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## Wiiky registers complaint, local municipalities agree Hwy 6 maintenance in wintertime needs improving

MANITOULIN—Three eastern Manitoulin communities have raised the alarm over what they feel are poor highway maintenance conditions on Highway 6 between Little Current and South Baymouth.

On December 17, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories Ogimaa Duke Peltier wrote to the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, minister of Transportation.

"Recently, several Wiikwemkoong Unceded citizens have notified me about hazardous road conditions on Highway 6 from Little Current to South Baymouth, Manitoulin Island," the ogimaa wrote. "Apparently, there has been no salt put on the roads after there has been a considerable amount of snowfall. This has caused alarm in Wiikwemkoong, the largest First Nation on Manitoulin. As we are totally reliant on Highway 6 to travel anywhere on or off the Island, this is a major concern to us. Please ensure that there is proper winter maintenance on Highway 6."

The MTO's regional highway maintenance contract holder for Manitoulin, including plowing, is Emcon.

The Township of Assiginack recently followed suit, also writing a letter to Minister Mulroney.

"I would like to add the voice of my community to those of Wiikwemkoong and others on the Manitoulin concerning the glaring discrepancy regarding winter maintenance on sections of Highway 6 and likely other provincial highways on the Manitoulin Island," Assiginack Mayor Dave Ham wrote. "There is an apparent difference in salt application which is causing safety concerns

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**NEW YEAR, NEW BARN**—Alex and baby Chloe, Emily, Ron and Jim Anstice, four generations of Tehkummah dairy farmers, pose with their brand new barn constructed over the fall with finishing touches being done over the winter months. The new barn will make for better animal husbandry and can allow the Anstice farm to increase its quota, should the opportunity arise.

## A nice new red barn

Four generations of Tehkummah farmers plan for future expansion

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—Oshadenah Holsteins is preparing to inaugurate a 14,980-square-foot addition to improve cow housing in a free-stall dairy barn, the latest phase in a multi-year plan to improve operations at the award-winning dairy farm in Tehkummah.

"It's pretty satisfying to see something you've worked hard at to get all planned out finally in a visible form," said Alex Anstice, who manages the operation.

The idea of expansion first emerged about three years ago. Mr. Anstice consulted with a dairy housing designer on ways that he could make his cattle even more comfortable and ensure that he still outputs high-quality milk.

They decided to split the resulting plan into a couple of sections. The 2019 project focused on expanding the manure lagoon and 2020 saw the construction of the new barn, which is 214 by 70 feet in size.

The bulk of the construction ended in December 2020 after about three months of steady work from Manitoulin's Amish builders. It should be fully operational by the summer of 2021 after some finishing touches before then.

"This winter we're going to be

finishing up some insulation in the ceiling, some electrical work and other things like that. We'll start as soon as we can in the spring with interior cement work," Mr. Anstice said.

The new structure will tie into the existing barn, which is contributing to the winter slowdown.

Crews would have to take down the adjoining wall to open up the space, which would make conditions too cold for the animals over the winter.

The new structure will support future growth in its cow capacity

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## COVID committee, health unit plan for vaccine rollout

by Michael Erskine

QUEEN'S PARK—The provincial government is coming under fire for the slow rollout of a provincial vaccination program to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The provincial government has claimed a lack of health professionals over the holidays as the root cause—an assertion that has elicited strong pushback.

"We have had vaccine supplies for two weeks, at least, but delays in the rollout have resulted in the furthering of the spread of

COVID-19 and causing more deaths," said Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha. Mr. Mantha asserted that the Ford government tried to deflect the blame onto health workers. "The RNAO (Registered Nurses Association of Ontario) said they were 'ready and willing to help.' There should be no more excuses. Stop with the talking points, call back the legis-

lature, roll up your sleeves and get to work."

As an aside, Mr. Mantha noted that he spent the holiday season lockdown snuggled in at home. "No cold beers on a warm sunny beach for me," he laughed.

The Manitoulin medical community has not been idle, with the Manitoulin community response

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## The cheque will be in the mail!

Ontario residents receiving carbon dividends directly

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

OTTAWA—On December 16, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, announced the 2021 Climate Action Incentive payment amounts for people who live in provinces that do not have a pollution pricing system of their own (Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta).

As part of their plan to "protect Canadians from the dangers and costs presented by climate change," and to ensure that Canada continues to

reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, the federal government introduced a price on carbon pollution across Canada in 2019. "Pollution has a cost," said Deputy Prime Minister Freeland. "By putting a fair price on pollution across the country, we're making sure Canadians and Canadian businesses have good incentives to innovate and create clean solutions. And for provinces without their own pricing system, we're returning the proceeds with approximately 90 percent going directly to Canadians and, in fact, leaving most better off. Our gov-

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## Climate change clear driver of Lake Huron's high water, long-term forecast uncertain

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—Lake Michigan-Huron experienced its third highest November level for the month and was six centimetres below 2019 levels while December is 10 centimetres below 2019 levels. Aside from Lake Ontario, the rest of the Great Lakes remain well above average and are expected to remain high through the early winter. Both Lakes Michigan-Huron and Erie began December at their fourth highest levels since

1918, the start of the record-keeping period.

November precipitation amounts were below average for all lakes but despite drier conditions, the outflow from Lake Michigan-Huron was the second highest November outflow on record. Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) forecasts that Lake Michigan-Huron will stay below record levels but will remain well above average for the

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# Kenj hosts new Canadian Welding Bureau test site

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—The past couple of years have seen many milestones passed at Kenjgewin Teg, the educational institute based in M'Chigeeng First Nation. Last month students at Kenj's trades centre were able to tackle one of their key Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB) certifications, as the school has been officially recognized as a testing site.

The certification is a very big deal, as possession of a CWB certificate tells employers that a potential worker meets a very exacting level of welding skill.

Five current and former students of the school's welding course were busy burning, grinding and (MIG) welding on steel test plates under the watchful eye of instructor Dave Barnes and J. "The students are doing their all-position, shielded metal arc welding certificate," explained Mr. Barnes. "They start flat, then horizontal, vertical up and then overhead."

"This is an S classification ticket," said Mr. Fournier. "The first stop is visual. The weld is not allowed to be more than three millimetres high (one-eighth of an inch) and it has to be visually acceptable." So it's got to be pretty? "Yes, it has to be pretty," said Mr. Fournier.

But good looks only get you so far. "They start with taking the backing off the plate, then cut the plate into three," explained Mr. Fournier. "The plate is then bent 180° to make sure they hold together. If a crack larger than three millimetres (or one-eighth of an inch) in length it's a fail."

"Arranging and coordinating to become an approved site with the

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From left is Dave Barnes (welding instructor), Destiny Debassige, Teresa Jackson, Percy Roy and Clay Dickson. Missing from group photo is welding student Dean Hare, in inset photo.

photo by Michael Erskine

# Manitoulin Island Legions among national COVID-19 package aid recipients

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) branches on Manitoulin Island are among the beneficiaries of a multi-million dollar federal aid package to help offset the impacts of COVID-19 on operational expenses.

"We are very grateful for this financial assistance as it will assist the branch with our utilities, insurance and administration costs as we weather this pandemic and we continue to work to support our veterans and commu-

nity," stated RCL Branch 177 Little Current president Ruth Eadie.

On December 17, 2020, Branch 177 received \$10,845.05 from the federal government as part of a \$14 million national aid package for RCL, as well as \$6 million for other veterans' organizations.

The funding is intended to cover operational expenses including insurance, utilities, rent or mortgage payments, property tax and administration expenses.

RCL branches had to apply through the provincial command

to request funds. Government figures indicate 52 percent of RCL branches across Canada applied for funding during the intake window in November; the other branches still have an opportunity to apply.

"I certainly congratulate and am very happy for the Little Current Legion and all other Legions that are seeing this funding come in," said Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes.

The MP explained branches who applied were entitled to a

base payment of \$10,289.53 but were permitted to request more if they required additional support.

"This money will go a long way in helping to pay bills that the pandemic has piling up, and hopefully make sure they're able to keep afloat until such time as they're able to start up again under their usual fashion," Ms. Hughes told The Expositor.

Branch 514 in Gore Bay also received some funding, president Carrie Lewis confirmed. She did not wish to discuss the amount her branch received, instead referring that question to treasurer Leigh Major who did not respond to requests for comment by press deadline Monday.

That branch will have received

at least the base amount of \$10,289.53.

"Here we are in another lockdown where we can't be open, so it's very much needed and appreciated," Ms. Lewis said.

Because roughly 52 percent of RCL branches applied for funding, 52 percent of the money (about \$7.2 million of RCL's \$14 million pot) has gone out to branches.

"These are such important facilities in our communities. They do so much for veterans as well as for the general population," Ms. Hughes said. "It's important that we ensure the survival of the Legion within our communities."

# MPP pans Ontario's new draft transportation plan

by Warren Schlote

SUDBURY—The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) released a draft plan for transportation in Northern Ontario on December 10, a document that highlighted 67 initiatives that the Ontario government wishes to implement (or are already in progress) to improve transportation from Parry Sound to James Bay, including the Little Current swing bridge.

"We recognize that the North has unique transportation challenges. Vast distances between communities, winter storms and the natural landscape can make it harder for people to get around. That's why we have developed this Northern Ontario Transportation Plan," stated Transportation Min-

ister Caroline Mulroney in an introductory statement.

On Manitoulin Island, the only project to get a direct mention was the Little Current swing bridge replacement study. The government pledged to "complete the planning, preliminary design and environmental assessment" for the bridge by fall 2021.

## Critic calls plan a 'failure'

Algoma-Manitoulin NDP MPP Mike Mantha, who serves as the opposition critic for Northern Development and Mines, was quick to denounce the document. For him, the plan was "a complete failure from this government," he told The Expositor.

"What we were hoping to hear was how they would address bus-

ing routes, especially on Manitoulin where we've lost that option," said Mr. Mantha, adding that many recent deaths on Northern roads are a clear signal that more maintenance is also required for all road users.

"People are scared to be taking our roads going to work or sending their kids to school. That's the reality. That's the plan that people in Northern Ontario were hoping to hear from this government. This draft plan doesn't even get the merit from me of being called a plan—it's a failure," said Mr. Mantha.

He said he wanted to see the government open its winter maintenance agreements with private contractors to allow for more independent oversight on that work.

"And if you're going to put out a plan, show us some timelines, show us some real investment and some concrete plans in how you're bringing this forward and when it will be happening," he said.

In response to the critique, a spokesperson for Minister Mulroney said the plan was intended

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**I'M YOUR NEIGHBOUR**

**Orr's Valu-mart's Chantelle Simons enjoys the outdoors**

Chantelle Simons has been on the pandemic front lines pretty much since the beginning, joining the intrepid Orr's Valu-mart crew in Little Current around 10 months ago. The essential worker has been helping keep vital supplies flowing to the community with a smile that reaches all the way up to her eyes.

Ms. Simons is very much an Islander, with a leisure focus firmly set on outdoor activities such as hiking around the entire region, with Killarney being one of her favourites. Camping and canoeing are also high on her list of must do activities.

When it comes to indoor activities, Chantelle reaches for her brushes as painting is one



of her passions—landscapes, not houses.

Remember, when you shop locally, you are not only supporting local businesses like Little Current's Orr's Valu-mart, you are helping to support your friends and neighbours, hard-working young individuals like Chantelle.



A Lions 'Toots' donation

Judy MacKenzie accepts a \$1,000 donation to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary made by the Providence Bay Spring Bay Lions Club in memory of the late Audrey "Toots" McDermid from Lion president John Bisailon. A leaf will be placed on the tree of life in memory of the popular Providence Bay resident.

# Council may eliminate need for cab licences in Northeast Town

NORTHEAST TOWN—In a report to council at its last meeting of 2020, held December 23, Northeast Town staff asked council to reconsider its taxi licencing bylaw due to an unfair advantage out-of-town taxi companies have when operating within the municipality.

"At the present time, the town offers four full-time licences and two seasonal licences, of which all are currently purchased—two by Mother's Taxi and two by All-In-One Taxi—however, it is undetermined how many taxis each is really operating because they also operate outside of town and so have multiple vehicles," a staff report states. "There are at least two other companies that take fares in town, one being Jeff's Taxi and the other being Island-Wide Taxi."

"Since we have little way of actually regulating the number of taxis and due to the fact that we do not and have not issued licences for any other businesses in town, staff is requesting council consider revisiting the licencing of taxi cabs."

Councillor Michael Erskine said he would "happi-

ly move to rescind the bylaw" as it doesn't mean a "hill of beans" in terms of revenue for the municipality and that it wasn't fair to those companies who were playing by the rules.

Councillor Bill Koehler disagreed with Councillor Erskine, stating that he thought there should be some loyalty given to those two companies who have paid their licences year after year.

Councillor Jim Ferguson said that while he saw Councillor's Koehler's point, he agreed with Councillor Erskine and didn't think it was fair to charge licencing fees.

"I've had discussions with one taxi operator and asked what could be done," said Councillor Al Boyd. "Indeed, I know there are regulations under the bylaw that provide for equal fares. If we rescind this bylaw, are there ramifications?"

