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KAGAWONG SMALL CRAFT HARBOUR EXPANDING—Contractor Build North Construction Inc. has fenced off the entire small craft basin area and much of the parking lot. Lacroix Construction is also working on the project.



View of small craft marina construction area from Old Mill Road. The yellow barrier contains sediment from construction activities within the basin and protects the waters in Kagawong beach area and at Aus Hunt Marina (in background)



View of small craft basin construction site. Additional docks means a different 'L' shaped layout with the long arm of the L along Old Mill Road.



The basin will be lined with four to five inch rock and gravel will surround the perimeter of the basin for walking on. See story on Page 8.

Part I of a series

Defunded from day one

Wiiky Tribal Police Chief McCaffrey shares concerns with MPs

EDITOR'S NOTE: Amidst growing discussions of systemic racism in governance models and policing more specifically, The Manitoulin Expositor will be speaking with

First Nation police leadership who have connections to the Island's two First Nation police services, as well as experts who can help explore the ongoing gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous police forces.

by Warren Schlote

OTTAWA—Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) Police

Chief Terry McCaffrey, who is also president of Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario (IPCO), spoke virtually at the federal standing committee on public safety and national security this past Thursday to share insights into how Indigenous police forces continue to perform meaningful work for their communities despite funding and legislative gaps existing in their models.

"I think our message is very clear, that Indigenous policing is

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Mindemoya, Manitowaning OPP offices mothballed Municipal leaders outraged by lack of consultation

by Warren Schlote and **Michael Erskine**

MANITOULIN—The Provincial Police (OPP) has announced that it will be shuttering two detachment offices on Manitoulin Island shortly after the new mega-detachment opens in Little Current, sparking deep concern and outrage among municipal leaders who were not consulted and worry that closing the Mindemoya and Manitowaning detachments will negatively impact policing on Manitoulin Island despite police reassurance that service will not degrade.

"When these decisions are

made, local OPP are consulted but the decision is also provincial. We provide reports on an annual basis of how our operational

process is going; those filter through to the general headquarters in Orillia," said Inspector

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Drive-thru Prov Bay Fair parade this year

Floats stay put, admirers do the driving

PROVIDENCE BAY—The Providence Bay Fair has reconceptualized its popular annual parade event to create a more pandemic-friendly offering this summer by hosting a drive-through parade on August 22, in which onlookers' vehicles, rather than floats, are

the ones that move among the displays.

"We thought it would be easier for people to stay in their cars and drive through instead of the other way around," said Bev McDermid, who is spearheading

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Cliff diving tragedy claims a young life at Birch Island

by Warren Schlote

BIRCH ISLAND—Whitefish River First Nation is mourning the loss of citizen Jadesheens, whose English name is Brian 'Bee' Wabasso Jr., who died while swimming and cliff jumping this past Friday, July 24. He leaves behind a partner, three children, family members and dear friends who say he made the most of his 29 years before beginning his journey to the spirit world.

"'Be somebody,' is what he always said. And he lived that in everything he did," Jadesheens' godmother and aunt Rose Jacko. He was her first

Jadesheens was the eldest son of renowned artist Brian Wabasso and Iris Wabasso, and had two sisters, Amy and Jennifer. The family has had a sacred fire burning and hosted a sunrise ceremony this past Monday, July 27.

"He was the older one so I gave him all my tough teachings," said Mr. Wabasso.

"It's sudden. It leaves us in a state where we're unable to say our goodbyes because it was so quick, so fast. Right now we're just trying to process and trying to get through each day," added Ms.

In the early evening hours of Friday, July 24, members of the UCCA Antisana Police Service and the Manitoulin Ontario

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Early Deadline

As the Civic holiday falls next Monday (August 3), the Expositor office is moving the deadline for classified ads to 4 pm this Thursday (July 30).

Display advertising customers are also asked to have copy to The Expositor by Thursday afternoon.

The Expositor office will be closed on the Civic holiday Monday. Thanks for your cooperation and enjoy the long weekend! (Our staff normally work on this holiday because of the annual Haweater Weekend and Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival events coverage, sadly interrupted by COVID-19 concerns this year.)



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Wiikwemkoong votes (2020)

Meet the ogimaa (chief) candidates for Wiikwemkoong. Voting day for citizens is August 15

Rose Shawanda

Duke Peltier

Duke Peltier

WIIKWEMKOONG-Wiikwemkoong ogimaa candidate Duke Peltier is running for his fifth term as the head of the territory, promising to continue the work he has advanced in his previous four terms as ogimaa by offering "experienced leadership'

wemkoong citizens when they go to the polls next month.

"There's been a lot of progress done within the community. A lot of the development and projects have

started and are either coming to completion or well under construction," said Mr. Peltier, one of three ogimaa candidates in the August 15 elec-

Despite the list of completed projects, Mr. Peltier said he remains focused on the many things yet to come for the future of Wiikwemkoong and projects not

yet begun.

"There are a few other major areas that we'd like to see through and make sure that we follow through with, such as making sure that we get the approval to build a new school as well as ensuring that we can redevelop our

nursing home. Those are just two of the large items among other ones, like completing our islands claim negotiation process," he

> major process that is currently underway is

the redevelopment of the community's governance structure. That project began in 2013 when it established its constitution.

said.

"There's a lot of laws currently under development in different stages and we want to ensure we bring the community along and do the proper consultation so

WIIKWEMKOONG—Rose Shawanda is again throwing her hat in the ring for ogimaa of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory when it goes to the polls next month, August 15.

Ms. Shawanda was born raised in Wiikwemkoong and is fluent in the language.

her

with The Expositor.

background in education

Ms. Shawanda is also a

registered practical nurse

who has worked in health

services with a focus on

youth and elders for more than 20 years. "I have a clear

understanding of our health

care needs and will work

diligently to ensure they are

met in ways that are accept-

"I received formal education in political science in Thunder Bay and recreational leadership and management in North Bay,' Shawanda

shared



integrity and inclusivity for the benefit of our people in the areas of policy review, water, sewer and infrastructure, roads, food and sovereignty, recreation, language, the islands claim and economic development." Ms. Shawanda's focus is the

Ms. Shawanda would like

munity.'

"My early education started with my family and my community," Ms. Shawanda "It was the continued. knowledge of the Seven Grandfather teachings and a foundation in Anishinaabe language that supported me while I completed post-sec-

ondary education and train-

Ms. Shawanda said she is familiar with her communigovernance issues and is "prepared to move forward with transparency,

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Terry Spanish (Otasquaiob)

Terry Spanish

(Otasquaiob)

WIIKWEMKOONG—Terry Spanish, whose traditional last name is Otasquaiob, has a lengthy to-do list ready should the community choose to elect him as Wiikwemkoong ogimaa. "There are quite a few things that need to be done," he said when contacted about his campaign plat-

form by The Expositor last week.

"Jobs," he said, are one of his top priorities, "not just for the select few."

He vows to conduct review of welfare (Ontario Works), in fact,

a review of all of the band's departments, scheduling a meeting with the managers of all of the departments. "Also councillors' job positions," he said. "To see if they are doing their jobs."

Mr. Otasquaiob said that he will take the battle against drug addiction to the source and seek solutions to the scourge of drug

addiction that is hitting so many communities. "I will be looking into the system of addiction and how they are being addressed locally."

Cutting off the sources that are coming from outside of the community will be a priority. "Seems that people are coming into the community and turning

into mules and bringing those problems into Wiik-

wemkoong," said. "Drugs are pervasive all over place."

Otasquaiob said he feels

his prior work in the addictions field will prove to be a strong asset in those endeavours.

Mr. Otasquaiob began working in the community services field while living in Toronto, including as a housing manager. "I worked a lot in the social services, especially helping individu-

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by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—A local 'techie' business whose informal involves assisting Island businesses with setting up servers and networks found an ad hoc method of ramping up his (and his neighbours') internet speeds to something closer to that which other, more urban, residents enjoy—but the experience of trving to help someone less fortunate deal with impossibly slow

connection speeds left him outraged. So much so that he has helped initiate a petition calling for more equitable access to the information highway.

"I don't want to be labelled as some kind of a troublemaker," he said, requesting anonymity. "But something has to be done."

The elderly woman he went to assist recently is paying \$98 a month and receiving barely three megabytes of service, he

explained. "She is paying for 20megabyte service." he added. "But she can't even run something like Skype (a popular voice and video connection app). It was incredibly frustrating.

Although his own rural connections are not quite as bad as what he encountered at his friend's home, the techie found a workaround solution to his (and two of his nearby neighbours') slow connection speeds. By using a special router and packets, he combined the three 20 mb connections into a shared 60 mb connection. "Now we all have 60 mb," he asserted. "Why couldn't they (the internet service provider [ISP]) put in an exchange in places like Tehkummah? Tehkummah currently feeds into Mindemoya."

Capacity on what was once called the information superhighway has not caught up with the increased demand for video conferencing or movie and television program downloads in the modern age, let alone the massively increased demand generated by a global population forced to be homebound by the

pandemic. "The demand 20 or even 10 years ago is nothing like it is today—capacity has not caught up," he said, going on to allege that "the providers could roll out better service in three days." That is if they were to throw their considerable resources into

Large ISP operators currently have little to no incentive to improve connection speeds in low-density rural regions, he said. "They don't put any new investments into improving their infrastructure and are laughing all the way to the

He points out that no government currently mandates a minimum level of service. "The government says 'is it better than dial-up?' and they say that it high speed. It is not high speed. These ISPs are getting away with it."

"COVID-19 restrictions have pushed many of us to working and learning from home; most ...continued on page 27



A charred frame was all that remained of The Red Market in Sheguiandah First Nation after an overnight fire at one of its cannabis dispensaries.

Sheguiandah fire destroys a popular pot dispensary

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH NATION—Shortly after the owner and staff of The Red Market had packed up their product and called it a day, disaster struck the popular cannabis dispensary as a fire quickly took hold in the building, eventually completely destroying the building. The owner is convinced that the blaze was no accident, but the cause of the blaze has not yet been determined.

The Northeast Town fire department and the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service were dispatched to the blaze on Sheguiandah First Nation at 11:40 pm on July 21. The building was fully engulfed when they

arrived, but by 2:30 am that morning it was all over but the investigation.

According to a release from the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office was called but did not attend to investigate the fire.

"This is what happens when you try to build something, to create better economic opportunities in your community," said an embittered Fraser Whiteduck, who started the operation early late last year. "I had just promoted one of my workers and now this."

The Red Market began life in a small trailer beside an empty

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OSTC president responds to phone reservation complaints

Says some callers reach 'abusive' levels

by Warren Schlote

OWEN SOUND—Chi-Cheemaun operator Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) has switched to phone-based reservations exclusively during the COVID-19 pandemic as it adjusts to a reduced onboard passenger capacity, citing a combination of

privacy concerns and an old online booking system that could not properly account for passenger counts within vehicles.

"Call completion times are longer during (the) pandemic as we must ensure a good deal of information is provided to the

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Post in South Baymouth, you might be helped by someone who doesn't carry the Brown family name, like Peter Dowhaniuk, nephew of trading post owners Carl and Gary Brown.

"The store's always been a part of my life since I was a kid," said Mr. Dowhaniuk.

It's not a bad place for a summer job—Mr. Dowhaniuk just graduated from an architecture program at the University of Toronto and has spent numerous summers around the family business



Peter Dowhaniuk

COVID-19 restrictions and public health measures have changed the dynamics with those who pass through as they roll off the ferry.

"Most people are respectful with masks and they're trying to keep a safe distance," said Mr. Dowhaniuk, adding that he liked the break from the hyperconnected world back home.

Despite living in the most populated area in the country, Mr. Dowhaniuk said coming back to South Baymouth lets

him truly meet people. "In the city you're so much more isolated from everyone else even though you're around a lot more people," he said.

Mr. Dowhaniuk took a year off after high school and motorcycled around Vietnam. He now spends his limited downtime riding a bicycle around the Island, helping out on neighbouring farms and visiting friends and neighbours.

Architecture was an interesting choice that he expects will open many doors, especially because of the diverse facets of architecture he has studied.

"It's going to be interesting to see what happens with working from home because we'll be able to choose where we want to live," he said, adding he would love call Manitoulin home.

Please remember that when you shop locally, you support your neighbours like Peter Dowhaniuk at Carl's Trading

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"who dares not offend, cannot be honest" One Manitowaning Road

editorial

This August long weekend will see a lot of sad firsts

This will be one very strange August long weekend, given the cancellation of the Little Current Lions Haweater Weekend and Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival (aka the Wiiky Powwow). For the first time since their inception, these two iconic Manitoulin high summer events will not be taking place.

Given the steady stream of traffic to be seen coming to Manitoulin Island across the swing bridge in Little Current, the weekend will still be pretty busy despite the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the tourism traffic upon which nearly all of the Island business community depends.

Conversations with several of those businesses over the past few weeks indicate a mixed bag when it comes to individual impacts, but overall the consensus seems to be a reduction in the 35 percent-plus range. A heavy hit for any business, but particularly heavy for the small business people—the quite literal mom and pops—who rely upon the August long weekend frenzy, a combination of high summer hurrah and the traditional homecomings that an extended summer weekend entails.

While the other shoe of an anticipated second wave of COVID-19 infections has many Island residents quite justifiably on edge, we should not easily relinquish our famed hospitality, especially to those for whom the Island has always been their summer home.

Over the generations it has not been uncommon for summer residents to live on Manitoulin while the warm weather is here, but take to more southern and/or urban climes when old Jack Frost comes a calling. This Island is their home and the vast majority are just as concerned about the pandemic as anyone who lives here through all

Many of our summer residents are elderly and particularly vul-

nerable to the virus and continue to maintain strict protocols when they come to the Island. They should not have to add a fear of intolerant neighbours to their burden in these trying times.

There are exceptions, as there are to every rule, but we should strongly endeavour to not paint everyone with the same brush. There are enough of our year-round residents who hold to fringe assessments of the validity of the pandemic and masking protocols to go round without singling out the summer visitors.

Politeness is a Canadian hallmark, one of the few foundational facets of our largely invisible national identity; let us not be robbed of that virtue because of fear of the stranger.

There will be plenty of unfamiliar folks around this coming weekend, but many Islanders (particularly those over a certain age of, dare we say, reason?) have traditionally taken to their bush lots and their own summer hideaway cottages in order to avoid the long weekend crowds. This might be a great time to hold to that tradition to avoid the (albeit reduced) throngs.

Let us celebrate this summer weekend in a less traditional low key manner, but eschew any melancholy over the loss of the popular Haweater events like the cardboat boat races and street vendors, the meeting of old friends and family, the dances, the pageantry and fireworks. This too will pass and there is little point in dwelling too hard upon it.

Instead, let us celebrate the wondrous land upon which we share our lives, safely, responsibly and united as Canadians, for all of our many differences. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, so let this year's absence make next year all the sweeter for the realization of what we have missed this year.

<u>letters</u>

A family tribute to our late Tehk Talk columnist

Memories of a life well lived

A tribute to my sister Pat Hall

What can I say about Pat, She always had lots of cats, Her heart it would beat, Her manners were sweet, And gossip was never a fact.

She loved her town And folks all around, There wasn't a person she met, She would say "have a wonderful day" And you'd be in her column, I bet.

She wrote Talk and Times And made lots of rhymes And even published a book or two. Never forgot to mention someone Anytime she met me or you.

