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# Tehkummah seeks to move records from washroom to used book room

by Warren Schlote  
TEHKUMMAH—The Township of Tehkummah intends to repurpose a portion of its used book store to be the official storage area for municipal records, getting those documents out of their current location in a closed-off washroom that has been used to temporarily store sensitive documents for more than a year and a half and bringing the building in line with requirements on washroom availability.

as a records storage space. Mr. Berti said he understood that there was formerly a storage area for records at the end of the building's main hallway. However, once the fire hall was built and connected to the existing municipal building, that storage room became part of the hallway between the two.

Records were at one time stored in the meeting room at the municipal office, but there were too many records to store efficiently and securely in that space.

"It was intended to be a temporary measure," Tehkummah clerk-administrator Silvio Berti told The Expositor about the decision to reopen one of the two washrooms that were recently renovated before one was shuttered

Mr. Berti added that the number of required available washrooms varies depending on the number of people within a building, so the concerns about washroom availability would only occur when larger events were held in

the facility.

Councillor Eric Russell declined to second the motion when offered at the May council meeting. He serves on the library's board.

Mr. Berti noted that his initial discussions with librarian Susan Hart were very positive, but when the discussion went to the library board those discussions fell apart, perhaps due to them receiving insufficient details about the township's plans.

He said the intention was for council to endorse the plan so that discussions could continue with the library on how to use part of the book store space while still offering them some space for book sales.

"The centre of the book store room is not being used efficiently as it is, so it wouldn't be a burden on the library at all. Either

that, or we'll have to come up with other (storage) solutions and I don't have any others," said Mr. Berti.

Councillors Russell and Lorie Leeson were both concerned about the prospect of taking space from the library.

"The library doesn't have enough room as it is," said Councillor Russell. "Why don't they get put back where they come from? They come from the municipal office so let's put them back there. And getting to health and safety, there's no rule that we have to have two bathrooms. There's lots of options like the community hall; there's lots of corners there, or down at the garage. I don't agree with fooling with the library."

Mr. Berti noted that the records need to be stored securely in a climate-controlled space, and a place such as a bathroom where

pipes could explode was very dangerous.

Councillor Russell suggested shrinking the bathrooms to make space for the records, but Mr. Berti said those are accessible washrooms that have to be a certain size.

Mr. Berti added that records need to be accessible for conducting township business, but said that the municipality would have to reduce the size of its record collection by disposing of records it is no longer obligated to keep.

He said a permanent solution would need to be found at a later date as both the library and fire department also have to store records of their own.

This is another chapter in the ongoing records storage issues that have divided Tehkummah's council. In 2017, then-clerk Karen Gerrard moved the township's records to a

secure storage facility away from the municipal building, triggering emergency council meetings and ultimately the dismissal of the clerk.

Ms. Gerrard was acting on provisions in the Municipal Act that require records to be stored in a secure location; however, she did not notify council before making the move and said that a highly sought-after storage space became available and she had to act quickly to secure the space.

The records were returned to the office and in September of the following year were relocated into the washroom, where they have remained ever since.

Council ultimately agreed to support in principle the repurposing of part of the used book store room, though Councillor Russell remained opposed.



## Law & Order

### M'Chigeeng checkpoints down, but side streets remain closed

UCCM Anishnaabe Police has been working with the leadership of M'Chigeeng First Nation and the Ministry of Transportation with respect to the modification of the COVID-19 checkpoint. The checkpoints will be eliminated from their existing positions and replaced with restricted access signs. Although there is a reduction of the wellness checkpoints the clear message is: If you do not reside as a permanent resident of the M'Chigeeng First Nation, you are not permitted to be within the community of M'Chigeeng.

There will be signage placed at all entrances and intersections leading into M'Chigeeng from Highway 540 and Highway 551. Under section 134 of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, the roads within M'Chigeeng are closed to the general public. The only people that are permitted to travel these roads are permanent residents of M'Chigeeng First Nation, seasonal residents are not permitted. Officers of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and the OPP will be conducting enforcement on the closed roadways. At any time, vehicles on these roadways will be stopped. Charges under this section of the Highway Traffic Act will be laid, resulting in total fines of \$110. Officers will also be enforcing the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act: the fines range from \$750 to \$1,000 for these charges.

The leadership of M'Chigeeng First Nation is taking a strong stance on protecting its community. Police are advising that unless you can produce a driver's licence with a permanent address of M'Chigeeng, you will face these fines.

### Obscured plate to evade checkpoint

On Saturday, May 23 just before 8 am, officers of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police responded to a call for service at one of the COVID-19 checkpoints on the M'Chigeeng First Nation. The information was that a white Ford Mustang did not stop at the Hwy 540 checkpoint and the vehicle in question was being driven with an obscured licence plate. The licence plate was not readable by checkpoint staff as it was covered with some form of tape. Officers learned that the vehicle was heading towards Mindemoya on Hwy 551 and this time the licence plate was not covered and a personalized licence plate was identified.

Later that same day, at approximately 5 pm the same vehicle entered the checkpoints and headed east towards Little Current. Subsequent police investigation revealed the registered owner resided in Little Current. Officers of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service attended the residence and identified the driver of the vehicle. This incident led to the motorist being issued a ticket under Section 13(2), obscured licence plate, of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act.

UCCM Anishnaabe Police would like to remind all motorists that vehicle licence plates have to be clean, free from obstruction and plainly visible at all times. Licence plates cannot be obstructed by any parts or attachments of the vehicle and plates need to be clearly visible from the front and rear of the vehicle.

### Pedestrian struck by trailer tire

On June 4 at approximately 10:25 am, members of the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, along with Sudbury-Manitoulin emergency services, responded to a single motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian on Highway 6, north of Little Current at Swift Current.

It was determined that a pedestrian was walking on the side of the highway and was struck by a trailer tire that had come off a newer boat trailer.

The 19-year-old pedestrian was transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Police are continuing their investigation.

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## ...Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory announces checkpoint at entrance lifted

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wemkoong.”

Ogimaa Peltier asked everyone to continue to shop locally. “The local businesses in Wiikwemkoong and Manitoulin have stepped up,” he said. “...Those businesses need to be congratulated and supported.”

Ogimaa Peltier went on to say that Wiikwemkoong’s leadership is not recommending any travel outside of the

Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin “and especially, we don’t recommend travelling to where cases are still active.”

Ogimaa Peltier asked the public to continue to physical distance themselves and follow public health guidelines until a vaccine is found.

“Let’s do our part and take care of all our loved ones,” he urged. “Thanks everyone for doing their part, but now it’s up to you as an individual to continue protecting your

loved ones, keeping your households safe. I do want to say again, *chi miigwetch* to everyone.”

The ogimaa encouraged community members to reach out to either the Wiikwemkoong Health Centre or to band administrative staff for guidance and recommendations if out-of-district travel is necessary.

While the lifting of the checkpoint is due to a current low risk of COVID-19 in the area, the community of Wiikwemkoong remains under a state of emergency.

## ...M’Chigeeng First Nation lifts essential checkpoints

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The reopening strategy will be business-heavy to ensure that set policies and procedures are in place so M’Chigeeng businesses can operate safely when they can reopen to the travelling public, Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige told The Expositor, noting that “places of business are the locations where our (band) members and non-member visitors interact and are places that have greater risk of exposure. As the decommissioning strategy rolls out, M’Chigeeng businesses will become the front line of protection for M’Chigeeng citizens.”

As has been reported previously, M’Chigeeng instituted a non-essential travel ban in late April, installing highway checkpoints that limited non-essential travel through the community on April 25.

“The First Nation had been working on a reopening strategy for the last several weeks,” the ogimaa-kwe told The Expositor prior to Monday’s announcement. “Businesses have been requested to make submissions in relation to their ideas and to provide the First Nation with copies of their COVID-19 protocols. As of last Friday, we had not received any submissions either at our request or voluntarily. It is difficult as on reserve, the provincial laws and regulations in relation to business operations do not apply generally. So, that is an important aspect of community safety. We had not received any businesses protocols that are in place except for a local construction company.”

This newspaper had spoken to several M’Chigeeng business owners who had called on chief and council to host a meeting to hear their concerns. The ogimaa-kwe said the band office had received some written requests to meet, but all lacked details except for a repeated cry for a call to reopen from a few M’Chigeeng businesses.

“They (the correspon-

dents) were responded to via mail last Friday, requesting their ideas in writing to the group responsible for the reopening strategy,” Ogimaa-kwe Debassige explained. She went on to note that she had talked with some businesspeople who felt they were being intimidated into going along with the call to reopen the community.

“Businesses were no more important (in the reopening deliberations by chief and council) than our vulnerable elders and members of our community,” Ogimaa-kwe Debassige stated.

“There is more to our First Nation operations and council meetings than the topic of businesses and checkpoints,” she continued. “We received another petition following Lisa Addison’s original petition (requesting the removal of the checkpoints on Highways 540 and 551) that had a greater number of our member’s signatures to keep the checkpoints up for the health and safety of our membership,” the ogimaa-kwe added, referencing the petition started by BJ’s and Addison’s OK Tire owner Lisa Addison, who has been vocal in her call to end the checkpoints. (Ms. Addison, along with Jessie Debassige of Paul’s Corner Store and Janice Sweeney and Basil Panamick of Finn’s Gas Bar had announced they would be seeking legal counsel regarding the checkpoints and the respective effects on faltering business.)

The Expositor contacted Ms. Addison on Monday following the announcement that the checkpoints would be removed. Ms. Addison said she is relieved in one sense, but was still hoping for a meeting between chief and council and the business community. She said she was in the process of writing a letter to the chief suggesting that the powwow grounds be used as a safe outdoor space to talk in a respectful manner. She said was looking forward to coming together “in a posi-

tive way.”

“We have 1,200 people in our community and our members are highly vulnerable,” Ogimaa-kwe Debassige said by way of demonstrating the importance of the checkpoints and minimizing outside contact with M’Chigeeng’s citizens.

The following press release, issued on Sunday by the M’Chigeeng First Nation, outlines the timeline and process of the checkpoint strategy designed to protect M’Chigeeng’s residents that led to Monday’s decommissioning of the checkpoints and the notification by the ogimaa-kwe to the other members of the Island-wide leadership committee of this change.