CAO Dave Williamson noted that there is more liability when there's a bylaw in place that can't be enforced. "The truth is, societal rules and federal

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**editorial**

**Sluggish vaccine rollout is a provincial travesty**

The long-awaited news that Ontario has received its first allocations of both the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines was greeted with jubilation and a resurgence of hope by most of the province (over 60 percent of poll respondents say they will step up for the job as soon as it is available)—but the apparently sluggish response of the province in getting those shots into arms defies the imagination, while the Ford government's attempts to foist blame onto our province's beleaguered health care workers is little short of unconscionable.

The arrival of the vaccine was hardly any kind of a surprise, but even had the exact timing of the vaccine's arrival had been uncertain, there has still been an immense amount of time available to ensure that the infrastructure would be in place and ready for a rapid rollout once the doses were in hand.

Thankfully, our Island professionals have put together crucial information on infrastructure and demographics that will help speed up the rollout and submitted that information to Public Health Sudbury and Districts. But there is still a dearth of information available to administrators of long-term care (LTC) facilities as to when and how they will be receiving their allotments of vaccine—that simply defies all logic.

With the bulk of the massive die-off from the virus taking place in our LTC facilities, the question rises as to why all LTC residents were not included in the initial inoculations. The combined total of the two vaccines received to date provide enough doses to treat every single

LTC resident in the province—yet our most vulnerable citizens here in the North are apparently being regulated to the second phase which, according to the province, will perhaps be months away yet. LTC residents in hot spots will be at the head of the line, but evidence is plain that a single incidence of the pandemic getting into a LTC facility on the Island could prove catastrophic.

Our LTC facilities have been down this road repeatedly, with each and every flu season providing more practical experience, with the result that getting all of their residents vaccinated within a day has become the norm.

Our most vulnerable citizens should be at the head of the line when it comes to receiving the vaccine.

In the meantime, while news of the vaccines is a very welcome start to 2021, we must not let down our guard. It is going to take some time before the danger has abated. If we look back to the polio epidemic of the early-to-mid twentieth century, it was still decades before parents could breathe easily when their children left the house to play. While those respective vaccines were introduced in the mid-1950s it was not until later in the 1960s that virus was wrestled into the mat—and the early 1990s before the Americas were finally declared free of that scourge. This particular pandemic will likely not persist as long.

So keep calm, wash your hands, keep your distance and know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, provided enough of us are prepared to roll up our sleeves when our turn comes.

**letters**

**Concern expressed over lack of planning for vaccinations**

*Uncomfortable with the "wait and see" approach*

**To the Expositor:**

Something we are all interested in. So this morning I called our local health unit to register my name for the vaccination. On chatting with the lady I was told there was no firm plans for the vaccination rollout in our area because head office had not issued instructions to do so. If we wait until the product arrives and then start planning we will take a lot longer to stop this virus. And why do we not have this done already?

There seems to be a "wait and see" or "wait till I'm told" attitude and as a senior I do not feel comfortable with this approach considering the number of deaths already experienced in this province.

Grace McLeod  
 Tehkummah

**Manitoulin is not immune to despair**

*A need for an all-inclusive networking system of looking out for each other*

**To the Expositor:**

It may be a good thing to stay home for the holidays this year. All this rushing around multi-tasking drains the brain. And what is really important slips quietly away, unnoticed, as most things do.

"The Shadow Epidemic" contributed 3,600 deaths to suicide in Canada. What is more surprising is the average mean are young men between the ages of 19-35. In an interview with The Current on December 14, 2020, the mayor of Medicine Hat, Ted Clausen, confirmed that suicide rates far exceeded COVID deaths in that city.

What is the significance of those numbers when compared to the recent pandemic strategies employed by the federal and provincial governments. For various reasons, I am skeptical of the panacea being offered in the form of an inadequately tested vaccine as a solution to these problems. We have past the point of no return. Many families have suffered too much loss to fully recuperate. Many small businesses

have closed with no future of reopening. The restructuring of our economy will be long and painful. We have in fact become wards of the government with subsidies doled out at the ministers' pleasure.

We are not immune to this apparent despair on Manitoulin. Recent deaths on the Island have been attributed to suicide. There have been foreclosures. And there will be many more to come. There have been job losses with the expectation of more to follow. What is important is that we form an all-inclusive networking system of looking out for each other. This is not something new. This is the way our grandmothers survived many past hardships.

Perhaps then we will not be seeing picnic tables in Little Current being overturned; covered in a plastic tarp to act as temporary shelters for those who have no home to go to for the holidays.

Lee Weimer  
 Manitowaning

**A call to stand up and be counted on the fate of the Old School**

*A letter of concern for or against will help provide guidance*

**To those concerned about saving Mindemoya Old School:**

I understand that Central Manitoulin council is counting the number of responses received for or against the destruction of the old Mindemoya Continuation School. This is just to add my name to those in favour of saving the school, in hopes that you will do the same. A future complex that might replace the arena could be built in another location, such as on the open field beside Central Manitoulin Public School. I feel there is no need to demolish the Old School in preparation for any future development that could be done on another site.

I am truly trying to understand the reasoning of this council that seems so bent on the destruction of a building of such obvious heritage value. I have asked the council to please try to help me understand where they are coming from, and, in the light of the petition of over 800 names to save the school having been presented, they can still think that destroying the building could possibly follow the wishes of the majority they represent in the municipality.

Whether for or against the impending building destruction, a letter of concern to members of the council might help provide guidance in their municipal decision-making. The list below of councillors' email addresses is taken from the Central Manitoulin Municipality web site.

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 Mindemoya

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**One name on the latest Order of Ontario lineup outrages writer**

*An indication of how little our current premier cares about what is happening in LTC homes*

**To the Expositor:**

I have just read the revolting news that former premier Mike Harris has been awarded the Order of Ontario; this to a man who did more damage to our province during his tenure than any other politician I know of and who, to boot, is also currently chairman of Chartwell long-term care homes. This action surely tells us how little our current pre-

mier really cares about what is happening in such facilities. Shame on you, Doug Ford! Shame on you!  
 Sincerely,

Eric Balkind  
 Gore Bay



# Manitoulin Secondary School gives grads more than \$50,000 in awards

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Public health restrictions prevented Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) from holding an in-person instalment of its annual awards night but school staff pivoted to ensure the many deserving students received recognition for their hard work during their time at the high school.

“The Manitoulin Student Aid Fund committee wishes to thank all of the individuals, groups and organizations who generously contribute to finance the scholarships, bursaries and awards which are being presented here,” stated an introduction to the program listing the award recipients. “The students and graduates of Manitoulin Secondary School greatly appreciate your recognition and assistance.”

This was the 51st year of honouring the school’s graduates and a few current students; MSS distributed more than \$50,000 to students through this year’s awards.

“Their contributions have left a unique mark on our school. It is our sincere hope that we have been able to prepare our graduates with the skills necessary to be successful in their chosen area of interest,” stated MSS principal Jamie Mohamed in his opening message.

He said the school staff were confident that the graduates would continue to be exemplary citizens and that their time at MSS had helped them move closer to their goals.

He thanked parents and the Island community for their contributions toward the students’ post-secondary educations and credited the awards committee for their work to distribute the awards appropriately and fairly.

The 2020 awards are as follows:

## A. J. BUS LINES AWARD (\$500 each)

To two deserving students continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Mya Otosquaib and Rachel Sheppard.

## ALL SAINTS’ ANGLICAN CHURCH GOOD SAMARITAN BURSARY (\$250 each)

Awarded to one boy and one girl in the graduating class who demonstrated the Christian principles of caring and compassion. Presented to Austin Purvis and Madison Swihart.

## DOUGLAS ALLEN BURSARY (\$500)

To a student continuing post-secondary education and for excellence in English. Presented to Rheanne Green.

## OSWALDINE ARGMANN MEMORIAL BURSARY (\$200 each)

Donated by the Argmann family to a graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Britney Biedermann and Zoe Couillard.

## ART DEPARTMENT AWARD GIFT

To a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Zoe Smith.

## ASSIGINACK MUNICIPALITY BURSARY (\$300)

To an Assiginack student continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Ella Stewart.

## AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION BURSARY (\$200 each)

To assist and encourage three graduates from the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation. Presented to Gabriella Corbiere, Grant King and Michael Madahbee.

## BMO, BANK OF MONTREAL BURSARY (\$250 each)

To two deserving graduates continuing post-secondary education in a business-related field. Presented to Britney Biedermann and Kyleigh Biedermann.

## SHANE BEBONANG MEMORIAL BURSARY (\$100)

Presented to a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Pierre Debassige.

## RON BECKS MEMORIAL BURSARY (\$250 each)

Presented to two deserving graduates continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Ella Stewart and Connor Phillips.

## BEST BOOKKEEPING & ACCOUNTING BURSARY (\$250)

Presented to a student continuing post-

secondary education in a business-related field. Presented to Zoe Couillard.

## BIG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BURSARY (\$200)

Presented to a Central Manitoulin graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Marjorie Scott.

## BIG LAKE WOMEN’S INSTITUTE BURSARY (\$100)

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Britney Biedermann

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Presented to a graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Trinity Leeson.

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To assist a graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Nikki Boyle.

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Ben Marshall

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Presented to a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Reece Carter.

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Jasmine Clark

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Donated by the Howland Sr. Citizens Club, to a deserving NEMI area graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Olivia Hall.

## ICE LAKE COMMUNITY BURSARY (\$300)

Awarded to an Ice Lake area graduate continuing post-secondary education. This ...continued on page 12

# Whitefish River First Nation builds four new homes for community members

by Michael Erskine  
BIRCH ISLAND—Anyone undertaking new construction in the later months of the pandemic has run into challenges in acquiring necessary materials, with several construction projects going into hiatus due to shortages—but not Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN). The band

is well on its way to completing construction of four new two-bedroom detached homes located close to Shawanosowe School.

“We purchased the materials back in March and had them held for us for when we could start construction,” noted WRFN Chief Shining Turtle. “It

was a good move, because if we hadn’t locked those materials down and had the suppliers hold them for us we would not be where we are today.”

“We talked to Home Hardware and said ‘keep the materials and the material prices,’” he said. “They put all our material away, so we never had to

have a big fight over prices or material.”

Chief Shining Turtle took The Expositor on a short tour of the building sites, where basements of high R-value insulated concrete form foundations are taking shape and construction crews were hard at work.

“We have the same con-

tractors (Lignum Builders Ltd.) as the elders’ residence,” said WRFN Housing Manager Georgina Recollet. “They contracted to start the houses in October.”

The warm weather has played a key role in helping keep the construction on track, said Chief Shining Turtle. “If you don’t have it, guys are shovelling snow all day. Now we have the foundations in, the

walls can go in. They can tarp things over, bring in space heaters and portable power. Guys can do the work and go home.”

“We are building our future,” said Chief Shining Turtle. “We have young families moving here. Whether there is COVID or not, we are committed to the future of this community. We’ve come too far to turn our backs to the wind.”



## Law & Order

### Access to OPP Manitoulin detachment restricted during lockdown

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is taking action to help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 by restricting the access to its facilities, including detachments, across the province.

The OPP is limiting the processing of routine criminal record checks/vulnerable sector checks and finger printing to essential workers/volunteers only. Anyone seeking entry to OPP Manitoulin detachment must make an appointment first. Individuals will be pre-screened and are required to have proper personal protective equipment prior to entering the detachment.

If you require any detachment-based service, including criminal record checks/vulnerable sector checks, please call 1-888-310-1122 in advance for an appointment. Our operating hours are 8 am to 4 pm.

For emergencies, please call 9-1-1. For all other police matters, please call 1-888-310-1122 or your local detachment. Report online by visiting opp.ca/reporting.

The OPP thanks the public for helping us to keep our communities safe by using the means listed above to avoid unnecessary contact.

### Manitoulin OPP lays its 62nd impaired driving charge

On December 27 at approximately 6:08 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a traffic complaint of a possible impaired driver on Highway 6 in Espanola.

Police located the vehicle and determined the driver had consumed alcohol. The driver was arrested and brought to the Little Current detachment for further testing.

As a result, Brandon Pegelo, 26 years old of Sandfield, was charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs; operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (BAC) 80 plus; driving while under suspension; and novice driver, BAC above zero.

The accused was released on an undertaking to appear and also two provincial summons and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on January 27 in Gore Bay.

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

This charge marked the 62nd driver charged under criminal impaired driving laws in the Manitoulin OPP detachment area in 2020.

### Male arrested under Immigration Act

On December 16, United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Anishnaabe Police Service received information that a male that had been previously deported from Canada was rumoured to be in M’Chigeeng First Nation. An investigation was commenced and the male was indeed found to be in a residence in M’Chigeeng.

The male was subsequently arrested under Section 55 (2) of the Immigration Act and taken into custody. Canada Border Service Agency was contacted and now investigating the matter.

### Female charged under Quarantine Act

On December 10, UCCM Anishnaabe Police were notified by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Emergency Operations Centre requesting a quarantine compliance check on a female in M’Chigeeng as per order by the Public Health Agency of Canada. The individual had travelled out of the country and was to be in quarantine for 14 days from December 4 to December 17, inclusive, upon her return to Canada.

On December 10 the individual was located and found to be in breach of the order and charged under Section 58 of the Quarantine Act.

