. It's still busy right now."

Mr. Bousquet thinks the seller's market will continue through 2022. Increasing interest rates may ease the market a little but the demand from southern Ontario people looking for a place to escape is still high, he said. "For all intents and purposes Manitoulin is still an affordable place compared to areas south of us. I think we're probably going to continue to see that push of people coming north."

While he agrees the trend is likely to continue for now, Mr. Rolston doesn't think this can carry on forever. "We certainly can't continue to see upward trends in value like this," he said. "It's very likely that the higher prices that we're seeing today will encourage more people to sell their property, more developers to develop land, leading to more opportunities for buyers into the future which should normalize pricing somewhat. Should. It's really a guess here. If you look at historical trends then we can read into that a little bit and say, well this can only go on so long before it turns around. Maybe in five years we'll be in a buyer's market again. I don't see that again anytime soon and I don't see too many areas like Manitoulin Island that have so many opportunities and so much going for it compared to most other areas in Ontario."

Driver charged with impaired after car crash

On January 22 at approximately 8:06 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services responded to single motor vehicle collision on Cress Road in Mindemoya.

Officers arrived on scene and observed a motor vehicle in the ditch and spoke with the driver. A roadside screening device was administered which resulted in a fail. The driver was subsequently arrested. The passenger of the vehicle was transported to hospital with minor injuries.

Jeffrey Size, 36 years old from Manitowaning was charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on March 16.

Stolen vehicle recovered

A stolen vehicle has been recovered and an arrest has been made by the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP.

On January 17, at approximately 8:24 am, the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a report of a stolen vehicle on Laurier Lane in the Central Manitoulin community of Min-



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Police observed the stolen vehicle a short time later and followed it from Highway 6 to Morphet's Sideroad, south of Little Current. The vehicle was located in the ditch, and the driver and passenger fled on foot. With assistance of the OPP canine unit, emergency response team and the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin snowmobile unit, officers were able to locate one individual. The other individual is still outstanding, and the investigation is on-going.

A 21 years old, from Sheguiandah First Nation was arrested and charged with possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on March 30.

Manitoulin OPP Charge Driver with Impaired

A Sault Ste. Marie resident has been charged by the Manitoulin OPP with impaired driving.

On January 18 at approximately 10 pm, the OPP responded to a traffic complaint on Hayward Street in Little Current.

The complainant reported that a vehicle was being towed out of the ditch and there were concerns for the driver. Officers stopped the vehicle on Harbargain Road and spoke with the driver, who was showing signs of impairment. An approved screening device was

administered which resulted in a fail. As a result, the driver was arrested, and the vehicle was towed and impounded.

Judith Miller, 60 years old, from Sault Ste. Marie was charged with operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs, contrary to section

320.14(1)(a) of the criminal code and operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus), contrary to section 320.14(1)(b) of the CC.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on February 23, 2022.

The OPP reminds motorists that any amount of alcohol or drug can impair one's ability to drive. If you observe a suspected impaired driver,

please call 911 or contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

OPP investigating theft of child's dirt bike

The Manitoulin OPP is investigating the theft of a child's 2019-50CC Honda dirt bike (red and white), from the Big Lake area.

If you have any information regarding this theft, please call 1-888-310-1122, or if you choose to remain anonymous, please call Sudbury Crime Stoppers.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Keeping things interesting in the quiet months of the winter isn't always easy.

Along comes the Short Poems for a Short Month challenge from Team Fergmeijer to brighten things up!

Get writing, they said;

Anyone can do it!

What type of poetry is part of the challenge?

Only the short forms, please.

Nothing too long, but haikus, rhyming couplets, limericks, and even acrostics will work.

Good, bad or otherwise, send it to Kagawong@live.ca and we'll publish it!

Happy belated birthday to Susie D and Lisa L who both turned 29 in the last few days. And a very happy birthday to Jenna C who celebrates 29 years this very day! If you are thinking too much about how old you are now, then stop! There's nothing to stress about; vintage is in!

A very appreciative shout-out to the Hydro workers who headed out on Sunday to get the lights back on in the west end of the Island. Not what most of us would like to be

doing on our weekend, but we'd be lost (in the dark) without you!

A reminder that the Municipal Office is closed to the public, and the staff are working remotely for the time being. Drop-offs of documents can be made using the after-hours slot on the employee entrance door. Call 705-282-2611 with any inquiries. The Kagawong Fitness Centre will be closed for the foreseeable future. The landfill remains open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 pm to 6 pm and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm. And finally, the library is open its regular hours, however, there is a limit of three patrons at any given time.

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

When they couldn't come up with a haiku,

The KGB staged a July coup!

All summer they flapped,

And gobbled and yapped,

But they're not nat'ral poets. Like you!

...so don't forget to share your poetic talent and submit a verse! Have a great week!

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Mindemoya man, inspires!

Kyle McDermid has long been an inspiration of what is physically capable if you are determined. That it is not possible without a great deal of mental fortitude goes without saying. In a recent CTV news story Kyle was featured for a new accomplishment: daily polar dips! In fact, what started out as a bit of a continuation of his regular cold showers but taken to a new level of iciness.

As a fitness instructor, Kyle is more a lead-by-example coach. If he is encouraging you to push through that painful last set, you know he has been there before you. He is convinced that, even with a lot of research completed, extolling the benefits of cold therapy, he would still have a hard time convincing his clients to try it if he himself wasn't up to it.

So, with a couple of consecutive dips through a hole at the government dock in a frozen Lake Mindemoya, the idea of 100 submersions in 100 days became somewhat of a goal that stuck. Congratulations on your success, Kyle. I feel I will just have to live vicariously with the idea, however.

Snow sculpture activities!

With all of the cancellations over the last couple of years, even COVID can not stop families getting outside and working together to create an amazing snow sculpture. The Manitoulin Island-wide Snow Sculpture Challenge will last four weeks from Monday, January 24 to February 21.

This fun activity is open to all residents of Manitoulin Island and there will be prizes for first, second and third place entries. To enter, families only need to email a photo of their creation to info@assignack.ca by 12 pm (noon) on February 22. This event is proudly supported by the municipalities of Manitoulin Island.

Still time to get in on the derby!

The "Tying the Knot" ice fishing derby is still set for Saturday, February 19th. As was mentioned a couple of weeks ago the couple of Peyton Pitawanakwat and Dillon Ominikamigo have come up with a memorable and unique occasion to celebrate their upcoming summer nuptials.

As Peyton explained, "The past year has been filled with so many uncertainties but we still wanted to find a way to celebrate in honor of our engagement. To replace the traditional stag and doe event, we came up with an idea that is more personable to us and mindful of COVID safety guidelines."

The fun all takes place on February 19 from 7 am to 3 pm. The entry fee is only \$40 and will put you "in the fishing" for a chance at the \$1,750 in prize money. You can get more info from either Dillon or Peyton on the Wiikwemkoong Anglers Facebook page.

A good sport is good for sports

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MMA supports calls for upgrade of highway conditions

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) is in support of a motion by the municipality of Central Manitoulin council calling on the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to reclass Highway 542 and upgrade other highways on Manitoulin as well due to their condition.

"This issue came up at a council meeting on the condition of Highway 542," said Richard Stephens, mayor of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin at an MMA meeting last week. "We are just wondering if other municipalities have the same concerns and support the upgrading the condition of highways on the Island."

"Our council endorsed your resolution," stated Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island council. "It is worthwhile, we have Highway 542 running through our municipality and it is in deplorable condition during the summer and winter."

Mayor Stephens said that his council has heard complaints from residents of the municipality and their own township employees on the condition of Highway 542.

"This motion will come to our council at our next meeting," said Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne. "We also don't have the best highways heading out from Gore Bay. I suspect your motion will be supported (by Gore Bay council)."

Mayor Stephens said that if all Island municipalities support the motion, it will act as leverage for Central Manitoulin in dealing with the MTO on the issue.

"Would you like a motion on behalf of the MMA?" asked Mr. Noland of Mayor Stephens. "If we can get any highway fixed on Manitoulin Island, it should happen."

The MMA considered a motion from Central Manitoulin council dated November 11, 2021, which reads, "that council authorizes the clerk to write to the municipalities through which Highway 542 transverses and ask their support to lobby the Ministry of Transportation to reclass Highway 542 and that proposed upgrades be done as soon as possible."

Mr. Osborne and Mr. Hayden put forward and seconded an MMA motion supporting the request from Central Manitoulin municipal council.

What to look for in the Beijing Olympics

by Mike Brock

Special Correspondent to The Expositor

BEIJING—The Olympic flag in Tokyo was lowered on August 8, 2021. It flies again in Beijing, China on February 4.

Just 180 days after the Summer Games ended, with many of the same challenges being met, the world's best winter athletes are currently gathering for two weeks of sporting excellence. Over the next few weeks, we'll get you organized so you know what to watch, and when. Here are some of the storylines, and tidbits to get you in an Olympic frame of mind.

The Host

It is the second time in 14 years that Beijing, a city of 21 million, will host the Olympic Games and it will be the first time that a city has hosted both the Summer Games (2008) and a Winter Games. You'll even recognize a few of the venues. The National Aquatics Centre—known as the "Water Cube" when Michael Phelps was dominating Lane 4 in 2008—has been converted into the curling venue. Capital Indoor Stadium, original host of the volleyball tournament at the Summer Games, will host the figure skating and short-track skating competitions.

Controversy

As with most Olympics, there are storylines beyond the sidelines at these Games. Perhaps the biggest controversy, and one that generated calls for boycotts from all corners of the world, were the accusations that China has mistreated its Uyghur population, including accusations of genocide. While there will be no athletes boycotting the Games, there are a number of countries that have joined together for a "diplomatic boycott." Canada, along with the US, UK and Australia will not be sending any government officials or diplomats to China.

Despite these controversies, and other world issues—especially the ongoing COVID situation—the athletes will be ready. They have trained their whole lives for these few weeks, and have done everything in their power to avoid these distractions.

After watching Team Canada have their most successful Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Canada's winter athletes are ready for the spotlight. Here are a few Canadians to look out for:

Mikael Kingsbury, Freestyle Skiing Moguls

Kingsbury is nothing short of the greatest moguls skier in history. He is the defending Olympic champ,

and he has won 70 World Cup events in the last decade. Dominant as any athlete in any sport has ever been, Kingsbury is the clear favourite heading into Beijing.

Mark McMorris, slopestyle snowboarding

Hot off a win in the slopestyle event this weekend at The X Games in Aspen, McMorris has certainly had a safer lead up to these Olympics. Prior to the 2018 Games in Pyeongchang, McMorris suffered life-threatening injuries in a backcountry crash. While he was able to pull out a bronze medal in Korea, he'll be looking to add Olympic Gold to an already brilliant career.

Kim Boutin, speed skating

She won three medals in Pyeongchang (S 1000m/B 1500m/B 500m), and Boutin comes to these Games as the clear leader of the Canadian team, and riding recent successes on the World Cup circuit and the World Championships, she should be a medal contender in Beijing.

Justin Kripps, bobsled

If you can't beat 'em, tie 'em. At least, that's what Justin Kripps did in Pyeongchang, tying the dominant Germans for first place and the gold medal in the two-man bobsled with brakeman Alex Kopacz. He'll be in the mix again this time around (his fourth Olympics) for both the two-man and four-man races.

Marielle Thompson, ski cross

Thompson was the Olympic champion in this event at Sochi in 2014. However, four months before Pyeongchang, she crashed while training and ruptured her ACL. While she was able to compete, she'll be looking to cap off her already brilliant resume—24 World Cup wins, three overall World Cup titles—with another Olympic Gold in February.

As far as Canada's hockey teams go, there will be lots to watch for, too. The NHL will not be sending any players this time but the men's hockey tournament promises some great hockey with a lot of drama. While there's a good chance that the women's tournament finishes up with another classic gold medal game between Canada and the USA, there are other countries that have closed the gap.

The Opening Ceremonies will take place on Friday, February 4. Next week, we'll have a viewing guide for the first week of competitions.



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...Roger Beaudin receives Heroes in Health Award

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the seventh annual Anishinabek Nation health conference: We'eni Masaadan Gibimaadziwin-Journey Well as you Walk your Life," held last week.

Along with Mr. Beaudin, Debby Roach, nurse practitioner Garden River First Nation, Elaine Johnston Waawassgonhkwé, Turtle Clan-Serpent River First Nation, Agnes Rissanen and Yvonne Banning of Dilico Anishinabek Family Care were nominated and presented the award.

Mr. Beaudin was nominated for the award by Sam Gilchrist, executive director Gwekwaadziwin Miikan. "I had the opportunity to work with Roger on advocacy projects from the start of Gwek, and when I was at the health centre (M'Chigeeng) he was my manager and a mentor of mine."

"And through the pandemic, we have seen M'Chigeeng Health Services and Roger step up, fundraising for the ventilators at the Manitoulin Health Centre, and for the COVID-19 infection prevention and control work, and vaccinations," Mr. Gilchrist said.

"I would like to make a nomination for the Tony H. Jocko Memorial Heroes in Health award," wrote Mr. Gilchrist in his nomination letter for Mr. Beaudin. "The persons I would like to nominate is Roger Beaudin, health department manager for M'Chigeeng Health Centre. I had the honour to work with Tony Jocko for whom they award is named on some advocacy projects for youth mental health and addictions, and his legacy will continue through the hard work he put forth in the healthcare field."