She had a kind heart And this was a part As she drove her mail truck each day. The doggies would wait For her at the gate Because she brought treats every day.

She'd stop in at moms And tasted her buns. Just out of the stove; Then go on her way As she finished her day And wave at each one As she drove.

She would stop for a chat And a friendly hello To everyone she knew on her way. And take time to call out to everyone, "I hope you have a good day."

This went on for years As the mail she dropped off To newcomers and all everyday. She hummed as she drove, Had candy for kids, As she thought of each one on the way.

As time went on Her and Mom got along. They seemed more like sisters, So rare.

If you can recall The places they went, We always knew Both would be there.

They went out for dinner, Country music and shows And danced at the Tehkummah Hall. They sang together The songs that they loved, And they would remember them all.

Like 'Put me in your Pocket' And 'Storms never Last' Were some of their favourite songs. I would be so proud And all of the crowd Would cheer and encourage them on.

I'm sure we will miss Seeing her around, Our sister, mother, grandmother and friend, It seems like a dream But I can't wake up to hear her voice once again.

But God has a way To change seasons and time. A reason we don't understand. So, this tribute's for you 'Til we met again, And our hearts no more They will roam.

Together again Where love never ends And finally, at last We'll be home.

Love you Pat, July 16, 2020

Speed concerns

Why no fines?

To the Expositor:

Have you ever sat and watched the traffic go by on Highway 540 between the Little Current town sign and the curve by the Anglican cemetery? We do, because we live beside that stretch of road. Someone, such as the OPP, could rake in a fortune on offences, which no one seems concerned about! The biggest problem by far is speed. It seems as though many (but not all) drivers, both personal and commercial, leaving town put the accelerator on the floor when they pass the town sign. The speed limit rises to 60 km/h, not 70, or 80 or?

With the many driveways, some of which have restricted visibility, this is a dangerous situation! Fortunately, there have been few accidents, but there have been many "close calls." It is only a matter of time before someone is injured or

Vehicles approaching town are just as careless. They often do not start to slow down until they reach the curve, then start to brake hard, to slow down a little. Then there is the huge problem of noise! Some vehicles may have defective exhaust systems, but many, including passenger cars, SUVs, light trucks, commercial vehicles, especially dump trucks, it seems that they must get where they are going at optinum speed, or they are just "showing of The noise seems to be deliberate. The worst, by far, are many motorcycles. Finally, there are the HTA violations. Unsafe loads, aggregate loads with no covers in place, trucks towing trailers (not fifth wheel) to which is attached a boat or box trailer. We have even seen impatient drivers

passing on the double solid lines, including passing school busses, with the flashers going!

Whoever should be curtailing these infractions are rarely to be seen, and even more rarely is a vehicle stopped. These situations need looking into, and if warranted, penalties assigned.

We hope this will start happening! Robert Paxton **Little Current**

Mollie McCauley Winnipeg, Manitoba

A call to remain alert for Nazi sympathizers

We already have enough problems to deal with

To the Expositor:

I am dismayed to learn that (according to German publication Der Spiegel) Nazi sympathizers are buying up land on Cape Breton Island with a view to setting up a colony of like-minded simpletons! Surely we should all be monitoring this situation carefully and take whatever steps necessary to prevent such a possibility. I hope and trust that both

federal and provincial authorities are watching closely; we already have enough problems to deal with and surely the last thing we need is another hate group free to spread their venom in our country! Sincerely,

> **Eric Balkind Gore Bay**

participation of the Government of Canada.'

Canad'ä

Wilda and Wallace Campbell

Going back to high school as an adult was just one of Wilda's goals in life and when she accomplished this, she performed amazingly well, getting top marks in the courses she took. Earlier, as a nurse, she spent much of her career at the new Mindemoya Hospital. She and her husband Wallace took over Idyll Glen resort from Wilda's brother Bill and they ran this camp successfully for many years. Wilda smiles as she shares that she and Wallace spent some of their children's inheritance by exploring many interesting parts of the world.

'My maternal grandparents are Fred and Janet Cochrane Wagg. Grandfather Fred had three sawmills and lived on several farms in his early years. He was a great farmer and fisherman as well. He finally settled where Idyll Glen is now and became a fishing guide, renting boats and selling bait, along with a few extra vegetables from his big garden. In the spring, the Waggs made the annual trek to the maple bush and produced great quantities of maple

syrup.

"William and Clara Edith Amy
are my dad's (Hancock) Taylor are my dad's parents. Grandpa William immigrated to Canada from England in 1913, sponsored by W. J. McKenzie of Kagawong. William sent \$25 to help with the passage and he was to work for his sponsor for one year. Grandma Clara arrived at Billings Township the next summer with their three sons, Bill, Den and Ken. My dad, Bill, complained about going to school barefoot. When they moved to their next farm in Perivale, they travelled over a frozen lake and grandma thought it would be wonderful to farm here, not realizing they were on ice."

A farm east of Mindemoya Lake came next. About this time, William's widowed sister Fanny Cox and four children arrived from England. Her husband had been killed at war and eventually, she got a farm in the same area. "Grandad became a member of the school board and worked for the township, hand-shoveling gravel while using his team of horses and his wagon to build roads and also the (St. Francis) Anglican Church."

'Grandad got a contract for the first motorized school van which my father drove in the spring and fall months. In the winter, it was back to a covered sleigh with a wood stove and seats down each side. My father met my mother while driving the bus. Bill Taylor met Mae (Mary Wagg) and they married in 1930. Mary was the middle child of 11, with two sets of twins, Hazel, Lloyd, Ray, Pearl and Ruby (twins). Mary (Mae), Wallace, Ernie and Olive (twins), Tom and Harvey. My parents Bill and Mae had the boarding house across from where the bank is

In the late 1920s, a new venture became prominent on Manitoulin. "AJ Wagg and my dad canvased people from Kagawong to Mindemoya to assess the interest in electric power. Not enough people were ready to sign on, but the second survey of potential hydro customers was more encouraging. Dad would help to bring power to the Island after poles were installed. He would assist with the wiring.

Wilda was born on July 26, 1932, followed by six brothers. "Mother was alone that day I was born, so she walked from her home to the Red Cross Hospital. I was the first girl born in the extended family after 49 years and I was born on the same birthday as the last girl, Fanny Cox. My earliest memories focused on hearing family stories, sitting on grandpa's knees. Grandad was a great gardener too, growing much-needed vegetables along with the flowers. Kagawong, the home of hydro, soon lured our family to move. My



Now and Then A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin

Mnaachtoong Maadsewin By Petra Wall



list for mail. I told them that Wal-

lace had never missed a letter in

three years. He was my lifeline in

In her later years, mother devel-

oped Parkinson's and Alzheimer's

and spent four years in a nursing

home before she passed away.

After some time, dad took on a

new partner, Belle Stone. They

were together for 17 years. Dad

retired from 'Mahogany Row,' as

INCO was called, with his own

desk, a far cry from the barefoot

Wallace, born on October 15,

1926, was the youngest child of

Florence (McColeman) and John

Campbell. His older siblings were

Sampson, Jamie, Vinie, John,

George, Flora, Eva and Neil. Flo-

rence had been raised on the

south shore of Manitoulin, and

she didn't attend school. Her

father cut timber and Florence

would draw the timber by horse to

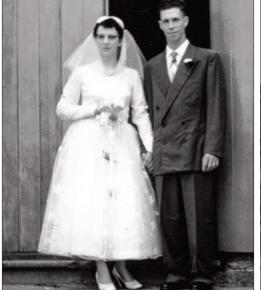
the frozen lake. In the spring,

Windsor.'

boy in Billings.



From left, Wilda, Wallace, John, Doug, Wayne, Blake, Frank and dad the day Wilda left for nursing training in 1952.



Our wedding day, September 17, 1955.



Frank, Bill, John, Doug and Wayne collecting wood for the house.

uncle had the red school bus and we could use it to go for picnics or to our great uncle's place on Lake Kagawong."

"With no power, wood provided heat for the house and for cooking. Each year, mother also cared for a large garden, chickens and two piglets that would be butchered in the fall. The children picked raspberries and strawberries for canning. The year I turned 12, I suggested we ramp up our berry picking. If we get 50 quarts for us, we can sell any extra we pick.'

Mother was quite sick with gallstones and this added more chores for Wilda. "I recall making training pants for little brother Wallace using flour bags," Wilda mus-"My teenage years were difficult with all the extra work I had at home and I didn't appreciate my mother's position until I was older. She was responsible for the family with my dad living elsewhere for work. She had seven kids and was so sick.'

"In 1939, dad tried to get into the army but he was deaf in one ear and was not accepted. He moved to Copper Cliff and worked at INCO while the family moved back to Mindemoya." Wilda had attended Grades 1 to 4 in Kagawong with the same teacher who had eight classes in all. Grades 5 to 8 were in Mindemoya with Mrs. Thelma Kerr and 9 to 12 with Mr. and Mrs. Fraser. "Spelling was not my forte. To get into Grade 9, three boys and I had to write an entrance exam. Mrs. Kerr had worked with me using an introductory spelling book and I made good progress. When the time came for the exam. I was ready. but the Department of Education had discontinued the entrance

exams."

Each spring, a few of the boys in Mr. Fraser's class would go through the cloakroom windows and head into the woods to pick wild leeks, consuming the minimal amount to incur bad breath. They knew the teacher would send them home to avoid the heavy garlic smell. "I don't recall being mischievous in school but my first and last cigarette was smoked behind a wood pile near the falls in Kagawong. I got too sick to ever want to do that

"I wrote letters to dad to let him know how sad I was as the eldest in the family with six small boys, but I never mailed them. There was lots of work, with no power and the constant hauling of water. My bare-footed younger brothers had lots of fun. They caught suckers in the river and Mother would can them, along with a bit of ketchup. I can still see the pink jars standing on the shelf. (The ketchup gave them the salmon colour.) Smelt fishing was a popular event when we were in Kagawong. I was 16 when a lot of us would head to the water to catch hundreds of smelt. That was about the time I met Wallace.'

The family moved to Copper Cliff in 1950, where dad and his six sons all worked for INCO. Mother became a staunch member of the United Church there. I stayed in Little Current and worked at Turners. In the spring of 1952, I travelled to Windsor to enter nursing school. I had a friend there who had started her training a year earlier. Each Wednesday and Saturday, without fail, a letter from Wallace would arrive. The supervisor asked me once why I didn't first check the



Bill, standing, with Ruth holding baby Allen at Christmas 1961.

boats would haul the timbers

Florence was famous for her home-baked bread, quilts and machine-sewing of used clothing. She was also a midwife for the area. Florence and John lived in a log house on a small farm near Spring Bay. Each fall, John went to the States to cut timber during the winter months. Wallace was eight when he started school because he had been too young to walk the three miles to school earlier. John died with cancer and Wallace quit school; he was in Grade 6.

Wallace, teased for stuttering, had found school was not much fun for him, so quitting to help out on the farm seemed a good solution. During the war, he also helped some of the big farmers in the Spring Bay area. Later, he took correspondence courses to finish his schooling. He also got his 'butter maker's' certificate and became the butter-maker at Wagg's Creamery in Mindemoya.

He also cut trees, then would borrow horses to take the logs to Ray Wagg's mill where he helped cut the lumber. After he and Wilda became friends. Wallace's stuttering seemed to slow down.

In May 1955, Wilda graduated from nursing. "We paraded down the main street to and from the Salvation Army Hospital in Windsor. It was a big event." She found work in the Copper Cliff hospital until her marriage on September 16, 1955. "We bought one acre from Dennis Taylor in Mindemoya and began construction on our home in the following spring. We finished half the basement and moved in, slowly adding to the structure as money was available, over the next four years. My parttime position at the Red Cross Hospital turned into a near fulltime position."

Brother Bill was working in Thompson, Manitoba couldn't get a transfer, so he quit INCO and purchased Grandpa Wagg's property for a campground. There were no tent and trailer parks at the time, so it was the first tent and trailer park on Manitoulin. The first year was a success.

He and dad also bought a property across the street from the park. A few years later, INCO called brother Bill back to work. He went to New Caledonia, east of Australia. He was still committed to INCO but he felt sorry that he had to leave his new project. Wallace and I offered to run Idyll Glen for him. Our son Bill was 10 days old the day we moved in and we stayed until 1971. "We had three children: Ruth, Bill and Allan."

"A few years later, Bill was transferred to Guatemala where he met his wife. They had four children and they stayed until danger compelled them to relocate to Canada. Bill learned a unique French dialect and fluent Guatemalan."

In 1971 Wilda went back to work full-time at the new hospital in Mindemoya. She also taught 4-H courses to students, including her daughter Ruth, who took over that task later. She won a much-coveted silver pie lifter. She also taught several courses at the Mindemoya Women's Institute. One course about yeast allowed Wilda to be creative. She used her new electric blanket to warm the bowl and allow the bread to rise.

"We purchased the vacant 350 acres across the road and started to build a herd of cattle. The property extended to the town limits so we donated part of the property to the town so their boundary could include the portion from the school to the Haven House road. Each year, Wallace took the hay off. Allan, wife Roxanne, Bill and his wife Blanche helped with hauling in the hay. In return, each couple got half a beef at the end of the season. Unfortunately, two sad events happened. Roxanne died in a car accident in June of 1988 and Allan lost his life on a motor bike on July 29 of that same year.'

"A water issue developed for our neighbour and our barnyard was blamed. Wallace decided to ship out the cattle. He was relieved to find out later that their barnyard had not been the source of the bad water. Soon after, six businessmen offered to buy about 90 of our acres just outside of town and slate it for development. We sold the land, but the development did not happen. This major revenue boost allowed us to trav-

In 1990, in her mid 50s, Wilda left nursing and looked for a new challenge. She approached Manitoulin Secondary School guidance counsellor Bill Caesar about taking the environmental science course at MSS. Later, Mr. Caesar, impressed with her fortitude, wrote in The Manitoulin Expositor, 'How to make the transition from a full-time career to a life of retirement...returning to school

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...Mindemoya, Manitowaning OPP offices mothballed

...continued from page 1 Megan Moriarity (formerly Cavanagh), detachment commander of Manitoulin OPP.

"I will say, though, our own employees were only notified in the past month," she added.

The news came as a shock to police staffers and municipal leaders alike.

The reaction of Island elected leaders to the closure news ran the gamut from resigned dismay to outraged indignation—with some concerns about the future thrown in for good measure.

Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens was one of those who expressed dismay. "We were blindsided by the decision to mothball our local station," he said, noting that he first learned of the details behind the decision when he received a letter inviting him to join other municipal leaders for a briefing at the new OPP detachment headquarters in Little Current.

"It was plain that the

decision was made by the time we got that letter," he said. The decision to close the satellite offices took place without consultation, despite assurances that such consultation would take place when the \$12 million new headquarters was announced for Little Current.

"They did apologize for that," said Mayor Stephens. "They obviously had the answers ready."

The removal of the detachment from Mindemoya has considerable ancillary impact, particularly on Manitoulin Family Resources and its Haven House women's shelter located next door. Although that detachment has not been occupied consistently by a police officer for quite some time, there was almost always a police cruiser parked at the building.

"The sergeant at the meeting said that wasn't the case," said Mayor Stephens, "but I informed him that I drive by that location nearly every single day. That did



The Mindemoya, seen above, and Manitowaning detachment offices will soon be shuttered.

provide a lot of people with a certain sense of security in the community."