On December 16 the same individual was observed leaving a business in M’Chigeeng. Police again issued a second charge for breach of the quarantine order. Charged was a 36-year-old female of M’Chigeeng.

UCCM Police would like to remind those who travel out of country of the mandatory 14-day quarantine. Police ask that you report those who may be in contravention of the Quarantine Act. Stay safe and healthy!

### OPP investigates collision resulting in impaired driving charges

On December 13 at approximately 8:59 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP, with the assistance of Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Paramedic Services, responded to a motor vehicle collision rollover on Highway 540 in Honora Bay.

Police arrived and learned two occupants were uninjured and the driver sustained non-life threatening injuries.

Police also determined the driver had consumed alcohol and further testing was completed.

As a result, Robert Edwards, 29 years old, of Little Current was arrested and charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs; operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (BAC) 80 plus; and novice driver, BAC above zero.

The accused was released on an appearance notice and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on January 27 in Gore Bay.

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



Whitefish River First Nation Chief Shining Turtle (Franklin Paibomsai) gives two thumbs up while one of four new two-bedroom homes being constructed in the community rises around him.

photo by Michael Erskine

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## Manitoulin Sporting Life



### Karate!

The Manitoulin School of Martial Arts has been one organization that has been the closest at assuming their usual protocols. Although not without effort, students have been able to train on their own to bring their precision to the next level.

Shihaan **Dan Fletcher** has been receiving videos regularly, among others from **Emma and Cameron Chaytor** and **Cora Edwards** on a regular basis all three are making great improvements even while dealing with distancing issues.

They have all have been training for two years. The Chaytor siblings are yellow belts working towards orange and Cora is orange and eager to go for green.

Shihaan Dan is optimistic when quoted as saying, "The pandemic has changed our training ways but we are making do."

Hats off to you and your MSMA. Shihaan, keep it up.

### Outdoor desert hockey?!

According to multiple reports, the NHL is planning to stage a two-game "Outdoor Weekend" showcase at Lake Tahoe in Nevada during the 2020-21 season.

The event will likely feature the Colorado Avalanche vs. the Vegas Golden Knights on February 20, followed by the Boston Bruins vs. the Philadelphia Flyers on February 21.

During a challenging season, the NHL is interested in holding picturesque events, which according to The Athletic's **Scott Burnside** will feature a rink built around the final holes of the Edgewood Tahoe Resort—which hosts a popular celebrity golf tournament.

Roughly 400 people, including players, team staff and workers will be allowed to attend, but no fans, says Sportsnet's **Elliott Friedman**, who was the first to report the story.

Friedman says the event will give broadcasters a unique opportunity to capture footage using drones.

### From the desk of Dad!

**Jason Maurice** would have been 40 years old last week. It has been 11 years since I wrote "The Goalie is Missing."

Jason was an amazing goaltender, but even more importantly, Jason embodied what can happen if one commits themselves to dedicate to improve to their potential. Jason took no shortcuts as he trained to be one of the top-notch goalies of the NDHL. Jason was known to perform many hand-eye coordination activities, dry-land training drills, on his own accord, without pressure from his coaches.

It is with sadness that this talent is no longer with us. We all miss his kind manner and willingness to help others. We can all strive to be the kind of athlete, and person, Jason was.

### Coaches be coaching!

**Gerry Holliday** has long been a coach who has gone above and beyond what anyone would envisage a training guide to do. Back in the day he drove his van down the Carter Bay Road with runners in the back, surfing! Although not the traditional sense of what one might expect us land-lubbers may recognize as any surf related activity. \*RDSB officials need not inquire.

Coach Holliday, however, can never not be a coach and is always willing to take athletes to their next level if they are willing to accept the challenge...and they better be willing!

In our COVID days there tends to be an apathy with many athletes who figure, if there is no actual, real live, race, meet, competition in general, why would one try to improve themselves?

Gerry tends to gravitate towards the oppositional among us. Those that are willing to genuinely further themselves through nothing more than a personal best in front of them.

This winter coach, as always, has an iron in the fire. Anyone can have irons, he has an iron. He is always willing to take on someone that will not question or even hesitate to train to what is asked and believe what he asks will make themselves better. Good luck in your training and your coaching, you two!

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# Childhood summers in Wiikwemkoong led to a focus on water insecurity and climate change for researcher Rachel Arsenault

by Lori Thompson,  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

TORONTO—Rachel Arsenault traces her interest in climate change and water insecurity in First Nations communities to childhood experiences in Wiikwemkoong. While Ms. Arsenault was born and raised in Toronto, her mother was born and raised in Kaboni. Ms. Arsenault spent summers and many winter holidays with her family there. She saw water insecurity every time she visited but never thought about it until she was in her twenties.

Her family didn't have a well or a cistern so they would have water delivered to their house where it was stored in a big blue bucket outside their door. "My grandfather didn't have water until the 1990s," she said. "He had a cistern put in so he was relying on water trucks, and so was my aunt."

At the time, her aunt also warned her never to swim at the Wiikwemkoong beach. She didn't find out why until she was working on her master's research. "One of the elders in the community told me the dump was affecting the water there. People were getting rashes on their skin back in the 1980s." One of her professors told her the graveyard was also leaching into that beach.

"It was disturbing to think about," she remembered. "But there were a lot of communities that didn't have community planning in the '60s, '70s, '80s, and there were even a few communities that were struggling with this in the '90s as well. I think there are other First Nations that have just started working on this in the past several years. That's one of the issues."

In 2014 Ms. Arsenault began working with Indigenous youth, one from Wabauskang in Treaty 3 territory and the other from Serpent River. "They were both talking about water insecurity in their communities and I was shocked because like everyone else growing up, you think that Canada is a very water-rich country and that we wouldn't have too many water issues here." That got her thinking about her own upbringing and the differences between Toronto and Wiikwemkoong with regards to access to water, or a lack thereof for some places. Then in 2015 she started working with more Indigenous youth from across the province and questioned them about water insecurity in their home communities. Their responses also shocked her: not a single one of them at that time had water security within their communities.

"These youth were coming from Sandy Lake First Nation, Munsee-Delaware, Six Nations of the Grand River territory, Wabauskang, Serpent River and many other communities," she said. "Some of them had access to water, but a lot of them were reliant on water trucks. I was thinking that a water truck should never have been a solution for access to water. I was about eight years old when I remember noticing that my family members were reliant on water trucks. I'm in my 30s now and a lot of them still have the same access to water that they had 30 years ago. That's pretty crazy when you think about it."

"There were other communities, Sandy Lake, Six Nations and Shawanaga, and they're all relying on water trucks as well."

Some First Nation communities haven't had access to water in decades, Ms. Arsenault noted, pointing to recent news concerning Neskantaga. "They had hydrocarbons in their water and they had to evacuate the whole community." In 2016, Human Rights Watch prepared a report about water insecurity in First Nations communities throughout Canada and they found that out of 133 First Nations in



Wiikwemkoong's Rachel Arsenault has completed extensive research and made several presentations about water's importance.

Ontario, 90 water systems in this province were on boil water advisories at that time.

"Water insecurity also impacts community housing and overcrowding conditions, which during the pandemic is pretty scary because people are supposed to social distance," said Ms. Arsenault. "What a lot of people don't realize is when you have issues with water security you can't build new homes or you have trouble building new homes. How do you secure funding when you don't have access to water? It just doesn't make a lot of sense. We're in the middle of a pandemic and some people can't even use their water for bathing. It's a really big issue, especially now with the pandemic."

When she began working on her master's degree, she realized there were many different issues to cover. She interviewed members of Hiawatha First Nation, which is near Curve Lake. They told her that most people in their communities had well systems. They didn't understand why the government couldn't help them with their well systems, which can be very costly for individuals. "The community was left to assist their members with that or leave them to fend for themselves," she said. "I was actually shocked that there are a lot of First Nation communities, like Batchawana, who also rely on well systems and they don't get any support at all for maintenance on their water systems. I think the government only funds water systems which supply water to a minimum of five homes so that was another issue that came up."

Ms. Arsenault has always felt a strong connection to land and water. As a child, her favourite day was Earth Day. "We used to pick up garbage in the creeks and rivers where we could do that safely and I found that I never wanted to stop when they told us it was time to go home." As she got older that feeling only got stronger. In 2015, she attended her first water ceremony and knew then that protecting the lands and waters was her calling. At the same time, she met the late Josephine Mandamin, who was also from Wiikwemkoong. "I had so much love and appreciation for everything she did for the water," she said. "Now we have another water warrior, Autumn Peltier."

She realized that water is important not just to her culture, but to all Indigenous cultures. "The women are the keepers and the protectors of the water and they can't fulfil that role without Indigenous men protecting us as we protect the water. Protecting water and respecting water is everyone's responsibility, not just women."

Indigenous peoples understand the importance of

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## ...Hwy 6 maintenance in wintertime needs improving

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for members of our community. It is a serious problem when our local (municipal) roads are maintained to a higher standard than are the provincial highways that are used to access them. We have been unable to secure answers from the MTO contractor and we respectfully ask that whatever reasoning was used to differentiate between communities be re-examined immediately. We are also not impressed that there is apparently no contact for the contractor in the Province of Ontario that works.”

“We would ask that your officials confirm with our staff and those of our neighbouring communities that these issues have been dealt with in a timely fashion as lives are literally on your roads,” Mayor Ham added.

At its last meeting of the year, Northeast Town council also passed a motion to write to the Minister of Transportation in support of Wiikwemkoong’s original letter.

Councillor Bill Koehler shared a story about a recent trip taken from Sheguiandah to High Falls on “glare ice” with what appeared to be a lack of maintenance for a “long period of time.”

Councillor Bruce Wood agreed, stating that on December 13 “the highway was a mess. You either had to travel slow or go in the ditch. I can see why Wiiky is complaining.”

“I travel that way almost daily and there’s certainly a divide that needs to be brought to the attention of the minister,” Councillor Jim Ferguson added.

A letter to the editor in the December 23, 2020 paper



Communities located on eastern Manitoulin have raised concerns with the winter maintenance of Highway 6.

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from Jane Rohn of Assiginack also highlighted concerns with Highway 6 conditions.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha told The Expositor he spoke with the MTO about this particular complaint and was told they had performed a “complete investigation” and could not understand why calls were not being returned. The MTO did also investigate the complaints by Wiikwemkoong, Assiginack and the Northeast Town and told the MPP that Emcon was in complete compliance, the same response provided to The Expositor.

“I told them I respectfully disagree,” he said. “The problem is the service maintenance agreement with the province. There aren’t enough plows, the turnaround times aren’t quick enough, there’s not enough sand, there’s not enough salt.” Mr. Mantha said he urged the bureaucrat with whom he spoke to get this message across to the powers that be in Toronto.

Mr. Mantha said he’s been hearing more and more from his constituents across the riding about their concerns with high-

way maintenance contractors, including Espanola, Manitoulin, St. Joseph’s Island, Wawa, Chapleau and Manitowadge. “We’re seeing this again and again.”

Mr. Mantha said his biggest pet peeve is that the MTO is the organization that is doling out the contracts, but also doing the investigation. He believes that this job should fall to a different government group or public employee to keep things impartial.

“We’re just starting out our winter and we have a few months to go, but I don’t think this is the last conversation we’ll be having on this,” he predicted.

Mr. Mantha also shared the numbers to reach Emcon offices for this region and suggested all those who have concerns with winter maintenance could reach it at 1-844-362-6615.

In response to a request from this newspaper regarding the upswing in complaints on Highway 6 maintenance, Carole Paiement, communications co-ordinator for the MTO, Northeast region, told The Expositor, “Our government has taken a number of actions to keep Ontario’s

roads and highways safe during the winter months, recognizing the challenges this season brings to drivers. Ontario continues to have some of the highest winter maintenance standards in North America. We have increased the proactive application of anti-icing liquids in advance of winter storms and the number of winter maintenance equipment available to fight winter weather. We have strengthened the oversight of our private contractors and are working with them to move quicker to clear highways when snow begins to fall.”

“The maintenance contract for Highway 6 on Manitoulin Island from Little Current to South Baymouth requires the contractor to continually service the highway during a winter event, to achieve center bare pavement within 24 hours following the end of the winter event, and fully bare pavement when weather conditions permit.

“Ministry contractors continually monitor weather and road conditions to efficiently prepare and respond to winter storm events. Our contractors are required to meet our ministry’s standards and contract requirements. We monitor and audit contractors’ operations to ensure that they have responded within the first 30 minutes at the start of a storm, commenced plowing operations when no more than two centimeters of snow has accumulated, used appropriate equipment and restored roads to the bare pavement standard.”

When contacted on Monday, Ogimaa Peltier said he had yet to see a response from the MTO.

## ...Climate change clear driver of Huron’s high water

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next six months and could approach record levels in early 2021 if wet conditions prevail.

With high water levels, any storms and strong winds will increase the risk for accelerated shoreline erosion and flooding in low-lying areas. Winds today are almost 20 percent faster than they were in the 1980s, said David Sweetnam, executive director of Georgian Bay Forever. “Out on the water, First Nations people have talked about this, about safety on their small fishing vessels,” he said. “It’s too windy on the bay now for guys to be out there safely fishing. I have a boat and I’m out on the water all the time and I know from my own experience over the last 30 or 40 years on the water, you can just feel there’s a lot more energy out there.”