"I have worked with Roger in various capacities throughout my career in the helping field. He has been my manager, colleague, and a board member in my various positions, so I have had the



The late Tony Jocko.

opportunity to interact with him in many capacities. Personally, Roger has been a mentor and given me invaluable advice that has helped shape my career in the healthcare field."

"Beyond being a mentor, I have seen Mr. Beaudin work tirelessly to build, promote and deliver services for M'Chigeeng First Nation," wrote Mr. Gilchrist. "Beyond the scope of M'Chigeeng, Roger has made contributions on board of directors for various organizations and has helped with his guidance of child welfare and mental health and addictions agencies."

"Outside of the office, Mr. Beaudin is well-known for his volunteerism in the world of hockey where he spent many years coaching minor hockey, and being one of the founders of the Elite Hockey Institute which brought players from the NHL and OHL to Northern Ontario to put on hockey schools," continued Mr. Gilchrist.

Mr. Gilchrist explained,

"within the context of the pandemic, once again Roger Beaudin rose to the occasion and was able to help his community and many other organizations institute infection, prevention and control measures, as well as testing and vaccinations."

"In conclusion, Mr. Beaudin is an exemplary standard for a health director and is most certainly a Hero in Health," added Mr. Gilchrist.

Mr. Beaudin had been contacted at work when he was told by Mr. Gilchrist that he needed to go online to attend the awards ceremony at the health conference. "I knew about the award but I was really surprised when I was told I had won the award, I was really caught off guard," said Mr. Beaudin.

Mr. Beaudin has worked for 20 years at the M'Chigeeng Health Centre, and a total of 32 years working for the M'Chigeeng First Nation.

"I have a very good health team to work with," stated Mr. Beaudin. The COVID-19 pandemic, "has been a huge undertaking over the past two years plus. It has sure taken its toll on health services, the community and has impacted in terms of mental health and addictions and the overall health of everyone in the community. We will be dealing with the effects for years. But I'm optimistic we will all get back to normalcy at some point this year."

"Tony Jocko was one of

those individuals that was admired by all who worked with him," said Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe, in an Anishinabek News release. "He had a wonderful sense of humour and he was kind and compassionate when helping others. While he may have worked as a policy analyst, he also contributed to Cancer Care Ontario. He supported and advocated for citizens in the areas of dental and vision care and contributed to work on addictions. When the COVID-19 pandemic started, Tony-baa quickly stepped in to provide the extra work and assistance to support Anishinabek Nation First Nations."

"He will certainly be missed by many and by honouring his memory and his work, today his legacy will carry on through the recognition of individuals who also are dedicated to helping all those within the Anishinabek nation territory," said Grand Council Chief Niganobe.

Karen Jocko (Mr. Jocko's wife) also attended the conference. She said, "Tony would be honoured and humbled to be part of this recognition. He always said that all he was doing was helping people, and I'm sure this is what all of the folks who were recognized wish for as well."

"I told Sam I haven't won an award since Kindergarten when I received a perfect attendance award," quipped Mr. Beaudin.

Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Aspen Debassige

WHITTIER DWYER-GAUTHIER

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Growing up in Little Current, Whittier Dwyer-Gauthier recalls having a passion for sports since she was just little. Her love for athletics grew through the years and the amazing feeling of competition has never faded. Whittier attended Little Current Public School for her elementary years and she joined pretty much every sport available: volleyball, basketball, hockey, figure skating, three pitch, soccer, flag football, cross country, track and field and gymnastics.

Whittier has continued to show off her skills by becoming a full-time Mustang. In the past three years she has played on the volleyball, basketball and hockey teams while also participating in track and field. This year she made the senior basketball team and was a mainstay on the starting line. She was also critical to the team's performance and eventual season outcome of winning the North Shore Secondary School Athletics finals and coming second at NOSSA.

For Ms. Dwyer-Gauthier, winning NSSSA is one of her most memorable moments. She enjoyed the team's vibe and thinks that they were able to improve during the season under the coaching of Mr. John Balfe. Whittier also made the senior girls' volleyball team along with the girls' hockey team. Sadly, she did not get to play out all of her sports seasons due to Covid restrictions and this has been a heartbreaking disappointment as she is in her last year of high school.

Whittier has a difficult time picking only one sport to call her favourite as hockey, volleyball, and basketball hold a special place in her heart. She admits if she had to choose it would probably be volleyball because of the rush of adrenaline she gets whenever she gets a 'kill' (spike) or an ace (direct point off a serve). Whittier also likes the bond that has formed with members of the team. During her first and second seasons on the junior team she was a critical part of back to back NSSSA gold medals. Whittier generates a great deal of power in her approach to the net and transfers that power into her swing with ease.

When Whittier is not playing sports she enjoys a variety of other activities including: fishing, swimming, baking, painting, crocheting, reading, and gaming. Another way she stays active is by taking her three dogs (Tipper, Rollie and June Bug) for walks. It is beneficial for all parties as they get exercise too. You can also find her working at the Little Current Guardian Pharmacy (she has worked there since Grade 9) and at Boarderline Board Shop.

Almost every athlete has someone who they can look up to or who inspires them, for Whittier it is the former hockey player, resident physician, and executive for the Toronto Maple Leafs, Hayley Wickenheiser. She has proven that she is an amazing athlete through all her different feats and can also play with the boys. She has also shown Whittier that it is possible to continue to be able to do something you love and advance in your career. Another favourite of hers is Canadian born, NHL great - Matthew Barzal, a New York Islander hockey player. She especially likes him because of how he came in and beat Connor McDavid for the title of the NHL All-Star fastest skater.

Whittier can proudly say that she has always been a good student as she has received MSS Scholar status at the end of each year in high school and hopes to follow suit this year as well. Her favourite subject in school would have to be biology, she especially enjoys the genetics unit and when they are able to perform dissections. She says that her teacher, Mr. Wesno makes the course all the better. This love for science could be why she wants to enter the forensic sciences in post-secondary. She loves watching television shows like 'True Crime' and could see herself in one of those roles some day.

We are sure that Whittier has the commitment and drive to be successful at anything she sets her mind to - winning championships, acing science tests or maybe even solving the next 'cold case'! If you happen to see this Manitoulin Mustang, please wish her the best in all her future endeavours! Let's go Mustangs!

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...Wendy Gauthier delivers final fundraising report

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to remain anonymous," she pointed out.

"When donations are made to the Manor, very often they are made in appreciation for the care loved ones have received while living in the home," she told the board. "Staff is an invaluable part of the fundraising team."

Ms. Gauthier went on to say, "people are happy to donate to the Manor," but she later admitted in discussion with The Expositor that, at the start, it was a bit of an uphill battle getting the fundraising efforts off the ground, but donors soon came around. As she told the board, "They may have questioned why it was necessary to fundraise for things like the call bell system and carpet replacement—budgeted items—but they still gave."

"There is a community of donors out there who value this home, who praise



Wendy Gauthier

our staff, who support this board and will continue to donate to Manor causes," she said. "We are lucky."

As she told The Expositor after the board meeting, "People get it."

The Manor's role in the community has changed substantially since it first opened as a non-profit retirement home in 1967. Those changes were

brought home to her when one of the residents was going through some old photographs from the Manor's early years. "The resident said to me 'they used to do square dancing here,'" she recalled.

Since then, the Manor has evolved into a long-term care nursing home and was renovated in 1998 to meet design standards set down by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. With a waiting list currently sitting at half of its 60-bed capacity, it is clear that many consider the Manor to be the place to live out their final years as comfortably as possible with dignity.

Ms. Gauthier reminded the board that the major annual fundraiser, the Tree of Lights, might have begun slowly, but quickly gained steam. "The Tree of Lights started with \$8,000 in its first year, in 2021 total of \$59,953.02 was raised, \$44,468.98 of that in the

Christmas campaign," she reported, totalling almost a quarter of a million dollars in seven years.

"I have already received the board's thanks," said Ms. Gauthier, referring to the board meeting which hosted her official resignation from the post. "Now it is my turn to thank you," she continued. "I've learned a lot from this experience as a fundraiser and thank the board for all their support. I also need to thank (Manor receptionist) Peggy Smith for all her help." Ms. Gauthier noted that Ms. Smith had fielded an immense amount of work on behalf of the fundraising efforts in addition to her normal duties.

"In closing, I had a meeting with individuals who expressed interest in continuing the Tree of Lights fundraiser. They will let me know in a couple of weeks if they will be taking it on. I am hopeful. Thank you."

...A revamped Assiginack waterfront would cost \$2.3 million

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a pre-consult with the Ministry of Natural Resources and likely obtain a work permit." He said an engineering report would probably also be prudent.

"I just wanted to make sure we are thinking about these type of things. If we're moving the beach, we are moving sand and some will get into the water. We have to think about the costs and environmental concerns," said Councillor Jones.

Mr. Cannard said moving the beach could have possible environmental concerns and could, for example, have impact on fish spawning in that area. "Most of the activity will be carried out on the shoreline, not in the area where fish spawning is taking place, but it would be good to make sure this is addressed."

Under section 3.1 of the report, "we would want to relocate the beach to extend the marine. The gravel walkway would be extended, so people have access to the beach area," said Mr. Cannard.

"I have read the report two or three times," said Mayor Dave Ham. "I see in the report LeCourt Street would tie-in to the rest of the town streets. Once the project is started, there would be a fair bit of traffic. The small roadway

would merge with LeCourt Street and this ought to be looked at."

While the study did not look at this in the costing exercise, "if you extend the road, there would be a cost to it," said Mr. Cannard. "Absolutely, that would be expected," said Mayor Ham.

Councillor Rob Maguire inquired as to whether the gravel roadway would be for three season traffic and suggested that to prevent a bottle neck on the road, if it was designed for one and a half lanes, this may be a way to manage it.

"That would make sense," said Mr. Cannard. "Obviously, the road would not be used in the winter. But there would be a fair amount of traffic (in the other three seasons of the year). I would suspect this would be a granular road and (the expansion of the road) may allow for addi-

tional boat trailers as well." Councillor Jones asked what the plans would be for the old beach in terms of possibly adding parking in the area.

Mr. Cannard explained, "the parking we are talking about would be (by the retaining wall) on the waterfront. Quite often people will park their boat trailers in this area. As for as the existing beach it would move enough to provide enough room to extend the marina. Another option you could look at is moving the dock area."

"The beach is very important," stated Councillor Hugh Moggy. "We had better make sure we have sufficient area for parking. I have a hard time to see where there would be parking as it is such a narrow road."

"We were looking at having as much if not more of a beach area as there is

now," said Mr. Cannard. "As everyone knows, parking will be an issue. There will be more boat trailers and more vehicle traffic. So definitely adequate parking would be required."

Councillor Dave McDowell inquired as to what the plans are for the SS Norisle, and what expansion plans for the marina would mean for it.

In the costing report for construction, Mr. Cannard

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MANITOWANING—Funding of \$481,000 has been provided to the Township of Assiginack in Community Building Fund-Capital from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to address a community need by retrofitting the High Falls Park and Trail with a new barrier-free bridge and walkway to connect trails and increase accessibility, and access, for safe physical fitness activities to occur. This initiative will be completed within a year and give people in the community improved safe access to fitness programs, such as hiking, for years to come.

“The impact of this OTF grant will be a game changer for our township,” stated



High Falls is located on Highway 6, approximately halfway between the Manitoulin East Municipal Airport and Manitowaning.

Dave Ham, mayor of Assiginack, in a release. “This grant has allowed a much-needed safe High Falls trail extension to be constructed. This will make the park and trail completely accessible and we can accommodate everyone with mobility issues, and serve our community better.”

The all-inclusive accessibility is key, said Mayor Ham. By safely connecting the two sides of the High Falls trail and park areas,

it will attract more new sector participants now that the trail can accommodate wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers to cross over the trail water area without being in danger.

This unique trail crossing will be a welcomed inclusion for those needing and wanting access to areas that are rarely accessible to them in Northern Ontario. This area will be fully accessible with this initiative and serves as a

great example of how to plan public areas more caring and inclusively.

“This full funding from the province, to improve the accessibility of our facility, will also allow for expanded recreational use by more user groups which in turn improves their health, which in turn improves our community’s health,” said Assiginack CAO Alton Hobbs.

Central Public Library digs into reserves

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Councillor Derek Stephens found himself the odd man out when it came time to pass a \$70,000 allocation for Central Manitoulin Public Library’s annual budget (with the remainder coming from the library reserves), citing what he characterized as the micromanagement of a free-standing board and the forcing of the library to turn to its reserves in 2022.

“This is another example where we have tried to micromanage the library board,” he said, noting that the library board does its work independent of council, yet council saw fit to cut the library’s allocation from council, forcing the library board to

raid its reserves.

“We don’t like using up our own reserves, yet here we are forcing them to dig into theirs,” he said, asking why council does not do the same with the police board or District Services Board. “I don’t think we should micromanage.”

Central Manitoulin CAO/clerk Ruth Frawley interjected that there are only two opportunities for council to “have any say” in the library operations. “Number one is the budget and the second is with appointments.”

“I don’t see it as micromanaging,” responded Mayor Richard Stephens.

Councillor Stephens was the only vote in opposition to the motion.

...A revamped waterfront would cost \$2.3m

...continued from page 9 said “we’re assuming the Norisle would be gone out of its current site. People been talking about moving it and using it for another purpose for a long time, and we assume for the purposes of the report it would be gone and there would be an area for a float plane base (for emergency purposes).”

“I agree we have to look at all options to maximize parking in the area. Again, however, I will mention our exercise was to look at the costing for the upgrade for the beach, marina and heritage park. Everyone agrees additional parking has to be a big consideration.”