“On April 23, M’Chigeeng exercised its inherent authority and jurisdiction by implementing a non-essential travel ban and border closure in response to the risk of COVID-19 to M’Chigeeng citizens. The council determined that it is the protection and preservation of life that must be the guiding principle in all decisions. On April 25, M’Chigeeng moved into a non-essential travel ban.”

“Over the last several weeks, the Emergency Operations Group (EOG) and Non-Essential Travel Ban Advisory Group (NETBA) have been meeting on a weekly basis and working on various initiatives including a M’Chigeeng First Nation Reopening Strategy. On June 4, as part of the reopening strategy, both the EOG and NETBA Group made the recommendation to council to support a checkpoint decommissioning strategy process to finalize a level of activation protocol for checkpoints. Part of the recommendations are for local businesses to submit their ideas and COVID-19 policy and protocols which have been requested. Most businesses on reserve do not have the same requirements as off-reserve businesses and therefore it is

important to have properly registered MFN businesses provide assurances that they are committed to ensuring the safety of M’Chigeeng citizens.

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## ...Queen's Park: 'Stage 2' reopening commences this Friday

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bled from five to 10 but physical distancing requirements of two metres still apply. Of note, all regions in Ontario, even if they have not been invited to join Stage 2, are allowed to gather in groups of 10.

Although many types of businesses are reopening, the Stage 2 explainer document states that people are encouraged to work from home as much as possible in order to limit potential virus spread.

Child care centres will begin to slowly expand beyond the strict emergency care-only models toward resuming regular child care, keeping strictly to public health measures.

Places of worship will be allowed to reopen at 30 percent of building capacity if physical distancing measures are maintained. Provincial guidance will be offered to worship leaders and staff.

Personal care services such as hair services, beauty salons and shops, hair removal, diet and weight control centres, tattoos and piercing services, day spas and tanning salons can now reopen under strict controls. Patrons and employees should wear face coverings and other appropriate PPE at all times if physical distancing is impossible.

Continuing bans apply to any services on a customer's face, hot spaces like saunas or steam rooms and all baths or water-based services unless prescribed by a health professional.

Personal services such as house sitting, personal training outside of gyms, personal shoppers and wedding chapels can open with health and safety measures in place.

Restaurants and bars are allowed to open for dining in outdoor spaces only, though indoor areas are accessible for washrooms and payment. Eateries are also allowed to temporarily expand licenced patio spaces provided they get the required approvals and follow strict criteria.

Shopping centres, malls and markets are being allowed to reopen with occupancy limits, sanitization, walking patterns and other safety measures in place.

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services from portraiture to aerial operations are allowed to reopen. Tour and guide services such as fishing excursions, tastings and tours at breweries, trail rides and sightseeing tours in cars and boats can reopen under the guidelines, as long as all rental equipment is sanitized between use. Tours of food and beverage production areas are green-lit.

Indoor and outdoor pools, outdoor splash pads and wading pools can reopen, but not attractions like water parks, wave pools and water slides. Change rooms for these spaces can open only if they can be sanitized between use.

Aquatic fitness classes may continue within physical distancing rules, such as only fellow household members being allowed to physically touch other swimmers.

Outdoor rec facilities such as paintball, mini-golf, archery and go-karts will be allowed to reopen, though locker rooms, showers and clubhouses are closed unless they are used for washroom access. Rented equipment must be sanitized between use; if this is impossible, those facilities may not reopen.

Outdoor playgrounds and play structures are still closed, including outdoor fitness equipment. Indoor rec facilities are closed except for driving ranges and rod and gun clubs.

Campgrounds can reopen for all types of camping, though gathering and distancing limits still apply. Beaches at said parks will also open with capacity limits in place.

Outdoor team sports can resume in practices only—no scrimmages or games.

No locker rooms, showers or change rooms may open and clubhouses may only be used for equipment management, washrooms or emergency access.

At drive-in or drive-through operations, all individuals must remain in their cars except for emergency situations or washroom access.

Weddings, funerals and similar gatherings can take place in locations that don't have restrictions, as long as social gathering and distancing limits are enforced.

Libraries can reopen with limited services such as computer access and book pick-up and drop-off. Patrons cannot touch shelf materials and significant disinfection policies are required.

Indoor rec activities are cancelled at community centres but those spaces can be used for other programs such as counselling or education.

Museums, galleries and outdoor heritage spaces provided interactive or high-contact exhibits are closed, as well as conference centres.

Non-essential gatherings of all sizes are still strongly discouraged, but some small outdoor events may be permitted following size restrictions and public health measures. Large outdoor events remain outlawed.

All businesses are encouraged to operate on an appointment basis to limit the number of people present at any given time, as well as gathering the names and contact information of everyone they serve to aid in contact tracing should an outbreak flare up.

Patrons should be screened for symptoms and risk factors before entering a facility, increased sterilization should be implemented and appropriate PPE should be worn in addition to frequent hand-washing.

Ontario's reopening plan is divided into three stages of providing targeted support, a gradual and measured reopening and finally long-term economic recovery.

At the start of every week, Ontario will offer a re-assessment of the regions and determine whether or not they will be able to enter Stage 2 by the end of that week. The report does not specify whether or not regions will be able to regress back to Stage 1 if regional conditions deteriorate.

Full details of Stage 2 of Ontario's reopening framework can be found at Ontario.ca/reopen. Any business or organization seeking clarification on

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# ...Around and around and around and... paddling duo plans lakes circumnavigation

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During that time they faced fast-moving storms, strong currents and unfriendly headwinds. Nevertheless, they persisted and not only lived to tell the tale, they had already begun planning their next major adventure.

"The first attempt to circumnavigate was definitely inspiring. In terms of the massiveness of Manitoulin and how beautiful it is, I think it motivated us to explore more of our own backyard," said Ms. Bickell.

This summer marks the start of The Attempt: Part II, a challenge to paddle the shorelines of every one of Manitoulin Island's inland lakes.

Part II is incomparable to the inaugural event, said Ms. Hastings, due to the absence of time constraints and the ability to break it down a lake or two per day to enjoy the moment without racing to a destination.

Unique challenges arise when trying to circumnavigate all of Manitoulin's inland lakes. For starters, how many lakes even exist on Manitoulin Island? And, perhaps more to the point, what constitutes a 'lake' that differentiates it from a pond or other body of water?

"There isn't a comprehensive list out there. If you Google it you'll find an unsourced Wikipedia article saying there's 108 lakes, but we can't figure out if that's backed up by any legitimate sources. We've heard so many people say over the course of our lives, too, that there's 108 lakes on Manitoulin," said Ms. Bickell.

They have tried to make their own list using online mapping tools from Google and have found about 60 named lakes and many more unnamed water bodies. They figure locals may know the names of those unmarked waterways and will be posting a draft list at Facebook.com/TheAttemptManitoulin to gather input from community members.

Then there comes the difficulty of identifying marshy wetlands from true lakes, which is a difficult task using satellite imagery alone.

"Some of the lakes, it looks like the perimeter is only a kilometre-and-a-half long in the middle of nowhere, and it would take a lot of bushwhacking to get there. Those are going to be challenging because it may be a low reward or a short paddle once we get there," said Ms. Bickell.

Ms. Hastings added that she could only name perhaps 20 inland lakes at the start of this challenge, a testament to how overlooked they tend to be in contrast to the bigger waters.

Assuming 108 inland lakes, The Attempt: Part II will be a lengthy process. They plan to spread their mission out over the next two warm seasons and have already completed their first circumnavigation of the interior—a Bass Lake paddle in

Sheguiandah on May 30.

"We weren't timing ourselves, not trying to do any power paddling; we were stopping and went on shore a couple of times and just listening to everything going on around us, taking it all in," said Ms. Bickell.

Another factor is access. While many lakes have public boat launches or roads near their shorelines, others (such as Maple Lake within the Vidal Bay Forest property that represents three percent of Manitoulin's landmass and is listed for sale at about \$25 million) are isolated on pri-

vate property.

"When we've been looking on Google Earth trying to figure things out, you can see road access to a lot of the lakes usually. If a road was private or there was property between the shoreline and a public access road, we'd approach the landowners," said Ms. Bickell. "As we saw on our bigger trip when we chatted with people, Islanders are so friendly, awesome and supportive of adventures like this."

Venturing into rarely-visited waters offers many possibilities for data collection.

Although the two are planning to document their travels in logs on their Facebook page, they said they would be open to gathering data if approached by a researcher.

Some of the conditions they plan to record include water temperature and bottom conditions near the shorelines.

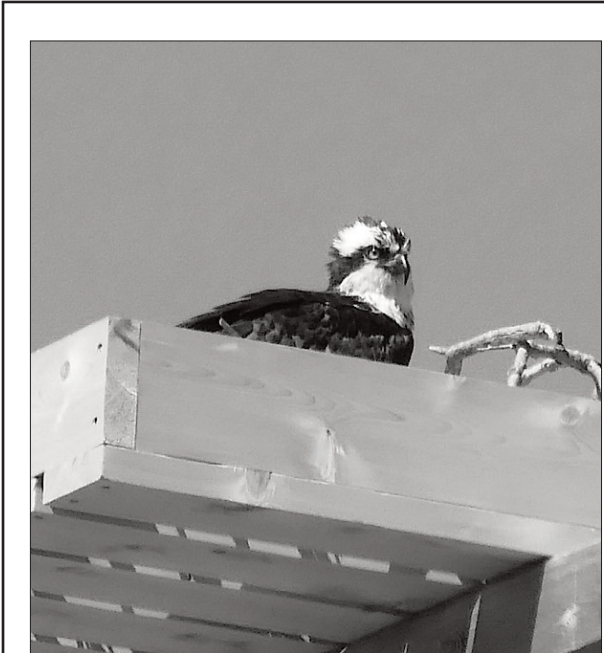
The previous trip was meant to encourage others to get out in nature and explore their world, a daunting suggestion when considering an Island circumnavigation. This challenge, however, is more accessible. The two have invited others to join them on their one-day paddles and encourage followers to keep exploring their local environment.

"Everyone's going through similar things

with isolation and having their routines disrupted. I think both Nat and I would agree that taking care of yourself is so important. Paddling in this beautiful landscape and all lakes that we have can do wonders for your mental health and happiness in general," Ms.