People need to pay attention to the scientists who are waving the red warning flags and be aware of the changes that are coming, Mr. Sweetnam said. They can take action by creating a more resilient property and plan that actually will protect their family. “If they just stick their head in the ground and don’t listen to the science people then they’ll be asking why their dock washed away for the third time in three years, or why did my building get blown over or why did that tree land on my roof? Those are things that people are going to have to start taking seriously so they can stay safe.”

“The overall change in water levels over the five-year period from 2015 until now is about six feet,” he said. “We can easily get used to that as long as we’re aware that it’s going to happen more often and that’s something that peo-

ple just need to expect.”

There are actually seven different ocean systems that impact us in the Great Lakes: El Niño, La Niña and all the Pacific oscillations that occur. “The North Atlantic oscillation, the deep water currents that occur, the Arctic system and the Gulf systems, all of those are affecting the microclimate and the way that the jet stream is going to fluctuate and curve around the Great Lakes,” he said. “We’re kind of right on the margins. Sometimes the jet stream is north of us and sometimes the jet stream is south of us so as it gets wavier and more unstable we’re just going to continuously see more unstable weather systems. People say, ‘I’ve been on the bay for 70 or 80 years and I’ve seen water levels go up and down.’ They have, but they’ve never had 18 percent faster wind speeds to push them to shore.”

“You can’t go back in time and use anything in history as relevant to what’s even coming in the next 40 or 50 years,” he added. “We’re just going to see that increasing. We’re just at the beginning of this.”


Dr. Andrew Gronewold with the School for Environment and Sustainability at the University of Michigan thinks it

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Manitoulin Secondary School

### PLAYER PROFILE


by Zoe Redmond  
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**DARCI DEBASSIGE**

Darci Debassige is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. She is a Grade 12 student, who certainly keeps herself busy. When she isn’t busy with practices and school, she can be found enjoying herself painting and drawing. She also really likes to get outside, and enjoys fishing in the winter or summer.


During her years at school she participated in many sports. She attended Lakeview School from JK to Grade 8. In public school, Darci took part in sports such as volleyball and basketball. Outside of school when the weather is nice, she can be found playing beach volleyball. Throughout Darci’s sports experience she has achieved a lot, and is especially well rounded when it comes to both sports and life skills. When it comes to working as a team, Darci is always working to make people feel connected. She also works to keep spirits high, and spread positivity. She continued to play sports in high school and in Grade 9 she took part in the girls’ basketball team, and she also played badminton singles. In Grade 10 Darci played basketball, volleyball, and doubles in badminton. In Grade 11 she played basketball, and volleyball. Throughout Darci’s high school volleyball experience she has played the position of middle.

For Darci, Grade 9 was an exceptional start to many more wins to come. Darci made it to NOSSA for singles in badminton, and in Grade 10 she returned to NOSSA to play doubles in badminton. In both Grades 10 and 11, Darci and her volleyball team put up great shows of skill throughout their season and made it to NOSSA! They have also had many undefeated season games. Darci has not yet made it to OFSAA, but certainly hopes to one day, especially given she and her teams visits to NSSSA and NOSSA. Darci is looking forward to playing volleyball, and is hoping that COVID-19 does not intervene. She is hoping to have some volleyball practices in the new year since she hasn’t really been able to meet with the team.

Throughout Darci’s sports season, she sets good examples for her teammates and always remains positive even in the most nerve-racking situations. Her persistence and kindness always reflects on her great character, and gives her teammates the motivation they need. Darci’s favourite overall sport is volleyball. She enjoys this sport because she likes working with a team. In volleyball Darci feels as though it’s a sport that doesn’t necessarily have to be competitive, and not having to worry about the high competitiveness aspect she is able to enjoy the game that much more. Through volleyball Darci has made many good friends and has had many fun and memorable experiences. Darci likes playing sports because it’s a fun way to stay active, and she is able to be with her friends.

When it comes to her own motivation, Darci finds that the inspiration she uses comes from her younger sister. Darci’s sister encourages her through her confidence and humour (and sometimes stubbornness). When Darci finishes school she plans to attend university and get a bachelor of arts in psychology. In school Darci’s favourite subject would have to be art. She likes art because the course allows her to have personal freedom and creativity in assignments. Darci is able to express her own ideas and feel as though she has some control.

Darci is one of many outstanding Mustangs, and with her determination, creativity and great showing of friendliness, she is sure to represent MSS well. Have an awesome year, and keep up the great work Darci!!!!




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## ...Ontario residents receiving carbon dividends directly

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ernment knows that a price on pollution is the cleanest, clearest, and most efficient way to combat climate change.”

Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada (CCL) has been lobbying for a national carbon dividend payment for the past two years. In a message to volunteers, national director Cathy Orlando wrote, “We did it! Canada has a real carbon fee and dividend policy! Everything we have been lobbying for the past two years is in the new legislation introduced today. This is the best day of my life, minus my wedding day and when my children were born. I was shaking when I read it. I have not been this emotionally overwhelmed since I heard the conclusions from the fourth report of the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) in February 2007. But this time I am shaking in joy and not fear.”

Key changes to Canada's carbon pricing policy in Canada's new plan clearly overlap what CCL has advo-

cated for, Ms. Orlando stated. These include a continued price on pollution through to 2030 that rises at \$15 per tonne after 2022, while returning the proceeds back to households such that the majority receive more money back than they pay in provinces where the federal system applies; a move from carbon pollution pricing rebate payments being distributed on an annual basis to quarterly, starting as early as 2022; and exploring the potential of border carbon adjustments, working with like-minded economies including the European Union and Canada's North American partners to consider how this approach could fit into Canada's broader strategy to meet climate targets while ensuring a fair environment for businesses.

People will receive their climate action incentive when they file their 2020 personal income tax returns. An individual in Ontario will receive \$300 while a family of four will receive \$600. Families in rural and small communities will receive an additional 10 percent.

## ...Climate change clear driver of Huron's high water

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is important to look back at the historical water level record even though water levels might be changing in different ways in the future as precipitation and evaporation become more volatile. “We are so fortunate in the Great Lakes that we have over 100 years of direct water level records on the lakes. There are very few systems that have that long of a record over such a vast domain and there's so much to learn from that historical record. In fact, part of why we understand water levels go up and down is because we have that record and we can tease out how much of that change is precipitation, how much is evaporation. We may not be able to use historical water levels to forecast in the future but it's certainly an important historical record that we should always look back to as a benchmark.”

“Climate is the primary driver of water level fluctuations and the way that precipitation is carried into the region and the changes in temperature of the air masses that surround the region are all part of the climate,” said Dr. Gronewold. “Any change in the climate system is going to have some impact in the relationship between precipitation, runoff, evaporation and ultimately on water level. At this point in our evolution it's impossible to differentiate anything we see in our aquatic environment from climate change.”

Temperatures around the globe are rising and the climate is changing. One way to explain water levels on the Great Lakes is to look at the water level data itself and at past water level patterns. In a paper that is currently in the peer review stage, Dr. Gronewold and his team found that water levels had never risen as quickly across the Great Lakes as they had in the period directly after the record lows of 2013. “You can look back at the historical records and look at how quickly water levels rose and never before had they rose as quickly on Lake Superior, Lake Huron and Lake Michigan,” he said. “But then the next thing is, why did water levels rise so quickly?”

Here's where the story gets more interesting, he said. “The past 10 years were the wettest on record for the region and the water level rise was a consequence of exacerbated precipitation across the region, extraordinary amounts of water coming into the system and a decrease in evaporation triggered in part by the 2014 Arctic polar

vortex deformation. These competing forces on the Great Lakes of precipitation and evaporation are changing in ways we haven't seen before especially with regards to the abundance of precipitation. If you look around the globe it's a chronic problem in all parts of the world where in some areas they're dealing with water scarcity and in some areas, water abundance. They're linked to the way changes in the atmosphere are holding and transporting moisture.”

We're not necessarily looking at high water levels moving forward. The situation is unique for the Great Lakes, Dr. Gronewold said. “Right now on the marine coast the biggest problem related to climate change is water level rise. All the forces are pushing water up on most of the marine coasts, but particularly in North America. In the Great Lakes region, we have these two forces that are acting on water levels that actually have opposite effects on water levels. One is precipitation and it is expected as we move forward into the future, precipitation is going to continue to be more abundant in response to climate change. But we also have an indication as we move forward that the lakes are likely to warm and evaporation off the lakes is going to increase.”

What is going to be the future trade-off between water levels going up due to increases in precipitation or water levels going down due to increases in evaporation? The short answer, said Dr. Gronewold, is “when we run various models and statistical simulations that look at different relationships between precipitation going up over a certain period or evaporation going up over a certain period, there is no significant signal whether water levels might chronically be higher or chronically lower in the future. Some models say they might be higher, some lower, but there's no clear signal of where long-term average water levels might go in the future.”

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# Shawanosowe School students send YouTube pandemic message

by Michael Erskine  
 BIRCH ISLAND—Global events can leave adults feeling powerless, especially with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic upending the normal rhythms of our lives, but for children witnessing the consternation of their parents and other elders, that feeling can be magnified. The students of Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN)'s Shawanosowe School found a way to take charge and do their part in helping everyone stay safe.



A screen shot of the YouTube video featuring students from Shawanosowe School.

Shawanosowe School students range from Kindergarten to Grade 6 and in addition to following the Ontario curriculum, the school also imparts Anishinaabe cultural traditions and

beliefs to its students. Originally the brain-child of WRFN education manager Leslie Manitowabi-Recollet and the community control group overseeing the First Nation's pandemic response efforts, the students took part in a YouTube video explaining the actions everyone can take in order to remain safe during the pandemic. "The kids are paying attention to what is going

on around them and this was a simple way for them to become involved," said Ms. Manitowabi-Recollet, "and they are pretty cute in the video. It really seems to be getting through to the adults." That was the concept behind the videos: "simple, but cute." Assisting with the effort were Nala Toulouse at Shawanosowe School and Rick Legros, who kicked in with some technical editing assistance.

The video can be found by following the link: [youtu.be/1\\_QhzKV7VGw](https://youtu.be/1_QhzKV7VGw) and bears the descriptive title "Helpful reminders to prevent the spread of COVID-19." This is the second video published by the students at the school; an earlier release in mid-November described the school and its vision through the students, teachers and community leaders.

## ...committee, health unit plan for vaccine rollout

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emergency preparedness plan group headed up by Dr. Maurianne Reade submitting a document to Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) outlining the strengths and challenges of the Island's infrastructure and demographics to help inform the region's rollout plans.

"Elements were submitted showing the different strengths and processes, human resources services and challenges to PHSD," she said. The feedback on that document received on the report from Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, medical officer of health for the region was positive, noted Dr. Reade. "She was quite impressed," shared Dr. Reade. "The information will help us be as strategic as we can—as effective as possible."

The provincial rollout has currently listed 17 hospitals as clinics to distribute the vaccines, but only one is located in Northern Ontario, that being in Thunder Bay. The province hopes to utilize the data collected from the Thunder Bay site as a template for the rollout in Northern Ontario, but Dr. Reade was not enthusiastic about the efficacy of that approach.

"While it may provide some useful information, I don't think it will provide a recipe for us," she said.

While Northern Ontario may seem homogenous from a southern Ontario lens, there are numerous differences between Thunder Bay and rural areas such as Manitoulin.

The current plan for long-term care facilities will see a phased roll-out of the vaccine, with only 30 percent of the staff being inoculated at a time.

"That makes sense," suggested Dr. Reade. She noted that with the guidelines dictating that staff not attend work if they exhibit any of the symptoms, the mild after-effects of the vaccine could fit that bill—if the entire staff were done at once, the impact could be massive. "Even if only five percent of your staff exhibit symptoms, how do you fill that gap?" she asked. "Doing only one-third of the staff will lessen any impact that might have."

Both the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are fragile and must be stored and transported in special conditions to keep them stable and effective—the Pfizer version much more so. While the Moderna

vaccine can be stored at -20 degrees Celsius, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine requires -70 Celsius, making the Moderna vaccine easier to transport and store safely.

Thus, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine will be administered primarily in hospitals located in urban areas, while the Moderna vaccine will figure in long-term care homes and more rural and remote communities.

The province's phased approach consists of a phase one, already underway, where 2,500 health care workers in select long-term care homes and hospitals were vaccinated at University Health Network in Toronto and Ottawa Hospital in a pilot.

The purpose of the readiness pilot was to help inform the government's plan for receiving more vaccine doses during phase one, test the logistics of delivery, vaccine storage and handling, clinic management and post-vaccine surveillance and learn from people's experience being vaccinated so the government can improve future vaccinations.

The vaccine will be available to health care workers, essential caregivers, long-term care home and retirement home residents, First Nation communities and urban Indigenous populations, including Métis and Inuit adults.

By the end of January, the government anticipates more than 20 hospitals across Ontario will be administering the vaccines.

Phase two will begin when more doses become available to Ontario. This is expected to begin later this winter. During phase two, "pending consultation," vaccinations will be expanded to all members of the groups in phase one; additional congregate care settings (for example, shelters); and adults over 70 in expanded regions.