Mary Nelder was the first executive director of Haven House. She recalled the comfort that the nearby police presence provided.

"The decision to locate the facility there was made before the board hired me," she said. "But I can tell you we were not at all unhappy about being beside a police station, even if it was not staffed full-time. It was when I first started."

Losing a police detach-

ment is nothing new for Assiginack Mayor Dave Ham, who was at the helm the last time the OPP decided to pull the detachment from that community.

"The first I learned of it back then was when I saw them taking out the filing cabinets from the building," he recalled. "That was during the Mike Harris years when there were a lot of cutbacks taking place."

"I picked up the phone and called; he said it was the first that he had heard about it," said Mayor Ham. "Mike Harris was not in favour of the expansion that had taken place in the OPP in Ontario at that time."

Mayor Ham said his community was far better served when they had an RCMP detachment located in the community. "There were four constables here all the time," he said. "They did a fabulous job."

In response to this latest news, Mayor Ham didn't mince words. "I am absolutely blown away about it," he said, sharing his displeasure.

"We have the largest density of population in this part of the Island," he said. "There are over 5,000 people located here."

"If I ran my business like they run that I would have been bankrupt 20 years ago," he said. "It's silly, they could have done it (the new detachment) a lot cheaper."

Municipal councillors are not impressed with the lack of consultation, given that the OPP contract represents the largest part of their budgets. "We spend \$530,000 a year," said Mayor Stephens. But when he brought that up at the meeting in the new detachment, the reaction was muted. "It didn't seem to faze them,' he said, noting that although there might be compelling reasons to close the detachments, the broken promise was particularly galling.

"It's a beautiful station," said Mayor Stephens. "We were given a tour, there are all kinds of hallways and alleys." But when it came to the feared closures during the discussions over the new headquarters, "we received some assurances that was not going to happen."

"That's just it," said Central Manitoulin Councillor Steve Shaffer, who sits on the Community Policing Advisory Committee but was clear he did not speak for the council on the matter

"When there was quite a discussion about this in 2017, they assured us of community consultation."

Councillor Shaffer said

that "given the sheer size of the building, it (the closures) doesn't come as a surprise."

But he questioned the scale of the lack of consultation. "It speaks volumes when even Mike Mantha, our (Algoma-Manitoulin) MPP, didn't know anything about it," he said. "It's like this process all took place totally in a vacuum."

The government confirmed in October 2016 that Manitoulin would be getting a new central detachment in Little Current as part of phase two of the OPP modernization project within the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Discussions of possible detachment closures had surfaced in Assiginack council meetings when that township was concerned about rumours that the Manitowaning station would be closing.

Staff sergeant Kevin Webb, then the Manitoulin OPP detachment commander, has previously stated that closing the old police buildings on Manitoulin Island was an 'inevitable' outcome. However, he repeatedly assured municipal officials that community input would be a crucial part of any potential closure talks, speaking most directly to this at a 2017 council meeting in the Municipality of Central Manitoulin.

"Once the (new central detachment) is constructed and officers have been moved in, we will then be able to start talking about possible detachment office closures and we will undertake consultations with the municipalities and stakeholders. I will have to do an analytical representation of the four detachments and the calls for service, geography and consultation with the affected municipalities and (OPP) members who work in the OPP buildings," he told the meeting.

The actual process followed three years later appears to be far from that ideal.

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Reorganization and loss of stations nothing new on Manitoulin

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Once upon a time Manitoulin Island was home to four separate Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachments—each with its own detachment commander and complement of officers.

"Back in the late '80s there were detachments in Little Current, Gore Bay, Manitowaning and Mindemoya," recalled former OPP Community Services Officer Al Boyd, who now chairs the Community Policing Advisory Committee in his capacity as a Northeast Town councillor. "Mindemoya and Manitowaning detachment commanders were constable positions, but they were responsible for the administration. Little Current was a sergeant and Manitowaning had a corporal."

This was all before the formation of the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police and the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service. "The detachments were responsible for policing on the reserves," he said. "There were 23 officers based in Little Current at one time, it was responsible for Birch Island, West Bay (now M'Chigeeng), Sheguiandah and Sucker Creek (now Aundeck Omni Kaning)."

Then came special constables and

as the two Indigenous police forces were formed, at first under the umbrella of the OPP and then as standalone police services. "Through the mid-80s, through attrition, the complement of OPP officers declined," said Mr. Boyd, who as community services officer sat on the committee overseeing the transition.

The reorganization that took place during those tumultuous years provided a stiff learning curve for the force. "There were defined areas of responsibility," he recalled. "If a call came in and you were based in Little Current, unless there was an emergency, you wouldn't be dispatched. But when varying shifts became involved, things could get very interesting. There might be challenges that came out of where the officers on duty at any time were based. But when it came to policing, it was all over the map." Quite literally, as "There might not be anyone on duty in Manitowaning, so someone from Little Current might be dispatched or vice versa," he said. "An officer could be dispatched anywhere; it was quite a transition period.

At one point there was even a substation in South Baymouth, located in the building currently housing Destination Manitoulin Island.

When the headquarters moved to Manitowaning from Little Current, secretaries and other support staff were moved out of the other detachment locations and placed in Manitowaning

Community policing became all the rage and when the Progressive Conservative government of Mike Harris decided to download the cost of policing onto municipalities, the concept of how to provide municipalities with a say in how they were policed (since they were footing the bill), came to the fore.

A civilian community policing committee, precursor to the current CPAC formula, was formed—soon to be followed by the formal CPAC arrangement of the current system. That system is also now under review, especially with the amalgamation of the Espanola, Manitoulin and some Sudbury regions.

In an odd quirk of the system, officers being transferred from Mindemoya to the newly-built Manitoulin Detachment headquarters in Little Current are apparently eligible for a relocation allowance as they are officially being moved more than 40 kilometres.

OPP charges AOK resident with impaired driving

On the evening of July 23, Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) arrested a 26-year-old driver of Aundeck Omni Kaning for impaired driving following a single motor vehicle collision on Highway 540 in Gordon Township. The driver received non-life threatening

drivers by calling 9-1-1.

injuries in the crash.

The OPP encourages residents to please report impaired

Manitoulin OPP charges driver for drug impairment

On July 20, at approximately 3:46 am, officers of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP investigated a vehicle pulled over on Highway 6 in Espanola.

Upon speaking to the driver, officers determined the individual was under the influence of a drug.

Further investigation by a drug recognition expert was completed and as a result of the evaluation, the driver, 45-year-old Hannah Hensher from Sudbury, was charged with operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs, and possession of a Schedule I substance, methamphetamine.

Police seized a quantity of drugs suspected to be methamphetamine.

The accused was released on an undertaking and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on September 14.

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

This charge marks the 23rd driver charged under criminal impaired driving laws in the Manitoulin detachment area in 2020.



Manitoulin OPP joins 'Operation Safe Driver' blitz

Members from the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP were one of many road safety partners in North America working together with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) for 'Operation Safe Driver.'

The campaign ran from July 12 to July 18 and focused on many driving behaviours that contribute negatively to road safety.

The Manitoulin OPP detachment laid the following charges for motor vehicles and commercial motor vehicles (CMV) while monitoring road safety: speeding, 51 charges; seatbelt, one charge; fail to obey traffic control, two charges; fail to yield right of way, one charge; improper passing, two charges; other provincial offences, one charge; warn range suspensions, one charge; other criminal code, one charge and CMV (documents), two charges.

The OPP reminds drivers to please slow down and keep good driving habits a priority. Be a safe driver while operating on Ontario roads—safety is everyone's responsibility.

Police respond to active assault with weapon

On July 21 at approximately 8:08 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a report of an assault with a weapon in progress in Whitefish Falls. As a result of the investigation, a 51-year-old of White-

fish Falls was arrested and charged with assault causing bodily harm and break, enter a place, commit indictable offence.

The accused was held for bail court in Sudbury with a scheduled bail hearing on July 22.

Manitoulin OPP crime unit aids in Sagamok search warrant

On July 22 at approximately 7:59 pm, members from the OPP Community Street Crime Unit, the Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit and the Anishinabek Police Service executed a search warrant at a residence on Wasacom Drive in Sagamok First Nation.

Officers seized a quantity of various drugs suspected to be fentanyl, cocaine, crack cocaine and crystal methamphetamine. Several stolen items were recovered as well as a quantity of cash.

As a result of the investigation, a 27-year-old of Sagamok First Nation was charged with two counts of possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid, possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine, possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking, other drugs, and possession of a Schedule I substance, cocaine.

A 38-year-old of M'Chigeeng First Nation was also charged with possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine, and two counts of possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking, other drugs.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on September 14.

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Golf Men's Open

Despite shortening up Sunday's event because of the weather there smiles all around and very competitive flights. Even though there were cautions over COVID, 72 golfers competed. For the second time in three years the winners of the championship flight was duo of **Dan Lefebvre** and Craig Rogerson. They had an impressive run, amassing a total score of 97 for the 27 holes.

There was a tie for second place, with the team of Arron and Marvin Assinewai equaling a score of Troy Chatwell and Kyle Kauppi. One single stroke off the leader-board, nice try.

Other notables were Billy Biederman and Bryan Corbiere who won the first flight (107), just edging Marcel Leclair and Gordon Reid

In the second flight, the pair of Marc Addison and Garret Gouge scored 111, one up on Kyle Noble and Sean Case with their 112.

In the third flight, Kevin and Conor Sullivan put the father/son team to the test to win it with a 115.

In the special events, Justice Corbiere and Troy Chatwell had the longest drives for Saturday and Sunday respectively. Closest to the pin prizes went to Jesse Beaudin and Craig Rogerson.

AFT slow-pitch starts this week!

The AFT co-ed slowpitch was the brainchild of legendary Wiikwemkoong sports organizer Gerard Baibomcowai. Gerry, always quick with a crack about something. When I asked him what AFT stood for he said, "About F'n Time." Since he always has some sports activities going at any one time and with COVID putting the kibosh to that you can understand the name.

He has four teams already drafted and the first game will take place in Manitowaning this week. Gerard has done a great job in strategizing the get to have fun but keep everyone safe from the virus right down to no high five-ing.

The Attempt Continues!

Natalie Hastings and Kristin Bickell knocked off another lake on their list of some 108 lakes they hope to eventually paddle around. This weekend's adventure brought them to Silver Water and the aptly named Silver Lake. After paddling around the massive Lake Kagawong, Silver Lake's perimeter of just 10.5 clicks and they have pulled themselves through 113.8kms of Manitoulin waters.

This was one lake that neither Kristin nor Natalie had never been and witnessed the usual beauty and wildlife, however Silver Lake boasts some amazing escarpment outcroppings. As you may know, Manitoulin is the last vestige northward of the Niagara Escarpment that continues south for over 750km.

Virtual runners worldwide planning for new run

The Fit-Family-Run is the third in a series of virtual runs. They invite you to take part in the third edition of the popular family run together with your loved ones. The routes offer the ideal distance for every age group, because running is fun and connects people. Get your ticket now at VirtualRunners.org

Praise for "Wiggy"It was nice to see this paper's new section honouring local citizens, 'I'm Your Neighbour.' I was especially happy to read the piece on Dave Wiggins an employee, long-time, of Williamson's Hardware. Just as he did when he played hockey for the Mindemoya Thunder and the MSS Mustangs, Dave still gives 110 percent in his adult job.

To get good advice, any advice, in a big city hardware is next to impossible these days. Growing up my father was a hardware manager both in North Bay and Sudbury. He knew every fact about every product. Dave reminds me of him.

A moment for Eddie

The great **Eddie Shack** died recently at the age of 83. He was a rough and tumble player, a fierce teammate and fan favourite. My dad got to see him play three times in North Bay. The Leafs would have exhibition games against the Cleveland Barons who were still in the AHL at the

Dad got three autographs from him and remembers that he liked kids and would patiently and kindly sign autographs. "Clear the track, here comes Shack!"

Pickleball please?!

Pickleball is now in full swing with both indoor and outdoor play at the NEMI Recreation Centre. The club offers equipment and coaching to recreational and competitive players.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America, played by all ages. At this time, COVID-19 safety protocols are being followed according to provincial and municipal guidelines.

The following are the play times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10 am, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 pm.

NHL playoffs begin

Say hey, Manitoulin sports fans hockey fans! The NHL draft will soon be over and August 1 will be the first day of the three-of-five series for 16 teams. The eastern teams will play out of Toronto while Edmonton is $\,$ the site for Western teams.

Meanwhile the top eight teams will wait until the best-of-five series finishes. There will be a few exhibition games prior to August 1 but the real shooting will begin in Toronto with the New York Rangers playing Carolina; Florida versus New York Islanders and Montreal taking on Pittsburgh. Meanwhile on the same night in Edmonton Chicago will play the Oilers with Winnipeg going up against Calgary. Some Island fans have noted that the setup gives a distinct advantage to the host cities in Toronto and Edmonton will get to control all the games at hand, but we're just happy to have pro hockey return regardless.

Australian hockev star

Older fans of Junior A hockey, NOHA-style, will remember Jim Jones as a top-notch player with the erstwhile Espanola Eagles. He was good enough to be drafted by the Boston Bruins but was unable to make

But recently his daughter **Tamra** was voted into the Australian Hockey Hall of Fame! Tamara played boys' hockey in minor rep as a youngster. In fact, our Panthers played against her team a number of

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In the Spirit of the Group of Seven annual exhibit launched at Perivale

by Michael Erskine

PERIVALE—Any listing of the Island's strongest boosters would prominently feature the name Shannon McMullan, owner of Perivale Gallery and an individual possessed of an indomitable spirit; she is also one of Ontario's staunchest art promoters. Her gallery has regularly appeared at the very top of the website Trip Advisor's top Ontario tourist attrac-

Perivale Gallery initiated and developed 'In the

Spirit of Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven Show' as a tourism attraction, said Ms. McMullan. "The show was conceived as a collaborative marketing initiative intending to showcase the Island as a whole and promote the other attractions accommodations and activities that make Manitoulin Island an ideal travel destination.'

Since then, over the past six years, the 'In the Spirit of Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven' show has grown to become "an annual celebration of Cana da's rugged landscape with an event featuring the visual arts with a common focus during the fic on Manitoulin Island: the last with Mark Hope's 'Pure Gold.' week of July and the first week of August.'

A challenge issued to Perivale Gallery's over 50 artists and artisans to produce one work to be featured in the show that was inspired in some way by Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven. Those invitations were extended to guest artists from all regions of Ontario, resulting in the annual inclusion of such famous Canadian artists as Charles Pachter, CA Henry and Ivan Wheale.

"The artists travel to Manitoulin to deliver the works," said Ms. McMullan. "This, in turn, has the fans of those guest artists travelling to Manitoulin to

view the show."

This year the gallery had to adjust how it gathers the works for its own collection, luckily Ms. McMullan has an ace in her corner—her partner Bill has a business that requires him to travel down the major provincial corridors. Travel stops and lay-byes serve as impromptu meeting locations for him to collect

"He pulls up, opens the back of the van and the artists put their works in," laughed Ms. McMullan.

Where there is a will there is a way.