Bickell said.

As with the Huron trip, proper preparedness is paramount for the two self-professed "safety geeks." They carry boat safety kits, have flotation devices on hand at all times and monitor the conditions to ensure they can continue safely.



Birds of a feather

For a number of years John Savage had noticed a stick nest on top of a hydro pole across from the entrance to the airport on Highway 6. "It had always been empty, except for last summer, when a pair of Osprey did decide to call it home and were successful in rearing some young-uns," he said. "Later in the fall we saw a Hydro One crew placing a wooden platform on top of the pole where the nest had been and we assumed it was done to make any nesting more secure. We were skeptical that the birds would return but hoped for the best. This spring, any time we have been going that way, we have checked for any sign of life up on that platform but none was seen until this Monday. To our surprise and pleasure there he or she was, up in a new stick nest looking very happy with the home improvements! Hopefully we'll have more to show you in a month or two."

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Today and every day, we join that call, and recognize that while social media has brought attention today, these truths have existed for hundreds of years. Here in Canada, Black and Indigenous Lives have been taken due to systemic violence. It's time to listen and believe these experiences as real and work towards a future without racial and colonial violence.

The following considerations/recognitions may be helpful as we move forward together:

- Ensure access to key information re: protests, donations and documenting injustice by ensuring thoughtful social media posting and viral digital campaign participation (for example, if you are posting black squares as part of #BlackoutTuesday, ensure you do not include the hashtags #BLM and #BlackLivesMatter as these posts are hiding critical online information(i).
- Take time to acknowledge and remember the Black, Indigenous, and Other People of Colour killed by Canadian police(ii).
- Parents are encouraged to speak to their children about anti-black racism
- Support the call from Black Health Alliance and the Network for Advancement of Black Communities (NABC) to declare anti-Black racism as a public health crisis (in addition to gender-based violence)(iii)
- Recognize "it's long-past time to talk about policing Black women in Canada"(iv)
- An increased understanding of surveillance as violence, especially in the context of a global pandemic and the unique impact of COVID-19 restrictions and surveillance on racialized women(v)
- Recognize violence and oppression is a non-partisan issue, while promoting systemic change to increase access to justice: "If we want to bring about real change, then the choice isn't between protest or politics. We have to do both. We have to mobilize to raise awareness, and we have to organize and cast our ballots to make sure that we elect candidates who will act on reform" (vi)
- Consider the intersections of identities which impact experiences of systems, services, and access to justice, within and beyond policing (including gender-based violence and mental health services)
- Participate in training and education which promotes critical thinking and collective action
- Consider your own role in supporting racial inequality and the way our own "silence can be violence."(vii)

As always, we stand in solidarity with our communities both locally, provincially, nationally and globally. We know we strive to be the best allies possible by being informed, engaged, and thinking critically about our own actions online, in person, and within radical moments of change like the one we are currently living in.

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# Dobby marks one year with Rob Maguire, online following grows

by Warren Schlote  
MANITOWANING—It has been just over one year since Dobby the fire-rescued kitten found a home with Manitowaning's Rob Maguire and the frisky feline feller has continued to grow and thrive in his new palace despite the injuries he sustained as a weeks-old kitten last spring.

"Today marks one year from the first day I met Dobby in person. He captured my heart relative to his plight, which was what prompted me to contact (the vet clinic)," said Dobby's keeper Rob Maguire in a May 28 conversation with The Expositor.

Last May, Dobby was rescued from a garage fire in the Sudbury area. He received extensive care at Walden Animal Hospital and received sock-like bandages for each of his burnt paws as well as the name Dobby—an homage to the Harry Potter universe in which Dobby the House Elf is freed from captivity when he is given a sock.

Dobby's health was challenged by third-degree burns, bad scarring and losing a bit of an ear. The vets at the clinic took him home every night to ensure he was always within good care until his condition stabilized.

On June 5, Mr. Maguire began to foster Dobby and he was approved as his forever home just two days later.

Dobby still has some scarring in spots under his fur, he is missing toes, has a bald spot under his chin and is missing several claws. Last year, the vets were concerned that he may have a hernia but this issue did not ultimately materialize, a relief to Mr. Maguire.

Dobby has also grown to a healthy weight on the smaller size range of average and he hasn't needed a vet visit since October.

Mr. Maguire described Dobby as always being in a good mood and a ball of energy. On the day Dobby was neutered, Mr. Maguire couldn't keep the cat's protective cone on, nor could he keep Dobby in a resting state (though vets assured Mr. Maguire that Dobby would likely not hurt himself).



Dobby the miracle cat survived a fire one year ago that caused him severe injuries. Despite those injuries when he was just a tiny kitten, Dobby has made a remarkable recovery thanks to the care he received at the Walden Animal Hospital and went on to find himself a loving forever home with Manitowaning's Rob Maguire.

"This is why people are really interested by his story. Besides all the hardships he's occurred and being near-death and going through surgeries, he's just so happy and so good-natured all the time," said Mr. Maguire. "He's got lots of character and he has a real sense of humour."

That is perhaps the real shining star in Dobby's tough life story: the impact he has had on people across the globe.

"Since I got him, I've been putting up photos and captions on my (personal) Facebook page. From that, he's been building this following," said Mr. Maguire.

Enough people had shown an interest in following Dobby on Mr. Maguire's Facebook that he began receiving friend requests from across Ontario and beyond. Three months ago he started a public Instagram page for Dobby, @DobbyTheFireCat. In that short time Dobby has amassed more than 1,100 followers.

A story about Dobby and an edited compilation of clips from Mr. Maguire were posted by cat-loving community Love Meow.

The video has been viewed more than 81,000 times.

"Ever since then I've had people contact me from New Zealand, England, Scotland, India, China, Japan, the US and Canada, all with people telling me they're inspired by his story, his strength and his love. And that's inspired me," said Mr. Maguire.

Some of the commenters have suggested that Dobby's story should be told in a children's book, something Mr. Maguire said may be an interesting future project.

"I also find if I don't share any photos of him, if a week goes by, I start to get messages from people I don't even know asking if everything is okay," said Mr. Maguire.

Some of the comments have been particularly touching. One woman said she was going through a rough patch and Dobby's story of persistence gave her the will to continue living.

The stories of resilience, comfort and companionship afforded by pets is something perhaps more

important than ever in the uncertain world, said Mr. Maguire.

He credited the Walden Animal Hospital team for saving Dobby's life despite the odds. The vet team still refers to the kitty as their superstar.

"This story wouldn't have been told had they not done what they did. That's something for us all to think about, the repercussions of our daily actions," he said.

Dobby's growing fame has not outshone the other cats in the Maguire house-

hold—cat-castle-mates Swif and Little Norisle have taken to the newcomer and each bring their own personality to the mix.

Whether it's taking his medication without a fuss, getting into the potatoes or zipping around the house but always coming back to Mr. Maguire's side, Dobby has a big personality that fits well in the world of social media.

It's also a match made in heaven for the two who were inseparable on the day they first met. Mr. Maguire said he believes in creating

the best possible life for his cats considering the horrible things that others have done to animals, and he doles out all the love and support they could ever want, even building a cat castle in his home.

"Dobby is a little treasure in a lot of ways. It's funny, I've gone places and people say 'hey, you're Dobby's dad!' These are people I've never met before so they've obviously been reading the posts and scoping him out," Mr. Maguire said with a laugh.

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# Little Current United Church congregation says farewell to Allards

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—Three years is a short time in which to make a major impact on the lives of people in the communities you serve, but for Little Current United Church (LCUC)'s outgoing pastor Paul Allard and wife Karen, that impact was on full display this past weekend when dozens of cars filled with well-wishers paraded past the church after their last Sunday service on the morning of May 31.

"I had no clue the parade was coming. It was an overwhelming testament to how gracious this community and our congregation is. It was very heartfelt and emotional," said Pastor Allard. "The finality of it all is starting to sink in."

"What a shock! I was flabbergasted. You have your suspi-



Numerous types of vehicles were represented at the farewell parade for Little Current United Church pastor Paul Allard and wife Karen. They will be moving to a new church in Hardisty, Alberta this month.

cions something might happen on the last day but that just warmed my heart, oh my gosh," said Ms. Allard. "And it's been like that since we came here."

The Allards are beginning to pack up their home for a move to Hardisty, in central Alberta.

The LCUC church council had discussed the best way to honour their departing leaders and thank them for their three years of service. A parade was deemed a safe and effective way to convey their gratitude.

"Paul has meant a lot to us over his three years," said church council chair Scott Mosher. "We're going to miss them a lot but we wish them well."



Little Current United Church Council chair Scott Mosher presents Paul Allard with a parting gift before the cars began to roll past.

photos by Warren Schlote

Several cars and vehicles of all kinds passed by the church following their final service and many dropped off gifts and cards.

This marks the end of their tenure serving the United churches of Little Current and Sheguiandah and the beginning of service out west.

Pastor Allard was in fact interviewed for the Hardisty pastorate before his interview in Little Current three years ago, and he was offered the Alberta job on the spot. He requested to complete the Little Current interview in the spirit of fairness but was drawn to Manitoulin's charms and had to disappoint the western pastoral charge.

Although the Allards have been lovingly welcomed into the Island community, when the phone rang near the end of February it was an offer he could not refuse.

"I thought about it; this was an opportunity that might never come again, to be taken out there without any competition. Maybe it was meant to be," said Pastor Allard. "Perhaps this is something I needed to broaden my horizons."

His first contract was at St. Paul's Church in Cochrane for four years, followed by Little Current.

The things he will miss the most are the sense of community and his great congregation, said Pastor Allard, citing the warmth of Islanders as a major reason he chose this position—in addition to Manitoulin's great landscapes.

He took had a major role in developing that connection—Pastor Allard was a member of the Little Current Lions Club, an active curler and the host of numerous events from craft fairs to musical events at the church. He will also be missed as chaplain of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 in Little Current.

Both called out the names of every person who drove



Marcel and Wendy Gauthier had a vibrant red heart on display to reflect some of the love the Allards poured into their community during their three-year stay on Manitoulin Island.

past them in the parade, a testament to their deep care for their community.

"I like to include fun and humour in my services to get people engaged. I really like getting people participating and creating activities to enjoy beyond services to create community connections. That's my calling, to build communities, work with others and

make it a nicer place to be," he said, adding that he hopes some of his events carry forward into the future.