Ontario will enter phase three when vaccines are available for everyone who wants to be immunized.

Vaccines will not be mandatory, but people are "strongly encouraged to get vaccinated" by the province.

General (retired) Rick Hillier, former chief of defence staff for the Canadian Forces, is chair of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force advising Ontario's plans for the immunization program and delivery of vaccines.



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Metal roofing is placed on the state-of-the-art Tehkummah barn on October 30.

## ...Four generations of Tehkummah farmers

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 (room for 82 up from the current milking stock of 50) but its real benefits will come in the animal welfare category.

The structure will be a free-stall setup, meaning cows can walk in the open space and find places to lay down and eat. There will also be sand bedding in the stalls, which is understood to be the most comfortable way to house a cow for health and welfare.

"I think the improvements should translate into more milk production, healthier cows that last longer," Mr. Anstice said. "The sand will also offer more traction on the cement floors to help them getting around."

An expansion and renovation also offers an opportunity to increase efficiency. New automated systems will include a robotic feed pusher and improvements at the milking parlour to manage cow handling at milking time. There will also be efficient LED lighting inside and the side curtain wall is programmed to raise and lower automatically based on temperature. Overhead fans will ensure the air moves on still days.

"It's a large undertaking and we'll be paying for it for a long time, but that's just how it is as a farmer. You get used to being in debt and just know that it's a future investment in the business," he said.

When the new building is in operation, the old barn will become a straw pen for dry cows that have finished lactation.

Lloyd Albrecht has been a massive help, said Mr. Anstice. He has served as the general contractor (and also worked on the manure lagoon last summer) and led the cement work for the project. A half-dozen of Mr. Albrecht's relatives in the Poplar area built the frame of the building.

"They've built dairy barns before and you can tell, because they sure



Alex Anstice and baby Chloe admire the work of the ceiling crew hard at work on December 10.

know what they're doing. They're very quick and we're very happy to work with them," Mr. Anstice said.

Supporting the local economy was an important consideration for this build.

"I've had to get local excavation, local electricians and all that stuff that goes along with building," he said. "Keeping dairy farms in small communities all around the province are highly beneficial to all small businesses to keep things running and stimulate the economy."

He added his view that current quota systems enable small-scale milk producers, such as his farm, to keep their operations viable and support their home communities.

Mr. Anstice is the fourth generation born on the farm and his own children, especially his oldest daughter, have expressed interest in agriculture. His father Jim and grandfather Ron remain active on the farm.



Footings for the new barn were poured on September 29.

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# ...Manitoulin Secondary School gives grads more than \$50,000 in awards

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award will be held in trust.

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To a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Kal Alhadi.

## J.K. AUTOMOTIVE BURSARY (\$500)

Donated by Joe & Kim Moor to a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education in a technical related field. Presented to Michael Madahbee.



Michael Madahbee

## TED JACKSON MEMORIAL BURSARY (\$250)

In fond memory of former MSS physical education teacher T.J. Jackson, to a graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Jary White.

## MARGUERITE JOYCE MEMORIAL BURSARY (\$250)

Donated by the citizens of Dawson-Robinson Township to a graduate from Dawson-Robinson continuing post-secondary education. This award will be held in trust.

## LAKEVIEW SCHOOL BURSARY IN MEMORY OF ALICIA McCAULEY (\$150)

To a deserving Lakeview and MSS graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Pierre Debassige.

## LANE, CAROL MEMORIAL BURSARY (\$500)

Donated in memory of Carol Lane to a graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Zoe Smith.

## LIFE TOUCH CANADA BURSARY (\$200 each)

To two deserving graduates continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Grant King and Madison Swihart.



Madison Swihart, right

## LIONS CLUB OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN BURSARY (\$500 each)

To three Central Manitoulin graduates who are continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Sydney Hallett, Avery Lentir and Ethan Smith.

## LIONS CLUB OF LITTLE CURRENT BURSARY (\$500 each)

To two deserving students from the Northeastern Manitoulin area continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Nikki Boyle and Rheanne Green.



Nikki Boyle

## LIONS CLUB OF SOUTHEAST MANITOULIN BURSARY (\$250 each)

To two Southeast Manitoulin graduates continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Jacob Hallaert and Ella Stewart.

## LIONS CLUB OF WESTERN MANITOULIN BURSARY, IN MEMORY OF PAUL SCHUTZ (\$300)

Awarded in fond memory of former Lion Paul Schutz to assist a Western Manitoulin graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Madison Swihart.

## LITTLE CURRENT FISH & GAME CLUB BURSARY (\$400)

To a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Gabriella Corbiere.

## LITTLE CURRENT GUARDIAN PHARMACY BURSARY (\$200)

To a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Jessica Craig.

## LITTLE CURRENT MEDICAL ASSOCIATES BURSARY (\$500)

Donated by the doctors of the Little Current Medical Centre to a deserving student pursuing studies in the arts or humanities. Presented to Avery Lentir.

## LYONS MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH BURSARY (\$300)

To assist a graduate who is continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Abby Smith.

## M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION CHIEF & COUNCIL BURSARY (\$200 each)

To three M'Chigeeng First Nation graduates continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Pierre Debassige, Randi Lynn Lovelace and Shania Roy.

## MANITOULIN BROADCASTING, COUNTRY 103 BURSARY (\$250)

Presented to a deserving graduate continuing in post-secondary education. Presented to Jacob Hallaert.

## MANITOULIN CATTLEMAN & SOIL CROP ASSOCIATIONS BURSARY (\$200)

Presented to a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Alex Dawson.

## MANITOULIN CENTENNIAL MANOR AUXILIARY BURSARY (\$250)

Presented to a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education in a health-related field. Presented to Jessica Craig.

## MANITOULIN COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTRE BURSARY (\$500)

Donated by the members of the Manitoulin Community Fitness Centre to a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Austin Purvis.

## THE MANITOULIN EXPOSITOR BURSARIES (\$125 each)

Awarded to a deserving student in each grade who has made an outstanding transition from their previous grade(s). Presented to Aiden Negannejig, Gr. 9; Emerson Brewer-Case, Gr. 10; Todd Gordon, Gr. 11; and Kyle Greenman, Gr. 12.

## MANITOULIN FAMILY RESOURCES AWARD (\$300)

Presented to a deserving graduate continuing their studies in a helping profession. Presented to Amanda Gillespie.

## MANITOULIN FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION BURSARY (\$150)

Awarded to a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Zoe Smith.

## MANITOULIN HEALTH CENTRE AUXILIARY BURSARY (\$500 each)

Presented to two deserving students continuing post-secondary education in a health-related field. Presented to Mackenzie Cortes and Marjorie Scott.

## MANITOULIN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BURSARY (\$150)

To a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education and who has been involved with the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association. Presented to Ben Marshall.

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Donated by the Manitoulin Physio centre to recognize the academic and athletic achievements of a post-secondary student athlete. Presented to Austin Purvis.

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To a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to John Tolsma.

## MANITOULIN SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP (\$250)

Presented to a graduate who has made an excellent contribution to the school, in terms of school activities, school spirit and good citizenship and who is continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Connor Phillips.



Connor Phillips

## MANITOULIN SECONDARY SCHOOL THREE FIRES CONFEDERACY SCHOLARSHIP (\$250)

Presented to a First Nation graduate who has made an excellent contribution to the school and is continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Pierre Debassige.

## MANITOULIN SNOWDUSTERS AWARD IN MEMORY OF BRAD MIDDLETON (\$250)

Given to a graduate of MSS who has demonstrated care and concern for the environment and who has shown commitment to volunteer organizations on Manitoulin Island. Presented to Connor Mack.

## MANITOULIN STUDENT AID FUND BURSARY (\$200)

To a deserving graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Gregory Mishibinjima.

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Grade 11: Rachel Deforge  
Grade 12: Rachel Sheppard

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To two deserving graduates who are continuing their education in a business or computer studies related field. Presented to Britney Biedermann and Kyleigh Biedermann.



Kyleigh Biedermann

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Presented to a graduate of MSS who is a son/daughter of an employee of Manitoulin Transport and who is continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Jary White.

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Awarded to a graduate of MSS continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Caleb Byers.

## MANITOWANING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BURSARY (\$200)

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Katelyn Taylor

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Olivia Hall

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Aryanna Recollet-Pitawanakwat

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Randi Lynn Lovelace, right

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Shania Roy, right

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Caleb Byers, second from right

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Gregory Mishibinijima, right

## IRENE WOOD-CADIEUX MEMORIAL BURSARY (\$200)

Donated by the Little Current United Church Outreach Program, to a graduate continuing post-secondary education. Presented to Abby Smith.

## MARJORIE YOUNG MEMORIAL BURSARY (\$150)

Donated by Mark & Bonnie Young in memory of Marjorie Young to a deserving graduate continuing their post-secondary education in a medical related field. Presented to Sydney Hallett.

## Over 2,400 birds of 50 species spotted at annual Christmas bird count

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Over 2,400 birds—2,433 to be exact—of 50 species were counted on the 47th annual Mindemoya Christmas bird count held on Saturday, December 19. The species count was above average and was seven better than last year.

"This was the COVID year and distancing rules hampered the count," said Chris Bell, bird count compiler. "Some of the usual birders had to miss the event, and others were assigned to unfamiliar areas. Face masks interfered with binoculars."

Thirty-two feeder watch-

ers took part this year. There were 21 birders, including two new recruits, in the nine traditional areas including the Lake Huron shoreline hike.

"No rare birds were found, but interesting birds included a chipping sparrow, a breeding plumage bird at Willy Maenpaa's feeders, and a rusty blackbird in the southwest area," Mr. Bell added.

Most numerous birds this year were the 425 black-capped chickadees, 374 blue jays, 329 common ravens (a record high number) and 304 European starlings.

Horned larks are not

unusual but a freshly hit road-killed bird near Providence Bay was the only one unlucky enough to make the list. More raptors than usual were counted this year. A sharp-shinned hawk checking out the feeder birds in Providence Bay and watched by Willy Maenpaa was only the fourth count sighting in 47 years. A northern harrier and two merlins were also unusual. The bald eagle count was low again this year. There were no owls.

The larger lakes and bays were ice free and small numbers of ducks were located.

Count day was just above freezing, with light winds but dull with periods of rain and snow. Snow cover was three to 17 centimetres. Many observers noted the absence of birds in the countryside. High numbers in November had dropped in December.

Bohemian waxwings, pine grosbeaks and evening grosbeaks, all missing last year, are settling in to spend the winter. Smaller winter finches were common redpoll and American goldfinches and a single



Seventeen red-bellied woodpeckers were counted at the annual Mindemoya Christmas bird count.

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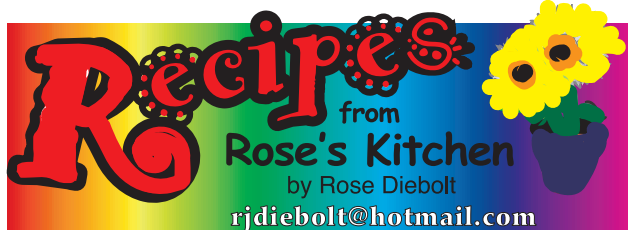
pine siskin but no purple finches. Three common grackles and the rusty blackbird were the only blackbirds. Sparrow numbers were also down with few tree sparrows and dark-eyed juncos, two white-throated sparrows, one white-crowned sparrow and the rare single chipping sparrow.

The 32 feeder watchers reported 30 species. Newly recruited Mindemoya feed-

er watcher Maja Mielonen reported no fewer than 17 species including the rusty blackbird and the pine siskin in her garden. She wins the 2020 award for the most successful bird feeder.

The following is a full list of the birds: two Canada geese, 20 black ducks, 95 Mallard ducks, two buffleheads, 17 common golden-eye, nine hooded mergansers, 44 common mergansers, six red-breast-

ed mergansers, seven red-necked grebes, 10 ring-necked pheasant, four ruffed grouse, three sharp-tailed grouse, 48 rock pigeons, 101 mourning doves, 53 herring gulls, two common loons, one sharp-shinned hawk, 11 bald eagles, one northern harrier, four rough-legged hawks, 17 red-bellied woodpeckers, 35 downy woodpeckers, 34 hairy woodpeckers, 10 pileated woodpeckers, two merlin, two northern shrike, 390 blue jays, 175 American crows, 331 common ravens, one horned lark, 444 black-capped chickadees, 32 red-breasted nuthatch, 47 white-breasted nuthatch, 306 European starlings, 29 bohemian waxwing, 10 evening grosbeak, 24 pine grosbeak, 15 common redpoll, nine American goldfinch, one pine siskin, 30 snow buntings, seven American tree sparrows, one chipping sparrow, two white-throated sparrows, one white-crowned sparrow, eight dark-eyed juncos, one rusty blackbird, three common grackles and 25 northern cardinals.



A couple of recipes that are yummy. Made both of them for New Year's Day dinner and will definitely make them again!

### Curried Carrot Fritters

The recipe calls for chickpea flour which I didn't have so I used quinoa flour. I think any other flour would work. It calls for butter (more flavour) and oil in frying the fritters but I just used oil.