As for marina expansion, Mr. Cannard outlined the plans would be for expanding from 12 seasonal boat slips to 50 slips with an additional six slips for larger boats, and electrical outlets for each type of boat. “We would need to get creative in terms of parking, for instance having vehicle parking behind the retaining wall, for the costing exercise. And there would probably be a need for parking of another 38 trailers with the (proposed) project,” said Mr. Cannard. The



The Manitowaning waterfront contains numerous historical points of interest.

project would include refurbishing the boat launch area and replacing the retaining wall and having a new marine centre with a small office and washrooms. This was all looked at in the costing out exercise.”

Councillor Jones said the cost of the small office proposed would be at a cost of approximately \$350,000. She asked if the Burns Wharf Theatre, which has washrooms, could be refurbished instead of a new office centre being constructed.

“Yes, and when we did the costing, we didn’t know the future of the Burns Wharf Theatre,” said Mr. Cannard. “But if it is not going to be used in the future, I don’t see why it

can’t be used as a building centre for the marina. Our costing was based on construction of a new building. And keep in mind sometimes renovating another existing building might not show any savings. But this could all be looked at.”

Councillor Jones explained there are some showers and washroom facilities in the Burns Wharf Theatre facility.

Councillor McDowell asked, “if we have heard anything from the Norisle society for the last couple of years. I’d like to have an update.”

“There is a plan to move forward on this,” said Mayor Ham. “But things have been tied up for two years (with the pandemic). The fellows in Toronto have met people to look at possibly retrofitting the ship. It appears to me the plans are moving forward and I’m keeping my fingers crossed it is going to happen. The project hasn’t been put to sleep, that is for sure.”

Alton Hobbs, Assiginack clerk, told The Expositor after the meeting the township will consider in the future if it is going to be applying for funding for the waterfront development, but it will not be part of this year’s budget.

...Norisle revitalization project

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Mr. Coulter said that the pandemic has been the real problem in the process. “All meetings of our group with various officials have been put on hold for the past two years. Whatever movement we had made been making prior to the pandemic has been restricted since.”

He noted the ship was painted last summer. “However, the rest of the proposal and negotiations we were involved in has been in a state of flux since COVID hit, especially in our ability to hold meetings and negotiations.”

As for negotiations and who that has involved or will continue to be once the pandemic has subsided, “I can’t go any further on the extent of that at this time. We are trying to be as respectful to the ship and the community as possible.”

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...school board retires Sir John A. Macdonald School name in favour of Josephine Mandamin

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"I think it's awesome that we are changing the school name to recognize this amazing woman. She was an Indigenous leader and brought attention to the importance of water and preserving the water."

"We are very pleased with the name change, and we consider this an opportunity to learn about our history, water and environment. That is what education is all about," said Ms. Morton. She pointed out, "when we approached her family, they said they would like her Indigenous name used in the school name and that is why 'Josephine' will not be in the school name."

"It is pretty cool that the school board is honouring my aunt like this," stated Stephanie Peltier of Wiikwemkoong, of the name change. "They are honouring her for all the work she has done to promote water and environment. It is amazing because they are honouring her for her work in protecting water and awareness of how sacred and important water is. It is a step toward Truth and Reconciliation."

"Water brings life, and we need water," said Ms. Peltier. "My aunt did a lot of work towards promoting cultural awareness and how important water is. This is quite an honour for my aunt."

Ms. Peltier's daughter, Autumn, could not be reached for

comment prior to this week's press deadline, but she is a renowned water rights advocate and a leading global youth environment activist. She was appointed Chief Water Commissioner by the Anishinabek Nation in 2019 and has said that she learned the importance of clean water and respecting the environment from her mother and great aunt Josephine Mandamin.

Glen Hare, Ontario regional chief was surprised to hear of the name change. "I didn't know that," he told The Expositor. "It's awesome! Josephine made a difference in the environment. That is great news, and I hope that I'm invited to the ribbon cutting for the name change at the school."

The school renaming process was initiated at a May 17, 2021 DDSB board meeting, where DDSB's board of trustees passed a motion that one of the renaming criteria contained in section 5.4 for the naming of schools policy had been met and that a school naming committee would be established to consider a potential renaming in accordance with DDSB's naming of schools procedure.

"Biidassige (Josephine) Mandamin was from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. She was an Anishinaabe elder and world-renowned water advocate. She was a residential school survivor, having attended St. Joseph's

School for Girls in Spanish, Ontario, from 1948-1954. Despite her experience with the residential school, she maintained her Anishinaabe identity and followed her traditional teachings," an DDSB release read.

"Biidassige dedicated her life to speaking for the Great Lakes and was an influential teacher and advocate for the Earth's water. She walked around the Great Lakes from 2003 to 2017 to bring awareness to the problems of water pollution and environmental degradation on the Great Lakes and on Indigenous reserves in Canada," the DDSB said.

"For her activism, Ms. Mandamin was awarded the Anishinabek Lifetime Achievement Award (2012) and the Governor General's Meritorious Service Cross (2018). Her great-niece, Autumn Peltier, followed in her great aunt's footsteps, becoming the next generation's 'water warrior.' The impact of her conservation and advocacy work will live on for future generations. Biidassige joined the spirit world on February 22, 2019."

"The name change will take effect for the start of the 2022-23 school year. The school will be working to update signage and branding to represent the legacy of our new namesake and the Indigenous Education Department will be supporting online learning," DDSB said.

...Wednesday, January 26 is 'Bell Let's Talk' day and MSS has services, programs ready

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on a link and there's an activity of the day. There's a video they can watch which includes the Bell Let's Talk commercials (which are very powerful around the themes of 'we're listening, you're not alone' and culminating on Wednesday (January 26) with Bell Let's Talk day," she explained.

The students she has interacted with are very grateful to return to in-person learning. "The remote learning does take a toll, especially on our students," she noted. "It was perfect timing in that when we returned to in-person, there are all kinds of activities and we're reinforcing the idea that it's okay to not be okay and we need to keep talking. There's lots of supports available."

Statistics show that approximately one in five children and youth in Ontario faces a mental health challenge. An estimated 1.2 million children and youth in Canada are affected by a mental illness but less than 20 percent will receive appropriate treatment. Youth between the ages of 15 and 24 years are more likely to experience a mental illness and or substance use disorder than any other age group.

Ms. Orford uses the analogy of putting on your own oxygen mask first, before helping any others, like we would in an airplane. That's been especially relevant over the past two years. "I think it's a really important lesson for all of us," she explained. "For us to be there for our students, for our family members and friends, we do need to look after ourselves first."

Another teacher recently talked with Ms. Orford about how she used some of the resource videos around activity and getting your body moving as one of her strategies to help improve wellness and well-being. "That's an excellent way to look after ourselves," noted Ms. Orford. "We can then also invite people to join us. If we have children at home, invite them to be active with us. That is one of the great ways of not only looking after our own wellness, but also passing on those same skills to others. The social interaction is helpful also."

Part of the Bell Let's Talk theme is around stigma, she added. "We need to start thinking about mental health similar to the way we would about physical health. It's very much connected. When we can look after our physical well-being, such as by being active, it has a positive impact on our mental well-being as well. They're not two separate things. They're very much connected."

The RDSB celebration plan incorporates some of the activities of Bell Let's Talk and the commercials and videos they're using and also provides links to School Mental Health Ontario, which is an excellent resource that parents can access as well. "It has all kinds of ideas and activities you can do with others, with your children at home or within classroom settings that, in a very broad manner, address well-being and has different difficulty strategies and different difficulty skills," said Ms. Orford.

She suggests that people be more open to supporting others as well as to the supports that are available for themselves. "We are very fortunate on Manitoulin Island to have access to really excellent services and supports and some specifically for children and youth. As a parent, if you see that your child is suffering, certainly you can start with calling the school. There's also a number of services out there that you could reach out to, to get that added help and support. Sometimes we need to go a little bit further to provide help and support to our children and youth and there's lots of different ways we can do that."

Using the theme of Bell Let's Talk, Ms. Orford said, it's about 'keep listening, keep talking.' "When people see you as a person they can go to, they see you as a supportive person, so even if they're not going to tell you exactly what's bothering them, simply by being there for them can be very powerful for that person."

Parents, teachers and students can access RDSB resources at rainbowschools.ca/schools/mental-health-well/bell-lets-talk-day/.

MSS students can also access help through the 'Creating Hope Project: Mental health individualized plans, teacher learning and leadership program' established at the school in 2018. The program is still ongoing and "gives students an alternate way of reaching out and getting some help within the school setting," Ms. Orford explained. "At Kids Help Phone you can call, you can text or you can message. Here at MSS, you can call or you can show up in

someone's office and ask for a meeting or you can use a Google form through this program to ask for help. The ones that have accessed that avenue for asking for help this fall have often commented 'wow, that was a really quick response.' It's a whole team approach within the school. A variety of different staff members are part of it so that we can respond as soon as a student asks for help."

The Bell Let's Talk campaign began in September 2010.

At that time, most people weren't talking about mental illness despite an urgent need for action. Bell Let's Talk is focused on 'engaging Canadians to take action to create positive change in mental health.' In March 2020, Bell announced the extension of the Bell Let's Talk mental health initiative for an additional five years.

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...Tehkummah's iconic Ward's General Store celebrates centennial year

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Ward decided to explore a different vocation set up a mercantile operation in White's Lake, about 10 minutes away from where the present store is located. The store operated in that location until the canny Mr. Ward decided a move was in order.

"He picked Tehkummah because he learned that was where five roads were to be meeting," said great granddaughter Lisa LePage who is now working in the store. Mr. Ward and his wife Mary (Williamson) moved their base of operations to Tehkummah and it proved to be an inspired decision. The late Rex Ward is probably the most familiar proprietor of the general store, working behind the counter since 1960 up until his passing in May of 2013. Now it is Ross Ward, the third generation, who has taken up the role and is maintaining the family tradition.

"It's pretty amazing that for a century, Ward's General Store has been a landmark in the Town of Tehkummah where locals and tourists alike have benefited from having this mainstay in the community," said Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes. "It is evident that generations of the Ward family dedicated themselves to recognizing the needs of their customers and providing exceptional service. What an impressive milestone that this store has been in business for 100 years. The Ward family and their staff are truly deserving of all the good wishes they are receiving and I wish them many more years of success! Congratulations and happy centennial."

In 1922 Ward's took on the role of post office for the area and Joe Ward became the first postmaster. His son Rex took on that role in 1960 until 1984.

Today, bulletin boards in the store still assist locals and visitors alike navigate local events and happening and often provide opportunities to reengage with friends and neighbours (and perhaps make new ones). The historical image of the hardware store is often one of farmers and other country folk, always men, clustered about a pot-bellied stove. In Ward's the gatherings were over the hot air grates.

"The men would gather on one side of the store and the women on the other," said Ms. LePage. "Ward's has always been a meeting place. They would sip apple cider and chat."

Between 1906 and 1921, coal oil came to the store in barrels, travelling from the docks in Little Current, but by 1922 when the store was established in Tehkummah, gasoline was coming from Little Current to the new gravity fed pumps. In 1950, those pumps were converted to electricity.

The first hardware supplies included nails, horse-shoe nails, horseshoes, stove pipes, dampers and a host of items required for stoves. Nails were packed in kegs and Wards sold



Ward's employee Sella Russel stands in front of the original Snowville store in this 1907 photograph.

Findley Oval stoves that travelled from Carleton Place to Owen Sound before being placed on boats for the trip to Manitoulin Island. By the 1930s Ward's carried harnesses, boots, shoeing tools, chains, clevises, Fury horse drawn plows, Noble bobsleighs from Shallow Lake, shovels, forks, rakes, hoes, ropes, pulleys and, in a nod to the changing times, Model T parts. There were guns from Wood Alexander in Hamilton and beds sets from Simmons Co.

These days the store's hardware supplies are ordered from Orgill Canada, itself an operation based on independence since 1847.

Ward's was the go-to place for dry goods as well, and until 1950 they sold broadcloth, flannelette, wool pants, shirts, mackinaw pants, overalls, wool capes and coats, mainly for men and boys. Safety pins, needles, thread and yarn graced the shelves. In 1950 the repertoire included sweatshirts, jackets, hats, socks, boots, shoes and rubbers. Paints, stains and varnish, electrical appliances, dishes, brooms, pots and pans, along with wheel barrels, lawnmowers and in later years, satellite dish systems.

By the 1960s, Ward's was also selling timber and had its own sawmill. A 2X4 sold for 50 cents each. Unfortunately considering today's prices, Wards no longer sells lumber.

It's hard for the modern mind to comprehend the challenges faced by those early mercantile pioneers. "Pretty much everything came in by boat," said Ms. LePage. "Supplies had to last all winter. Salesmen would come to the store and stay up all night taking the orders for the winter."

Those items would include barrels of apples and vinegar and wooden caddies of tobacco plugs. Just about everything came in bulk, cookies, sugar, flour, candy, raisins and corn syrup, all stored in the basement along with a host of canned goods, soaps, pop and paint before being hauled up to be stocked on the shelves.

Bulk was the name of the game in those earlier days, with prunes coming in 30-pound boxes and raisins in 60-pound boxes. There were 150 sacks of flour to store away before the Island was iced in, with brands like Robin Hood, Keynote, Harvest Queen and Purity—all headed out the door at \$3 a bag.