But, back to the show. "Every visitor to the show aged three and over is invited to vote for the 'People's Choice' award," she said. "Over 1,500 actual ballots were submitted in 2019. We have no stuffy judges here. Our visitors look forward to submitting their ballots each year and having a say in the final outcome. Final and much anticipated results are then posted on Perivale Gallery's website and Facebook page. The webpage can be found at PerivaleGallery.com/in-the-spiritof-tom-thomson-and-the-group-of-

"This year, some of the votes can be submitted virtually as 'likes' on height of the tourist season traf- Perivale Gallery curator Shannon McMullan the Perivale Gallery Facebook page," she said.

> Over the years, learning opportunities have been offered such as three day art workshops entitled 'Paint like Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven' or past presentations by Jim and Sue Waddington about their book 'In the Footsteps of the Group of Seven."

> This year interest in the workshops has grown and were soon so maxed out in participant numbers that the instructor had to offer the program over two successive weekends—especially since physical distancing requirements have put a premium on space.

Perivale Gallery has experienced a growth in traf-

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Tourist traffic down at info booth but increasing

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—The Manitoulin Welcome Centre in Little Current has opened for its seasonal schedule and. while traffic is down this year, tourists continue to visit the Island, though they have tended to come from closer-to-home origins this year.

'It was slow at the start but it's been picking up. We've seen people from all over the place, but in Ontario mostly," said Regan Hutchinson, one of the summer student staffers who operates the welcome centre in the summer

"We've seen lots from Toronto and some from London, Ottawa, Niagara Falls, Orillia, and a couple from Montreal and Vancouver," she said.

Many tourists have set their sights domestically this summer to explore some of the overlooked gems within Canada, including the largest freshwater island in the world. The natural world has factored strongly into people's travel desires, according to

"A lot of people have been asking about places to go hiking. Lots have been looking to get out of their houses and find things they can do without worrying about the COVID situation. There's a lot of campers passing through, too, and people asking about beaches, food and local things," she

Manitoulin Island recently entered the third stage of Ontario's reopening plan, coinciding with an uptick in visitors. The third stage allows for indoor gatherings of up to 50 people but the welcome centre has capped entrants at six per time.

"People are pretty understanding. They have to wear a mask but we can't turn away anyone, and we do hand out masks to people if they need one,' said Regan.

The numbers of welcome centre visitors from Sudbury has been relatively small and the most exotic of visitors have come in from Ireland and Germany, though these have been very few and far between.

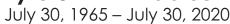
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times. Eventually she played for the women's Team Ontario squad. This earned her a scholarship to Brown University at Providence Rhode Island, the same school that Little Current's **Sean Gjos** attended. Following university she played for a while in Denmark and then headed for South Australia! There she was one of the main forwards of the South Australian Women's Hockey League. She organized, coached and played well enough that her Australian under-18 team won the world's B division gold

Meanwhile her playing was at a high enough level where she was chosen the MVP of the entire league in 2005. This spring the high-scoring Espanola product was voted into the Australian Women's Hockey Hall of Fame! Quite an owner she continues to play while teaching sports athletic courses at the University of South Australian. What a story. Kudos, Tamra and the Espanola Jones family

Racist team names and logos slowly disappearing

Hats off to the Indigenous leaders in both Canada and the USA after much negotiations with the Washington NFL team as well as their sponsors FedEx, Nike, Pepsi and the Bank of America (wow, tough opponents). Washington football owner Dan Snyder and Coach Rivera have finally caved in and agreed to change the name and logos of the NX NFL team. It only took 87 years! Oneida leader Ray Halbritter had the negotiating team for the Indigenous contingent.

As weird as it seems Mr. Trump has already tweeted that he is angry in the loss of this "piece of history." Mr. Snyder indicates that the new name and logos will honour the Indigenous people; meanwhile, in Canada the Eskimos of

Edmonton are in the midst of similar discussions.

Cycle tours?

Cyclists should set aside September 7 to 11 or 14 to 18 for some Manitoulin cycle tour adventures. Hopefully those scenic tours will not be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The tours are each five days in length and they are known as the El VAR cycle tour and are sponsored by Okay Cycle and Adventure Tours. For more information visit BicycleTours.com.

House on hold

Some sad news for curling fans. The Grand Slam curling season will not open until April 2021. All major sports face uncertainty in these troubling times.

Go, Greg go!

Sincere congratulations to sports guy Greg Lockyer on the occasion (July 20) of his completion of 35 years in adult and children's mental health counselling. Eventually (with the help of **Glenn Hallett**) he landed at the Manitoulin Mental Health Clinic. Over the years he has had hundreds of clients who were helped by his advice and experience.

A busy man who also puts in many hours umpiring ball, refereeing hockey, organizing youth ball etc., etc. Your dad, "Dubs," would be so proud! Also on the 24th his youngest son Justin turned 28 years old. Fishing and golfing were the order of the day! Justin and his brother are former members of the Sudbury Wolves AAA midget team that won a national midget championship a few years back. Quite an accomplishment, guys!

> A good sport is good for sports chipstoquips@gmail.com

Kagawong's small craft marina reconstruction is underway and still very much on schedule

by Lori Thompson.

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter KAGAWONG—Construction barriers have been in place since late spring. A large hill of dirt partially obscures the view of Mudge Bay. Site work at Kagawong's small craft basin is underway and while there have been some challenges, the work should be completed on schedule, said Todd Gordon, economic development officer for Billings Township.

Work on the original small craft harbour was done mainly by public works more than three decades ago; even then, there were grander plans for it, he said. Over the years there have been many iterations of ideas, plans and studies. It has been five years since the development of the most recent master plan study in 2015 to shovels in the ground with project funding being one of the greatest challenges.

This time delay presents a separate challenge, Mr. Gordon said, as original cost estimates can often need revision. Costs rarely decrease over time for construction and infrastructure projects.

The small craft marina rebuild is part of a larger waterfront improvement project consisting of three components: small craft marina improvements, Aus Hunt marina improvements and a new wastewater (septic) treatment component that would handle existing flows but also have enough capacity for Kagawong's next stage waterfront building. In 2018/2019 a call for tenders went out for this and for the Main Street reconstruction project. Bids received for Main Street were "way out of range," he said.

At present, the expansion of the small craft marina is moving forward. Excavation is for approximately twelve additional slips. The layout of docks will be different and the all-new dock infrastructure is going to increase flexibility. Not only will there be more slips for seasonals with the rebuild but there will also be some power hook-ups so that overflow transients can stay in the small craft marina if necessary.

The small craft basin has always been oriented to seasonals," said Mr. Gordon. "That's mostly local residents who rent a slip and keep their boats there for the summer. The Aus Hunt marina ideally has been for transients, boaters who stop for a night or two, but there have always been seasonals at Aus Hunt because there are more than we've had slippage for in the small craft basin."

High water levels have been an unexpected issue. "The cycle's not new. It's how fast the water rose during this part of the cycle," Mr. Gordon said. "Much of this has occurred since we began these improvements. We very nearly lost our breakwall at the small craft basin so that's had to be dealt with."

That work was not in the scope of the project and has added additional costs. "The breakwall protects the harbour. With the water level rising to historical levels or beyond, the breakwall was eroding very badly and so had to be built up."

The small craft marina project is scheduled for 'substantial completion' by the end of September and will be fully usable next

MANITOULIN COMMUNIT FITNESS CENTRE

Reopening Notice

The Manitoulin Community Fitness Centre (MCFC) is excited to announce that we will be reopening the facility as of August 1st, 2020.

of our membership, we will be implementing various policies and procedures to ens that the MCFC can continue operations while reducing the level of risk that our members and volunteers are exposed to.

As of August 1st, 2020, we will be enforcing the following measures at the facility:

- All members are required to digitally sign a covid-19 waiver before their membership is reactivated
- No new memberships will be granted (on a temporary basis)
- Guests at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference will not be permitted access to the facility (on a temporary basis)
- The maximum number of members in the facility at any time will be limited to 5

Members utilizing the facility will be required to:

- · Sanitize their hands upon entry to the facility
- Adhere to the standard 6' physical distancing requirements or wear a mask if they are unable to
- Sanitize all equipment prior to and after use (reusable clothes will no longer be utilized)

The following services will be temporarily suspended:

- Shower

The MCFC Board of Directors ask all members to respect the above quidelines and be patient with any inconvenience they may cause. These precautions are necessary to ensure the safety of our membership and community

Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the immediate termination of memberships without

For inquiries or membership reactivations, please call Kerrene at 249-997-0009 or manitoulinfitnesscentre@gmail.com

...OSTC president responds to phone reservation wait time complaints

...continued from page 3 customer ... before arriving at the ferry dock. We collect more

information as well to ensure we have complete contact information if public health notifies us that a

COVID-positive patient may have used the ferry service," said OSTC president and CEO Susan Schrempf in an open letter published July 22.

The Expositor spoke with Ms. Schrempf during the

prior week to learn about the changes to ferry operations in light of COVID-19 restrictions.

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urday, August 15.

"Our online reservation system was 30 years old, which is like two lifetimes in computer terms," said Ms. Schrempf. "We were about halfway through revamping the whole system when COVID hit."

The existing online portal tracked the number of vehicles of each size per trip but not necessarily the number of passengers per vehicle. Re-configuring it to

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...Wiiky votes: Rose Shawanda

...continued from page 3 to see policies reviewed, updated and revised to accurately serve the needs of the community as well as see a review of all six of the satellite community's infrastructures. If elected, Ms. Shawanda would implement consistent and accessible testing for local wells and explore the feasibility of modernizing water treatment for safe clean drinkable water for all community members.

Ms. Shawanda would also

like to see the roads assessed with upgrades as needed, particularly in rural areas.

When it comes to food sovereignty, Ms. Shawanda hopes to ensure her community has the means to produce safe, healthy food "whether we grow produce or raise livestock."

"Recreation is an important aspect in everyone's life and throughout," Ms. Shawanda continued. "Social gatherings and exchanges, sharing and

helping to raise each other up was our way of life. I envision a recreational facility that will accommodate all ages of the community and encourage intergenerational strengthening of relationships."

"I was raised to be fluent in our language and I know the value and importance of this as a resource for our youth that will ensure their thinking, their life skills and their aspirations will support long term sustainability for the community

Mr. Peltier.

"Managing a pandemic was something that nobody had much experience in. Now our leadership, our council and administration have a lot of knowledge and know what needs to be done, what works and what adjustments need to be made should any pandemic

appear again," he said.

Mr. Peltier said his record on accomplishing important tasks for his community is a significant reason why constituents should consider casting a vote for him.

"I'm willing to do the work as necessary and I've proven that I can do that work," he said. added. "I have already made the connection between the elders and the youth through my work in various programs to create an environment of knowledge and unity."

as a whole," the candidate

On the topic of the islands claim, Ms. Shawanda said she and council would base decisions on land claims and island claims, "to the best interests and benefit of the people now and in the future."

If elected, Ms. Shawanda said she would encourage further steps towards sovereignty and economic sustainability by encouraging band members to explore new economic models, opportunities and alliances that are consistent with local sustainability and local control.

"I will make sure that all band council meetings are accessible for all band members both on and off reserve," Ms. Shawanda added. "I want people to be informed and to be aware of all decisions. We need active participants and the active participants are you, the band members."

"With all the things hap-

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...Wiky votes: Duke Peltier ...continued from page 3 the laws are acceptable to them." he said. of the Robinson-Huron Treaty during the ongoing annuities lawsuit, serves as

them," he said.

Away from direct governance, Mr. Peltier said it was important to continue revitalizing the Anishi-

naabemowin language and strengthening traditional cultural practices.

Mr. Peltier was a councillor for three terms before becoming ogimaa in 2012. He has served in a host of leadership roles beyond Wiikwemkoong, including a current posting as the

The incumbent ogimaa is a spokesperson who has represented beneficiaries

children's commissioner

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annuities lawsuit, serves as a board member of Indian Resource Council and as an advisory member of both Northern Policy Institute and Right to Play. He has collaborated with the Assembly of First Nations and Chiefs of Ontario on initiatives that are relevant to both Wiikwemkoong citizens and Indigenous people across Canada, such as aiding in the creation of studies and reports as well as speaking at gatherings and

Sitting in a leadership role during the COVID-19 era has been a powerful learning opportunity, said

working on initiatives with

federal officials.

...Wiiky votes: Terry Spanish (Otasquiaob)

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als," he said. He returned to the Wiikwemkoong community in 2013 after working for several years teaching Anishinaabemowin in Michigan. "I taught at Harbour Springs High School for six or seven years and in Little Traverse Bay Indian Reserve," he said, noting that all of his teaching centred on a land-based approach. "A lot of our language comes from the ecosystem," he said. "Language is very effective in knowing about the land."

He cited his family connections and wishing to be closer to his home community as the main reasons that he returned to Wiikwemkoong. "I wanted to hear the language again the way it was meant to be heard," he said. "Not as an add-on or curiosity, but as a living spoken language. Wiikwemkoong is the epicentre of Anishinaabemowin."

"I am pretty happy the way I am right now," he said, adding that he would like to put his education and skills to work for his community.

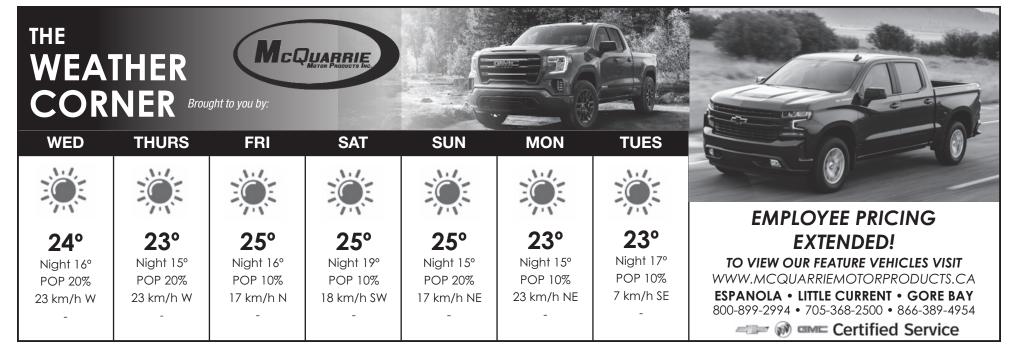
"I have a BA from the University of Toronto and a masters in education," he said. In addition to working in community shelters, he has also worked in an addiction centre in the west end of Toronto. "I want to work with people to improve their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being," he said, noting that a lot of these things are interwoven and integral to "keeping Wiikwemkoong safe."

"Reintroduction of recreational and cultural events as part of a revival will take place if I get in as chief," he said. He noted the foundations set by traditional belief systems and the reintroduction of "the old ways of doing things," citing going into the bush to collect firewood and harvesting medicines.

He is also concerned about appropriation of land by the band. "The land itself is owned by the people," he said. "Band council has no business in seizing land from band members. That land is needed by the people."

"I am fully fluent in Anishinaabe language and English with an understanding of verbal French," adds Mr. Otasquaiob. "Our Anishinaabemowin language will be taught as first language in the community, after all, we in Wikwemikong are Anishinaabe people. English as second language will also be a primary focus."





...Police Chief McCaffrey shares concerns

...continued from page 1 an important model and one that needs to be enhanced so that we can

enhanced so that we can provide even better services to the communities we serve," Mr. McCaffrey told The Expositor following his July 23 delegation.