Ms. Allard did not move to the Island with her husband in 2017 because she was still in the process of selling their home in Cochrane. When she came down to visit, organist Barb Cranston was conducting a choir practice and sang a hymn to welcome her in as part of the family.

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# Central Manitoulin Public School celebrates World Environment Day

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
 MINDEMOYA—Students and teachers from Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) enjoyed the warm spring weather on Friday, June 5 as they participated in self-guided activities in support of World Environment Day (WED).

“We don’t always celebrate just the day,” explained Cori Davy, CMPS teacher and Eco Team lead. “We usually have a whole Earth Week but weren’t able to do that this year.” Other CMPS teachers agreed it would be a nice break to get outside and do something positive for the Earth. They brainstormed and came up with a list of potential activities suitable for all grades whether the students lived in town or on a farm.

Some students planted or watered gardens, others created no mow areas in their yards. Other activities included hanging clothes on the line, building a birdhouse or feeder, making bee boxes for wild bees, picking up litter on the beach, identifying birds, creating shelter in gardens for frogs and checking tire pressure for better gas mileage.

“We just wanted the kids to come out with a positive attitude today,” said Ms. Davy. “We wanted them to know they can make a little change, a difference in the world and what’s around them. We’re blessed to have a rural society. Kids appreciate it.”



Picking up litter on the beach was the activity chosen by these Central Manitoulin Public School students to help the Earth as part of World Environment Day.



Maeve plants a cherry tree at Central Manitoulin Public School for World Environment Day.

Ms. Davy and family also planted some fruit trees in the school yard. The money to purchase the trees was received from a Learning for Sustainable Futures grant. “Schools can put in proposals for up to 400 dollars. We’ve used that grant many times for different projects but this year we wanted fruit trees.”

Student members of the CMPS Eco Team decided what they wanted and Ms. Davy assisted with the online application. They planted cherry trees, a pecan tree, seedless grape vines and some shrubs. The trees are planted throughout the yard behind the school in a no mow zone, Ms. Davy said. “They’re planted strategically to make shady places for the kids in 20 years.”

Last year two apple and two pear trees were planted in the same no mow zone. “The lawnmower will stay far away from the trees and it’s a nice corner for kids to have shade,”

said Ms. Davy, a little sad the kids weren’t there this year to participate in the planting.

A slide show was created for students with photos of their various WED activities.

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# Friendship Treaty text gets remade into Manitoulin Island anthem

## How the original text came to be, later finding a musical accompaniment

by Warren Schlote

GORE BAY—The Manitoulin Friendship Treaty of 1990 is a symbolic document that has come to represent the positive relationships that exist on the Island between its Indigenous inhabitants and settlers, encouraging a spirit of collaboration and understanding that has sprung back into relevance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Expositor has recent-

Kanesatake and the town of Oka, Quebec (aided by police forces and the Canadian military) engaged in a tense standoff over a proposed golf course expansion and housing build on disputed territory that contained a Mohawk burial ground.

The conflict lasted into September and led to the death of a Quebec provincial police officer, with dozens more hurt on both

Ojibwe translation was not able to be recorded by the group and the publisher lost interest.

The Island Singers continued to perform the song and 'Friendship' appears as track three on Ms. Best's 2011 album 'Not Alone.' This is a simpler four-part harmony version sung by Mr. and Ms. Best and Chris and Heather Theijsmeijer. A copy of the song is embedded in this story on

happy that better understandings are starting to form, especially on the topic of respecting Mother Earth, but acknowledged that there was still much work to be done.

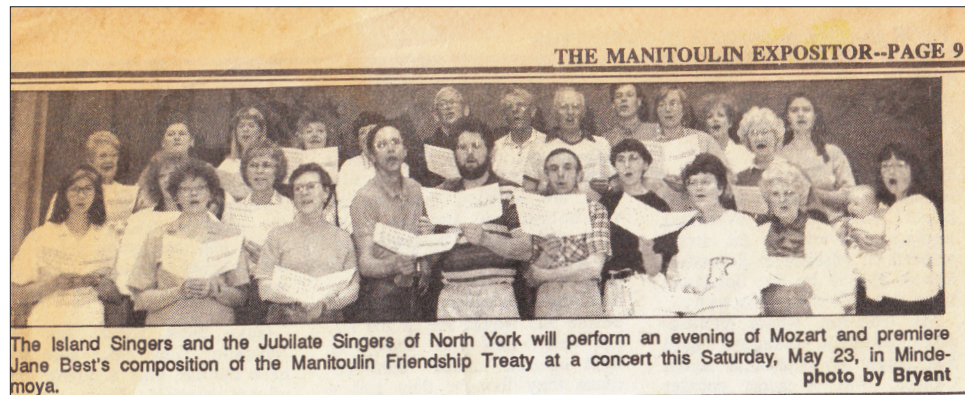
For Mr. Armstrong, the words he wrote still remind him of the love he felt as a child growing up on Mani-

toulin.

"I had good friends in public school that came from Sheshegwaning. Within the last year, I encountered one of those old friends in the grocery store," said Mr. Armstrong. "Our first reaction, because we hadn't seen each other for a while, was to hug."

He added that the words in the 1990 treaty seem to be as relevant to the people of 30 years ago as they are now.

The four-part harmony sheet music is available for free on Ms. Best's website, BestSongs.ca.



The Island Singers and Jubilee Singers premiered the Manitoulin Friendship Treaty composition by Jane Best (right, holding her infant son) in 1992.

ly explored some of the relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples on Manitoulin Island. Since those stories began to appear, this newspaper has heard from some people who shared their perspectives on important links, including the Friendship Treaty.

One such person was Jane Best, a Gore Bay musician who turned the treaty's text into a choral song that might be considered a Manitoulin Island anthem.

She attended the 1990 signing ceremony, having just moved to Gore Bay from Toronto in the previous summer with husband Paul and two-year-old daughter Anne.

The family was adjusting to Island life and witnessing the strong connection between people of Anishinaabe and settler backgrounds. This co-operative spirit was also evident at Manitoulin Secondary School, where Mr. Best took up a teaching role.

The announcement that a friendship treaty would be signed to more formally bridge the Island cultures was a must-see for Ms. Best. It was well-attended and featured prayers, a smudge, songs and dancing.

"I found it very inspiring," she said. "They're saying, 'let's really work together to find ways to share the land and make things more just, to circumvent the horrible tensions that can happen when there's real injustices about the land and who lives on it.'"

The words of the treaty were penned nearby by then-lawyer Blaine Armstrong. He still remembers setting the words to the page as he sat in a recliner to do his early morning thinking.

"It was from just before daylight that particular day, until the household got stirring and the distractions began. That's how much time I had, and that's how much time it took," Mr. Armstrong told The Expositor.

The Oka Crisis was ongoing in the summer of 1990 in which Mohawks of

sides.

Mr. Armstrong had been watching tensions rise across Canada and recognized that Manitoulin Island's cross-cultural relations were much healthier and balanced. He figured they should be celebrated, especially with Gore Bay's 100-year anniversary festivities coming later that year—he was also on the town's centennial committee.

"I had an appreciation of Manitoulin Island and the relationships that formed here, so I was distressed by Oka. And I just thought, 'no, Oka cannot be the only message that comes out of that summer. There's got to be a message of harmony as well,'" he said.

Mr. Armstrong was cautious to keep the text of the pledge pragmatic and reflective of the day-to-day realities of Manitoulin Island, rather than trying to create an impression of an impossible utopia.

The words were evidently effective, having been adopted as the official treaty text and resonating with Islanders like Ms. Best. Long after the ceremony, she still had the treaty in her head.

"I remember thinking these were really deep words, and if we could live up to them, how wonderful that would be," she said. "There's a sense of both trying to understand each other and working together, and the last line is about keeping harmony by respecting each other's ways. I think that's being put to the test now."

Ms. Best has a background in writing and publishing choral, hymn and folk music. She has released three independent albums.

She contacted Mr. Armstrong for permission to use the words and long-time Island Singers director Dorothy Anstice took an interest as well. It was premiered by the Island Singers in 1992.

A publishing company then wanted the Island Singers to record a version with both English and Ojibwe words. However, due to complications, the

The Expositor's website.

Ms. Best said adding music means the words last longer in one's memory and can carry a stronger importance through their repetition.

"Learning a text through a song is a way to feel those ideas stronger; it slows it down and puts it in a certain way that reinforces them," she said. "Those words can get inside you."

Ms. Best said she was

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# Invasive species alert: Garlic mustard is invading Manitoulin forests

by Judith Jones

MANITOULIN—Another invasive species has crept onto Manitoulin Island and has now spread enough to become worrisome—garlic mustard.

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a herbaceous (not woody) plant in the mustard family. The upper leaves are shaped like a spade with a long point, while leaves on the ground are like a rounded heart. Both have scalloped edges and a wrinkly, veiny surface texture. They look a little like violet leaves but smell of garlic when crushed. Garlic mustard plants have a two-year life cycle. In the first year, they are just a cluster of leaves growing on the ground. In the second year, they make a stalk up to one metre (three feet) tall and a bunch of small white flowers with four petals.

Garlic mustard is capable of wiping out native forest plants. It is a danger to the trilliums, fiddleheads, leeks, adder's tongues and other spring wildflowers. It has some very scary weapons in its tool box. The roots can put chemicals into the soil that stop other plants from growing. Also, one large plant can produce over 3,000 seeds and the



Flowering stems of garlic mustard (foreground in front of the Forget-me-nots) with clusters of white flowers with four petals. Stem leaves are spade-shaped with scalloped edges.

seeds can last up to 30 years in the soil. With these weapons, a stand of garlic mustard can become the dominant forest ground cover in just five to seven years.

This week, garlic mustard is beginning to flower and is very noticeable. Now is the time to check whether this invader is on your property and to make plans to do something about it before it destroys our forests. Getting garlic mustard under control is going to be a multi-year process, so the important thing is to get started and to keep going, even if it's just a little bit at a time. Remember

it's going to take a while. Here are some things you can do.