The days from 1920 to the 1950s were true shop local days, with eggs and butter coming from local farmers, bread travelling in from Mac's Bakery in Gore Bay—with 40 unwrapped loaves to a box. Milk came from Waggs of Mindemoya and arrived in quart glass jars—10 cents a quart. But there wasn't much fresh meat going over the counter. "Farmers had their own source of

meat," said Ms. LePage. Preserved meats such as bologna, wieners and salt pork would be stocked, however. As a special treat, BC salmon might be ordered in. Cheese came in six-inch high rounds, two feet across, tea arrives in a three-foot high chest.

From 1950 to 1959, all these groceries, feed and hardware were shipped by boat to Manitowaning and Rex Ward would travel by truck to the dockside to pick up his orders. By 1960 the items would be delivered to the store by Smith's Brothers trucks, twice a week, then by National Grocers—bread was still coming in from Mac's Bakery in Gore Bay.

A revolutionary change came in 1975, when the traditional over-the-counter service became more self-

serve. These days bread arrives from Weston Bakery in Sudbury, but Farquhar's milk and cream can still be found in the fridge.

Joe Ward helped set up another iconic Island business, J. F. McDermid and Sons Co. Ltd. of Providence Bay.

Keeping a ready stock for over 100 years means that sometimes the mark was overshot when ordering in supplies, but to this day Ward's has held to the policy of never increasing the sticker price of an item.

"The price that was marked on it when it came in is the same price we sell it at today," confirmed Ms. LePage.

The Ward family tradition of hard work and dedication to serving their customers has also been maintained over the centu-

ry. Rex Ward was famed for always being found in the store; he was its most reliable fixture. Ms. LePage recalled working in the store as a teenager. "He came in every day," she said. The family still hold to that tradition of hard work and dedication to the communities they serve.

R.A. Ward and Son General Store is a survivor from a nearly forgotten age and well worth a visit. To this day chances are that you will find whatever it is that you need in the store, and if you can't, you probably don't need it.

Congratulations to the Ward family and their staff for maintaining the tradition of service to their community that has sustained their operations for over 100 years.



Model Ts were all the rage back in the 1920s when Ward's General Store moved operations to their present location in Tehkummah.

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...Noojmowin Teg developing mobile mental health, addictions clinic

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developing a bus where the healthcare team travels with the bus, going out into the community as a team and others are developing more of an outreach model where individual members will go to see clients directly in their home communities.

The Manitowin pilot project will be a flexible model that is client-centred and meets the needs of the clients at various levels and aims to reach those who may have difficulty accessing those services. “We’re very excited about this service,” Ms. Wilson said. One thing it addresses are the additional barriers, such as transportation, faced by rural communities.

“The whole intention of these mobile units is to bring the services to where the people are that need them,” she said. “Can you imagine living in the West End and you have to make daily drives to see a clinician in Little Current? If somebody’s on a daily dispensing methadone, it is really difficult.”

It comes at a time when COVID-19 has added to the existing impacts of addictions and mental health. Before the Omicron variant, COVID-19 had had an impact on Island communities but not to the magnitude of overdoses and overdose deaths that were occurring, said Ms. Wilson.

“Until Omicron, there were more people being impacted by overdoses and overdose deaths in the communities on Manitowin Island. I think that narrative has shifted just a little bit now that Omicron is here. That’s having a little bit more of an effect on Manitowin Island. Nonetheless, for people that are living with substance misuse there are some concerns when people are in isolation modes, when they have to stay home. There are concerns when people are using substances and using them alone, and we have been hearing loudly from many of our First Nation partners and including the school districts, talking about mental health for children and the impact that COVID has had on children. This is a lifespan service that will be available to children and youth as well.”

Noojmowin Teg is going to be engaging and working very closely with the other Island partners that are involved with mental health and addictions as well. “We have created a plan,” she continued. “We’re pulling together a steering committee that will help inform some of the services. More importantly, the services are going to be rolled out into the communities how our municipalities and townships and our First Nation partners would like the service brought into each

of their communities, whether it’s going to be in the actual mobile unit or is more of an outreach method where the clients will be seen inside one of their health centres, for instance.”

Conversations already underway with key partners have revealed some concern regarding stigma related to an actual bus and the visibility of the services, Ms. Wilson said. “One of the things we’re contemplating is doing more of a hybrid model, where there would be both a smaller mobile clinic and other providers would be able to travel elsewhere independently of the mobile unit. That way, if the mental health team is required in one community versus the primary care team being required in another part of the Island, then we can separate out the services so the team can go where the services are needed.”

The clinic team will include a nurse practitioner and a nurse, a social worker, an intake coordinator and a cultural support/peer support worker as well. There will be referrals and access to psychiatry if necessary. “We haven’t quite formulated exactly the scope of the addictions medicine, but it will also have the mental health component,” noted Ms. Wilson.

She’s hoping the service will be ready for a grand

opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for April 1 but, “It’s a tight timeline to meet that. We’ll do what we can to get it out there because we know the services are needed on the Island.”

“It was very clear when we started this process, from all of our partners, that this service is very much needed on the Island,” Ms. Wilson said. “We’re very proud to be a

part of the service but more importantly, I think it’s a needed service for clients that will improve health outcomes.”

...New MBC Island brew named for SS Norisle

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oped in 2019,” he said. “I chose ingredients that would help me achieve something rich, creamy, roasty and chocolatey. We brewed a test batch last summer, the Island Time Series Oatmeal Stout and we received great feedback from our customers. So, we scaled up that recipe and brewed it a second time.”

Mr. Thompson went on to add, “I love dark beer and I really thought we could use another dark brew in our lineup. Due to the feedback from our test batch, we decided to brand our oatmeal stout and make it part of our beer lineup. As with all of our core product, we tie in the history of Manitowin Island with our beer. So as a team we tried to think of a local landmark that would match the robust flavour and history of the stout. After consideration, we thought that the SS Norisle steamboat would be a perfect match for our brand new brew.”

The team felt the new beer was worthy of the Norisle name due to its unique attributes. “The wide variety of barley, oats and British hops is what makes this brew stand out from the rest,” said Mr. Thompson. “The oats give the beer a velvety mouthfeel, while the barley contributes the sweet, roasty and chocolatey flavours. Norisle stout has the full flavour and texture of a stout, without being overly bitter or astringent—which is why some people say they don’t like dark beer.”

When it comes to pairing the brew with a meal, Mr. Thompson suggests tipplers “try the Norisle next to a steak for some amazing

flavour, or if you’re a bit more adventurous try it with raw oysters.” But it isn’t just a full on meal that pairs well with Norisle Stout. “If you’re more into sweets, some hot fudge brownies would make for a great complement alongside this brew,” said Mr. Thompson.

The MBC lead brewer certainly knows his stuff. “I brewed my first beer at home in 2018,” he said. “I loved the craft and quickly honed my skills in it. I started working in a brewery while I still lived in southern Ontario and enrolled in a brewmaster program to deepen my knowledge of the craft. After working up a good reputation in the brewing industry I was hired as the head brewer here at MBC. Working in a brewery really isn’t like any other job out there. It really is a unique feeling to create something brand new and be able to share that with the community.”

“We’d like to give a big thank you to Kendra Edwards (of Kendra Edwards Design) for another fantastic job designing our can graphics,” said Mr. Thompson. “With the Norisle Stout she once again captured everything we wanted compact into a 473mL can.”

“The overall design for this can was to incorporate a nautical feel and provide a view of the bow on the front of the can and the stern on the back of the can,” said Ms. Edwards. “Dark tones are used on the can to compliment the dark, silky hoppy notes of the oatmeal stout. The typography chosen is a sea-faring serif with decorative details in addition to a

strong script with thick scrolling penmanship complimenting the serif.”

“If you’re looking to get your hands on some, it’s available through our retail store and online shop,” said Mr. Thompson. “We’re also hoping to have it listed in the LCBO for next winter as a seasonal release.”

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Manitoulin Transport drivers fully vaccinated, will not be impacted by restrictions

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Transport truck drivers will not be affected with the United States requirement that all truckers from Canada need to be fully vaccinated to enter their country.

Jeff King, president of Manitoulin Transport, told The Expositor, "All our cross-border drivers are fully vaccinated. We've been focusing on that for awhile now."

However, "The trucking industry as a whole is not ready, there are lots of drivers who have not been fully vaccinated," said Mr. King. "This will put a squeeze on capacity. We have done all we can."

The US Department of Homeland Security had announced last week that as of January 22, Canadian truckers will be required to be fully vaccinated to enter the US. This comes on the heels of Canada's own vaccination mandate for truck drivers and other essential workers that went into effect January 15.

"Starting January 22, the Department of Homeland Security will require that non-US individuals entering the United States via land ports of entry or ferry terminals along our northern and southern borders be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and be prepared to show related proof of vaccination," US Secretary of Homeland Security

Alejandro N. Mayorkas announced. "These updated travel requirements reflect the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to protecting public health while safely facilitating the cross-border trade and travel that is critical to our economy."

Under the US requirements, individuals must verbally attest to their vaccination status and provide proof electronically or on paper. A DHS FAQ advises travelers to expect longer wait times at the border as the requirement is rolled out.

And for those non-US individuals who don't comply, they will be refused entry and will possibly be subject to fines.

Manitoulin Municipal Association supports MTO swing bridge heritage report recommendations

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) is in support of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) recommendations to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries' (HSTCI) to remove and/or the demolition of the Little Current swing bridge once the new similar bridge is constructed to replace it. The MMA is also calling on the province to expedite the construction process.

"If there is anything at all this group can do to expedite the entire process that would be good," said Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island at a meeting last week. "I've read the report (carried out by Stantec Consulting Limited for the MTO) for a similar bridge to be constructed with two lanes of traffic. It's a sound document and they (Stantec) have done their homework."

"And the sympathetic design of the new bridge that is being recommended will be supported by most people," said Reeve Hayden. "The new bridge will welcome people to Manitoulin Island and cut down on the traffic congestion. If this can be sent back to councils for support and for the ministries to expedite the project, it would be great."

Reeve Hayden had noted that, "in The Expositor this week, it was reported that Gordon/Barrie Island council had dealt with the (MTO) request and supports it. I'm just wondering if other councils have had the opportunity to discuss the request."

"We did Monday night," said Billings Mayor Ian Anderson. "One thing we observed in the document is that we didn't see anything that suggests a start date for the project."

Reeve Hayden pointed out that since a



The proposed replacement for the Manitoulin swing bridge at Little Current would see a dual lane version that echoes the old bridge.

chance for input on the MTO recommendation has been given, then the recommendation will be made from the MTO to the Minister of (HSTCI).

Al MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) told the meeting his council, "discussed the report and recommendation last night. I go back to the executive summary of the report and what they are recommending. In summary, the second page indicates they will look at ways to commemorate the (existing) structure, document the bridge prior to its removal and look at a sympathetic design of the replacement bridge, including use of salvaged

materials in the new design where practicable, and have determined the only viable option is the removal and/or demolition of the existing swing bridge, and that they will be seeking consent from the ministry on this. Comments on the recommendations have to be in by February 7."

"Our council is sort of comfortable with the recommendation, although a couple of councillors don't appear to be comfortable with removing the current bridge," said Mayor MacNevin. "When it was indicated the current bridge could be relocated somewhere else, I was thinking Phoenix (Arizona) or maybe beside the London Bridge. We basically support the recommenda-

tion."


"So you don't want it (the current bridge) in your yard?" asked Ken Noland, MMA chair.

"There is one born every minute," stated Mayor MacNevin. "I can't conceive where the money would come to relocate the (current) bridge. Some people feel we should swing the bridge open and leave it that way but they (MTO) said that would be a major problem for navigation purposes."

Mayor MacNevin also told the meeting, "the MTO sent a letter to myself and Patsy Corbiere (chief of the Aundeck Omni First Nation) explaining that on January 26, the MTO is going to be carrying out a day of maintenance on the bridge. They are doing seismic testing on the bridge from 9 am to 3 pm and the bridge will be closed for 15 minutes on the hour. He assured me that there will be signage posted at the bridge, and we're (NEMI) going to be posting a notice of this on our website."

A motion for the MMA to support the study and recommendations in the study by the MTO was put forward by Reeve Hayden and was seconded by Mayor MacNevin.

The executive summary of the report noted in part, "this heritage impact assessment (HIA) will be used to support MTO's request for the MHSTCI minister's consent for demolition or removal of the Little Current Swing Bridge. To mitigate the loss of CHVI associated with removal of the Little Current swing bridge, a series of mitigative measures is proposed including: documentation of the bridge prior to removal, commemoration of the bridge, and sympathetic design of the replacement bridge, including use of salvaged materials in the new design where practicable."


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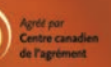
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Now and Then: Jack and Betty Wood

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"We attended large Co-Op cattle sales once a year, in Little Current, and we also sold cream to Mastin's Creamery in Manitowaning," Betty adds, "it was a tight budget. With all the land we were buying, there was only \$100 left at the end of each year!"

Jack started to drive the special needs school bus and did so for 23 years. Closer to the end of this term, these children were included in the regular bus system. Jack spent just as many years as a volunteer fire fighter, starting in 1960. He began in Sheguiandah and later volunteered in Little Current where Fire Chief Rick Milne gave him an award for those 23 years of service. Jack also did some of the snow plowing for Howland Township for one winter.