Protests against police brutality and anti-Black racism in particular have emerged across North America in the past two months following the death of George Floyd, a man who joined the list of Black people killed in police custody.

Chief among the protesters' demands is the defunding or restructuring of police services—taking away some of the billions of dollars allocated to police forces and redirecting those funds into preventative and community support services such as adequate, affordable housing, education and nonweaponized community safety initiatives.

Indigenous police forces in Canada, however, have been defunded since their inception in the late 20th century, said Mr. McCaffrey, highlighting a long list of discrepancies that exist between those services and conventional policing in the country.

IPCO is an association made up of nine Indigenous police forces across Ontario, including Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, Anishinabek Police Service, Lac Seul Police Service, Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service, Rama Police Service, Six Nations Police Service, Treaty Three Police Service and, on Manitoulin Island, UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and WTPS.

One thing each of the above forces have in common, besides being run by and serving Indigenous peoples, is none of them has essential service status—a key barrier to their effectiveness, their reach and ability to create an equally safe environment for the communities they serve.

Indigenous police services in Canada are enabled through the First Nations Policing Program, which defines them as 'programs' rather than full, essential services.

This has many implications including on the level of funding they receive, the initiatives that First Nation police forces can and cannot run and limits to their powers and abilities.

"Our officers do the same job (as colonial police) and, in some cases. a much more challenging job with having to work with underfunding and underresourcing. It was only a couple of years ago that we received pay parity, and that didn't come because it was the right thing to do; it came because we filed equal rights complaints. Now we're back to the table once again to another rights tribunal to receive pension parity," said Mr. McCaffrey.

Officers with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) work under an '80 factor;' that is, when their age and years of service



Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service Chief of Police Terry McCaffrey

collectively equal 80, they can retire. First Nation officers have a 90 factor, meaning an extra 10 years of work—officers cannot typically fully retire until the age of 65.

"Things like these are why IPCO was born. This is why we band together," said Mr. McCaffrey. "We have a very clear mission statement to ensure equity across communities and services and we continue to fight and push toward essential service status."

Mr. McCaffrey spoke at the house of commons standing committee on behalf of IPCO and explained to the delegates what constraints First Nation police services face under the present model.

There has been some recent progress on this file. Federal Public Safety Minister Bill Blair announced in June that First Nation policing would become an essential service and the public safety standing committee has begun to study the issue of systemic racism in policing in Canada.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police commissioner Brenda Lucki notably denied the existence of systemic racism in police forces when pressed on the topic following the start of the George Floyd solidarity protests and after that force's officers violently arrested a First Nation chief in Alberta.

Two days later, Ms. Lucki reversed her position and acknowledged the existence of systemic racism within the structure of the Mounties (which began life partly as a force to quell Indigenous dissent that would have hindered Canada's westward colonial expansion).

"The fact that we're there now having these talks, speaking about systemic racism in policing, points to the fact that it's there. There is a significant amount of systemic racism through policing that needs to be addressed," said Mr. McCaffrey.

Indigenous police forces get 52 percent of their funding from federal sources and the balance from their respective province. Mr. McCaffrey said First Nation police services get a single pot of money to run their operations, based on a simple 'pop per cop' formula—number of civilians per officer.

"What that doesn't take into account is most Indigenous communities are at the highest levels of the crime severity index. When you're looking at the amount and type of work we're doing, there's very much a need for specialized-type services," he said.

The outcome of this is First Nation police services tend to operate in very limited capacities that do not include dedicated service units for important topics such as drugs, intelligence gathering and domestic violence. For these, Indigenous police have to call on colonial counterparts such as OPP.

"We don't call on OPP unless something really

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Application Deadline:

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Forward application to:
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Application for CONSENT
Under Section 53 of the Planning Act
To be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020
at 7:00pm at the Waterfront Artisan Incubator and Technology Centre

File No.: Con 2020-03 Applicant: Brian Beattie Legal Description: Howland, Concession 2, Lot 34 Official Plan: Rural Zoning: Rural

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

The purpose of this application is to create a new lot.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
The applicant is creating a new lot

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

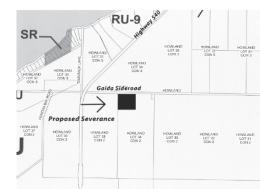
IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND this Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

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

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

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COVID COMPLIANCE - MASK, DISTANCING

...OSTC responds to reservation woes

...continued from page 9 account for both car counts and passenger numbers was not possible, so a phone-exclusive model was deemed to be the best way forward.

The phone system also enables operators to inform passengers of the COVID-19 restrictions in place aboard the ferry and at the terminals, crucial details that could be more easily overlooked in an online booking process.

Passenger numbers have become even more important this year due to capacity restrictions. Transport Canada orders have directed essential ferry services to operate at no more than 50 percent of the vessels' capacities.

All such watercraft must also enable sufficient physical distancing on board, reduce points of contact between passengers and crew members, mandate health screenings prior to boarding and enhance sanitization processes.

The Chi-Cheemaun's passenger capacity is 638 but has been capped at roughly 200 to accommodate for the numbers of crew members working aboard.

Callers seeking to reserve a spot on board have at times faced lengthy wait times of more than an hour. OSTC has hired more call-takers than a normal year (seven people are on shift at any given time taking calls) but are limited in how many people they can hire for this role.

"We're constrained by the amount of space we have here in our office because the operators can't wear masks while they're on the phone and we need to keep safe physical distancing between them," said Ms. Schrempf.

Working from home with greater numbers of calltakers was also not a viable option. Booking agents deal with sensitive personal information such as credit card numbers that the company did not wish to transmit over the internet, even if using a virtual private network (VPN).

The time for each caller to speak with an agent has also increased because of the greater number of questions involved in the process, though a call could still be completed in less

than five minutes once connected.

Ms. Schrempf added that the increased waits may be beneficial because they can prevent customers from having to call their bank and cancel their credit card, as may happen if the data was not guarded as securely as it has been set

Some passengers have become very agitated over the phone because of the added wait times, a condition Ms. Schrempf said was unacceptable but is a symptom of what she called "pandemic fatigue."

"People are waiting in line at grocery stores, the LCBO or anywhere else they have to go. I think people have come to expect to not have to wait too long with booking the ferry and so we get accused of not providing good customer service because of the delays," she said.

The increased questioning and information gathering has a practical COVID-fighting purpose as well—in the event a suspected case is identified as having travelled on the ferry, OSTC can provide the information of other passengers aboard the same sailing so they can be told to self-isolate and monitor for symptoms.

The company also handles emails from passengers seeking information or to modify their bookings; Ms. Schrempf estimated OSTC deals with as many as 500 such messages per day.

To streamline the process, Ms. Schrempf encouraged that passengers plan their trip in detail before calling (including preferred and alternate sailing times as well as the number of passengers) and have a credit card ready at the time of calling. This is to ensure passengers only have to call once.

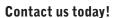
She added that passengers should check their email confirmation as soon as it arrives and respond immediately if there are any errors. Ms. Schrempf encouraged passengers to seek information on the OSTC website (OntarioFerries.com) to avoid calling. since most information is posted at that portalincluding departure availability which is updated

Ms. Schrempf discouraged same-day or next-day bookings to avoid disappointment because trips can fill up in the time someone has joined the phone queue. Standby tickets are suspended this year due to public health data collection requirements.

"All of us at OSTC will continue to do everything we can to reduce telephone wait times and provide a safe transportation service on the ferry during this pandemic. We appreciate all our customers who are working with us in this effort and who recognize we are all in the pandemic together," said Schrempf, adding that the company hopes to return to a fun, experiential ferry service as soon as it can.

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While he might not live here on the Island year-round, he has Haweater running through his veins. His family ties run deep in Providence Bay, Spring Bay, Mindemoya and even Cockburn Island. He is an individual you can put your family's

While he does visit the Island several times a year, he is also always just a simple phone call away to help you and your family. He can also set up virtual meetings via Zoom. So, give him a call today at 613-432-4121 or on his direct toll free line at 1-866-420-9754. Ben would be very happy to answer any of your questions and develop a personally tailored plan for you and your family. There is no question too small.

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(Re-)Visiting Ontario's Island Retreat?

Tehkummah Township: Combing the concessions

by Isobel Harry

TEHKUMMAH—Taking a break from a touch of cabin fever (which is not actual fever, mind you), we decamp and head east on Government Road, that tranquil rural stretch that parallels the south coast from Providence Bay to Tehkummah. It's pretty much forests and farms along here, all laid out in scenic, gentle hills and curves. Cedar rail fences over a hundred years old range over the pleasantly undulating terrain as we remain alert (yet relaxed) to what pops up at random on our route. This is a bike route too and can be found in part on the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates' online Cycling Routes Map in the print-

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East of the turnoff to Mindemoya (Yonge Street), we enter the Township of Tehkummah; side roads leading to Carter Bay and Michael's Bay offer water views to the south. Michael's Bay was the first boomtown in the Island's lumbering heyday: water-powered lumber milling started here in 1868 on the Manitou River. The now-overgrown 200-acre town plot had a school, church, post office, general store, hotels, taverns, boarding houses and homes for the 400 people who lived and worked here. The story of the

town and its complete annihilation by fire in 1914 can be found at the Little Schoolhouse and Museum in South Baymouth (closed during the pandemic), along with artifacts and original survey maps of the townsite.

We reach the 20th Concession, where a vertical row of signs proclaims: 'Locally Raised Pork, Preserves, Firewood, Maple Syrup, Farm-fresh Eggs, Summer Sausage.' Up the concession road a kilometre and a half at the 2nd Concession is the farm of Earl Albrecht and family, beautifully situated with the Manitou River running through it. There are sheep, pigs and chickens; seasonal products and produce are for sale in a small shed, including their Mennonite summer sausage.

There are countless concession and side roads in Tehkummah township, a dizzying array to a wandering visitor; some are narrow gravel roads and they all look



Island veterinarian and beekeeper Janice Mitchell sells her HumbleBeez new-crop honey, salves and beeswax candles from a push cart in her front yard.

photos by Isobel Harry



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inviting. The 20th Concession carries on past the Albrecht farm to end at a beautiful old red brick homestead that is enjoying a new lease on life; the view of the Manitou River here at the back of the farm is picture-perfect.

Back on Government Road, many are the temptations to nip off up or down these many little rural routes as signs pop up – the 4th, the 6th, the 15th, seemingly in no particular

Tehkummah,

seemingly in no particular The Streicher family farm sells order. We carry on, turning left various products at their farm at the 10th Sideroad into the gate on Smeltzer Road.



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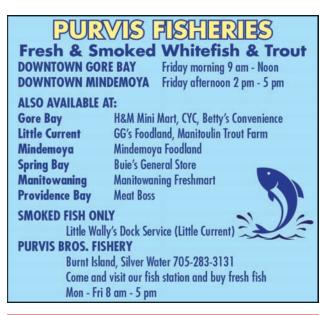
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We turn onto the 2nd Concession, and then eastward on Hwy 542A and here, at 284 Hwy 542A, is the home of HumbleBeez, the bee hives and honey operation of Island veterinarian Janice Mitchell. Her new-crop unpasteurized honey, salves and candles are displayed in an old pull-cart roofed in red standing in her front yard. Passionate about bees since 2010, she keeps her stall open "24/7," she says; bring change, help yourself and leave money in the tin.

A hundred yards from here, on Smeltzer Road, is where the Streicher family makes its popular Manitoulin Kettle Corn for sale at markets and fairs; it's quiet today, but



"The glads are coming next!" says Joan Beard as she shows off the very first stem to bloom at Almost Heaven Organic Gardens in Tehkummah.

summer sausage and eggs can be had here, says a sign in

Where 542A meets Hwy 542 is where you'll find 'Almost Heaven' Organic Gardens and home of Joan and Robert Beard at 39 Townline Road. The seasoned farm gardeners sell their produce, preserves and crafts 'by chance' all summer; a sign on the door will tell you if they're home: 'We're Home,' it declares, 'Blow Horn.' Strawberries are done, the glads will be next and on Fridays, Joan says, her granddaughters sell their baking; café tables and chairs are set appropriately distanced for a slice of something and a cup of tea.

Just north of here we cross into the municipality of Central Manitoulin and arrive in Sandfield, at the source

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of the Manitou River, a tiny hamlet with some homes and cottages built of beautiful river rock and an expansive view of the southern portion of Lake Manitou. In 1880, Sandfield was bustling with grist, saw, shingle, carding and woolen mills and several lime kilns in the area. Since 1886, successive generations of Watsons operated their General Store here. Today, the front of the wide storefront is lined with the colourful stalls, canopies and umbrellas of about a dozen vendors in what's become the Sandfield Market, open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays this summer.

Charlene Fretz-Hyytiainen bought the store a while back

and ran it as the Country Kitchen. Now she bustles around the outdoor market she has organized, chatting with vendors and selling cold drinks from a fridge on The Porch; vintage clothes are hung on a clothesline and all around are produce, snack and crafts options to consider. "We can take more vendors," says Ms. Fretz-Hyytiainen, "there's lots of room and we're getting really popular!"

There's much more to explore in and around Tehkummah – go your own way, you can't go wrong.

In memory of Pat Hall, poet, community mainstay and longtime Expositor correspondent from Tehkummah.





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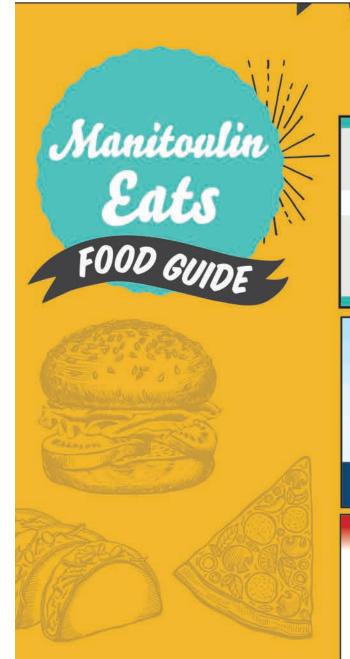


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...Cliff diving tragedy claims young life

...continued from page 1 Provincial Police (OPP) Marine Unit were dispatched to the waters just off Sunshine Alley Road on Whitefish River First

It was reported that a group of people were cliff jumping into the water when a male did not resurface after a jump. Other persons at the scene attempted to look for the male but were unsuccessful. The OPP Marine Unit was dispatched and conducted unsuccessful search and rescue attempts.

On Saturday, July 25, the OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit attended the location and recovered the body of Jadesheens. The Ontario coroner's office was contacted and a post mortum examination was ordered.

Jangweshens' love for the water came in part from his father, who also enjoyed diving. His spirit name means Little Mink.

"We were just talking about that this morning, how his name really represents him," said Ms. Jacko. "He loved the water-that was his go-to, he was always on the water."

spent Jangweshens outdoors much time between his loves of fishing (ice and open-water), hunting, skiing and diving.

He was also active in the sporting world. He played for the Birch Island Warriors and made it to Junior A level in hockey. He spent summers on the baseball diamond and was set to play for the Wiikwemkoong team this summer.

But his true passion was found in all of his family and friend relations. Jangweshens was a father to three children—Jackson, age 12, Rayden, age eight and Avery, age three.

A scroll through Jangweshens' Facebook page strongly attests to that passion. Nearly every photo posted there includes his children, nieces nephews or his partner Tanya Osawanimiki, along with descriptions that attested to his love for them.