**Hand pulling:** This is a good strategy for small patches if it's done before the seed pods are forming. You'll spot the tall flowering plants, and they pull out easily. Grasp the plants at the base and pull gently to try to get the whole root without breaking it or the stem. Once you've got an eye for the tall plants, you'll also probably notice a ton of the first-year plants on the ground. Do what you can to get them, too, but make a mental note to come back again in a week and see if some have grown up

and also to get back again to this spot next year.

One downside of hand-pulling is that it opens up the soil and allows new garlic mustard seeds to sprout. Remember, control will take a few years. However, you can cover up the newly exposed ground with leaves or some other type of mulch or plant something else there, but you really don't want to introduce anything that might become troublesome, so stick to native plants (see link at the bottom).

**Cutting or mowing at the bottom:** This works if you do it before the plants produce seeds. The plants don't all flower at once and some stems may re-sprout, so cutting may need to be done a few times over a couple weeks. Cutting at the bottom is better than just cutting off the flowers because you won't leave a stem where new flowers can sprout. It also doesn't stir up the soil to expose more seeds.

**Cutting off the flowers:** This does prevent the plants from going to seed and is a little less work than No. 2, but you have to keep at it until the end of the summer since new flowers can still sprout from the stems.

Careful disposal of the material: Don't compost or pile the stems because the flowers can still produce seeds even after the stems are cut. Seal the material in paper yard waste bags or black plastic garbage bags and leave the bags in the sun. After at least a week, the bags can be burned or taken to the dump.

Garlic mustard was intentionally brought from Europe in the 1800s to be grown for edible greens. Smaller plants can be eaten if you like the flavour.

There is a lot more to know about garlic mustard including how to restore the bush and the soil after removing a lot of plants,

and what native species can be planted that will out-compete this invader. Ontario Best Management Practices (the official document that tells you what works and what doesn't work and why) and a lot more info can be found on the website about Ontario's Invading Species at [InvadingSpecies.com/garlic-mustard/](http://InvadingSpecies.com/garlic-mustard/)

*Judith Jones is an environmental consultant based in the Bidwell area. Since 2016 she has co-ordinated the Manitoulin Phragmites Project, a program to eliminate invasive phragmites from shores and wetlands on Manitoulin Island and surrounding islands.*



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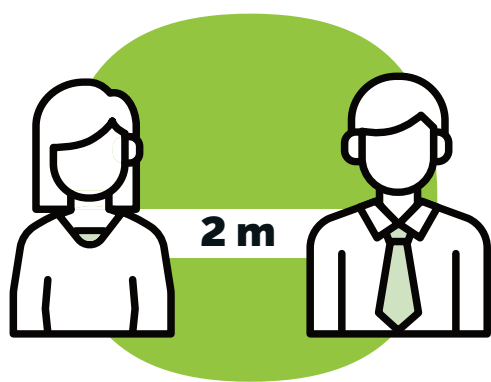
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# Decoration Day celebrations a more intimate event this year

by Michael Erskine

SPRING BAY—The martial skirl emitted by Dave Beaton's bagpipes provided a fitting opening for the Decoration Day ceremonies held at the Manitoulin District Cenotaph and Memorial Gardens this past Sunday, as a small but dedicated crowd gathered on the lawn to witness the laying of wreaths beneath the various monuments and the recitation of memorial benedictions for the fallen.

"Decoration Day received its start on Manitoulin in 1921," noted master of ceremonies Roy Eaton in his opening remarks. "Veterans and citizens would travel from across the Island starting in their home communities and ending at Spring Bay where a combined service was held. Along the way, people would stop at the Island graveyards to decorate the graves of veterans who had paid the ultimate price in WWI. Today we continue this tradition as we gather to pay respect to those gave their lives in service to their country and to pay tribute to all veterans who fought to ensure the freedom we enjoy in this land. Unfortunately, this year, due to the restrictions placed on us by us COVID-19, we will have a very abbreviated ceremony. I do thank all in attendance today and urge everyone to follow the guide-



Bugler Roy Eaton plays the Last Post as the Sgt. Golden Memorial Rifle Team reads a salute.



Piper Dave Beaton leads the assembly over to Memorial Gardens for the laying of wreaths at the Women's and Youth Memorials.

lines of social distancing."

The opening prayer was delivered by acting Chaplain Gary MacPherson, president of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 39 of Espanola, followed by 'The Last Post' of bugler Mr. Eaton and then two minutes of silence.

The silence was broken by a lament performed by piper Dave Beaton followed by 'Rouse' again by bugler Mr. Eaton, who then went on to recite the 'Act of Remembrance.'

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Little Current Poppy Chair Comrade Sue Morin began the laying of wreaths at the foot of the memorial wall on behalf of the Province of Ontario, followed by District H Comrade Sharleen Sissions, Zone H3 Commander on behalf of the zone; Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 President Ruth Eadie on behalf of her branch; Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Ladies Auxiliary President Linda Bowerman on behalf of the auxiliary; the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 wreath was laid by past president Jim Woods; and the Canadian Forces wreath was laid by Comrade Gary Trimmer, president of the ANAVET Branch 176, Manitoulin North Shore.

Comrade Kathleen Eshkibok, escorted by US Marine Corps veteran Michael McCormick, laid a wreath at the foot of the Memorial Wall on behalf of aboriginal veterans.

"We stand today on the traditional homelands of the First Peoples of Canada," noted Comrade Eaton. "Here on Manitoulin the lands of the Ojibway, Odawa and Potawatomi who together formed the Three Fires Confederacy. We strive for respectful partnerships with all peoples of this island as we search for ways to honour this beautiful land together."

Order of the Easter Star, Spanish River Chapter 237



Kirsten and Casey Bowerman lay a wreath at the Manitoulin Youth's monument.



Vanessa Jo Woods, Worthy Matron of Branch 237 of the Spanish River Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, presents a cheque for \$1,000 to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Committee. Joining chair Linda Bowerman are cenotaph committee members Jim Corrigan and Lewis Jewell, and Eastern Star members Alice Varey, Mary Lea Buchan along with Jim Woods.

photos by Michael Erskine



Joyce and Peter Daigle hold up a banner featuring Ms. Daigle's mother Thelma Dag.

Associate Matron Mary-Lea Buchan laid a wreath on behalf of that organization.

Vice President Manitoulin North Shore Naval Veterans Shipmate Roy Eaton then laid a wreath at the foot of the Marine Veterans memorial.

A special presentation of a \$1,000 cheque by Worthy Matron Vanesa Jo Woods, Worthy Patron Jim Woods, Associate Matron Mary-Lea Buchan and Secretary Alice Varey, past district deputy grand matron to the Manitoulin Cenotaph Committee, was accepted by committee chair Comrade Linda Bowerman.

Ms. Bowerman thanked the Order; but stressed that she was accepting the cheque on behalf of her hard-working committee members.

The Sgt. Charles A. Golden Veterans Rifle Team provided a 21-gun salute before piper Beaton escorted the assembly across the road to Memorial Gardens for two special wreath-laying ceremonies.

Joyce Daigle laid a wreath at the foot of the Women's Memorial on behalf of all women who served in the various corps during the wars, but in particular in memory of her mother Comrade Thelma "Tommy" Dag who passed away in February. Ms. Daigle and her husband Peter unfurled a remembrance banner bearing her mother's image following the ceremonies.

On behalf of the children of the world, Casey and Kirsten Bowerman laid a wreath at the foot of the Youth Memorial to conclude the day's events.

Comrade Eaton introduced Stephanie Sissions, daughter of Zone H3 Commander Sharleen Sissions to the assembly. Ms. Sissions is producing a YouTube video of the day's service to be posted on the Royal Canadian Legion's channel and Facebook page in a couple of weeks.

Sgt. Charles A. Golden Veterans Rifle Team proceeded on to the Roman Catholic cemetery in Little Current where they fired a salute over the grave of the late Jerry Loosemore later that afternoon.

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## ...Part III of a series: Coping with children's feelings of isolation during pandemic times

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dren, youth and families in Northeastern Ontario. While Compass does maintain an office in Little Current with three full-time clinicians and one child and youth worker, they are working from home during COVID-19, providing services by telephone and video conferencing. The best way to access Compass services is by calling 1-800-815-7126, said Alana Jackson, clinical manager with Compass Northeast.

Compass's walk-in clinic, MindSpace, is currently a virtual walk-in clinic, she said. Calling the 1-800 number will connect you with a clinician who will determine what is going on, what strengths exist already and how Compass can help. The service is available from 9 am until 6:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Call volumes have actually decreased during COVID-19 but what has increased is the number of parents reaching out for support, particularly parents with young children. "The lack of structure or routine or even just a change to structure and routine can cause some significant impacts for our little people," explained Ms. Jackson. "We do often receive calls from teens and older youth looking for support and we actively encourage that but parents can call as well. If they're struggling with behaviour, if they're struggling with routine, anything really, we can likely support it."

There have also been a number of calls related to COVID-19. "How do I speak to my child about COVID, or how do I give them information that is age appropriate? What should I share and what shouldn't I share?" are some of the questions parents are asking, Ms. Jackson said. "What's going on in the media is impacting our young people and our children, so we encourage families and parents to be very mindful of what their little people are seeing and being exposed to when we listen to the news and we're scrolling through Facebook. Remember, there are little people who may not be able to understand some of the information that is being

expressed there."

The most important thing is for parents to validate their child's concerns. That means taking the time to talk to them and discuss their worries. "Make sure you are giving undistracted attention to you children. Have some open time that is just child-focused," she recommended, adding that anyone who is struggling with what to say or how to say it should call their 1-800 number and Compass can provide guidance. "The other thing is to arm yourself with the most accurate and up to date information, being very mindful of your source."

Parents also need to be mindful to provide information that is age appropriate. "Children have different capacities so what may work for one child may not work for another. You may have children in your home who have different needs and different requirements."

COVID-19 has impacted everybody, said Ms. Jackson, and has changed the way we are living, working and socializing. Families and how they are functioning right now have changed as well, and those families or young people who were struggling with additional stress prior to COVID-19 are now dealing with even more because of job loss and social isolation may not have an infrastructure in place that supports and protects them.

"Our organization is there to support you," Ms. Jackson said. "I wouldn't want to hear that any young people aren't reaching out if they're able. We can be really creative in how we support you."