Betty worked for the Centennial Manor as a house-keeping aide from 1980 to 2000. "I loved interacting with the residents. One day in December 2000, it was time to retire. I drove home, and accidentally left the car running before going into



A family photo taken at daughter Maryanne's wedding. From left, back row, are Pat, Betty, Maryanne and Jack, front row, Bill and Jim.

needed her for orientation, helping us negotiate airports and travelling agencies. We visited Veradero, Cuba, where we had an enjoyable time, despite the bland food. We met a horse named 'Fidel' who was ferrying tourists around. We took a Jeep excursion with a brother and sister from Toronto. He couldn't drive a

Other trips were to Jamaica, the Dominican Republic and Mexico during spring breaks when Patty was not working as a teacher. "We visited son Jim in Grand Prairie, Alberta, and saw the oil fields. We also saw part of Nova Scotia when we met the family of our grandson's fiancé. Patty came with us each time. Newfoundland villages reminded us of Willisville."

"Our children did well. Patricia taught Kindergarten and became principal on St. Joseph's Island. When she was young, she was told by her teacher that she would never become a teacher, but she did just that and became a principal too. Maryanne is also a teacher, currently on leave. Jim lives in Sault Ste. Marie and works in the oil fields. Jim helps run this farm and owns all the land now. Bill works as a custodian in Paris, Ontario for the Brant County School System."

"We now have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Son Bill has twins Ben and Blake and daughter Nicole. Ben has daughters McKayla and Nicole who has Charlotte. Daughter Pat has Nick and Andrew. Nick has Theo. Son Jim has Avery. Daughter Maryanne has Alexis and Aiden."

"What would we still like

to do? We still hope to hunt deer with our grandsons. We recently hunted on top of the hill next to Raymond McKenzie's place. We avoid does and fawns."

"Most important event in our lives? Getting married. Favourite pets? Mitzy, a strong Heinz-57 German Shepard-like dog. In winter, she would pull a sleigh with two bales of hay to the barn for the sheep, and afterwards, she would pull the kids back to the house. One night, Mitzy woke me up to find a young man siphoning gas from the farm tank. I yelled 'sic-him.' Mitzy ran towards him, with no intention of biting, but she scared the young man away. We let it be known that we would spread sugar into the tank hose so they would

refrain from stealing it. They didn't return."

"Favourite season? Autumn when the maples are so beautiful," both declared. "Favourite family holiday? Christmas. Decorating the windows and cooking the turkey. Birthdays with cake and ice cream were always important to us and the kids too."

What did you enjoy most as a parent? "Watching the kids grow and excel in their pursuits." Favourite television or radio shows? "I like old Christmas movies and Jack likes the Border Patrol, and the Texas game warden on Lone Star. First hourly wage? \$2.17 at INCO," Jack recalls. "I bought my first car, a 1961 Pontiac, with that wage."

"Strengths? Problem solving and wiring a house. When we moved the house here, I suggested we use a tree to move the truck into the right position and it solved the problem. Anything we would still like to do? No, we have done our travelling. We do like to eat out occasionally at Green Acres in Sheguiandah or Cortina's in Espanola."

What are you most proud of? "Our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

What are you most afraid of? Betty, says "snakes and, for Jack, it's mice."

If you could have only three material things from your current life, what would they be? For Jack, "clothing, chainsaw, hammer with nails." For Betty

"pots and pans and photos."

Looking back, is there anything you would do differently? "No!" from both. Did you realize your childhood dreams? "I wanted to be a nurse at one time, but life had other plans," Betty shared. "Hope for the future? Good health and more peace in the world."

Lastly, your recipe for happiness? "Count your blessings every day and think of the good things in your life."

"Manitoulin is a unique place. People are friendly here and you can safely grow your own food. Here on the farm, we enjoy the gurgling stream right beside us and Perch Lake just behind our north-facing ridge. We have both a quarry and a gravel pit here. The quarry yields huge flat rocks that can measure up to nine by 17 feet. We have sold many to the Mennonites who call them 'Harvest Gold' and to 'Colonial Brick and Stone' in Bruner, Ontario. We were proud, too, that some of the rock went to the site of a ploughing match in Ontario. In summary, this Island is quiet, slow-paced and rich in many ways. There are photo opportunities everywhere, and all around us, but we are often too busy with life to stop and take in the beauty. We must remind ourselves to slow down enough to enjoy these finer things in life here on our Manitoulin Island."



A family photo taken at the Sheguiandah United Church back in the day. Back row, left, are Bill, Jack, Betty and Patty, front row, Jim and Maryanne.

the house. Jack came home later and Jack asked me why the car was running. I had simply forgotten to turn it off. It was just a silly mistake, but it was time for a decision."

After Betty retired, the couple did a bit of travelling. "Patty would come with us on our travels. We

standard shift, so I did the driving. Vehicles in Cuba were old and subject to endless repairs. On another bus trip, we lost the bumper and a variety of nuts and bolts on the way back. Before we left Cuba, we noticed that the schools there were generally behind our Canadian schools."

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Gore Bay bird count weather was ideal

by Terry Land

GORE BAY—The 54th Gore Bay Christmas bird count, the second COVID-19 pandemic bird count, was held on Sunday, December 19.

Just before 8 am, 13 field team members, arrayed over six teams, picked up their reporting packages at the end of Terry Land's driveway in Gore Bay and set out on their COVID-19-constrained hunt within the group's 24-kilometre diameter circle to list every species seen and to count every individual bird.

The weather conditions, in many ways, were ideal for a successful count: the morning temperature hovered around minus 11 degrees Celsius with light winds from the northeast at 17 kilometres per hour. Visibility was, as a pilot may say, severe and clear, with only variable light clouds. The snow on the ground varied from being essentially non-existent to no more than three centimetres. The water was calm enough and the temperature cold enough that the open areas of water were making ice.

As the day progressed, the temperature rose to about minus six degrees Celsius. The winds picked up slightly, but really could not be considered a factor during the count.

Between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm, the field teams returned to the end of the Lands' driveway to deposit the results of their efforts. A total of 42 species were observed with 3,024 individual birds seen.

Meanwhile, the 36 feeder watcher households were beginning to report in. In these pandemic times, pandemic these were essential in providing a more complete snapshot of the birds within the count circle on count day. They counted 30 different species, comprised of 1,305 individual birds.

When all the information was analyzed, the 54th Gore Bay Christmas Bird count resulted in a total of 46 species of birds and 4,329 individuals counted.

During the count week (officially defined as the three days before and three days after the count day) three more species of birds were seen and recorded for informational purposes only but were added into the count-day tally. These birds were one gadwall, one great blue heron and one Snowy Owl. Within the



A total of 74 grosbeaks were among the 46 species of birds seen during the 54th Gore Bay Christmas bird count.

photo by Terry Land

open water area, within the count circle, there were four Canada geese counted as well as seven species of ducks, which meant there was a total of 1,580 individual ducks with the common goldeneye being the most numerous with 1,017.

Other sightings of interest were one double-crested cormorant on Lake Wolsey, 49 bald eagles, 17 rough-legged hawks, one american kestrel near the Northland Agromart, over 500 blue jays and black-capped chickadees each, one belted kingfisher hanging around Bickell's Creek in Gore Bay and an american robin, also seen in Gore Bay.

The total of 46 species seems like an average total as determined by a review of the recent historical records, but the total must be considered in perspective.

Of concern with this total is the fact that if the North Channel and Lake Wolsey had been frozen most of the duck species would likely have been gone. At least 15 species were counted that had fewer than five individuals. That could easily have had a significant impact on the count results.

The full list of the birds was as follows: four Canada geese, two black ducks, 77 mallard ducks, one gadwall, six buffleheads, 1,017 goldeneyes, 41 hooded mergansers, 41 common mergansers, one red-breasted merg, two pheasants, 10 ruffed grouse, 58 sharp-tailed grouse, two cormorants, 41 bald eagles, one red-tailed hawk, 17 rough-legged hawks, 126 herring gulls, 57 rock pigeons, 67 mourning doves, one kingfisher, 16 red-bellied woodpeckers, 31 downy woodpeckers, 49 hairy woodpeckers, nine pileated woodpeckers, one kestrel,

three northern shrikes, 505 blue jays, 107 crows, 132 ravens, 18 horned larks, 528 black capped chickadees, 28 red-breasted nuthatches, 36 white breasted nuthatches, two golden-cr. kinglets, one robin, 179 starlings, one lapland longspur, 10 snow buntings, 16 tree sparrows, two juncos, 17 cardinals, one redwing, one grackle, 74 pine grosbeaks, 94 common redpolls, 455 American goldfinches, and 47 house sparrows.

As compiler of the count, I wish to thank my long-suffering spouse who provided valuable assistance in tabulating the results, the field team observers and the feeder watchers for their enthusiasm in taking part.

Thank-you everyone. Happy New Year and have a great year of birding.

Terry Lane, Compiler of the 54th Gore Bay Christmas bird count.



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“We are moving the mass clinics on Manitoulin Island from the Manitoulin Tourism Information Centre in Little Current to the Four Directions Complex in Aundeck Omni Kaning,” said Nastassia McNair, of PHSD. The relocation of the mass clinics is being carried out in partnership with Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, Mnaamodzawin Health Services and local family health teams.

“The change in locations is mostly due to the increase in booster doses,” Ms. McNair said. “We need a place to accommodate more clients and immunizers. It’s all about having additional space. And we will be able to include a couple more immunizers at our clinics.”

The change in locations took effect on January 20. Dates and times of scheduled appointments are not affected by the location change unless you are called and receive confirmation of a new appointment time. This location change applies to all previously scheduled appointments at

the former location. All other vaccination clinic locations on Manitoulin Island, including clinics at the Mindemoya Missionary Church and M’Chigeeng Community Complex, will not be impacted by this location change. If you have any questions about your appointment, please call 705-674-2299 (toll-free 1-800-798-2505) between 8:30 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday.

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Manitoulin Municipal Association executive reelected

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) executive will remain the same for at least one more year.

At an election of officers last week, the MMA voted for the chair and vice-chair positions.

MMA secretary Patsy Gilchrist conducted the election, calling for nominations for both positions at a meeting last week.

“Is there a timeline for the duration of chair? I’m not aware that there is,” said Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island.

The meeting was told the MMA holds

executive elections every second year, but there is no limit on the terms that a chair of the association can hold the position.

Richard Stephens, mayor of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, nominated present chair Ken Noland to remain as chair, and Dan Osborne, mayor of the Town of Gore Bay, seconded the motion.

Nominations were then held for the position of vice-chair.

Reeve Hayden put forward a motion for the current vice-chair, Bruce Wood, to be re-elected as vice-chair and this was also seconded and carried by the MMA.



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Manitoulin-Sudbury
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2 Personal Support Workers

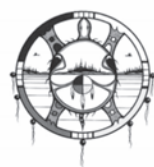
Competition #2022-01-PTS

Closing date: February 11, 2022

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Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.



Employment Opportunity Personal Support Worker Casual

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

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

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide personal support services based on the client personal care or home management needs.
2. Provide assistance to the community care program with the provision of Meals on Wheels program, Adult Day programming and may assist/provide Generic Transportation services for client caseload; friendly visits and social safety.
3. Provide respite services working flexible hours.
4. Works collaboratively with health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
5. Charting in EMR and submission of required reporting to immediate supervisor.
6. May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language.
- Personal Support Worker Certificate from a recognized college with a minimum of (2) years' community work experience.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Clear Criminal Reference Check (CPIC/VSS).
- Valid 'G' driver's licence and an insured vehicle.

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

Submit a cover letter, resume, and three work-related references marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in-person to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.
Postal Bag 2003, 48A Hillside Road
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
705-368-2182 ext.271
hr@mnaamodzawin.com
Fax: 705-368-2229

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022 @ 12:00pm
Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified and CPIC/VSS requested.



WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Experienced Police Officer - Full-time – Permanent

Position: Police Constable

Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory

Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications from a police officer who has served or is currently serving with a Canadian police agency.

Summary: The Police Constable will be responsible to the Chief of Police and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting within and around the Wikwemikong Unceded Territory.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Preserve the peace.
- Prevent crimes, other offences, and providing assistance and encouragement to other persons in their prevention.
- Assist victims of crime.
- Apprehend criminals, other offenders, and others who may lawfully be taken into custody.
- Lay charges and participate in prosecutions.
- Execute warrants and perform related duties.
- Perform the lawful duties that the Chief of Police assigns.
- Respond to calls for service.
- Successfully complete prescribed training.
- Commitment to Community-Based Policing principles and practices.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community.
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units.
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.

Basic Requirements:

- Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Provide proof of double Covid-19 Vaccination certificate from the Ministry of Health.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Perform 12-hour shifts (days and nights) including weekends and holidays.
- If convicted of a criminal offence under a federal statute, you must obtain a pardon. If you have 'Findings of Guilt', which have resulted in absolute or conditional discharges, the records must be 'sealed' by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- Pass a detailed background check that include security clearance checks, credit, and reference checks.
- Salary and merit level are open for discussion.

Employment packages are available for pick up at the WTPS office or can be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward a completed electronic employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three work-related references to:

Attn: Acting Chief of Police, Gregory Mishibinijima
gregory.mishibinijima@wtps.ca

Posting Deadline: February 25, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Please note, applications will be screened. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider an experienced officer for hire. The candidate will also be required to successfully complete psychological, medical, vision and hearing examinations. The best qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation. The candidate will be notified before any contact is made with their current police service.

Members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service participate in the Ontario Pension Board (OPS) pension plan. It is compulsory for members to contribute to the plan. Experienced officers who have contributed to another pension plan may contact their current plan administrator to determine if their plan is transferable.