One such post went up on June 3 with a photo of Jangweshens with his three children, including son Jackson in his Grade 8 graduation gown.



Brian 'Beej' Waboose Jr. passed away following a cliff-diving accident last Friday, July

"Just know whatever it is you decide to do, dad will be right behind you. To catch you if you fall, or if you need that little bit of motivation. I'll always be here for you son. Dad loves you, young man, stay deadly," he wrote in the caption.

For Ms. Osawanimiki, the loss is especially tough as the two are expecting their first child in October.

"There were times where he didn't feel like he was really worthy but I'd always tell him 'you don't know how amazing you are.' Everyone he was around, he always brought them up and made them happy. He had such an impact." said Ms. Osawanimiki.

She has three young children of her own and Jangweshens worked to improve their bravery, confidence and skills—especially with activities like hockey and

"He taught them to not be afraid, give life your all, 'be somebody,'" said Ms. Osawanimiki. "Even my kids say that now, and my youngest son just said to me, 'he was somebody.' I don't think (Jangweshens) realized how many people he had an impact on.'

One consistent line throughout all of his photos is that Jangweshens was always looking his best.

"He always smiled, loved taking pictures—I swear he should have been a model," said Ms. Jacko with a

He and younger sister Amy Waboose were 'inseparable,' according to fami-

"He was my best friend. For anyone who knows us, we were always together. We've been through everything together. I lost a part of me when I lost him," said Jangweshens' sister Amy Waboose.

Those who knew him have called his life an example for how people should treat every moment.

"He enjoyed everything. Life was a great experience every day for him," said Ms. Jacko. "This is the life,' he said on his last

Whitefish River First Nation Ogimaa Shining Turtle offered condolences on behalf of his community to Jangweshens and his family.

"With a small community of approximately 400, everyone knows everyone—we're a tight, closeknit community. BJ loved community respected the areas around it," the ogimaa wrote in a statement to The Expositor.

Jangweshens worked in the First Nation's maintenance department until June and took pride in his roles and responsibilities. said Ogimaa Shining Turtle, adding that he was a pleasure to work with and all of his colleagues would be grieving the loss.

"We have truly lost a dear friend and a valued member of our community. We will provide details of the funeral services as soon as they are available from his family. We ask that you please keep BJ's family in your prayers," he concluded.



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your patient journeys."

Paula, VP and Chief Nursing Officer

"MHC takes great pride in the relationships that have

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developed and grown over time with our partners across

such as the Manitoulin Island Network of Care Providers,

innovative and enhanced care have arisen. This collaboration

has a direct and positive impact on the quality and safety of

"Our coworkers proposed 20 nominees for the new Employee Engagement Awards. Nominations represent those who have touched and inspired others in living MHC's Values of Respect, Passion and Truth. Research shows that great employee experience leads to a great patient experience. It is important to MHC to make sure our patients feel well

Ruth, Michelle and Melanie, this year's award recipients



The Board of Directors' vision has been expressed into concrete action with an 18-month operations plan.

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by our new stated values of:



"As a Board, we are not only directors, we are community members, volunteers and often, patients ourselves. In this extraordinary year, in spite of the incredible pressure of preparing for COVID-19, staff, physicians, and volunteers continued to provide quality care. We cannot thank them enough for their courage and over the top effort!"

Terry, Chair, Board of Directors

"MHC's new Strategic Plan has moved us to action. Our 18-month operational plan includes specific goals supporting our Mission.

We are excited about serving our community by advancing our work on patient relations, cultural safety and the regional electronic patient record, to mention only a few."

Members of the MHC Management Team



Mel, Paula, Mihaela, Ali, Jay, Debbie, Julia, Duane, and Steve

"Some of us grew concerned that surge capacity could be a serious problem on Manitoulin and we started a local plan to expand care delivery options in the event of catastrophic system overload. The field hospital resulted from a genuinely Island wide plan. This was a true collaborative effort. We are ready and equipped to serve you, our community."

> Mike, Physician, Assiginack FHT and Manitoulin Field Hospital Physician Leade



"I am passionate about health

Mihaela, Informatics and

Applications Coordinator

community.'

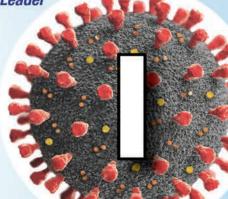
informatics and data processing. I work diligently to provide meaningful

reports and statistics in a timely manner

to support our management team at MHC

and all other hospital stakeholders to make

improvement and quality patient care for our



ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

nnovation

Manitoulin's field hospital was a brilliant idea which became a best practice across Ontario. Many thanks to Mike.

UV technology is now supplementing MHC's housekeeping processes in the eradication of viruses, like COVID, and bacteria.

"These ultraviolet towers enhance our cleaning practices. The light kills viruses and bacteria to reduce infection rates. We can treat patient rooms, clinical and public areas, quickly and safely. This means a safer facility for your stay.

Billie and Jeff, Housekeeping



ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

await an update on next steps.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

UNTARIO HEALTH TEAM (OHT)

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The Province introduced OHTs, a new

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Through extensive consultation with our physicians, clinicians, and others, we have a solid design for the Mindemoya site Emergency Department addition-renovation project.

Gampaign

"Let's Emerg Together!" The MHC Fundraising Committee, with its plan in hand, is looking forward to raising and exceeding its goal of \$1.4M for the construction project.

MHC's Patient Advisor, Bill, unleashed the potential of his mind to conceive and create a functional ventilator using a scuba mask.



With the shovel hitting the ground in the spring, our new and improved soon be open to serve you better."

project which will benefit all of Manitoulin."



"I am pleased to contribute my work on the Cobra mask for the benefit of our community as we combine our efforts to keep everyone safe and avoid the spread of virus during this COVID pandemic and future outbreaks."

Bill, Patient Advisor



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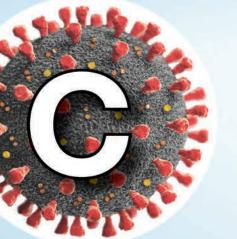
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- Cardiac rehab visits-735 Emergency visits-20,018
- Chemo visits-291
- Physio visits- 1,318
- Active inpatient days-7,107
- Colonoscopies and minor surgeries-380
- Xray and ultrasound procedures-18,468
- COVID swabs (to March 31)-39

CORPORATE

- Total assets-\$22,576,075
- Financial surplus-\$26,175







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Evan and Sheri, Nursing, Mindemoya site

"We look forward to engaging with our donors this coming fall on this critical

Angela, Chair of Fundraising Committee



... Now and Then: The Campbells

...continued from page 5 might be the answer. With all the positive feedback, her enthusiasm knew no bounds. Wilda also signed up for typing, art and woodworking. She achieved first class honours in her subjects.

"I can still hear Mr. Brown laughing when I asked him if I could ride on his bus. The woodworking class was fun, and I even won an award for carpentry which I gratefully declined so it could be given to another student. It is interesting that later, grandson Randy, a carpenter, also got the same mark in the '90s for a small end-table with a drawer; "like grandma, like grandson," Thelma Kerr had donated the 1990 award. She had been my teacher from Grades 5 to 8. She said, 'I only know one Wilda Campbell and it can't be her'."

Their children have rewarding lives. Ruth loves flowers and is a licenced chef in Dryden; Bill is a licenced carpenter here on Manitoulin and Allan was a licenced mechanic. "When the kids were small, we often headed to Square Bay for a picnic. There were so many strawberries and raspberries there."

Both Wallace and I loved to travel. We saw 14 states in northern USA. We went to Newfoundland by bus, a trip arranged by Bill Sloan. We went to England, Ireland and Scotland. Wallace really enjoyed the bagpipes and we ate haggis for our fortieth anniversary in Edinburgh in 1995. Another journey included Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands. We took a bus tour to Pearl Harbour. We watched the fairy penguins come in for their nightly visit on Phillip Island and we rode a camel in Australia's desert. They use camels for meat, milk and hair as well as tourism."

"We also saw the smooth, red Ayer's Rock and finally the Great Barrier Reef through a glassbottom boat. In New Zealand it was hills of sheep, fields of deer and acres of kiwi. On Fiji island, we found a friendly native population, cattle pasturing on roadsides and assertive shop keepers. We travelled in more than 20 planes, ranging from large double-deckers to small planes that ask you to pull up the seat for the next person. I have about 32 albums, photos and diaries accumulated from all the trips and many great memories."

"Wallace and I were both involved with the local Central Manitoulin Historical Society. He helped with construction projects and we both built and maintained the flower beds around the log cabin (behind the information centre in Mindemova across the little covered bridge) as well as one of the welcome signs, until it was moved. I had joined the Campbell Horticultural Society in 1990 and Wallace had built me a large greenhouse. He also did much for Grandmother Taylor, after grandfather died. 'We are so lucky to have him in the family, she told me."



Edinburgh, Scotland sees Wallace and Wilda enjoying haggis on their 40th anniversary, 1995.



Wilda made about 200 of these dolls, using up extra wool. These went to a small hospital for children in Africa and she hopes others will take up this task.

Wallace and Wilda lived a quiet life in their later years. Artistic pursuits, including the floral arrangements, oil paintings and ceramics were tried, and she continued with her local organizations and her needlework. "I avoided stained glass art because I saw too many bad cuts in the hospital."

When the stairs became too much for Wilda, they sold their home and moved into one of Jeremy Gordon's houses in Mindemoya. Wallace spent his hours reading, hooking rugs and knitting facecloths for charities. Supporting charities has been a goal for both Wilda and for Wallace. Numerous little 'Izzy' dolls, baby quilts, crocheted and knitted items were made. The dolls were for an African charity. "I

am hoping others may wish to help make some of these same dolls for children who would cherish them."

"We have had a good life, blessed with three children, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. On April 25, 2019, Wallace passed after 63 years of marriage. He is missed. Most important events in my life? Getting married, our children's births and my graduating from nursing. The yearly flower shows put on by our horticultural society were inspirational."

The successful completion of the School of Horticulture and Floral Design Judging in September of 1998 earned Wilda an award from the Ontario Horticultural Association.

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...Drive-thru Prov Bay Fair parade

...continued from page 1 the drive-through parade initiative.

The fair committee is organizing a stationary parade within the main laneway through the fairgrounds. Visitors can drive among the displays and will be given a paper ballot to vote on their favourite float or antique vehicle.

Results will then be tallied to determine which are the winning floats. There will be first, second and third prizes in each division, sponsored by Manitoulin Chrysler.

Ms. McDermid said she was unsure of how many floats the space could accommodate at this point but said interest in joining the lineup has already begun.

Having stationary floats opens new possibilities for construction creative after all, a non-moving structure gives a considerable benefit in that the ground can be used to support components.

The fair's theme for 2020 is 'pioneer ways to modern days,' which Ms. McDermid said would offer many possibilities for unique



This year's Providence Bay Fair parade will feature quite a twist. The parade will be stationary while the spectators drive through.

"I believe you can do a lot with that, especially working with things like haybales," she said.

As for total capacity, Ms. McDermid said it would be tough to predict how many floats would fit until she could begin to conceive of their size, but she noted that they would have to be spaced out adequately.

'It's a new thing and we don't know how it's going to work out. I think it's feasible to be able to provide that bit of entertainment that the people of Manitoulin can go for a little drive and check things out," she said.

The cut-off for registering for the parade is Wednesday, August 19, so organizers can begin to plan for the space available. Ms. McDermid said there were already four confirmed entries as of this past Friday, July 24.

Admission to the event is free and all are invited to register for a display, including individuals, families, community groups and businesses.

The drive-through parade takes place at the Providence Bay Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 22 from 11 am to 1:30 pm. To register a float or an antique vehicle, call Ms. McDermid at 705-377-4668 or email mcdermid@amtelecom.net.



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...Police Chief McCaffrey shares concerns

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bad happens (and we need) specialized services. A lot of municipal forces will call them as well because they don't have the resources, but there's certain areas where I could easily put together business cases; for example, for the need to have a two-person domestic violence team in this office,' said Mr. McCaffrey.

Despite the many challenges to parity in First Nation policing, he said he was encouraged by the committee and new collaborations to discuss the issue but cau-

tioned that discussions are only one part of the process.

"What I will say about that is there are ... shelves of these reports that keep saving the same thing. And there's going to be a number of recommendations coming out of this saying the same things those said. The time for standing committees and reporting and seeking information is over. Now is the time for us to put into action the things we know we need to do to remove the systemic issues and to look at real meaningful reform in policing," said Mr. McCaffrey.

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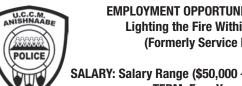
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The position will work under the Social Navigator and will be required to work with the Police Senior Leadership Team, and the Project's external evaluators to meet the goals and objectives of the project. As the position will be working with First Nation Communities, the individual must demonstrate cultural awareness and sensitivity of Anishnaabe customs, culture and language and demonstrate a willingness to learn and build upon existing awareness.

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- Minimum of an Undergraduate Degree in either Applied or Health Sciences with 1 year of experience; or a College Diploma in a related field with 3 years of experience in the operational field.
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fic and revenue each year of the show and this year is no exception despite the challenges presented by the times, showing a 30 percent increase. "In many ways, this has become a collaborative marketing initiative showcasing the Island as a whole and promoting the other attractions, accommodations and activities that make Manitoulin Island an ideal destination for tourists to experience first hand the very landscape of the region which so greatly influenced Canada's most iconic artists,' said Ms. McMullan. "Many of our visitors return several times over the season."

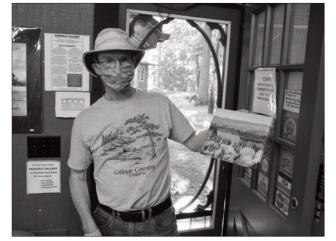
This year visitors can visit the show by appointment Monday to Thursday and on weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) from 10 am to 5 pm, or attend virtually on the website.

Celebrations had been planned for the 100th anniversary of the Group of Seven this year that included a collaboration with Split Rail Brewery, launching a new beer, featuring a label designed by Perivale artist Mark Hope.

Among the artists taking part in the show is Gore Bay's Barry Bowerman, who has been painting seriously for 35 years; bitten by the bug while attending Toronto's North Collegiate. His favourite medium is acrylic.

"When I started working, I kind of stopped, but my wife bought me a set of acrylic paints recommended by one of her colleagues," Mr. Bowerman recalled. "I set them aside and didn't touch them for, it must have been five years."

"I always liked Bateman and wildlife, so I took one of the ones from his book to



Barry Bowerman of Gore Bay with his piece 'Autumnal Tapestry.'

see how well I could do," he said. Having mastered the master, somewhat, "I did a couple of others and then I said 'I can't keep on doing this,' so I figured I should start trying to do some of my own stuff. I took a course from him, and then two courses from (famed Canadian artist) Glen Loates." For the past 14 vears Mr. Bowerman has been studying under Duane Hardy of Parry Sound (now Wyoming). Mr. Hardy is a dioramist, whose works are featured in the Royal Ontario Museum and the Smithsonian, as well as all the dioramas for the Algonguin visitors' centre.

He became interested in the 'In the Spirit of Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven Show' after being included in the Perivale Gallery stable of artists. "Every artist included in the gallery is invited to submit a piece for the show," he Mr. Bowerman recalled a trip back into the bush on a pilgrimage to the purported gravesite of Tom Thomson. "There's a massive yellow birch tree that you wouldn't think would have survived the passage of time and a fence around

it," he said. "The question always is 'is he really there?"