Returning to school and social activities in the fall may cause additional anxiety and that's natural, she said, and it can be beneficial to practice now those skills they might use when their anxiety is increased. Now is a good time to call Compass for guidance on preparing kids for going back to school, or for a young person to call to start learning and practising those skills.

Trauma is an individual experience, and while we can't

predict how people will live through an experience, teachers have a pre-existing relationship with their students and are able to compare post-COVID behaviours with their baseline prior to this. Some of the major things teachers can look for, and parents may notice even now, are significant differences in the child's irritability; whether they are more withdrawn than usual; if there are significant mood changes, or changes in appetite or sleeping patterns, Ms. Jackson explained. "Teachers could be well versed in trying to speak to parents if they have a concern, but we do have a plan to provide support in the event that there is an influx of services being needed" post pandemic. Compass works closely with all Island schools, and teachers are well supported by school social workers and mental health leads as well.

Geography has sometimes been a barrier to accessing services for Island residents from more remote communities but a positive outcome of COVID-19 has been the addition of video conferencing. "We are providing a virtual walk-in clinic and we're going to continue with whatever works for the family post COVID, whether by phone session or face-to-face or video conference," she said. "I want to encourage people to use whatever platform works for them. The big takeaway is we are here. All we want to do is support children. We wouldn't want the way they connect to be the barrier."

Compass is offering free webinars to support youth and caregiver mental health this week. The June 10 topic is Youth and Substance Use, suitable for parents or youth over 12 years. June 11 is Self-compassion and Mindfulness for ages 12 plus. Parents and caregivers can learn about Nurturing your Child's Mental Health on June 12. All webinars run from 1 until 2:30 pm. To learn more or register, visit [CompassNE.EventBrite.com](https://CompassNE.EventBrite.com).

## ...Court rules long-term care workers voluntarily isolating aren't eligible for paid leave

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central rights arbitration.

ONA's two main concerns were that all nurses who self-isolate, regardless of whether they have symptoms or are acting out of precaution, should be given a paid leave of absence whether they are full-time, part-time or casual. The union also argued that forcing asymptomatic nurses away from the workplace should not be permissible.

Mr. Stout said that, in general, employees are not entitled to pay if they do not go to work, unless their contract states otherwise. The LTC homes, he said, were not required to pay for precautionary self-isolation because there was no evidence of those workers being ill.

Although the homes in these cases had prevented employees from attending work, meaning the employee did not have a choice but to take unpaid leave, Mr. Stout said that was in line with the precautionary principle to keep LTC residents safe from the virus.

Under the current collective agreements, a full-time employee with COVID-19 symptoms would qualify for paid leave. However, if an employee with COVID-19

symptoms was part-time or casual, they would not get paid leave when they would enter self-isolation.

Likewise, if any employee was worried that they may have come into contact with the virus and chose to self-isolate without having any symptoms, regardless of their employment status, they would not be entitled to paid leave.

An employee might choose to self-isolate without symptoms if they worry that they may be carrying the virus asymptotically and capable of infecting the vulnerable people within their care.

Vicki McKenna, president of ONA, told The Expositor that the union was very disappointed in the ruling.

"Even if they're asymptomatic, there is a risk and they want to keep the patients and residents they care for safe," said Ms. McKenna. "When they self-isolate, the nurses suffer economically. They don't get sick pay or any other form of compensation at all when that happens."

Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board stated on its website that it does not cover any precautionary self-isolation when

no COVID-19 symptoms are present.

Public Health Ontario, meanwhile, issued guidelines in late March for how health care workers should self-isolate while working if they are critical to their organization.

The Expositor contacted Employment and Social Development Canada for clarification on whether precautionary self-isolation would be legitimate grounds to collect Employment Insurance, but did not receive a response by press time Monday.

Ms. McKenna said lost income can be devastating to employees who work paycheck to paycheck or are navigating single parenthood. She said some employers have granted paid precautionary isolation leave but many others are hesitant.

She also cited the funding the Ontario government has given to the LTC sector to help during the COVID-19 crisis, saying the employers could have chosen to use that money to support unpaid self-isolating employees and reduce the risk of transmission.

"I think that's very bad for staff morale, for one thing, but also a bad HR

practice. I think we're all in this together, let's help one another," said Ms. McKenna.

The Expositor contacted Jarlette Health Services, parent of Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home, for comment on the ruling.

"We believe the award made during arbitration was the result of a well-reasoned decision," read the full statement from

spokesperson Stephanie Barber.

A follow-up question was not answered regarding how Jarlette would balance the risks of an asymptomatic employee being at work if they are unable to afford to take unpaid time off, even if they worry they may have been exposed to the virus.

Mr. Stout stated he felt for the workers facing finan-

cial hardship and not being entitled to paid leave, but said COVID-19 financial impacts are widespread.

Ms. McKenna said her union would begin to prepare for their next round of contract bargaining this coming fall and said COVID-19 would bring changes to working conditions just as SARS did in 2003.

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**services**

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

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**Gateway To Life Church** service schedule, Sunday Morning Gateway Kids ages 4 to 12, 9 am to 10 am; Sunday Worship, 10:30 am; Tuesday Bible Study, 7 pm; Wednesday The Gate Youth, 7pm. Affiliated with P.A.O.C., 22 Vankoughnet street east, P.O. Box 681, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0. Pastor Philip Hovi 705-368-0245, email: [office@gatewaytolifechurch.com](mailto:office@gatewaytolifechurch.com) tfn

**Codependents Anonymous** 12-Step Meeting for healthy relationships. Every Tuesday, 7 pm to 8:15 pm at the Elders' Centre, Shегuиandah, 11108A Hwy 6. For more info visit [coda.org](http://coda.org), email [codamanitoulin@gmail.com](mailto:codamanitoulin@gmail.com). Facebook @codamanitoulin. tfn

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**Sea Cadet Events**

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**Legion Events**

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



### Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board Vacancy Off-Reserve Representative

The Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board of Directors seeks applications to fill one Board vacancy specific to First Nation/Indigenous members living off-reserve. Noojmowin Teg is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals who provide community-based, integrated, and on-site and off-site services including: primary care; allied health; mental health; traditional; and health promotion; to the seven First Nation and off-reserve Anishinabek populations living within the Manitoulin Island District. The Board oversees the direction and accountability of the organization.

The successful candidate will have: health related work and/or volunteer experience, an understanding of the protocols and traditional ways of the Anishinabek; live off-reserve within the Manitoulin Island District; a clear criminal records check; and a commitment to the mission and values of the Organization. Previous familiarity with funding and reporting requirements and experience in reviewing budgets, an asset. Applicants of First Nation and/or aboriginal ancestry will be prioritized.

The length of each term is four (4) years. The successful applicant must commit to attending monthly regularly scheduled board meetings, and other special meetings (annual general meeting, strategic planning, etc.) throughout the year, participating in up to 15-16 meetings per year.

The successful board candidate will be provided with an orientation and ongoing professional development to ensure his/her success as a full informed and participating member of the Board.

For more information about the organization, please see our web-site at: [www.noojmowin-teg.ca](http://www.noojmowin-teg.ca).

#### Pre-requisites:

- Cover Letter (outlining reasons for your interest, and what strengths you bring to the board)
- Resume or description of experiences relevant to the position
- Three (3) relevant references with contact information
- Current and clear Criminal Reference Check

#### Send "Confidential" to:

Attn: Ryan Corbiere, Board Chair  
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY INTAKE WORKER

**Job Title: Intake Worker**

**Salary Range: 40K – 47K**

**Reports to: Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS Operations Supervisor**

**Description:** The Intake Worker will work in a professional manner and will operate within Quality Assurance standards to ensure the employment and training services meet the expectations of clients. This is achieved by providing services in a timely and efficient manner to clients, and by assisting the Employment and Training Officers.

#### Duties:

- Ensure proper initial client intake and referral processes take place with prospective recipients of WLMS program funding;
- Ensure proper recipient documentation and registration;
- Explain priorities and objectives of WLMS programs to potential applicants;
- Assist with the statistical information gathering process and upload to ESDC;
- Assist clients with Employment Insurance applications, reporting, queries;
- Ensure ongoing file data management processes and data entry is maintained and completed for each recipient;
- Assist clients with occupation research, career action plans, job search activities and job maintenance issues using resources, internet, labour market information;
- Assist clients with preparation of applications for WLMS program applications;
- Maintain current Job Board information;
- Promote the mission and vision of Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS.

#### Qualifications:

- Post-Secondary graduate in human services or office administration
- Previous employment/career facilitation experience
- Two years' experience in general office administration or human services
- Interest in Career Development and Job Searching Techniques
- Class "G" driver's licence and access to a vehicle
- Ability to work flexible hours (evenings and weekends) when need arises
- Ability to respond to criticisms and complaints from clients, community
- Ability to inform and explain rejections, contract compliance with recipients

Please submit cover letter, resume, copies of diploma/degree/pertinent certificates and three most-recent work-related references. The successful applicant must submit a Criminal Reference Check, to be followed by ESDC Security screening.

Please submit application to: Manager, Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS  
2102 Wikwemikong Way

Wikwemikong,  
POP 2J0

Please note "Intake Worker" and "Confidential" on the outside of your envelope. We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. There will be no return of submissions.

**Closing date: June 23, 2020 @ 3:00 pm**



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY NOOKOMISNAANG SHELTER CASUAL ON-CALL COUNSELLORS

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Nookomisnaang Shelter Program is seeking highly qualified and motivated individuals for the positions of Casual On-Call Counsellors.

#### Summary

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

#### Responsibilities

1. Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families by providing:
  - Accurate and complete intake packages
  - Orientation to the environment and counselling process
  - Complete comprehensive assessments, circle of life self-assessment and healing journey plan of care
2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
  - Submitting documentation for feedback, revision and approval
  - Updating client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
  - Identifying and developing safety plans for high risk situations
3. Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
  - Adhering to and abiding by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual
  - Complete and submit weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
  - Complete and submit monthly reports
4. Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
  - Working co-operatively and in co-ordination with all staff members
  - Communicating concerns with all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution
  - Providing compassion/nurturance to those involved with the Shelter who are experiencing death/tragedy e.g. cooking

#### Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline or a minimum of three years equivalent combination of work and volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding violence and other relevant disciplines
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community

For a complete job description, please contact Melissa Roy. Salary is in accordance to WUT Salary Grid. **All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

**Casual On-Call – Counsellor**

**Attention: Melissa Roy**

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre

P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive

Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: June 19, 2020 @ 4:00pm**

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

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

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY NOOKOMISNAANG SHELTER FAMILY COUNSELLOR

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Nookomisnaang Shelter Program is seeking highly qualified and motivated individuals for the positions of Family Counsellors.