New area codes to be introduced in two Ontario locations

Will include 705 area code

by Tom Sasvari

OTTAWA—While it may take years to be fully implemented, two additional area codes will be established in Ontario this year, one for the area code 705, and area code 249.

“The new area codes will be introduced this year for new telephone numbers when there is no further availability for the current area codes,” Lucie Papineau Pugliese, of Sympatico, told The Expositor last week.

“It may take years for full establishment of the new area codes,” said Ms. Pugliese, who pointed out “The current area codes already in place, like 705 on Manitoulin are safe and they will continue. The only time the new area codes will come into play is when there is no further availability in the 705 area.”

“It may take years for the new area codes to be fully established,” Ms. Pugliese reiterated.

The two additional area

codes will be introduced in Ontario this year. The new 753 area code will be introduced starting March 26 in the regions currently served by area codes 343 and 613. The new 683 area code will be introduced starting June 18 in the regions currently served by area codes 249 and 705. The introduction of these new area codes is the result of decisions by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) and are intended to meet the continuously growing demand for new telephone numbers.

“The introduction of a new area code creates millions of additional telephone numbers without affecting the existing numbers,” said Kelly T. Walsh, program manager of the Canadian Numbering Administration. “The new area codes will be added where the current area codes are already in use in the affected regions in Ontario.”

Once the new area codes, 753 and 683, are introduced in March and June 2022, residents and businesses requesting a new phone number may receive one with the new area code. Numbers with the new area code will only be assigned once there is no longer a sufficient supply of numbers within the existing area codes.

The introduction of a new area code in a region does not affect the geographic boundaries for local calling areas or the way long distance calls are dialed. Special numbers such as 211, 311, 411, 611 and 911 will not be affected and will still be dialed using only three digits.

Ms. Pugliese told The Expositor, “The new area codes will have the same rate (cost structure). If you have an area code of 705 or get an area code of 683 for a new number, it will be the same rate.” The 613 area code was introduced in 1947 and the

705 area code was created in 1957. Over the years, increasing demand for telephone numbers, particularly for wireless services, created a need for additional numbers to serve customers in the province. In response to this increasing demand, the area code 343 was added in 2010 to serve the regions covered by area code 613 and the area code 249 was introduced in 2011 to serve the regions covered by the area code 705.



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Part-time permanent
MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
BUILDING CUSTODIAN

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

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

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:
Reposted - TWO (2) SHELTER WORKERS

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

The Shelter Workers will report to and work under the general guidance of the Drug Strategy Coordinator.

JOB SUMMARY:

The Shelter Workers will carry out a variety of duties related to the operation of an emergency shelter including accepting referrals based on predetermined criteria, intake and orienting individuals, providing support and advocacy that meet the needs of individuals entering the shelter. Including but not limited to the provision of food, clothing, and support toward the resolutions of issues that have rendered them homeless. The Shelter Worker will focus on building and maintaining relationships and providing individuals with a safe space to sleep.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Performs shelter intake on established criteria; notifies the Drug Strategy Coordinator and identifies available services in and around community.
- Welcomes new individuals, informing them of the aid available, shelter rules and making them comfortable through methods such as providing support, supervision, food, clothing, and shelter.
- Observes individuals and their environments to ensure the safety of individuals and the premises by performing duties such as reporting unsafe conditions, incidents and/or behaviours, interacting with individuals including observing behaviour, investigating disturbances, dealing with emergencies in accordance with guidelines and reporting incidents to appropriate staff and/or authorities. De-escalate volatile situations through methods such as non-violent crisis intervention techniques.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Preferred:

- Completion of a Certificate or Diploma in a Human Services area
- Valid G Licence
- First Aid and CPR
- Good relationships with and knowledge of the community
- Experience working in the field of Mental Health and Addictions

Minimum:

- Grade 12 or equivalent
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to make connections

Conditions of Employment:

- Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations
- Police CRC

SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge/familiarity with related resources such as: Mental Health, Income Assistance, Harm Reduction, Trauma Informed Practice, Addictions Support organizations, etc. is an asset.
- Ability to work independently and in cooperation with others
- Ability to observe and recognize behavioural changes and resolve problems in individuals
- Ability to establish and maintain rapport individuals accessing services

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31st, 2021 @ 3:00 P.M.

Interested applicants must submit: Cover Letter, Resume, three (3) References (2 work-related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and applicable certifications to:

CONFIDENTIAL: SHELTER WORKERS
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation,
53 Highway 551, P.O. Box 333
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0
Or employment@mchigeeng.ca

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Qualified applicants must have the demonstrable abilities to work quickly and efficiently to deadlines, manage a large work flow, manage their own and others' time and to work in a team environment. Correct written English usage with a firm grounding in spelling, grammar and punctuation is an expectation.

If you meet these qualifications, please apply, with references, to:

The Manitoulin Expositor, attention Dave Patterson
email: expositor@manitoulin.com
post: Box 369, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

Deadline for applications is Friday, January 28, 2022 at 4:00pm

We thank all applicants; only those being considered will be contacted.

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls  **Rachael Orford**

We are almost a full month into 2022! There are only a handful of classes left in the first semester which makes it even more mind-blowing!

A school joke for you: When I was a kid, my English teacher looked my way and said, "Name two pronouns." I said, "Who, me?"

The MSS Student Council is looking for students' input on events and spirit days at school for the second semester. Student Council recognizes that it has been a hard few years in terms of school events and participation. They hope that some events can be held during second semester, but everything will depend on the situation with COVID-19 and restrictions at any point. There is a Google Form that students can individually fill out. The form includes questions about past events, their success and outreach as well as what students would like to see for events in the future. This is the URL link to the form: <https://forms.gle/ooajfZep6fbZ2bUa9>.

As part of the Ontario government's back-to-school plan that was announced a few weeks ago, all students were given two

COVID-19 rapid antigen tests last week during their second period classes. Students on spare were to receive them through the main office.

Just a note for all students looking to apply to college this year! College applications are due on Tuesday, February 1. If you haven't applied yet, make sure you do it before the deadline. If you have any last-minute questions, please see any of the guidance counsellors in the guidance office or you can email them.

Next Wednesday, February 2 is the last day of classes for the first semester. There will be no class on Thursday, February 3, and Friday, February 4 is a Professional Development (PD Day). Yes, this means a four-day weekend for students!


Joke of the week: There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. Only a fraction of people will find this funny.

Upcoming events include the end of first semester, a PD Day, and Grade 9 Information Night on February 10.

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



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INDIGENOUS RE-INTEGRATION AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

Location: United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation
Duration: Full-time Permanent (pending funding)

The Indigenous Re-integration Supportive Services (IRSS) Program worker provides support to the Manitoulin Youth Justice Services Probation Officer with respect to Indigenous youth aged 12-17, at the time of the offence, who have been found guilty and are currently on probation, conditional supervision or community supervision. Through this program, services will be provided to youth primarily from the six UCCMM member First Nations, as case management directed, and any off-reserve First Nation population in the District of Manitoulin.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Meet regularly with the Youth Probation Officer and the UCCMM Justice Manager to discuss clients, cases, community supervision plans, evaluation of progress and develop treatment plans for youth;
- Work closely with home communities of clients in developing re-integration plans, case management conferences, and ensuring all potential community supports are secured before discharge;
- Liaise with community service providers (i.e. Elders, Social Service and Health Service providers, cultural programs, youth programs, UCCMM Justice Program) to identify resources for youth on Probation;
- Develop community profiles which highlight existing supports and resources, gaps and plans to develop programs and services for youth;
- Maintain client files, database, and quarterly activity, statistical, and financial reports;
- Follow all monitoring directives as laid out in the service contract;
- Maintain strict confidentiality of client identity and information at all times;
- Develop an evaluation tool to solicit feedback from Youth Justice Services, and resources utilized within the six First Nation communities and justice stakeholders (UCCM Anishinabe Police, Manitoulin OPP, Courts, and service agencies, etc.);
- Provide the following supports to youth, as referred by the Youth Probation Officer: Mentorship, Anger Management, Community Service Hours, School Support, Re-integration Support;
- Participate in the Child and Youth Service Providers' Network of Mnídoo Mnísing;
- Attend and participate in activities and programming related to the UCCMM Justice Program including but not limited to the U-Turn Program;
- Other related duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum, post-secondary Social Work diploma or degree, Child and Youth Worker diploma, or equivalent in a helping field;
- Minimum of two years' social services work experience with Indigenous youth;
- Must have knowledge of local Anishinaabe teachings, culture, communities, history, elders and local issues facing Indigenous people;
- Must follow Anishinaabe red road teachings, promotion of positive role models and healthy lifestyles;
- Must have ability to maintain administrative instruments (workplans, reports, files, correspondence);
- Must have knowledge of services available in the Districts of Manitoulin/Sudbury/Algoma for Indigenous people;
- Available to work evenings and weekends as required;
- Valid driver's licence (proof must be provided with application) and access to a vehicle;
- Up-to-date and clear Vulnerable Sector Screening check if selected.

Remuneration: \$42,000.00
Closing Date: Until Filled

To Apply:
 Mail or deliver a complete package which must include the following:
 1) cover letter
 2) resume
 3) copy of valid Ontario driver's licence
 4) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a supervisor/manager.

Incomplete, emailed or late packages will not be considered. Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.
 Mark "Confidential-IRSS" to:
 Hazel Recollet
 Chief Executive Officer
 United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing
 Box 275
 M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0




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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
 Salary Range: \$43,650 - \$53,350 (with Extended Health Benefits)
 Term: 2 Year Contract (with High Possibility of Extension)

Position Summary:
 The Communications Officer shall establish and implement effective communication strategies for the benefit of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Members. The Communication Officer shall collaborate with Senior Management and Administrative personnel to develop a communication, program-focused strategy on bringing information to the community through a variety of communication methods.

Reporting Relationship:
 The Communications Officer reports to the Enaagdenjged and works collaboratively with Chief and Council and Senior Management to establish and implement effective communication strategies for the benefit of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Citizens.

Essential Functions:
Administration & Communications Planning

- Prepares, coordinates and/or assists in the preparation of information materials and reports for general disbursement, postal mail on and off reserve, bulk mail, general community gatherings, etc.

Departmental Support

- Develop positive and professional relationships with staff, members and communicate Chief and Council priorities, and Department Programs and initiatives. Ensuring consistent and effective messaging on behalf of M'Chigeeng First Nation.
- Updating events, calendars, news items, Chief and Council messaging, employment opportunities, department content, educational opportunities and deadlines and general content.

Database

- Manage email contacts, surveys, comments and internal folders and files.

Website & Media Relations

- Maintain, update, design, the official M'Chigeeng First Nation Website and Social Media sites.

Qualification & Requirements
Preferred:

- Diploma in Business Administration, Communications, or other related field of study.
- Extensive knowledge of various social media platforms.
- Strong interpersonal and relationship building skills to develop trust and positive working relationships with Chief and Council senior management, employees, and community.
- Strong knowledge of the M'Chigeeng First Nation and M'Chigeeng First Nation members.

Minimum:

- A combination of education and training with two years' experience related to the areas of responsibility of Communications.
- Strong knowledge of general office procedures and applications.
- Knowledge of various social media platforms.
- Hands-on experience with productivity applications, including word processing, email clients, and presentation software.
- Knowledge of the M'Chigeeng First Nation and M'Chigeeng First Nation members.

Other:

- Experience in planning events; experience in preparation of newsletters, communications, bulletins, calendars, etc. for distribution.
- Excellent time management skills, multi-tasking skills, ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision.
- Demonstrated experience applying knowledge of research methodologies and analysis techniques.
- Strong knowledge, understanding of the Anishinabek people and M'Chigeeng First Nation language, practices, values, and history.
- Valid "G" Driver's Licence and access to reliable vehicle.

DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022 @ 12:00 P.M.

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

CONFIDENTIAL: COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
 c/o Human Resources
 M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
 Fax 705-377-4980 OR employment@mchigeeng.ca

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Northeast Town Council Notes

Swing Bridge heritage

Like all of Manitoulin's municipal councils, Northeast Town council reviewed a letter from Stantec Engineering on the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) of the Little Current swing bridge.

Mayor MacNevin gave a synopsis of the report. "In a nutshell, an HIA is done to see if a structure can be preserved." He noted that they already know the bridge can't be saved and needs to be demolished. He explained that the consultants are seeking input on other ways to commemorate the storied bridge.

The mayor made the tongue-in-cheek suggestion that Gore Bay take the old bridge, "and open it every two hours."

Councillor Bill Koehler asked if any thought was given to leaving the old bridge where it is and leaving it open. The mayor told him he thought that had been ruled out.

Councillor Al Boyd said he had heard from numerous members of the public that it would be nice to see the old bridge kept somewhere on display, suggesting Goat Island as a location. He said he realized that the cost of doing this, both in terms of which government body could be responsible for such a move and its ongoing upkeep, raises questions.

Councillor Dawn Orr suggested council first find out what is available to maintain from the old bridge, such as the bridge-master's house.

Fire Department report

Fire Chief Duane Deschamps gave the fire department report at the January 18 meeting of Northeast Town council. He informed council that the department had responded to four calls for service in January: a carbon monoxide call on Sheguiandah First Nation, a structure fire on the Green Bush Road, an alarm call at the hospital and a chimney fire in Little Current.

Community Services report

Manager of community services, Reid Taylor, gave his report to council, reminding councillors that the rec centre remains closed as per provincial orders. An outdoor rink has been installed at the rec centre tennis courts with potential plans for a second outdoor rink at Low Island, at Nolan Sisson Park, weather permitting.