1 1/2 lb grated carrots (about 5 cups)  
Salt

6 large eggs  
1 cup chickpea flour  
2 medium cloves garlic, minced  
1 1/2 Tbsp curry powder  
Black pepper  
Butter and oil as needed  
3/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley  
1/2 cup plain yogurt

Toss the grated carrots with 3/4 tsp salt, and let drain in a fine-mesh sieve for 15 minutes. Press to squeeze out any excess water.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs. Add the drained carrots, flour, garlic, curry powder, 3/4 tsp salt and a sprinkle of pepper.

Heat 1 Tbsp butter and 1 Tbsp oil in a large skillet over medium low heat until the butter melts.

Using a 1/3 cup measure, scoop some of the batter into the skillet—how many scoops all depends on the size of your skillet. Flatten each one with a fork to about 1/2-inch thickness.

Cook until the fritters are golden brown on the bottom, about five minutes. Then flip and cook until golden on the other side. Transfer to a plate and repeat cooking the rest. Add more butter and oil to each batch for cooking the fritters.

Mix the parsley with the yogurt, adding salt and pepper for taste.

Serve the fritters with a dollop of yogurt.

### Molasses Rum Grilled Pork Tenderloin

John wanted to make the marinade and by the time he was finished all he said was "do you ever follow a recipe?" I quit!

So here goes—I didn't have a lot of the ingredients but my philosophy is use first what you have in your cupboard instead of going out and buying more ingredients which then will sit in your cupboard! Before you know it you will have a cupboard full of all sorts of bits and pieces. Molasses became honey and maple syrup, spiced rum became brandy, ground allspice went to garam masala and grainy mustard was Dijon in the plain.

2 pork tenderloins (each 8 to 12 ounces) trimmed  
2 cloves garlic minced  
1/2 cup molasses  
1/4 cup spiced rum  
2 Tbsp grainy mustard  
1 Tbsp soy sauce  
1 tsp ground allspice  
1 tsp hot sauce

Stir the molasses, rum, mustard, soy sauce, allspice and hot sauce together. Place the pork in a re-sealable container, then pour in the marinade. Massage with your fingers, evenly distributing the flavour. Marinade overnight or for two days for maximum flavour.

Prepare and preheat your barbecue to its highest setting. This will create a nice browning of the outside before the interior overcooks and dries out. VERY important.

Remove the tenderloins from the marinade, discarding the marinade. Place the tenderloins across the grates of the grill. Grill turning once or twice for about 15 to 20 minutes or if using a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the meat reads 160°F.

Transfer to a platter, loosely tented with foil, and let rest for a few minutes, giving it a chance to reabsorb its juices. This is very important.

Slice the pork and arrange on a plate.

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# ...Kenjgewin Teg hosts new Canadian Welding Bureau test site

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CWB was largely done by one Kenjgewin Teg's key welding instructors, Dave Barnes," said Director of Quality Assurance Beverley Roy. "Dave has been teaching with Kenjgewin Teg in its partner college programs in the trades during the past two years and saw that this was an opportunity worth looking into further."

"While all learning is good, I also know that prospective employers of students want to know that they have met and know the 'real skills' that are applied in practice and on-the-job," said Mr. Barnes. "Becoming an approved testing centre for CWB means we are



Students underwent a detailed set of tests that included welding in several positions, including level, horizontal, vertical and overhead.

photos by Michael Erskine



The welding shop in the new trades building is modern, clean and efficient. Gone are the days of trailers and make-shift accommodations. Students get an opportunity to work with some of the latest equipment.

enhancing the employability of our trades graduates during and after they have come to us at Kenjgewin Teg."

"We hope and look forward to this being the first of many certifications from the CWB that the trades centre here at Kenjgewin Teg will be doing in the future," said Dave Hall, manager of Kenjgewin Teg's Anishinabek Skills, Innovation and Research Centre (aka the trades centre). "We work really well together here with all of our instructors and I wholeheartedly supported Dave as the welding instructor in pursuing us becoming an approved testing site of the CWB."

The CWB group certifies companies, inspection organizations, inspectors and welding consumables through a review and qualification process to ensure that they meet the requirements for a variety of product and safety codes as well as standards. As the authorized national body for the International Institute of Welding, CWB provides several levels of internationally recognized certifications and qualifications for welding professionals along with certification for welding companies.

More information and an application to the programs offered at Kenjgewin Teg can be found online at kenjgewinteg.ca.



Dave Barnes and Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB) inspector Gilles Fournier put the students through their paces as they sought a highly coveted CWB welding certification.

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**Are you concerned about someone's drinking?** Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Alon Group: Thursdays at 7 pm in the library room at the Missionary Church, 51 Young Street, Mindemoya, 705-377-4892/705-377-5138. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595.

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**Questions or concerns about diabetes?** We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.

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**Employment Opportunity**  
**COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE**  
*One Year Contract*

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

**Responsibilities**

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

**Qualifications**

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

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

**Community Health Nurse**  
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
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### Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE FULL-TIME PERMANENT

#### Summary

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- Two years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization;
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation health concerns and issues, and the ability to apply knowledge and skill in the development and implementation of programs to address identified needs;
- Adaptability and ability to establish and sustain a multidisciplinary team approach to integrated service delivery;
- Ability to apply ethics of nursing practice in decision making;
- Willingness to adapt to the changing demands of the position;
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#### Community Health Nurse

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
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### Employment Opportunity WELLNESS WORKER

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

#### Summary

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

#### Responsibilities

1. Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families.
2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate.
3. Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.
4. To assist clients to develop action plans to address identified concerns.
5. To share information with health and social agencies.
6. Organize and facilitate community events (i.e.: cultural awareness, education, illness prevention, crisis intervention workshops, promotion programming for school age and other youth, seniors and other identified populations).
7. Facilitate outreach program (i.e. health and wellness fairs, grief recovery).
8. Aboriginal cultural approaches will be reflected or used as part of the activities and services.
9. Provide advocacy and support services to community members who have experienced any form of violence.
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13. Promote programming and educational workshops to community members, groups and family.

#### Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant field.
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community.

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

**Nookomisnaang Wellness Worker**  
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164  
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**Deadline: January 8, 2021 @ 4:00pm**

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR

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

#### Summary

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

#### Responsibilities

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

#### Qualifications

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

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

**Nookomisnaang Shelter**  
Attention: **Melissa Roy**  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

A new year joke for you: Why did everyone want January 1, 2021 to come? Because then we can finally say hindsight is really 2020!

Before the Christmas break, the 2020 MSS graduation was held virtually on December 17. An in-person ceremony could not be held due to the pandemic, but organizers made sure that didn't stop them. Messages of congratulations were given to the graduates by vice principal Ms. Noble McCann; Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) First Nations Trustee Linda Debassige; RDSB Manitoulin Trustee Margaret Stringer; Principal Jamie Mohamed; and former vice principal Denis Lafleur. Mackenzie Cortes was named the valedictorian for the class of 2020. She began her speech to her fellow graduates with lyrics to the song 'Graduating Without Graduation' that she wrote during the first lockdown.

It was a wonderful speech, Mackenzie. Congratulations to all 2020 graduates!

Similar to graduation, the annual 51st Awards Night could not be held in-person this year; however, over \$50,000 was awarded to graduates by mail this year. A few highlights from this year's awards night include: 20 Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) certificates were awarded to students who completed the ministry requirements for either the Arts and Culture SHSM or Agriculture SHSM, and 24 students were awarded with Ontario scholars certificates for receiving an average of 80 percent or higher in their top six 4U/4M/4C/4O courses. The Manitoulin Secondary School staff bursary went to John Tolsma. The Manitoulin Secondary School Students' Council Scholarship went to Connor Phillips. The Manitoulin Secondary School Three

Fires Confederacy Scholarship went to Pierre Debassige. The Principal's Award for Student Excellence went to Mackenzie Cortes. The Joan Mantle Music Trust Bursary went to Lily Hore. The Rainbow District School Board Student Senate Bursary went to Rachel Sheppard. Current and former students were also recognized for their achievements. Plaques were presented to the top academic students in their respective grades for the 2019-2020 school year: Grade 9, Jocelyn Kuntsi; Grade 10, Rachael Orford; Grade 11, Rachel Deforge; Grade 12, Rachel Sheppard. The Manitoulin Expositor Bursaries were awarded to deserving students in each grade who made an outstanding transition from their previous grade: Grade 9, Aiden Negannegijig; Grade 10,

Emerson Brewer-Case; Grade 11, Todd Gordon; Grade 12, Kyle Greenman. Thank you so much to all businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated bursaries that will assist former MSS students in their post-secondary endeavors.

Due to the current provincial lockdown, MSS students will not be returning to the classroom until the scheduled reopening

date of Monday, January 11. Virtual instruction began on Tuesday, January 5; classes are following their regular schedules remotely all week. Monday, January 4 was used to set-up and ensure that students could access the appropriate virtual platforms and verify email addresses. Students who do not have access to the internet will or have received paper based assignments for the week.

It is that time of year again. We are less than a month away from the end

of the semester, which means culminating projects and assignments are coming soon. Grade 9 Math EQAO assessments could begin as early as Monday, January 11.


Joke of the week: What is a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other!

Upcoming events include Grade 9 EQAO math assessment and the virtual information night on Thursday, February 18.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy 2021!

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





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

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

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

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

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

**Qualifications & Requirements**  
**Preferred**

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

**Minimum**

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

**Other**

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

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

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

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

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

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

For Job description, please contact Marlene Debassige at 705-377-5362 ext. 203  
or email marlened@mchigeeng.ca  
[www.mchigeeng.ca](http://www.mchigeeng.ca).

## KENJGEWIN TEG

### ARE YOU INTERESTING IN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO STUDENTS AND BEING A PART OF AN ORGANIZATION WITH AMAZING TEAM MEMBERS? THEN KENJGEWIN TEG IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU!

Kenjgewin Teg is committed to making a difference and inspiring students on their educational journey. Our team members want students to be inspired and to find their gifts so that they can succeed in the world.

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

### Social Worker Full Time

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

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

**UnderHire Level Salary Range** \$45,306 – \$50,341 – \$55,375  
**Qualified Level Salary Range** \$52,076 – \$57,862 – \$63,649  
**Advanced Qualifications Salary Range** \$58,846 – \$65,384 – \$71,922

### Marketing & Communications Specialist Full Time

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

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

**UnderHire Level Salary Range** \$45,306 – \$50,341 – \$55,375  
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**Advanced Qualifications Salary Range** \$58,846 – \$65,384 – \$71,922

### Anishinabek Curriculum Developer Full Time

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

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

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

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

**Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2021 at 12 noon**

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

Applications can be received marked confidential either through mail or by email to: [humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca](mailto:humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca)  
Kenjgewin Teg  
Please Mark "Title of Position"  
c/o Director of Operations  
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

**Please Note:** Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive and partnership with the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging.

**Please Note:** Kenjgewin Teg's Fitness for Duty Program is implemented which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace.

**Please Note:** Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection of Privacy Act, 1987.

## ...Council may eliminate need for cab licences in Northeast Town

...continued from page 3 and provincial laws basically prohibit the current rules under the ancient bylaw," he added in response to Councillor Boyd's query.

"If they don't have to comply, what happens to the two companies that have licences if they pack it in and then no one is left?" Councillor Koehler asked.

Mr. Williamson told council that as the bylaw currently stands, local operators are currently being punished.

"Has there been feedback from the operators in town?" Councillor Laurie Cook asked the CAO.

"No, but there has been in the past, stating that it's not fair," Mr. Williamson responded.

"That's the thing that has me pretty much convinced," Councillor Erskine said. "How do we go about enforcing this?"

Mr. Williamson said there is no enforcement,

but that once a year operators give the municipality their money for licences.

Councillor Dawn Orr asked if it was possible to advertise the licenced cabs in the municipality by way of support. Mr. Williamson said they could.

"The issue has come up in municipalities all over Ontario," Mayor Al MacNevin said. "The reason we're not doing this (enforcement) is it would take a great deal of resources we don't have."

"We're limiting our own local companies on growth," Councillor Jim Ferguson said.

Ken Niles of All-In-One Taxi believes it would be in everyone's best interest to keep the taxi licence. "At least you have control of two (operators)," he told The Expositor.

Mr. Niles said the "scab cab" business is doing great detriment to those licenced taxi companies who are insured to run commercial vehicles and

even suggested some of those unlicenced taxis are up to unsavoury things.

"If you're going to get rid of it, fine, but you'll end up with no taxis," Mr. Niles stated flatly. "It's coming."

"It's not the permit that's the problem, it's the people on the road who are not insured to do commercial work," he continued. "It's a mistake if they don't enforce the bylaw—a huge mistake."

Reg Scott operates D and R Taxi under the licence of All-In-One. He said he would love to have a permit through the municipality, and has applied for one, but was told there were no more licences to give. Mr. Scott said it would be nice if the municipalities "offered at least a couple of extra permits to have a chance." He also thinks that the municipalities should demand proof of taxi insurance when operators apply for their yearly permits.

Mr. Scott shared that in

December, his insurance bill for two vehicles (one is a spare in case of breakdown) was \$1,000. This month it's \$1,400.

"I would definitely pay for one," he added.