**Summary**

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

**Responsibilities**

- Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families by providing:
  - Accurate and complete intake packages
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  - Complete comprehensive assessments, circle of life self-assessment and healing journey plan of care
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  - Providing compassion/nurturance to those involved with the Shelter who are experiencing death/tragedy e.g. cooking

**Qualifications**

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline or a minimum of three years equivalent combination of work and volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding family violence and other relevant disciplines
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community

For a complete job description, please contact Melissa Roy. Salary is in accordance to WUT Salary Grid. **All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

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

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES MANAGER

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Children's Services is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Manager.

**Job Summary**

This position is responsible for the administration, management, planning and supervision of the comprehensive, wholistic and culturally relevant Children's Services Program, on behalf of the Wikwemikong Health Centre. This currently includes, but may not necessarily be limited to: Early Childhood Development services, Aboriginal Head Start (On Reserve), Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), Maternal Child Health (MCH) and Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP). The program and services are delivered to parents/guardians/caregivers with families and children ages 0 – 6.

**Responsibilities**

- Ensure resources are used in the best way possible in order to produce measurable and positive outcomes for children 0 – 6 years, their parents, families and community.
- To deliver comprehensive community health programs which include the following: enable the maternal and newborn population and their families to achieve and maintain an optimal level of health and development from pre-conception, pregnancy, birth and early adjustment to parenting.
- To plan, organize and implement the programming that promotes a balanced wholistic health care approach, incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/spiritual aspects to meet the needs of 0 - 6 year children and their families. To plan programs according to these basic health and cultural indicators utilizing the Children's Bill of Rights.
- To collaborate, communicate, establish and maintain positive working relationships with community, organizations and agencies for meeting program needs, i.e. Library, Prevention Services, Ontario Works, Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinik Wiin ni gshkiwewziwaat and Primary Care.
- The Manager will ensure through the various means of case management to coordinate an effective program delivery for the best outcome of the client occurs and to assist families with access to services for those living with complex issues or with children who require special needs.

**Qualifications**

- Baccalaureate in Nursing from a Canadian University or three year College Diploma in nursing
- Certificate of competence with the College of Nurses of Ontario, with knowledge and understanding of College Standards of Practice
- Member of Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) with Legal Assistance Program (LAP)
- Demonstrate strong clinical skills in assessment of infants and young children and pregnant women
- Two (2) years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation health concerns and issues, and the ability to apply knowledge and skill in the development and implementation of programs to address identified needs
- Excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills, including proficiency in computer applications, especially Microsoft Office
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and be an example of professionalism, as identified by Wikwemikong

For a complete JOB DESCRIPTION, please contact Melissa Roy. Salary is in accordance to WUT Salary Grid. **All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

**Children's Services Manager**  
**Attention: Melissa Roy**  
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
 Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Deadline: June 19, 2020 @ 4:00pm**

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CASUAL ON-CALL FINANCE CLERK

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a Casual On-Call Finance Clerk within Home Care Program.

**Summary**

Finance Clerk is under the direct supervision of the Home Care Manager and is responsible to assist with continued fiscal responsibility of the Home Care Program for the provision of accurate and timely financial information to the Home Care Manager. The Finance Clerk assists and carries forth the financial policy set by Wikwemikong Unceded Territory (WUT) to promote the mission and growth of the NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre to maintain the integrity of the Health Centre.

**Qualifications**

- Post-Secondary – College Diploma preferred; a High School Diploma is required with experience.
- 2-3 years in Finance industry.
- Experience with budget, accounting and reporting systems.
- Strong working knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- Proficiency with ACCPAC accounting software and spreadsheet programs and applications is an asset.
- Effective attention to detail and a high degree of accuracy.
- Able to build and maintain lasting relationships with other departments, key business partners and government agencies.
- High level of proficiency with Microsoft Office productivity suite.
- Knowledge and experience with office equipment such as photocopiers, telephone systems, email and fax machines.
- Bondable.
- Work experience in an Aboriginal community and health care setting.

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

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

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CASUAL ON-CALL JANITOR

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Casual On-Call Janitor.

**Job Summary**

The Casual On-Call Janitor will be required to work under the direct supervision of the Maintenance Coordinator. The individual will work 7.5 hours per day, providing janitorial cleaning and disinfected appropriately of the NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre, Amikook, Youth Services Centre, Home Care and Children's Services.

**Responsibilities**

- Wash all floors daily.
- Wash and disinfect toilet bowls, sinks and mirrors in the washrooms daily.
- Collect all garbage and store in the garbage shed daily and disinfect garbage cans.
- Make sure that all entrances are swept, clean and safe on a daily basis.
- Wash and disinfect medical examination rooms daily.
- Fill all dispensers when needed.
- Wash, wax and strip the floors as required.
- Wash windows inside & outside as required.
- Polish floors as required.
- Make sure all windows and doors are locked on a daily basis.
- Maintain all janitorial equipment.
- Report concerns with building to Maintenance Coordinator.

**Qualifications**

- Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent
- Driver's Licence
- Previous experience working as a custodian/janitor would be considered an asset
- Good communication skills
- Be in good physical condition
- Must be trustworthy, reliable and able to perform a variety of tasks

This is a full time contract position and continuation is subject to review. Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. **All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume and two work related reference contacts marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

**Casual On-Call Janitor**  
**Attention: Melissa Roy**  
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
 Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Deadline: June 19, 2020 @ 4:00pm**

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

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# Climate action plan is focus of Central Manitoulin climate change committee

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
**MINDEMOYA**—The Climate Change Committee (CCC) for Central Manitoulin hosted its inaugural meeting on Wednesday, May 27. The committee is a sub-committee of the municipality's property committee and has the sole purpose of overseeing the development of a climate action plan (CAP) with the assistance of Kristin Koetsier, the municipality's climate change co-ordinator. The plan will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on both a corporate and community level.

Mindemoya climate change advocate Jan McQuay was elected as committee chair while Cori Davy, a teacher at Central Manitoulin Public School and head of the Eco-School team, accepted the role of vice chair. Other civilian members are Autumn Davy, a student at CMPS and member of CMPS' Eco-Team, and Katie Gilchrist, a public health nurse with Public Health Sudbury and District (PHSD). Ms. Gilchrist is responsible for PHSD's climate change portfolio, which deals with the increasing intersection of climate change and public health.

Council members include Mayor Richard Stephens, Councillor Dale Scott, a retired Island veterinarian, and Mike Wilton, who worked with Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources until his retirement in 1996.

Ms. Koetsier is a non-voting member of the committee.

Following elections, the

committee reviewed the terms of reference. Ms. Koetsier clarified that the committee is specifically tied to her daily work. "The purpose of the committee is the make sure that the plan the municipality is working on is something community members can feel confident in and support, and will actually have a hand in creating themselves," she said, noting she also sees the committee as a course for change in the community that will ensure the plan is implemented. "We don't want to just create a wonderful plan and then have it sit on the shelf."

Ms. McQuay delivered an overview of greenhouse gases before Ms. Koetsier explained her role and the climate action plan. Her position is funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Ontario's Municipal Energy Program (MEP). "The FCM program is for communi-

ties working on either mitigation, which means reducing emissions or sucking emissions back out of the atmosphere, or adaptation, which is preparing to adapt to the effects of climate change that we might not be able to escape," she explained. "The MEP program is more about energy planning, conservation and thinking about how our community will source energy in the future but those two things obviously tie together very well so we're just working on this

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#### Seasonal for a cashier

Please forward resume to Larry Karn. sales.manmil@eastlink.ca

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CASUAL ON-CALL MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking highly qualified and motivated individual(s) for the position of Casual On-Call Medical Transportation Driver with the Medical Transportation Program.

#### Job Summary

The Casual On-Call Medical Transportation Driver will be required to provide effective and efficient medical transportation services for all on-reserve community members, to the Health Centre, Little Current, Mindemoya, Espanola and Sudbury for medical appointments.

#### Responsibilities

- To provide local transportation for band members to and from the Health Centre, Little Current, Mindemoya, Espanola and Sudbury in accordance with Medical Transportation Agreement and Medical Transportation Policy and Procedures.
- To maintain daily internal administration records (daily logbook, monthly report, etc.) for medical transportation services for band members in accordance with Health Centre Medical Transportation Policy and Procedures.
- To maintain medical transportation vehicle and all equipment for transportation services.
- To ensure that all transportation slips are received from clients daily and to have ready for transportation clerks to send required information to Health Canada.

#### Qualifications

- Be able to understand and/or speak the language – Ojibwe
- Valid Standard First Aid, CPR
- Valid Ontario Drivers Licence
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation Communities and their culture
- High School Diploma

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

**Casual On-Call Medical Transportation Driver**  
**Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant**

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
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**Food Cupboard**--The Gore Bay United Church is continuing this service during the Covid-19 outbreak with some changes. They will be open noon to 3 pm on Thursdays. Come to the side door (facing McQuarrie Motors) and knock. Food will be packed and passed outside to you. If you have questions, call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily.

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**Grace Bible Church**, 10 Draper Street West, Little Current. Follow us on Facebook for our live service Sundays at 11 am. Virtual Study Wednesdays at 7 pm.

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### Friends of Misery Bay AGM Saturday, June 20 at 10 am

This will be a virtual meeting due to COVID-19. To attend virtually, please email maddie.wagarlovelace@gmail.com. Agenda will be provided with the link to the meeting. Please join us in these difficult times. If you have an interest in Misery Bay and would like to join our board, please email us at friendsofmiserybay@gmail.com. Membership information can be found at MiseryBay.ca.

## help wanted



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

First General Services - Espanola/Manitoulin is a full-service insurance restoration general contractor, specializing in the mitigation and repair of damaged residential and commercial buildings. We provide emergency response services, followed by total reconstruction of damage caused by water, fire, smoke and wind. We are an independently owned and operated company, part of the First General Services international network, which is one of the largest full-service insurance restoration contractor banner group in Canada.