Tom Thompson was a master of colour and light, something very near and dear to Mr. Bowerman's artistic heart. "He wasn't a high realism type," he said, "he captures the feeling and emotion using colour. The colours you use, they vary in the distance and create a sense of depth with the right use of colour."

These days Mr. Bowerman is sharing what he has learned about the use of colour and composition in his own courses.

Among the invited artists at the show are: 'Benjamin Islands' by Enid 'Carmichael Runnals, Lake' by Martin Kotyluck, 'Fantasia' by Gerry Smith, 'Georgian Waters' by Little Current's own youth prodigy Cole Hughson, 'Remote Retreat' by Sue Lampinen, 'Tangerine December Sunset' by Christy A. Smith, 'Upon This Rock' by Linda Tessier McCarthy, 'Weber Island' by Cyril Leeper and 'Cow Near Ten Mile Point' by Gordon Drysdale. There are a total of 40 artists in the show.









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The role of the Band Representative is critical in serving the children and families of Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN). Under the Family Well-Being Department, the Band Representative will work in partnership with other team members. The Band Representatives will provide support to families with legal and court matters, linking services with external child welfare agencies and providing support and information to prevention team members of the Family Well-Being Program.

ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
(with high possibility of extension):
CULTURAL COORDINATOR / ELDER

Salary: \$50,000 - 60,000/year (depending on education and experience)

WRFN wants to ensure that all services provided to our children and youth are culturally-appropriate and nurture their identity and belonging. In doing so, the Cultural Coordinator/Elder will provide mentorship, personal consultation and an Indigenous perspective to the Family Well-Being staff, the children and families they serve.

ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
(with the high possibility of extension):
KINSHIP - CASE MANAGER SUPPORT WORKER
Salary: \$40,000 - 55,000/year (depending on education and experience)

Under the direction of the Family Well-Being Manager, the Kinship – Case Manager Support Worker is responsible for supporting Kinship Care homes and working collaboratively with families. The role of the Kinship - Case Support Worker is to recruit, engage and screen identified family for emotional, customary and legal permanency options for children and youth of WRFN. The Kinship-Case Manager Support Worker will connect children and youth with their families.

ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (with high possibility of extension): ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CLERK

Salary Range: \$30,000 - \$36,000/year (based on experience and qualifications)
The Administrative Support Clerk will provide professional administrative support to the Band
Rep team. This is an often-demanding position requiring the highest level of confidentiality. The
Administrative Support Clerk will be responsible to manage multiple projects to completion,
including gathering, analyzing and formulating information necessary to maintain an adequate
and accurate set of files, documents and records.

Please visit www.whitefishriver.ca and Whitefish River First Nation Facebook for full details and application deadlines. For additional information, please email andream@whitefishriver.ca.



POSITION AVAILABLE FOR FULL TIME DENTAL ASSISTANT.

Please contact our office at the number listed below to submit your application.



Phone: (705) 869 2687 Email: info@espanoladental.ca

800 centre street unit 108, Espanola, ON P5E 1J3 Located in the Espanola Mall

Summer resident describes verbal assault in local grocery lineup

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—For Sudbury's Lola Harvey and her husband, Manitoulin was love at first sight, but a recent encounter in a local grocery store left her more than a little rattled, and while it hasn't soured her on the Island, the incident left her reluctant to return to that establishment.

"We come here all the time," she said of Manitoulin. "We bought an RV and now stay the summer.'

Ms. Harvey, whose voice reflects European origins, was standing in line at the grocery store. "I was buying something I had forgotten," she said. "A man in front of me got upset. He said 'keep your distance' and was very rude."

"I told him 'you are ignorant, a crazyman'," she said. "He was really rude. 'You are not from here, you want to stay home,' he

said."

"I understand that people here are frightened," she said. "But the store is very close and we like it. We are buying something. I had a mask on (before that accessory became mandatory in most stores) and I didn't think I was near him. I understand, nobody wants to sick, but you don't have to be rude. Why should I go back there? There are so many other stores."

The interchange was

loud and obviously uncomfortable for the staff and other customers in the line.

"The staff and another woman in line, they looked ashamed," she said. "They said 'we are not like that.' He was just one—not the grocery store, not at all the other people."

Ms. Harvey went on to say that she loves the Island and the people she has met here and she and her family are careful to follow all of the rules, isolating at their summer home except for forays out to local stores.

"My son is a supervisor at a grocery store in Sudbury, I know how hard this has been on the people who work in the grocery stores," she said. "But the workers, here on the Island too, are pretty friendly."

Asked if there is a message that she would like to get out to those in the community who might react rudely when they encounter those who live on

the Island during the summer months, Ms. Harvey doesn't hesitate.

"Chill out, we have come to buy," she advises. "Businesses here depend on their customers in the summer to help them stay open all year. We don't want to be sick either."

Most stores have instituted curbside service, she adds, so there is no need to go inside and be rude to those standing behind you in line.

...Now and Then

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Both she and Wallace had Life Member Awards from this association.

These days, Wilda has been busy making straps to hold masks used for COVID-19. "The strap has two buttons to attach the elastic, so you don't need to put it on your ears. So far I have used 110 of these large buttons for 55 straps." Attention to detail was a forte as is evident by the detailed, indexed information shared for this fine story.

"Anything I still want to do? No, I have done it all," she smiles. "Regrets? None. We had a great marriage. The day we married, Wallace said to me, 'Wilda if you want to fight, you will be fighting alone.' Discussions were had but no raised voices in 63 years." Wallace also had the foresight to make boxes for their ashes using cedar logs that he and Allan had taken from the bush.

"Manitoulin is the best place I have ever lived. In 88 years, I have only been off the Island three years, for nursing training. When we travelled, it was Ireland we loved the most. The greenery and the people reminded us of Manitoulin. Here, the scenery and the people all make this place special."



Billl, Aaron, Ruth, David, Blanche, Randy and Ryan with Wallace and Wilda, seated, holding baby Michelle in 1999.







Jake's Home Centre in Mindemoya is hiring!

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our team as a **delivery professional**.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Delivering of furniture and appliances
- Operating our delivery truck
- Receiving and offloading of shipments

This is a full-time position based out of Mindemoya.

General knowledge of Manitoulin

geography is a bonus.

Valid driver's licence and driver's abstract required.

Jake's is also looking for part-time in-store

- Approx. 30 hours/week
- Valid driver's licence required

Please forward resumes, including references to, or for further information please contact
Adam at: info@jakes.ca





The Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team

is seeking a motivated and experienced individual to join our health care team:

Medical Administrative Assistant (Full Time Position)

Qualifications:

- Community College level courses or equivalent
- Previous experience with dicta typing medical reports, answering the phone, booking appointments, billing and computer applications such as Microsoft and client data bases

Experience:

- Providing administrative support for a multidisciplinary team
- Working in a medical setting as a receptionist
- Preferable experience for a minimum of 2 years

Applications for the above position, including resumes, references will be accepted until Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

Send To:
Attention: Judy Miller, Director
PO Box 549
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Fax: 705-368-1259
OR

Email: jmiller@nemfht.ca







EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT START DATE: AUGUST 24, 2020

Details:

Manitoulin Physiotherapy Centre is looking for a dedicated and reliable individual with administrative experience and strong customer service skills to join our team as a full-time receptionist. Must have excellent communication and problem solving skills and be able to multi-task in a busy office of health care practitioners.

Duties and Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Providing a positive first point of contact for all client interactions in person, on phone or by email
 General reception duties such as greeting clients, answering phone, returning messages, preparing intake and other forms, other correspondence by fax or email
- Managing clinical schedules and all information on an electronic medical record working knowledge of privacy legislation an asset
- Billing to insurance companies and to clients, with the day to day financial interactions
- Communicate efficiently with clinical staff provide ongoing support
- Experience with Microsoft office, electronic medical records, and Apple operating systems is an
 asset

Educational Background: Office administration would be ideal; health sciences-related background would be an asset.

Contact the clinic at (705) 377-6244 Visit our website: www.manitoulinphysio.ca

Please email the cover letter, resume and three (3) references to: inquiries@manitoulinphysio.ca

Application deadline: Friday, August 7, 2020

THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

JOB OPPORTUNITY CASUAL PART-TIME AIRPORT ATTENDANT

The Manitoulin East Municipal Airport is accepting resumes for future employment as a Casual Part-Time Airport Attendant.

Duties include but are not limited to; aircraft refuelling, terminal cleaning, minor building maintenance, minor equipment maintenance, grounds keeping, recording of daily airport data sheets, serving the airport customers as required, fuel system and nav-aid inspections and daily logging, air radio communications

The ideal applicant should be a self-motivated, mature individual capable of working on their own. The applicant should have good mathematical abilities and should be familiar with computer spread sheets for recording data. The applicant should be physically fit and have good interpersonal skills. When on duty the applicant must be able to assume the responsibility for the airport and provide airport services to the public.

Preference may be given to those with some formal experience in the aviation sector. Some mechanical ability, an air radio licence and a D-Z drivers licence would also be an asset.

The work is scheduled on a weekly basis but there is some flexibility in days worked. This position is well suited to a retired or semi-retired person.

Interested persons may apply no later than August 7, 2020 to:

Manitoulin East Municipal Airport c/o Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Attention Airport Manager PO Box 608 Little Current ON POP 1KO



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKERS (CASUAL/ON-CALL/SUPPLY)

Department: Health Services, Wellness Centre Classification/Level: Community Services (CS-1) **Employment Status: Casual - On-Call - Supply**

Reporting Relationship: Works under the direction of the Home Care Program Manager

Position Summary: The incumbent assists clients with daily personal care needs as they cope with the effects of aging, injury or illness by providing support services and personal care to the residents of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Wellness Centre and within the community. Services are done in accordance with the long-term care policies and procedures, will assist clients with daily living activities, provide support resources needed to maintain healthy lifestyles while ensuring complete confidentiality; and works with the nursing staff by reporting required changes in care.

OUALIFICATIONS

Minimum: Health Care Aide Certificate supported with additional training Preferred: Personal Support Worker Certificate with two years related work experience

- Knowledge of Ojibwe culture and traditions and willing to learn the Ojibwe language (Per Anishinabe Language Declaration, BCR #3839)
- Must demonstrate continuing education (Gerontology)
- Must have empathy for and understanding the needs of the elderly, injured and sick
- Experience working with the elderly
- Must have current First Aid/CPR certification
- Must have initiative, good judgement and assessment skills
- Must be able to work independently with minimal supervision
- Demonstrated ability to work within a team environment
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence
- Willing and able to work shifts and flexible hours
- CRC/VSS requirement, must be thirty (30) days current, original or certified copy

It is mandatory for successful candidate to submit a current thirty (30) days VSS record; offer of employment will be subject to the receipt of a satisfactory VSS record.

Please submit your cover letter and resume and three (3) references to:

PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKERS (Casual/On-Call/Supply)

Attn: Marlene Debassige, Office Administrator M'Chiqeeng First Nation M'CHIGEENG, ON PO Box 333 POP 1G0 Fax 705-377-4980 or E-mail marlened@mchigeeng.ca

Preference will be given to Anishinaabek. For complete job description send request via email to marlened@mchigeeng.ca.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Department: Education - Lakeview School Classification Level: Salary Grid 8 Pension: Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan

Employment Status: Term Full Time - Ending June 2021

Are you a caring, friendly and enthusiastic qualified teacher who supports Ojibwe language immersion, has a great rapport and enjoys working with children in a classroom setting? Do you believe in a team approach, have excellent communication and interpersonal skills? Then you may be a great fit for this term position.

Position Summary

The Special Education Teacher will work with students who have a wide range of special needs and challenges. Will create and apply appropriate curriculum and assign activities that are specific to students' abilities and needs. The Special Education Teacher is involved in each students' academic, social and behavioural development. This position is subject to M'Chigeeng First Nation personnel and administrative policies, relevant education department policies and procedures, and relevant laws and regulations.

Reporting Relationship

The Special Education Teacher reports directly to the school principal.

Qualifications and Requirements

Preferred, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education, Program of Teacher Education, Special Education Specialist, Reading Specialist, other additional qualifications, teaching experience;

Minimum, Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate and Undergraduate Degree;

Strong oral and written communication and interpersonal skills;

Knowledge and experience with the culture, traditions, history and customs of the Anishinabek;

Understanding and fluency in Anishinabemowin is a strong asset; or must be willing to learn the language Other

Patience, understanding and dedicated to giving each individual student the tools and guidance needed to help

It is mandatory for the successful candidate to submit a current 30-Day VSS; offer of employment will be subject to the receipt of successful VSS record.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 from direct supervisor/manager, 1 character/co-worker) & EDUCATION CERTIFICATION by FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020 3 PM to:

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Mr. Guy Morin, Director of Education M'Chigeeng First Nation P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1GO guym@mchigeeng.ca Fax (705) 377-4980

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered.

Miigwetch your interest is appreciated, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Preference will be given to the Anishinabek people. www.mchigeeng.ca For complete Job Description, please contact the Guy Morin, Director of Education, at 705-377-5362 Ext. 236 guym@mchigeeng.ca



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY TEACHERS (GENERAL)

Department: Education - Lakeview School Classification Level: Salary Grid 7(a) Teaching Staff Pension: Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan

Employment Status: Term Full Time – Ending June 2021

Are you a caring, friendly and enthusiastic qualified teacher, who supports Ojibwe language immersion, has a great rapport and enjoys working with children in a classroom setting? Do you believe in a team approach, have excellent communication and interpersonal skills? Then you may be a great fit for this term position.

Teachers report to the Lakeview School Principal and are responsible for the provision of classroom support and instruction. Evaluate and identify children's learning styles and needs; meet with parents; and may supervise teacher assistants and student teachers. Prepare lessons per approved curriculum, prepare and administer tests; teaches and leads students in activities to promote their physical, mental and social development and their school readiness.

Qualifications & Requirements

- Preferred. Bachelor of Arts. Bachelor of Education with teaching experience;
- Minimum, Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate and Undergraduate Degree;
- Strong oral and written communication and interpersonal skills;
- Knowledge and experience with the culture, traditions, history and customs of the Anishinabek;
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TEACHERS (GENERAL)

Mr. Guy Morin, Director of Education

M'Chiqeeng First Nation P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 guym@mchigeeng.ca Fax (705) 377-4980

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY: RESEARCH PROJECT ASSISTANT Duration: To March 31, 2021

PRIMARY FUNCTION:

Will assist with the coordination and delivery of a community-based framework to cannabis awareness and substance use: education and regulation. The focal point being health and wellness using the lens of trauma-informed and culturally appropriate interventions. Report writing based on engagement activates, providing evidence-informed decisions, and recommendations for policy and program development is an important aspect of this position.

CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY: PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT & EVALUATION SPECIALIST Duration: To March 31, 2021

SALARY: Based on contract fee (includes expenses for rent and utilities, office supplies, travel and accommodations for at least one face-to-face meeting). **PRIMARY FUNCTION:**

Assist the project lead with collecting, evaluating and analyzing data related to project activities including conferences, focus groups, individual interviews, surveys, etc. This will include developing data collection tools such as surveys, feedback forms and final reports.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist with creating performance measurement and evaluation approaches/methodologies to measure the outcomes of the project and including baseline and follow-up data collection
- Collecting and analyzing data, report writing, and supporting knowledge transfer activities.
- Creating pre-and-post evaluation for conference, focus groups/round tables and final evaluation report assistance will be enlisted by a professional evaluator or a professional with expertise in evaluation to ensure that the project is evaluated properly.
- Assisting with a final report that will include quantitative and qualitative data

ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (with high possibility of extension): MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR Salary: \$30,000 - \$45,000/year (depending on education and experience)

The Medical Transportation Coordinator will work under the direction and supervision of the Health Manager and will have the responsibility for the effective coordination of medical transportation for the members living on the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN), using Non-Insured Health Benefits policies and procedures.

The Medical Transportation Coordinator will also be responsible for occasional office reception. clerical duties, expected to maintain strict confidentiality and to be courteous and professional at

Please visit www.whitefishriver.ca and Whitefish River First Nation Facebook for full details and application deadlines. For additional information. please email andream@whitefishriver.ca.

...fire claims pot shop

...continued from page 3 house owned by Mr. Whiteduck's aunt, but as profits grew the opportunity to restore the derelict building into a storefront operation saw the business installed in what was intended to be more permanent digs.

The building was not insured, however.

"No, I was just in the process of getting that done," said the business owner, who noted that the process of obtaining business insurance includes a lot of hoops and paperwork.

Whiteduck is a trained chef whose ongoing health issues (Type I diabetes) forced him to step away from a career he loved as he could no longer endure the long hours standing in a hot kitchen. The dispensary concept came out of his own research into the health benefits of cannabis.

Although recreational uses of cannabis might be more front of mind for many, Mr. Whiteduck prefers to focus on the medicinal aspects of the plant. Before embarking on his new business, he put the same focus and energy into learning about the different strains and types of cannabis products he did while studying for his chef credentials. It was information he passed on to his 'bud tenders.' That attention to detail allowed the business to thrive despite being bracketed by competing operations on both

"We were doing up to \$2,000 a day in sales," he said. Luckily, at the urging of his employees the company's 'combustible' product was bundled up and removed from the building at the end of the business day before the fire.

Of Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee descent. Mr. Whiteduck learned about the challenges of building a career in First Nations' trade.

'My father was one of the first people persecuted for the tobacco trade," he told The Expositor during an interview in early January. "He had barns, conveyors and choppers and sold the tobacco for ceremonial and trade purpos-Mr. Whiteduck's father fought a long and costly battle before his rights to conduct his business were established, but he persevered. Mr. Whiteduck intends to follow that example through this latest adversity.

"This isn't going to stop me," said Mr. Whiteduck, declaring that he would rebuild.

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service continues to investigate the cause of the fire and anyone in the public who has any information is encouraged to call 1-888-377-7135 or, should they wish to remain anonymous, they can call Sudbury Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS

...internet speed petition

...continued from page 3 are online from morning to late evening and often using more than one internet aware device. Smart TV use is also on the rise; add Netflix and 4K streaming, online gaming, the demand is only going to increase," he notes. "These new realities are pushing existing capacity and internet infrastructures in Central Manitoulin in particular to extremes.

With digital subscriber line (DSL), users get a bandwidth high-speed connection from a phone wall jack on an already existing telephone network. DSL works within the frequencies that the telephone doesn't so you can use the internet while making phone calls.

Manitoulin "Central relies on DSL service and from singular providers." he explains. "Speeds are faster than dial-up, however, internet speed is not always consistent when using DSL; your distance to the provider determines the strength of the connection. Also, DSL upload and download speeds vary, so your neighbour down the street might have much higher speeds than you, even though you both pay the same price. The further you are from town central, the lower your speed gets, but not your

He explains that Little Current upgraded to cable and speeds there are now up to 60mb, but Central Manitoulin still relies on

copper phone lines from the '80s with the result that speeds peak at 18mb, and only if you live in town. "Surrounding areas with greater distances from the central switch get more line noise and average speeds between three and five mb. The bills, however, do not match the

"This is a petition to the internet service providers to expedite a public plan of action," he said. "This plan should address future expansion plans and infrastructure needs of businesses and residents of the area. Additionally, we are recommending speedbased fair billing to 'far' customers who pay full price for a minimum level of service."

"I have posted a petition on Change.org regarding internet speeds and fair billing on Manitoulin Island," he said. The petition can be found at

chng.it/SXTCVGr5W6. On a related note, the non-governmental agency Blue Sky Net is currently urging internet subscribers to go www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/139. nsf/eng/home to test and record the speeds they are experiencing in their connection. Results of these tests go directly to the government department of Industry Canada where speed test data is analyzed for use with funding pro-

For more information on the petition, please see the ad on Page 8.

notice

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

Grace Bible Church has reopened! Join us online or in person Sundays at 11 am. Social distancing in place, face masks required and attendance limited to 30 percent. To pre-register call 705-368-3588.

· in memoriam

HEISE-In loving memory of Boyne Heise who passed away July 19, 2000. Those we love don't go

away, They walk beside us every

day... Unseen, unheard but always near,

Still loved, still missed and very dear. Always in our hearts, Verna and family

notice

notice





We are seeking applications from women (18+) to join the advisory committee for "Lighting the Fire Within"

The Lighting the Fire Within Advisory Committee is a multi-sectoral collaborative that will include Police Officer & Civilian Personnel, Domestic/Sexual Violence & Child Welfare Providers and Women (18+) with knowledge and insights from lived experiences of gender-based violence.

Generally, the advisory committee will be responsible for ensuring women have a strong voice in the project. Further, that we are meeting the safety needs of the community and that we have meaningful relationships with the young people, youth and children in our communities. The work of the advisory committee will be guided by a Terms of Reference and the Project Implementation Plan (PIP).



- by submitting a three-part application: Completed application form
- Letter of interest
- On a separate paper provide the name and contact information of two character references.

Applications can be found on our website at www.uccmplice.com and must be received by August 14, 2020 at noon - by email, mail or dropped off in person at:

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service

PO Box 332, 5926 Highway 540, M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0 Email: daughness.migwans@uccmpolice.com (Mark **Confidential - LTFW Advisory Committee Application)

For more details or an application please contact: Daughness Migwans, Social Navigator at 705-377-7135 ext. 203

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Death Notices

BRUCE EDGAR SUMMERS

ruce Edgar Summers passed away peacefully on **B**Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at his home in Georgetown. Bruce, in his 79th year, beloved husband of the late Martha Summers. Dear brother-in-law of Pamela and her husband Roy McAlpine. Bruce will be fondly remembered by his nephews Peter Summers (Tess Greenwood), Brian Summers, Matthew McAlpine, Benjamin McAlpine and by his grandnieces and grandnephews Nicole (Kevin Hall), Emily Ford Summers, Branden Summers and their children Braden and Kayla Groat, Damian, Dominic and Arya Blackmore, and Rachel and Nate Hall. Bruce will be missed by all who knew him. The family wishes to thank all of the PSWs, nurses and staff who cared for Bruce with care and compassion. A private memorial service will be held at the Jones Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to Acclaim Health are greatly appreciated. To livestream the memorial service or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit JonesFuneralHome.co.

JEAN BRANDOW



Tean Brandow passed away on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 in her 91st year. She will be sadly missed by her children Gary (Faye), Bill, Ann Graham, Sandra DeMey (Ray), Ivan, Brenda (Dave Hill); step-children Joe (Sheila), Nellie Abernot, Lawrence (Debbie); as well as her grandchildren Brian (Cheryl), Todd (Melanie),

Amanda Brandow, Berina (James Torrence), Amy Boyd, Alexandra Boyd; great -grandchildren Tyler, Tanner, Jayden, Brooklynn, Cambrie, Isaac, Freyja, Magnus, Lyla Jean, and another on the way; as well as many step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband Lee Austin Brandow, parents John and Stella (Stringer) Kirk, sons Elmer and Ron, son-in-law William Graham, step-children Marion O'Brien (Harold), Leta Howard (Alfred), Noreen Cronk (Harvey), Betty Jean Morrell (Lloyd), Jim (Susan) and brothers Ivan (Alice) Kirk, Elmer (Elizabeth) Kirk, Mom was born in Mindemoya and grew up on her parents' family farm in Billings Township where she exercised all aspects of farming at a young age. She expressed to us how much she enjoyed those days of her life. Mom was a homemaker and was kept busy with her children and her extended step-children. She later was blessed with several grandchildren where each had a special place in her heart. Spending the last few years at Manitoulin Lodge, she enjoyed her daily exercises, bingo, music, and most of all, her cribbage games with family, in which she won mostly every game. Mom also enjoyed sharing family dinners at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She will be sadly missed by all members of her family. A private family burial took place at Gordon Cemetery on Friday, July 24, 2020. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Angel Bus or the Alzheimer's Society. A graveside service was also held for Ron Brandow. Arrangements entrusted to the Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay, SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

JEAN BERTHA MCGREGOR **April 16, 1958 - July 22, 2020**



In loving memory of Jean Bertha ■McGregor. She peacefully began her spirit journey on July 22, 2020 at 62 years of age. Beloved wife of Brian JW Esquimaux (predeceased). The proud daughter of Eli and Charlotte McGregor (both predeceased). Caring mother of Maryann Fox (Greg), Eli Fox (Stacy), David Fox (prede-

ceased), Theodore McGregor (Cotee), Joanie Anwhatin and Brian Esquimaux Jr. Sister to Julie Bowerman (Phil) and Conrad McGregor. A loving grandmother to Mike, Skylar, Nicholas, Tia, Christian, Syrena, Harmony, Faith, Justin, Tâkamse, Meyosin-Bawaajigan, Nevada, Dakota, David and great-grandchildren Chloe, Emma, Liam, Grayson and Lexi. An Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Jean spent the last few months of her life surrounded by family and loved ones. Most of her career was with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. Jean progressed through life, not always in a straight line, that was filled with growing experiences. She enjoyed passing those experiences to her children. In keeping with Jean's end of life plan, cremation has occurred. An end of life celebration will take place at a later date.

Celebration of Life

LOTTIE THOMPSON



Join us for a celebration of a life well lived. Lottie Thompson passed away March 21, 2020 just days after her 93rd birthday. Anyone who knew Lottie knew she looked forward to her annual August long weekend family get-together. Please join us from 1 pm to 3 pm, Sunday, August 2, 2020 at her home in Kagawong, 1317 Lakeshore

Road to celebrate her life. Costumes optional:). Hand washing station will be provided and we will be social distancing.

JANIS ANNETT



Please join us Saturday, August 8, 2020 from 2 pm to 4 pm at 519 White's Point Road (Chris Gauthier's home) to celebrate the life of Janis Annett. Attire is very casual and a light lunch will be served. Let's get together and "Live, Love and Laugh" in her memory.

...Mindemoya, Manitowaning OPP offices mothballed

...continued from page 6 Inspector Moriarity to Island municipal leaders stated that a review process aimed at finding efficiencies and re-investment opportunities named the Mindemoya and Manitowaning detachments as candidates for closure. They will officially shut their doors on October 2 and the officers who previously reported to those centres will now report to the Little Current hub.

"These decisions are not made lightly and, overall, it's not going to affect the policing services that are provided to communities," said Inspector Moriarity, adding that she was not present in past meetings about the project and was unable to comment on them directly.

"I don't know for sure when the decisions were made to do these things but there is a process we have to follow." she said.

Inspector Moriarity redirected further questions about the normal consultation process and estimated cost savings to Infrastructure Ontario, the provincial Crown agency that oversees public development projects in Ontario.

Spokesperson Cary Migneault said those inquiries would fall under the purview of the OPP, which was unable to provide further comment by press time Monday.

The letter to municipal officials indicate that the two buildings, each more than 40 years old according to the detachment commander, would have required prohibitive expenses to bring them up to accessibility and operational requirements.

The new Little Current detachment opens for use on August 19 and has been designed to address accessibility and health and safety needs for both the public and officers. There is ample on-site storage, electronic fingerprinting tools, enhanced security in prisoner areas and victim services has an office within the building.

There is a modernized generator system at the new detachment and plenty of parking, both significant improvements over the existing Little Current detachment located in an 88-year-old former home.

The public has not had access to either the Mindemoya or Manitowaning detachments for some time, nor have they had functional holding cells. The buildings were used as office spaces and could not accommodate key police services such as fingerprinting.

"OPP is always constantly evaluating its services and the province of Ontario is always evaluating efficiencies and how to better deliver police services in a fiscally responsible way," said Inspector Moriarity.

She was unable to provide an answer by press time Monday as to what cost savings may be achieved by closing the two detachments.

In the detachment commander's view, the level of

policing available to Manitoulin Island residents will not be impacted by the two closures.

"With modern policing tools, the (officers') vehicles have become somewhat of their office. They have incar computers, printers and a cell phone so the need to go back to the office after every call has become virtually nonexistent. That way, they can remain in the communities and provide safety services," said Inspector Moriarity.

Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) Police Chief Terry McCaffrey agreed that the rise of car-based mobile data terminals would have contributed to the diminished need of office spaces around the OPP service area.

"It does not come as a surprise that the deployment model is being modified to a centralized response process," he said in an emailed statement. "I have further had discussions with Inspector Moriarity to solidify our mutual partnership that WTPS will be available to assist Manitoulin OPP if ever needed."

The promised benefits of modern in-car technologies allayed some of Tehkummah Reeve David Jaggard's concerns, though he said the limited staffing on Manitoulin Island remains a challenge.

"I can't see (closing the two detachments) making much difference to the way policing is presently being done. You hear of incidents where there's long wait times and so on, but whether those places are open or not, it won't make a big difference," he said.

Inspector Moriarity said there would be no staffing

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reductions once the satellite locations close.

"Our staffing levels right now are higher than they have ever been in the past five years," she said, but declined to disclose the total number of officers in the detachment. "Come this fall, we're slated to receive three new recruits."

Despite the closures, Inspector Moriarity said there were still opportunities for communities to host policing spaces.

"Municipalities have the option of having a community police office. This is a spot the municipality provides a location for the officers to attend and work from (a small office space). Community policing offices are a safe place for residents to access services and participate in programs focused on crime prevention and community safety," she wrote in an email to The Expositor.

While OPP will provide any necessary equipment for these spaces, the cost of operating a community police office would fall to the municipality.

It's a concept that has been tried on Manitoulin Island before. Tehkummah hosted a community policing office for a period of time but it has since closed down. Former reeve Gary Brown could not be reached for information by press time Monday.

The lack of consultation was disconcerting for Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne. "Obviously I am happy that they chose to keep the Gore Bay station open," he said. "But I am not happy with the way they did it."

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better if assurances given to communities over consultation were built on firmer ground. "It's typical government," he said. "Everything is done on a dollars/numbers basis and they don't think about the community."

As for the loss of the other two satellite stations, Mayor Osborne said he felt for those communities. "When it comes to Manitoulin, we are really all one big community."

Billings Mayor Ian Anderson declined to comment on the matter as he did not attend the meeting at the new detachment headquarters and had not had time yet to discuss the matter with his council. "Anything I would have to say would be my own opinion," he said.

Mayor Anderson said he did have one question, however: "What is going to happen with the two conserva-

tion officers based in the Manitowaning office?" he asked.

Inspector Moriarity was unable to provide an answer to that question by press time Monday.











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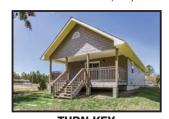
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