The Drive Test program continues to operate from the recreation centre.

Mr. Taylor shared that the tender results for a new ice resurfer and edger came in with staff recommending the bid for a new Olympia ice resurfer and edger in the amount of \$98,298.70,

including HST. Two bids were received.

Councillor Jim Ferguson asked where the money was coming from to pay for the new rec centre purchase, and asked what an edger was.

The funding is coming 75 percent from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation with the remaining 25 percent from ice resurfer reserve account. Mr. Taylor explained that the new edger is self-propelled, a walk-behind tool that shaves the ice along the edge of the boards to match the level of the rest of the ice surface.

Public Works report

Ed Steeves gave the January public works report, noting to council that daily road patrols, plowing and sanding, sidewalk clearing and snow removal are all being carried out and that landfill operations are going well.

Councillor Michael Erskine asked Mr. Steeves if the new 40 km/h rule that applies to provincially-contracted plows pertains to the municipality. Mr. Steeves explained that the municipal trucks don't have the same governing system and that it did not apply here.

Councillor Barb Baker thanked public works for doing a great job on keeping the Water Street sidewalk cleared.

Building controls report

CAO Dave Williamson gave the municipal building control report for the year ending December 31,

2021. One hundred and two permits were issued in 2021 with six renewals. The total value of the construction to date is \$15,856,000 with a total building permit revenue of \$190,803.

Mr. Williamson shared with council that this is a new record.

Councillor Erskine asked when the municipality might see a return through new assessments. Mr. Williamson said it typically takes place the following year.

Code of conduct review

Staff recommended three changes to council's code of conduct: that under the informal complaint procedure heading, the timeline to address issues be changed to three months from no timeline and under mediated complaints, that it be changed to 30 business days from 15 business days to convene a meeting with the complainant, "if the councillor agrees that mediation may resolve the alleged issue."

Lastly, also under the mediate complaint procedure, paragraph d) was deleted, which states, "A copy of the minutes of the meeting shall be made available to the complainant and the accused councillor."

In camera

Following an in camera session, council passed a motion to stop up, close and sell a piece of property on an unopened road allowance between 219 and 229 Highway 540 in Little Current.

January 11 Financial reports

At its January 11 meeting, Northeast Town council approved its December 2020 payroll expenses at \$107,293.19 and its accounts for payment, \$599,378.72.

December 2021 brought the municipality's tax account down to \$215,640.95 owing in taxes. Treasurer Sheryl Wilkin told council that this is the lowest rate of tax receivables she has ever seen at year-end.

Likewise, for water and sewer, December 2021 held a negative balance of \$18,966.25. Ms. Wilkin explained that this was thanks to the uptick in use of pre-authorized debits for water and sewer payments and the fact that the new water bills had not yet gone out.

Borrowing bylaw and tax levy

Council passed its annual borrowing bylaw, to open a line of credit for \$2 million at TD Canada

Trust in case it is needed until taxes are collected. CAO Dave Williamson noted to council that in his 17 years with the municipality, the line of credit has only been accessed once.

Council also approved its annual tax levy, which allows the municipality to make the first of the tax bills at 50 percent of last year's property owner's taxes, and that any difference will be made up on the last tax bill of the year.

Snowplow tender results

Council reviewed its sole tender for a new snowplow, a 2022 automatic, tandem-axle Western Star valued at \$329,900 plus HST.

Councillor Jim Ferguson asked why it was a tandem axle and not a single axle.

Manager of public works Wayne Williamson explained that it is a rural plow, so it holds more sand as it has more kilometres to travel on its lengthy routes.

Mr. Williamson also not-

ed that the plow is an automatic as drivers of standard vehicles are becoming harder to find.

In camera

Council went in camera for "a proposed or pending disposition or acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes" and for "personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local employees."

One motion was passed out of camera, that the municipality renews its five-year lease with Canada Post, which occupies a portion of the lower half of the municipal building on Water Street in Little Current.

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Call for Tender - Electoral Officer

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve is seeking an Electoral Officer for the next election of Chief and Council on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve is issuing a tender call for interested and qualified individuals to ensure all aspects of the First Nation Election process are conducted and followed accordingly.

Preference will be given to applicants who are of Aboriginal Descent.

MINIMUM EDUCATION - Grade 12 diploma

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Demonstrated communications skills
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and in varying environments
- Demonstrated ability to organize teams and projects
- Advanced keyboarding skills
- Working knowledge of MS Word, Excel and database programs
- A valid Ontario driver's licence and have own transportation
- Working knowledge of elections process as it pertains to the registration of eligible voters and voting
- Demonstrated knowledge of the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve government

DUTIES:

- Electoral Officer is to enforce the election rules of the Indian Act
- Conduct an orderly voting process, along with the registration of eligible on and off-reserve band members
- Work independently as the senior elections officer to clarify voters' lists, identify voting anomalies, and coordinate and confirm times dates and locations for voting
- Ensure that as many eligible First Nation voters as reasonably possible are included in the voter registration process
- Maintain a system to accurately track all communications with eligible voters and voter registrations
- Ensure the capacity for handling all requirements of the election vote at the First Nation level and prepare and establish alternate voting arrangements as required
- Arrange and manage the logistics for the elections vote (i.e. renting space, printing ballots, procuring ballot boxes, etc.)
- Develop and implement contingency plans for unforeseen circumstances regarding the voters and voting process (i.e. ferry breakdown, arranging for water taxis, etc.)
- Preparing complete and accurate reports on the results of the ratification process and the ratification vote

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: Wikwemikong Director of Operations

Applications shall be sealed and delivered to the front desk at the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve Administration Building, Executive Administrative Assistant to Chief and Council **No later than MARCH 08, 2022, @ 2:00 PM**

Tender Packages must consist of the following: **Cover letter, resume and at least two current letters of reference, proposal, workplan and budget.** Your Tender package must be clearly marked with your name Tender Reference Name. Faxed or emailed tenders is acceptable.

We thank all who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
EMAIL: Executive Administrative Assistant to Chief and Council at marilynjacko@wikwemkoong.ca

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KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCFs) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCFs honours and supports our families' and community's inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs.

We are now accepting applications for the following positions:

Youth in Transition Worker: Sudbury
Data Analyst (12 Month Contract: Multi Year) Sudbury
Closing Date: January 28, 2022

For additional position details and detailed job description, visit
Employment Opportunities on our website at
<https://www.kgcf.org/employment-opportunities>

KGCFs offers competitive wages, immediate and generous benefits package, and an employer matched OMERS pension plan.

At KGCFs we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. KGCFs services are based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates (please self-identify).

Death Notices

PERRY CHRISTOPHER CUOMO March 2, 1984 - January 21, 2022



It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of our son and brother, Perry Christopher Cuomo Jr. of Sudbury, age 37. Perry Jr. (PJ) passed away peacefully with his loving parents by his side after a short battle with a brain tumor. He is predeceased by his grandparents Louis and Beatrice Nowicki and Uncle Clifford. Lovingly remembered by his parents Perry and Joanne Cuomo, sister Christa (husband Chris King), brother Danny (wife Sarah), sister Patricia (fiancee Simon DiRago) and brother Mario (partner Keeshan Cunningham), his grandparents Dan and Delma Cuomo, 'Kin' Jaime Canard, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Private Sapper Cuomo was a proud member of the Canadian Armed Forces serving as a Combat Engineer. He deployed with 2 TP, 23 Field Squadron as part of Operation Archer, Task Force, Afghanistan, ROTO 3-06. He was a soldier's soldier, well respected by his peers, stood out to his commanders and had a lasting positive impact on his friends, teammates and brothers/sisters in arms. Sapper Cuomo was known for his unshakable will. After one lengthy, and particularly difficult portion of training, his course staff spouted "Sapper Cuomo, no matter how hard we try, we can't seem to wipe that grin off of your face!" Fittingly, he was awarded the Warrior Spirit Award upon graduation his QL-3 course, and the General Campaign Star for his deployment to Afghanistan. PJ enjoyed being outdoors and at camp, sitting by the campfire and cracking jokes. He was friends with people from many walks of life, with a trove of stories and adventures to match, a risk-taker eager to live new experiences. He was the kind of guy who would give you the shirt off of his back, even if it was the only one he had. PJ was fiercely loyal to his family and friends, always there for anyone day or night, he will be one "bad-ass" guardian angel to us all. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses at Toronto Western Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital, HSN Sudbury and Manitoulin Health Centre Hospice. Special thank you to everyone who stood by us in our time of need, lending a helping hand, wherever they could. Due to the current COVID restrictions, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations to 'Soldier On' a foundation for wounded Canadian Veterans, can be made in PJ's honour at <https://www.soldieron.ca/>. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [IslandFuneralHome.ca](https://www.islandfuneralhome.ca/).

HAROLDINE ANNE AINSLIE



Haroldine Anne Ainslie of Espanola passed away peacefully at her home with family by her side on January 17, 2022, at the age of 69. A loving wife, mother, grandmother and a devoted friend, Haroldine was a retired teacher, having taught at A.B. Ellis Public School in Espanola for 27 years. She was always physically active, participating in AquaFit, From Soup to Tomatoes and walking. Always the gracious hostess, Haroldine generously opened her home to guests, readily sharing funny stories and delicious home-cooked meals. Haroldine welcomed any opportunity to join a friend for tea, or fish and chips on Manitoulin Island, and she loved jaunts to the beach at Providence Bay. But nothing made her eyes sparkle and warmed her heart more than spending quality time with her little granddaughter, Livia. Haroldine was predeceased by her parents, Mick Clarke and Patricia Clarke (nee Ferguson). Beloved wife of Bill, loving mother of Paul (Liane) of Espanola and Kari Pearce (Jordan) of North Bay and cherished "Gamma H" to granddaughter Livia. Dear sister of Colleen Morin of Ottawa. She will also be sadly missed by many close friends and relatives. The family would like to thank Dr. Masters, Dr. Emack and NP Erin Neufeld and all of the medical providers from the Espanola Regional Hospital, the Northeast Cancer Centre and Bayshore Home Health who were involved in her care. Cremation will be followed by a Celebration of Life at a later date. If so desired, donations to the Northern Cancer Foundation would be appreciated. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

ALEXANDER LEE STEPHAN CYWINK NIIGONGIZHIK "Zeek"

Sunrise, November 7, 1958 - Sunset, January 12, 2022



The family announces with great sorrow the passing of Alexander "Zeek" Cywink in his 64th winter. Born in Little Current, he was the beloved son of Estelle (nee McGregor) (baa) and Wilfred Cywink (baa). Alex grew up in Whitefish River First Nation. He was the loving brother of 12 siblings: Monica (baa), Wilfred (Lucy), Sam (baa), Anna Marie (baa) (Melvin, baa), Naomi, Ingrid (Ken), Carl (Deborah), Vivian, John, Margaret (Tom), Sonya (baa), and Anastasia (Eric). He loved all of his nieces, nephews and countless cousins and relatives across the territories. Alex was a strong believer in Anishnabeadaawin, always protecting his sisters - he was devoted to seeking justice for his sister Sonya. He was a founding member and executive producer of an interactive exhibit, Shades of Our Sisters, which celebrates the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women. He graduated from Espanola High School and was also a graduate of the Electronic Engineering Technician program at George Brown College. He was a man of many talents. He worked in trades - in construction, home renovations, as an electrician, with CP Rail and did telecommunication wiring. He was an avid writer and researcher. One of his major works was the Indian History Film Project through the Canadian Plains Research Centre at the University of Regina. For many years, Alex lived in Toronto and worked for Streehelp Outreach Services (street patrol) with Na-Me-Res. He also worked for Anishnaabe Health and Ve'ahavta Mobile Jewish Response distributing food. A highlight of his career was working in the film industry. He worked on numerous film sets, movies, and commercials, namely, Shaun of the Dead. Alex was a Knowledge-Keeper and Storyteller, he always had a story to tell you. He shared stories of his family, his life in Toronto, his many philosophies, but mostly he made you laugh with his quick wit and humour. He liked reading, cooking, movies, photography, and being outdoors. He enjoyed attending powwows and cultural events and made ceremonies a part of his everyday life. Most of all, he loved being around his family and friends. He is deeply loved by his family and friends and will be missed forever. Visitation was at Island Funeral Home on Monday, January 17, 2022 from 4:30 to 9 pm, Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 4:30 to 9 pm and Wednesday, January 19, 2022 from 9:30 am to 1 pm. A private Funeral Service at 2 pm followed. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

ROBERT "SCOTT" LOVE



Scott passed away on January 20, 2022, at the North Bay Regional Health Centre after a short battle with cancer. He will be dearly missed by his sister, Amanda (Tristan); his nephews, Cooper and Parker, as well as his many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Most of all, Scott will be very missed by his precious dog Penny. Scott is predeceased by his parents, Mike and Marie Love. Scott was witty, kind, smart, optimistic and a loving soul. He loved literature, TV and movies, especially adventure and fantasy. He always had so many recommendations. Scott loved his family. He absolutely adored his two nephews and loved playing games and nerf battles with them. He also enjoyed going out for dinner with friends, especially Chinese buffet and endless shrimp. He was a proud brother of TKE fraternity while at Carleton University earning his history degree. He loved his family's farm and Manitoulin was always home. Gone too soon but will never be forgotten. As per Scott's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date with interment at Mindemoya Cemetery. Donations may be made in Scott's memory to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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.