Shirley Vaillant spoke on behalf of Mother's Taxi, which is operated by her son Allan Genereux out of Little Current.

"I think licencing is a good way to go," Ms. Vaillant said of the municipal licence. "Taxi is a hard business; we've been in it for eight-and-a-half years now. Licencing is the way to go."

Some communities have identifying markers that taxi companies can place on the cab to show that they are licenced to operate in a municipality. Ms. Vaillant said she thinks the Northeast Town should do the same.

"If you have a good service, it will survive," she added, questioning the 'scab cabs' and what liability they might mean to the municipality.

Council decided to defer the conversation on what to do about taxi licences to a meeting in the new year.



### Manitoulin Health Centre REGISTERED SOCIAL WORKER

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires a Registered Social Worker on a full-time basis at both of its Little Current and Mindemoya hospital sites. Qualified applicants will possess a Bachelor of Social Work Degree and current Registration in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers. Preference may be given to those with:

- Training in structured psychotherapy and certification with the Canadian Association of Cognitive Behavioural Therapies (CACBT) or equivalent.
- Skilled in common MH&A assessments and brief solution focused interventions.
- Experienced in utilization of trauma informed approaches to client care.
- Experience working with First Nations and Indigenous populations.
- Familiar with navigation of health and social services programming in the Manitoulin District.
- Recent hospital experience.

Please apply to [recruitment@mhc.on.ca](mailto:recruitment@mhc.on.ca)

Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.



## WIKWEMKOONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**POSITION:** Education Director – Full-time (Permanent)  
**LOCATION:** Wiikwemkoong Board of Education  
**START DATE:** Immediately

#### Summary

The Director reports to the board of the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education (WBE). The director is accountable to the WBE, and through the WBE, to the Chief and Council of Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve for the organization and operation of the WBE.

#### Job Duties

- The Education Director (ED) will be responsible for overall programing, administration, and supervision of all the educational programs at all WBE schools. The ED supervises the Systems Principal, Senior Business Official and the Program Managers for the Hub Centre and Post-Secondary. Duties include the following:
- Oversee the implementation of new curriculum as set by Ministry guidelines, while ensuring Anishinaabe inclusive curriculum is implemented at all grade levels.
  - Maintain liaison with community organizations (inter-agency resources).
  - Oversees management, organization, attendance, discipline of school, extra-curricular supervision, and other records; administration of school programs, and engage parents/community in school operations.
  - Develop and maintain communication with all stakeholders.
  - Maintain local Provincial and National initiatives in Education.
  - Must be self-directed and able to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
  - Wide variety of knowledge relating to computer applications and functions.
  - Excellent leadership and oral and written communication skills.
  - Developed interpersonal skills and ability to effectively work with management, employees, and community members.
  - Good analytical, problem-solving, and conflict resolution skills.
  - Be able to work overtime to meet deadlines and the demands of emergency situations.
  - Development and project management skills.
  - Ability to build on the skills of employees and capacity.
  - Ability to lead a team environment and work independently.

#### Requirements:

- Five (5) years of work experience in a senior management position for a First Nation, public sector or government service agency.
- Experience writing proposals, policies, procedures and reports.
- Experience working with schools and school boards.
- Possess a graduate or undergraduate university degree in education, public administration, business administration or a related field.
- Ontario College of Teachers Certificate would be an asset.
- Provide a resume, three current work references on letterhead within the last 90 days.
- Recent copy of performance appraisal/evaluation.
- This position comes with full Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan (OTPP) and benefits.
- Current (original) criminal/vulnerable reference check (within the last 90 days) upon conditional letter of offer.
- Possess a valid Ontario driver's licence and dependable insured vehicle.

**Closing Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 @ 2 p.m.**

Please submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references and copies of your qualifications to:

**Kevin Wassegijig, Director of Operations**  
Confidential: Education Director Position  
Box 112, 19A Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong ON POP 2J0  
[kevin.wassegijig@wiikwemkoong.ca](mailto:kevin.wassegijig@wiikwemkoong.ca)

We thank all interested applicants. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit copies as there is no return of submissions. Late submissions will not be considered.

**For a copy of full job description, please contact the  
WBE Administration Office 705-859-3834.**



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

#### Summary

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

#### Responsibilities

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

#### Qualifications

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

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

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

#### Deadline: Until Filled

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

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



**Employment Opportunity**  
**BINOJIIINHAK: GWIIWZENHSK, KWEZENHSK**  
**AGES 7 – 12 FACILITATOR**

**Summary**

Under the direction of the Waasa Naabin Community Youth Service (WNCYS) Manager, the Binoojiinhak: Gwiiwzenhsak, Kwezenhsak Ages 7 - 12 Facilitator is responsible for developing and coordinating community-based holistic health programs for children between the ages of 7 - 12. The focus of the program is on active living activities that are enhanced through the delivery of additional holistic health elements including mental wellness, smoking prevention, diabetes awareness/prevention, nutrition, life skills and traditional teachings.

**Responsibilities**

- Develop and coordinate community-based activities consistent with Cultural, Health & Wellness and Recreation & Leisure components which promote resilience and well-being amongst our youth through delivery of educational and prevention services.
- Promote program participation of both youth and their parents/guardians.
- Coordinate and participate in regular communication with administration, community service partners and families.
- Perform administrative duties in support of the program goals and objectives.
- Prepare and disseminate weekly, monthly and annual activity schedules.
- Engage in professional development to maintain current skills and knowledge regarding the scope of the position.
- Assist in the development and implementation of the organization's quality improvement initiatives.
- Network with partner agencies to improve practices, enhance services and move forward shared initiatives relevant to the position.
- To participate in any public relations as a means of ensuring ongoing awareness to the community pertaining to the program of the Waasa Naabin Community Youth Services Centre.
- To be responsible for the Community Youth Services Centre which includes opening and closing the building; work evening and weekend shifts in accordance with the work schedule.
- To host, coordinate, participate and implement outside group activities which will at times include long and short trips, i.e. winter boot camp, soccer, T-Ball, baseball.
- To coordinate, implement, facilitate and participate, land-based activities.

**Qualifications**

- Minimum three-year post-secondary designation in Fitness and Health Promotion or related healthcare field.
- One to three years' previous experience working with the delivery of physical activity programming to target groups, preferably children's programming.

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

Binoojiinhak: Gwiiwzenhsak, Kwezenhsak Ages 7 - 12 Facilitator  
 Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

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

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

**Summary**

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

**Responsibilities**

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

**Qualifications**

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

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

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

**Deadline: January 8, 2021 @ 4:00pm**

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

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



**Employment Opportunity**  
**FOOT CARE**  
**REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSE (RPN)**

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

**Responsibilities**

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

**Qualifications**

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

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

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

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIOUR**  
**INTERVENTION WORKER**

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

**Summary**

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

**Responsibilities**

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

**Qualifications**

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

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

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

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## ...MPP pans plan

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to be a living document that will require regular updates to evolve alongside changes in needs. She added that the government is working with the public, Indigenous peoples, municipalities, transportation groups, industry and businesses to work toward improving transportation.

### Province pledges improvements

MTO has pledged to continue to pursue designs and construction work to expand Highway 69 to a twinned highway. There is currently approximately 70 kilometres of the highway that remains one lane in each direction.

The province will work with Ontario Northland to audit its rail lines in the North Bay area to determine upgrades and the potential to carry passenger traffic.

Ontario will build three new rest areas in the Northeast and rehabilitate two others, though none in the Manitoulin to Toronto corridor.

Of note, the map that lists the rest areas has highlighted Highway 17 between Espanola and North Bay as a "potential priority location for highway widening."

The plan also pledges support for local public transportation systems with an aim to increase usage of such services through the Ontario Gas Tax, which supports those programs.

The province has committed to repairing roadways and bridges on connecting links (roads that link provincial highways through communities or border crossings), to continue administering the First Nations Road Program that helps fund road work in partner First Nations, to continue cost sharing for off-reserve connecting roads in uninhabited townships, to continue expanding cycle lanes and paved shoulders and launching a task force

on rail, bus and local transit in the Northeast, including inter-city bus service like the now-cancelled Manitoulin Ontario Northland bus route.

### Hints at cycling upgrades

Mindemoya's Maja Mielonen, who heads Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) alongside husband Guy Nielen, said the plan lacked details and substantial commitments to back up the wording within its stated commitment to support cycling infrastructure in the North, such as bike lanes and paved shoulders.

"We would really encourage it to include the whole length of Highway 542 with paved shoulders," said Ms. Mielonen.

She explained that while Highway 542 is on the provincial cycling network, it includes no bicycle infrastructure on the highway from Mindemoya to Highway 6 in Tehkummah.

As more people travel to Manitoulin Island for cycle tours, the roadway is becoming increasingly dangerous because of a combination of hills, many tight corners as the highway weaves around property lines and other fast traffic on the road.

Farmers, Amish and Mennonite road users also use Highway 542 and their slow-moving vehicles are an additional considera-

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### in memoriam

**BOWERMAN**—In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Vivian, who passed away January 4, 2016.

Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
So loved, so missed,  
So very dear.  
Remembered always, forever loved,  
Jim, Mary, Amanda, Charlie, Crystal, Lauren and Nathan

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**MCMURRAY**—In loving memory of our dear son, brother, uncle and dad, Wade McMurray, who passed away January 8, 2009.

To lose someone so special is really hard to bear,  
It hardly seems believable  
That you're no longer here.  
You left us far too early  
Before your time it seems,  
And now you'll never have the chance  
To fulfill all those dreams.  
However hard it is though  
We'll take comfort in the thought,  
Of all the memories we have  
And the happiness you brought.  
You always lived life to the fullest,  
But ours won't be the same,  
Until the day when we can see  
Your smiling face again.  
Always remembered, never forgotten.  
Love Mom, Candy, Geoff, Lily, Cassie, Jordan, Megan, Brianna

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## Death Notices

### GILBERT GERALD GAUTHIER (FUJI)

August 12, 1949 - December 25, 2020



In loving memory of Gilbert Gerald Gauthier (Fuji), 71 years, who passed away peacefully with family by his side on December 25, 2020 in Espanola following a short courageous battle with cancer. Gilbert was born on August 12, 1949 in Espanola, Ontario. Gilbert was a friend to many who came in contact with him. He was always there to help with any project you had on the go. Gilbert's background as a Millwright made him a wanted individual for most projects. Gilbert worked in the mines from B.C. to Ontario over the years. He also worked in the Espanola Mall in maintenance. Finally as a custodian of a geared-to-income facility in Little Current for the past 14 years where he retired three years ago. Loving father of Julie-Anne Campbell (husband Paul) of Ayr and granddaughter's Josie and Rebecca Campbell. Beloved son of the late Julia and Rene Gauthier Jr. of Espanola. Beloved grandson of the late Delia and Rene Gauthier of Espanola and Mary and Philip Boudreau of Timmins. Very, very best friend of Starr Heapy and Cory Piche. Gilbert is also survived by brothers Richard "Giboo" Gauthier (wife Maryann) of Espanola, Paul Gauthier (wife Christine) of Australia, Patrick Gauthier (predeceased), Daniel Gauthier of Timmins, Ronald Gauthier (predeceased), and sisters Yvette Lefebvre (predeceased) and Marie Emerson of Courtice. Gilbert also leaves behind numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. The family asks that donations be made to Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto on Gilbert's behalf. There will be no visitation or service for Gilbert. Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a later date with interment to follow in the Pine St. Cemetery in Timmins. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

### MILDRED PAULINE SAUDER

March 18, 1929 - January 2, 2021



It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Mildred Sauder (nee White) of Tehkummah on January 2, 2021 at the Centennial Manor in her 92nd year. She is survived by her brother Raymond White (Betty). Predeceased by parents George and Pearl White, brother Arlif White, brother Morland White and sister Helen Wark (Lyness). She will be greatly missed by her sons Dennis White, George Sauder (Loretta), Barry Sauder (Lucy), John (Kaarina) Sauder and Paul Sauder (Traci). Grandchildren Shawn (Megan), Adam, Carrie (Sean), Mindy, Jeff, Kaitlyn, Matthew (Jennifer), Allyson and Ben (Ashley). Great-grandchildren Brittany (Justin), Avery (Evan), Austin, Brayden, Bradley, Josh, Hannah, Jenna, Jada, Rowan and Charlotte. Great-great-grandchildren Rhylan, Kennedy and Teah. Dear sister-in-law of Keitha and Christina White. Mildred was the most beautiful woman inside and out. She was the most compassionate, caring woman and her greatest treasures in life were her love for her family, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They brought her the most joy and happiness in life. Everyone knew the love she had for gardening, church and helping others. Mildred's door was always open for anyone. She gave without a second thought and never asked for anything in return. One of her favourite verses was Psalm 23.

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."*

A private family visitation and service will take place on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at the Island Funeral Home with cremation to follow. A Celebration of Life and interment of ashes will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be in memory of Mildred to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary, 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or the Daffodil Terrace Lodge, 41 Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury, Ontario P3E 5J1.