MELVINA MARIE CORBIERE (nee Fox)

Tkibi Kwe (Cold Spring Woman),
Wagoosh Clan
October 22, 1937 - January 18, 2022



Melvina began her journey to the Spirit World at the age of 84 after battling cancer, surrounded by family in the comfort of her home. Melvina was a loving wife of 64 years, mother of eight, grandmother of 19, great-grandmother of 23 and foster mother to many. Melvina loved to visit with family and friends, cook large family meals and try new recipes. She was famous for her lemon and raisin pies and her cabbage rolls. She loved to read books, watch baseball, hockey, play cards, bingo, and the slot machines. She was a lifetime educator who started her teaching career at the age of 16. She taught at both the elementary and secondary level before fulfilling the role of principal and Education Director for M'Chigeeng First Nation. After retirement, Melvina worked with the Anishinabemowin Revival Program to develop resources and continued her own passion for writing stories. Melvina will be sadly missed by her husband Ron (of 64 years) and children Carol (predeceased), Ray (Sophie), Dennis (Anong), Darren (Susan), Debbie (Earl), Lorraine (Arnold), Lisa (Lindsay), and Dale. Predeceased by her mother, Kate Assinewai and father, Wilfred Fox, brothers David, Junior, and sister Arlene. Survived by siblings Alex, Norma, Grace, Marvin, Liz, Laura, and Yvette. Visitation was at Island Funeral Home on Thursday, January 20, 2022 from 4 - 5:15 pm. Visitation was at Melvina's Home, 71A Corbiere Road, M'Chigeeng on Friday, January 21, 2022 starting at 9 am. Immediate Family Funeral Service was held on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 11 am. Cremation followed. Burial of ashes will be in the Spring. A Sacred Fire was lit at Melvina's family home where friends and family were welcomed to come and offer their prayers and extend their farewell messages. COVID restrictions were in effect. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mindemoya Hospital "Let's Emerge Together" at mhc.on.ca. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [IslandFuneralHome.ca](https://www.islandfuneralhome.ca).

JOYCE BESSIE MICHIE

January 29, 1926 - January 21, 2022



In loving memory of Joyce Bessie Michie, who passed away peacefully at the Collingwood Nursing Home with her family by her side at the age of 95. Loving daughter of Charles and Emma White (both predeceased). Beloved wife of "Bud" John Michie (predeceased). Cherished mother of Douglas (Debbie) Michie. Doting grandma of Kelly and Kim (predeceased). Survived by five great-grandchildren and reunited with one great-grandchild. Special great-great-grandmother of 12. Joyce was a dedicated member of the Little Current United Church where she was active in the choir for many years. She was known by her grandkids for her famous butterscotch cookies and her bread box filled with treats for them. In her spare time she enjoyed bowling and doing crossword puzzles. Most of all she was dedicated to her family and loved getting together for family reunions. Visitation was on Monday, January 24, 2022 at Island Funeral Home from 2 pm to 6 pm. A graveside service will be held in the spring. Donations in Joyce's memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Society or the Canadian Cancer Society.

Ice Lake's Chuc Willson pens illustrated book

by Tom Sasvari

ICE LAKE—Ice Lake writer and market gardener Chuc Willson has released an illustrated book entitled 'The Longest Night of the People: A Story of the First Winter Solstice.' It is an uplifting story, something that we could all use these days.

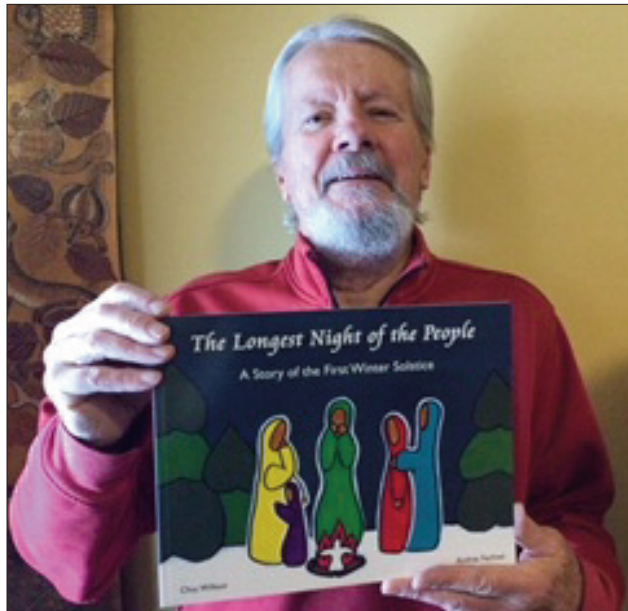
"Imagine the first people to come to earth, they experience spring, winter and fall, and as the hours of light diminish each day and it gets colder, they look at each other in fear," Mr. Willson told The Expositor. "Then there is an event that occurs when one person brings out light, demonstrating that we all have light within ourselves. The intention of the story is to let people know the strength and light they have within themselves. It is definitely an uplifting story."

Written in a rich, lyrical prose, Mr. Willson's story is brilliantly illuminated by 12 evocative paintings by Sudbury artist Andrea Fehner.

Mr. Willson admitted, "probably not the best of times to release a book. We're all pre-occupied with making it safely through the pandemic. A public book launch and book signings are out of the question. But on the other hand, the theme of the book is about finding light in the darkest of times. So perhaps the time is right after all."

Mr. Willson pointed out that the story itself was written several years ago. Since that time, he has shared it with family and friends on winter solstices. But when the decision was made to turn the story into an illustrated book, it seemed to take on a life of its own, he said. "Andrea did a fantastic job with the illustrations."

"Once the book started to come together, a series of small problems caused delays," said the author. "At first these were sources of frustration. Then I decided frustration



Ice Lake writer Chuc Willson has penned a new illustrated book titled 'The Longest Night of the People: a Story of the First Winter Solstice.'

would get me nowhere. So, I let go and allowed the book to follow its own path. To my surprise and delight, the last hurdle was cleared just days before the winter solstice of 2021. There wasn't a lot of fanfare, but the book was released on the full moon two days prior to the solstice."

"Yes, it is my first published book. I have had several writings published, a couple of stories published through the Anthology

with the Manitoulin Writers Circle, and a couple of articles in The Manitoulin Expositor," continued Mr. Willson. "I write for my own enjoyment," he said, noting Ashley Whyte helped him format and edit the book.

"I hope the book cheers people up," stated Mr. Willson. "The time was right to release it. And if things settle down by early summer, Andrea and I will do a public launch at that time

along with book signings and distribution of the book to retailers throughout the region."

The book will appeal to all ages, especially those who love rich, lyrical writing and vibrant paintings with an element of innocence, said Mr. Willson. Children will also enjoy the paintings and love having the story read to them several times.

Mr. Willson has been writing for his own enjoyment for many years. His credits include: winner of the Manitoulin Short Story Contest; publication of short stories in The Manitoulin Expositor, Sudbury Star, Highgrader Magazine and several anthologies. His stories have also been read on CBC Radio Sudbury. He is a member of the Manitoulin Writers Circle.

'The Longest Night of the People' is published under the auspices of Window Publishing, a small publishing company estab-

lished by Linda Willson at the time when her own books were released. To order copies of the book, visit: www.windowpublishing.com. An e-book version is also available on the website.

thank you

John and I would like to thank you all for your incredible ongoing support of us both during the past year when my cancer returned. We have been overwhelmed and humbled by all your good wishes, prayers, cards, messages, food, help, etc. Prayers are being answered - my cancer is shrinking. Thank you, Mary and John Buie

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in memoriam

FINCH—In memory of Pearl Laura Finch, March 25, 1911 to January 28, 1999.

After all these years, I still see that smile and hear the voice, the laugh. I miss that warm, quiet presence. Most of all, I miss the caring, loving person of Maw. Loved always, forever in my heart, Nelda

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FINCH—In memory of Cora Bell Finch, July 7, 1936 to January 24, 2020.

Two years and there is so much more to tell you. I wish that we could sit and bide-a-wee, and talk. But it will have to wait. Miss you so, C.B. Love, Nelda

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the Estate of Robert Archibald Cadden (aka Archie Cadden), late of 464 Lighthouse Rd, Meldrum Bay, who died on or about the 29th day of September 2021, must be filed with the undersigned personal representatives on or before the 18th day of February 2022, thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated this 14th day of January 2022.
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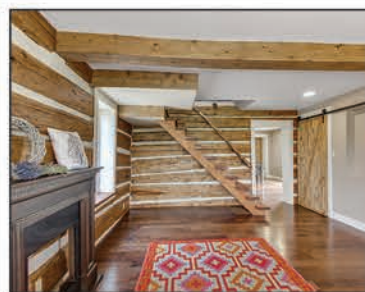
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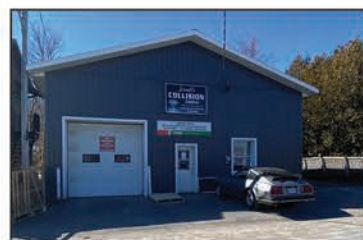
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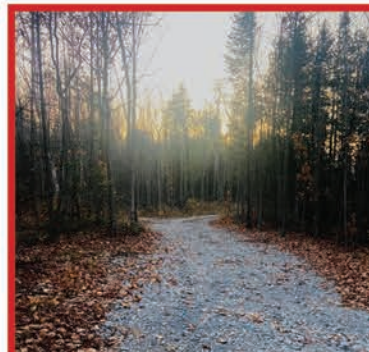
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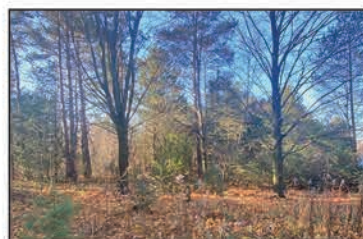
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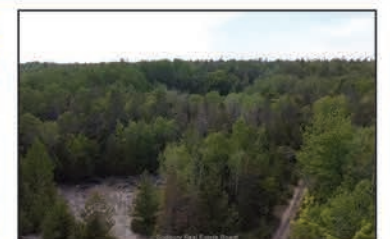
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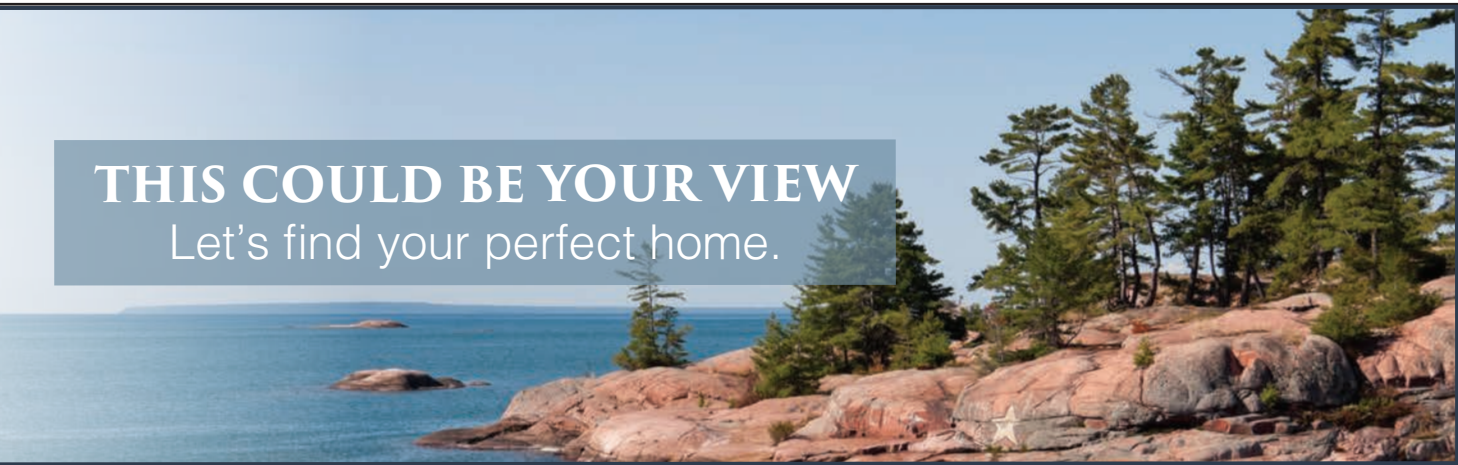
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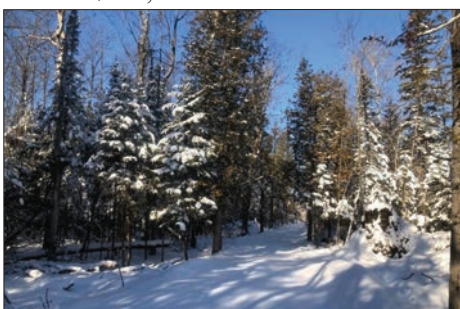
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In both Canada and the United States, the pandemic has shone a new light on the benefits of living in a rural area or small town, opposed to large metropolitan centres.

In Redfin's 2020 first-quarter earnings call, Redfin CEO Glenn Kelman said, "Since March 15, searches for homes and towns with a population under 50,000 people increased 71%."

A recent Harris Poll found that more than 3 in 10 people in America say the pandemic makes them want to live in a rural area. And, 1 in 4 now want to live in a suburb exterior to a major city. In another Harris Poll, nearly 40% of city dwellers answered they are considering leaving the city due to the pandemic.

As Islanders, we understand the draw to the small towns. Trading in an 800 sq. ft. condo for a single detached family home, year-long access to hiking trails and lakes and peace and quiet is what drew many of us here in the first place.



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