### ROBERT ALLEN MATHEW BEBONANG

"MSHIKENH"

October 13, 1982 - December 20, 2020



In loving memory of Robert Allen Mathew Bebonang "Mshikenh," October 13, 1982 to December 20, 2020. Survived by his loving mother Veronica Bebonang. Predeceased by step-dad Brian Gerald McGregor. Cherished brother to Jennifer, Chris, Steven, Theodore, Corey, Adam, Diane and Mike. Uncle Bobby will be forever missed by his nieces and nephews Vanessa (Vanna), Henrietta, CJ, Megina, Jenna, Sara, Stefan, Stevie, Serandon, Samarah (predeceased), Destiny and Bailey. Robert will also be remembered by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Predeceased by Grandma and Grandpa Abel and Louise Bebonang. Robert was a kind, compassionate and caring person. He cherished and loved his family very much. He adored his one and only son Dylan. Robert was always sharing stories of the many adventures he had in his life. It was never a dull moment when Bobby was around. He loved all animals and was always bringing home wounded ones to save. Robert had a heart of gold, and made anyone who was around him smile. Robert will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Immediate family gathered privately. We ask that extended family and friends mourn Robert safely from their homes. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

### RONALD HERBERT KENNEY

August 27, 1942 - December 13, 2020



In loving memory of Ronald Herbert Kenney, who passed away unexpectedly with family by his side on Sunday, December 13, 2020 at the age of 78 years. Loving husband of 55 years to Donna Gail (Wilson) of Mindemoya. Proud father of son Michael (Shawna-Lee) and cherished grandfather of Kendall and son Patrick (a.k.a. Skater), all of Thunder Bay. Born in Sudbury on August 27, 1942, he was the son of the late Herbert and Aurora Kenney (nee Therriault). Survived by brothers Alan (Diane) of Kirkland Lake and Wayne (Eliza) of Winnipeg, brother-in-law of Beverly Clark (Harold predeceased) of Essex, Mary Brewer of Sudbury and Hugh (Nancy) Wilson of Owen Sound. He will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends, especially his Manitoulin Island Family. Ron was very active in every community he resided in, especially when it came to hockey where he was a lifetime member of Thunder Bay Minor Hockey Association (TBMHA). Curling and golfing were his main interests after retiring to "The Island." He enjoyed travelling every year to Cancun with his wife Donna and was famous for bragging about his minimalist packing skills for a month. He even toyed with the idea of cliff diving with his 3rd son Scott. He was also an active observer/instigator of the Outdoor Kitchen War between Scott and Randy. Ron was that "voice of reason" on whatever committee he was a member of, most recently the Community Living Manitoulin Board of Directors. His favourite saying was "What you permit, you promote." As per Ron's request, there will be no visitation or service. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ron's memory can be made directly to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary or Manitoulin Community Living and would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd. Online condolences can be posted at RangersSudbury.com.

### MARIAN (MOLLY) RICHING



Marian (Molly) Riching of Gore Bay, passed away peacefully at her residence on Thursday, December 24, 2020 in her 87th year. Beloved mother of John of Lively, Michael (Diane) of Gore Bay and Heather Tessier of Copper Cliff. Cherished grandmother of David, Bryce, Jeffrey, Scott, Deanna, Shaun, Molly and Leah. Great-grandmother of Cohen, Hazel, Nora and Claire. Molly will be missed by her sister-in-law Helen Strain, as well as her nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her husband Tom, parents Dr. Fred and Myra (Bell) Strain, son Thomas, son-in-law Rob Tessier, brothers Jim (Doris) Strain, Kirk (Ann) Strain and brother-in-law Jack Riching. Molly was all about family and couldn't get enough of children and babies. She took up golf later in life and loved the game and her golfing crew. She loved curling and was always the life of the party. Due to COVID-19, there will be no visitation or funeral service. A private family burial was held at Gordon Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Anglican Church, Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Salvation Army as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneral-Home.ca.

### thank you

**The family of Joyce Sprack** want to extend our most heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the loving outpour of support that we have received since her passing. We wish to thank the medical staffs of Health Sciences North and the Manitoulin Health Centre for their dedication, compassion and excellent care. We also thank the Island Funeral Home staff and Pastor Martin Garniss for their empathy, kindness and understanding. Mom lived a big life in her small hometown, that she dearly loved. Mom was a devoted Haweater, so very proud of how Islanders always come together in the good times and in the bad times. We will be having a Celebration of Life for Mom next year when it is safe to do so. Thank you from all of us to all of you. Most sincerely, Brian Sprack and family

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# ...Wiikwemkoong researcher Rachel Arsenault

...continued from page 7 protecting the land and the water because both are a sacred gift that connects us to the Creator and are gifts that were given to us by the Creator, she explained. Water also connects us to our ancestors and we need to protect it for future generations as well," said Ms. Arsenault. "Each generation coming after us deserves to have access to the quality and quantity of water that the present generations do. If we had lived like this since the beginning we wouldn't have all the environmental issues that we have today."

She feels that it is her responsibility as an Indigenous woman to speak up for the water, to protect the water and to attend ceremonies for water. She believes it is necessary to share the reasons why we need to do this work and also to discuss the reasons why we failed in the past and to try to help facilitate those discussions on how we can do better.

"Water security is definitely a complex issue and there are no easy solutions," she said. "Money alone won't solve our problem and even if it could, I don't believe there's enough to go around. I don't believe Canada has enough money to solve all of our water challenges nationwide. I don't know if billions would cover that; I have no idea how much money, resources and capacity it would take."

In 2016 Ms. Arsenault joined the Decolonizing Water Partnership Project as part of the Indigenous Research Methods Working Group (IRMWG). One of the first projects that IRMWG worked on resulted in a paper, 'Shifting the Framework of Canadian Water Governance through Indigenous Research Methods: Acknowledging the Past with an Eye to the Future,' for the online journal Water. "One of the things that we wanted to do with that article was to share information about what was really happening

out there and we also wanted to talk about different projects that the people on the team had worked on. For example, researcher Dr. Carrie Bourassa talked about 'two-eyed seeing' and her research lab."

A Mi'kmaw elder from the east coast, Albert Marshall, came up with the idea of two-eyed seeing in 2004. This is the practice of looking at the western science—and technology-based—ways of thinking (one eye) and while using the other eye to see through an Indigenous lens. The goal is to use both eyes or ways together for the benefit of all. "It's not just an Indigenous concept. It's a way for multiple people with diverse backgrounds to bring their focus and priorities into what they're doing."

Another interesting thing the partnership did was hire an engineer who developed easy-to-assemble water monitors complete with the software and hardware to use them. They discovered that by having communities build their own water monitors, they would only pay about one-quarter of the cost they normally would for using water monitors. "This would be a big help for communities that normally used these devices. I really enjoyed being a part of the partnership project and I miss it."

Two years ago, Ms. Arsenault spoke at the University of Heidelberg in Germany on the topic of water and climate change in Canada. She highlighted how Doug Ford fired the envi-

ronmental commissioner of Ontario, Dianne Saxe, who had been working to highlight the issues of water insecurity and climate change, and also spoke about "the Ford government wasting \$30 million taxpayers' dollars to sue the federal government on the federal carbon tax. Think about how that \$30 million could have gone to assist communities with their climate change challenges or their water challenges or even improving their access to clean water in general."

Climate change is the focus of her Ph.D. studies. "One area I am very interested in focusing on is water and how it is impacted by climate change, as well as aquatic species. They're being impacted as well. Climate change has taken a toll on our fish. They don't adapt well to warming water."

One noteworthy thing, Ms. Arsenault shared, came from a discussion she had with Dr. Deborah McGregor of Birch Island, whom she worked with on the Decolonizing Water project and who is currently her Ph.D. supervisor. "She reminded me that First Nations communities are tired of the focus being on all the ways First Nations communities are suffering. One of the things I really want to flush out is that some First Nations communities have interesting ideas and insights into solving some of their own issues and that's something us researchers have to start focusing on: community based solutions."

First Nations communities and organizations such as the Chiefs of Ontario, the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation, the Assembly of First Nations and even the First Nations chiefs and councilors and technicians themselves have been saying that for years, Ms. Arsenault noted.

She feels it's important as a researcher to share her knowledge but also to acknowledge where some of her ideas came from. "They're not just mine," she said. "I've had a lot of help along the way. Indigenous people have a lot of knowledge and it's really important for me to share knowledge that I've received from other Indigenous people and keep moving it along. That's a very important part of the process for me."

"Indigenous peoples are going to be key in coming up with climate change solutions and water solutions. They have their own ideas and ways to implement them and I think they need to be more involved," Ms. Arsenault concluded.

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# Manitoulin Health Centre developing guidelines for patient transfers

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This story ran on December 9 and cited Manitoulin Health Centre president and CEO Lynn Foster as not wishing to contribute to the development of the article. In fact, that expression of no comment related to an earlier stage, prior to any consultation with her clinical leadership team. After publication, Ms. Foster contacted The Expositor to offer comment on the acute care patient transfer proposal as described in the December 9 story. The updated version is printed below. The Expositor regrets the oversight.

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is working with its partners at Health Sciences North (HSN) in Sudbury to develop framework so that, should HSN need to transfer patients due to overloading, a plan would be in place to manage those transfers.

In a document from the recent MHC

board meeting, vice president of clinical services and chief nursing officer Paula Fields noted that HSN has requested help from area hospitals with its ongoing overcapacity issues. Despite the beginning of talks, MHC has not yet been asked to take on any patients from outside the District of Manitoulin.

Chief of staff Dr. Simone Meikleham also noted the HSN request for acute care patients in her report to the board.

"The physicians have agreed in principle to accept one patient at each site. A meeting is to be held November 19 and (was) composed of nursing management and physicians from both sides to work out the details," Dr. Meikleham stated.

The head of MHC said the Island health centre has a close working relationship with the Sudbury hospital and will continue collaborating on each case.

"MHC works very closely with its part-

ner and tertiary care centre, (HSN). After fulsome discussions, MHC's physicians, nurse management and leadership agreed to support the transfer of acute care patients in principle. When Health Sciences North does reach out to MHC, prior to the acceptance of additional acute patients, an assessment will be conducted at each site to ensure that the services delivered will continue to be safe and of the highest quality," said Lynn Foster in a statement to The Expositor.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging hospital capacities across Canada as infection numbers continue to surge. As coronavirus patients take up more beds for critical care, the space for less-urgent patients is reduced.

Because HSN provides the most services in the region as a hub hospital, it is seeking to redistribute consenting and eligible patients among smaller hospitals, such as

MHC, where they can still receive the care they need while making more space available for services that can only happen at the Sudbury hospital.

HSN spokesperson Jason Turnbull provided a statement to The Expositor to better explain the request.

"As the tertiary care centre for the region, hospitals across Northeastern Ontario rely on (HSN) to provide care for patients with complex and acute care needs that exceed their resources. HSN would only consider sending patients to another hospital in the region if that hospital has capacity to accept them, if the patient agrees to the transfer, and if the patient meets certain health criteria such as testing negative for COVID-19, does not have complex care needs and has not been deemed ALC (requiring alternate level of care)," the statement read.

## ...Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha pans Ontario's new draft transportation plan

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tion.

Ms. Mielonen said studies have shown roads with paved shoulders are both safer and more cost effective because large vehicles are less likely to tear up the edge of the pavement.

"I think the document they have delivered has not enough meat. We will be contacting the ministry as well as other organizations (to share these concerns)," she said.

Minister Mulroney's spokesperson said the government was focused on supporting the 'staycation' industry and is actively creating paved shoulders on priority corridors. She did not provide details of where those cycle improvements would take shape.

### Cruise industry considerations

The report included a mention of support for the cruise ship industry. Little Current's Bruce O'Hare, who owns cruise-industry partner Lakeshore Excursions, said the plan seemed impressive because of the many points; he added he was happy to see the swing bridge replacement get a mention but said he did not yet know what it would mean for the cruise industry.

A Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries spokesperson did not speak directly to the cruise ship industry but pointed to past funding announcements toward the Community Building Fund, Travel Industry Council of Ontario, Ontario Travel Incentive and support for numerous festivals and other tourism-related businesses impacted by the pandemic.

The spokesperson added that Ontario is developing a five-year plan to help Ontario strengthen and regrow its tourism industry.

### Other commitments

Ontario has also pledged to create more opportunities for Indigenous-owned businesses to contract on government jobs.

The province stated it aims to increase awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) in its draft transportation plan. It also sought to improve the 511 road condition updates network.

Ontario said it would review the needs of passing lanes in Northeastern Ontario and identify new locations for such lanes. It also included a vaguely worded promise to support municipal airports.

On the environmental front, the province pledged to find places that may be appropriate for alternative vehicle fuel stations such as electricity or hydrogen. It also vowed to tackle invasive species such as phragmites on provincial highways, construct more barriers to wildlife accessing highways and connect remote communities to the electricity grid to reduce reliance on diesel for power.

Manitoulin Phragmites Project co-ordinator Judith Jones said the mention of phragmites and invasive species control along transportation corridors was good to see, but that local contractors have not done enough meaningful work in the area lately to address these invaders. She said there were many places beyond Manitoulin that would be excellent places to complete eradication work.

The plan mentioned exploring emerging freight technologies such as drones, an initiative that Sheshegwaning has also begun to evaluate for its own community.

The draft plan did not specify when the province would undertake the actions it has promised. It described the plan as a living document and said it would update its goals as it gains more information to ensure it addresses the region's needs.



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