First General Services - Espanola/Manitoulin is looking for a reliable and experienced **Construction Labourer**. Minimum high school diploma or equivalent required. A valid driver's licence and clean criminal record check is required. Experience in construction is a requirement and in the property restoration industry is an asset.

Job includes, but not limited to, cleaning and preparing job sites, garbage and debris removal, assist with demolition and removal of hazardous materials. Must be able to work independently when required. Willing and able to be on call 24/7 for after hour emergency work.

Email resume to Sara at sara.scott@firstgeneral.ca or Rob at rob.scott@firstgeneral.ca

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#### COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

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 64 Meredith Street E,  
 Little Current, ON  
 P0P 1K0  
 705-368-3524



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 Little Current, ON P0P 1K0  
 Phone: 705-368-3333 Fax: 705-368-3712



Our office has remained OPEN during COVID-19. While we continue to limit in-person access to our office to special circumstances only, our Staff continues to provide services in our usual areas of law by phone or via email:  
**Susan: mullens@lao.on.ca**  
**Michael: shainm@lao.on.ca**  
 We look forward to continuing to serve you.

# Death Notices

## SANDRA SUSAN MERRYLEES

November 10, 1954 – June 1, 2020



Sandra Susan Merrylees passed away suddenly at Health Sciences North on Monday, June 1, 2020 in her 66th year. Beloved wife of Darwin “Red” Merrylees and cherished mother of Donald Merrylees. Grandmother of Matthew and Megan Merrylees. Sandy will be sadly missed by her brothers-in-law Hal Purkey, Delbert Merrylees; sisters-in-law Marlene Burns, Barbara Blue, Carol Bahnuk and Audrene Merrylees. Nieces Kim (Kenny) Orford, Lynn Delany, Lee (Bob) Chatwell, Lorie Burns and nephews Michael Purkey, David (Joanna) Purkey, Kenny and Linda Lehman. Also remembered by her extended family and friends. Predeceased by her parents Chester and Kathleen (Lehman) Burns, brother Stewart Burns, sister Donna Purkey, brother-in-law Curtis Merrylees, Gary Blue; sister-in-law Audrey Merrylees, Roger Delany, father and mother-in-law Cecil and Dorothy Merrylees. Sandy was born in Mindemoya on November 10, 1954 and grew up in Gore Bay. Sandy married Darwin “Red” Merrylees on February 11 1974 in the Gore Bay Courthouse. They moved to Lively that same year as Red started full time at INCO and Sandy started at the Toronto Dominion Bank in Lively. Sandy and Red had one child, their son Donald was born at the Mindemoya Hospital in 1974. Red and Sandy lived in Lively for 30 years while raising their son, but Sandy’s true love was always the Island. After 30 years with TD, Sandy retired and returned back to Gore Bay to join her husband (Red) who retired the year before. Sandy was very athletic growing up playing many sports, although sportsmanship and having fun were some of her best qualities, she had a fierce competitive side. Sandy played basketball, baseball, golf, curling and downhill skiing. She even played baseball on the Sudbury travelling team, the Sudbury Sonics, when she first moved to Lively. Sandy’s favourite sport became curling. She was a member of the Copper Cliff Curling Club and Idylwyld Golf and Country Club. Once retired, she became heavily involved with the Gore Bay Curling Club. Sandy was crucial in acquiring funds through government grants and local investors in order to pay for a new and much needed ice making system. She was also heavily involved in helping run bonspiels and booking the club for private venues. Sandy was always trying to think of new ways to retain the current members but also to get “young people” interested in curling. Sandy’s love of curling had her travelling all over the world and making amazing lifelong friends. Sandy also loved to travel. Whether Red was willing or not, she was adamant on travelling to as many places as she could. She travelled often with her sister Donna, family and close friends. She travelled to all parts of the world, from the East to West Coast of Canada, throughout the United States and even as far as Europe. She loved adventure and would be up to doing just about anything. She even whitewater rafted the Grand Canyon with family. Recently her main travelling companion was lifelong friend Mary Lynn McQuarrie. They went on many travelling adventures together including a “Thelma and Louise” parody trip in a convertible Camaro from Gore Bay all the way to her sister’s home in Arizona. Family was very important to Sandy. Although she was younger than both her siblings, she was very close to them and their children. Her brother Stu’s children were not much younger than she was and were brought up more like sisters. She was very close to her sister, Donna, even though she moved away from the Island at a very young age. Sandy was constantly visiting her sister in Chicago, Greenwich, and Phoenix. Sandy and Red only had one son, but seemed to have raised six or seven boys from Donald’s group of friends. They were always at the house or camp, like the brothers he never had. If you were to ask them, they would admit that she was like a second mother to all of them. Her pride and joy was the love of her grandchildren, Matthew and Megan. Even though she retired back to the Island shortly after Matthew was born, Sandy seemed to be at everything they did. She went to hockey and ringette tournaments, volleyball tournaments, graduations, birthdays, you name it she was there. She loved spending time cooking, baking, water skiing, downhill skiing, seadooring and four wheeling with the both of them. Most of Sandy’s time was spent in their house in Gore Bay and out at their camp on Tobacco Lake with her husband Red and their dogs Gunner and Carley. She had a great life living in paradise in two beautiful places that were near and dear to her heart. She loved a full heart and lived a full life and if she was here to ask she would probably tell you that she wouldn’t change a single thing. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Gore Bay Curling Club, (this can be done by e-transfer to GoreBayCC@gmail.com) or the Canadian Cancer Society as expressions of sympathy and may be made through [www.SimpsonFuneralHome.ca](http://www.SimpsonFuneralHome.ca).

## JULIAN LUKE CHRISTOPHER

SHIGWADJA

“Ewaawinad Ma’iigan”

“Howling Wolf”



In loving memory of Julian Luke Christopher Shigwadja, “Ewaawinad Ma’iigan”, “Howling Wolf”, 34 years, who passed away at Health Sciences North on Friday, May 29, 2020 with his loving family at his side. Julian was a son, brother, nephew, grandson and loving father to his beautiful daughters. Loving son to Yvonne and Henry Baa. Loving father to Aaliyah and Nika. Brother to Laura and grandson of Nellie and Hector Shigwadja and Yvonne and Boniface Fox Baa. Uncle to Brandon and will be missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins of the Recollet, Shigwadja, Fox, Osawamick, Kimewon and Naokwegijig families. He had a great sense of humour and loved to laugh. A kind spirit, he started to learn traditional teachings and never hesitated to lend a helping hand when needed. He loved the land and water. He will be greatly missed Baa Maa Bii Julian. Fly high my boy, you’re home. Rested at 1701 Webkamigade Rd. Kaboni, Ontario after 11:30 am on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Graveside Committal Service was on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 11:30 am at the Kaboni Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Mental Health would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home.

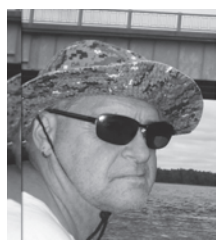
## BARB SAGON



Barb Sagon started her journey to the spirit world on Friday, June 5, 2020 in her 70th year. Beloved mother of Mary Coburn (Chuck Halliday), Ron Drysdale, Derick Drysdale, Charles Coburn and Melvin Sagon. Cherished grandmother of Sage, Myla and Olivia. Barb will be sadly missed by her sister Mary Anne (Joe) Endanawas and sisters-in-law Eleanor Antoine, Irene Kells, Christine Bigras; as well as nephews Chris, Josh, Max, Carl, Lorne, Kevin, Brent, Charles, Richard and William; nieces Crystal, Yvonne, Daisy, Theresa, Bobbi-Sue, Charlene, Jackie, Mel and Naangoons; as well as many great-nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by her parents Louis and Mary Louise (Niganwina) Sagon; son Norman Coburn; brothers Mike, Raymond, Philip and Ronnie; sister Marjorie and niece Clarice Endanawas. Barb enjoyed listening to old country music, one of her favourites was Johnny Cash. Barb was also an original ‘Sagon’. No matter what, Barb always put her family first. She always had a smile on her face and a great sense of humour. Barb loved watching her game shows as well as The Y&R. In her free time, you would often find her baking homemade bread or doing a puzzle. Barb will now join her brother Mike, who always made sure she was alright and was her special chauffeur. Visitation was held on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at the Zhiibaahaasing Community Complex from 1 pm until time of the funeral service on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 1 pm. Interment Zhiibaahaasing Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Cancer Society as expressions of sympathy and may be made through [www.SimpsonFuneralHome.ca](http://www.SimpsonFuneralHome.ca).

## CALVIN ERNEST MANDIGO

June 11, 1964 - May 18, 2020



Calvin Ernest Mandigo of Sudbury, born June 11, 1964, passed away Monday, May 18, 2020 at the age of 55. Beloved son of the late Roy and Tina Mandigo of Spring Bay. Predeceased by brother Doug (Lorraine) of Gravenhurst and sister Sue of Spring Bay. Survived by brother Don (Ethel) of Edmonton, sister Lyla of Mount Forrest, sister Marilyn (Ken) of Australia, sister Barb (Doug) of Evansville, brother Willie of Mindemoya, brothers Jeff, Les (Bobbie Jean) and sister Trish (Gary) all of Espanola. Lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Also remembered by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Interment with his parents and sister in Gordon Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Arthur Funeral Home - Barton & Kiteley Chapel (492 Wellington St. E. 705-759-2522). Please visit Arthur Funeral Home website obituaries to leave a message of condolence for Calvin’s family.

## ANGELINE KIMEWON



In loving memory of Angeline Kimewon, age 97, of Wiikwemkoong, Ontario. Beloved wife of the late Wilfred Kimewon. Predeceased by siblings and siblings-in-law Sarah Wassegijig (Gus), David Mishibinjima (Victoria), Mary Smykalski (Duke) and Joe Mishibinjima (Lyda). Loving mother of Leonard Kimewon (predeceased)(wife Elizabeth) (Wiikwemkoong), Marjorie Kimewon (Wikwemikong), Beulah Mayes (Ottawa), Teresa Kimewon (predeceased), Howard Kimewon (Michigan), Elaine Kimewon (predeceased), Bonita M. Kaboni (predeceased), Eugene Kimewon (Wiikwemkoong), Danny Kimewon (friend Nataka)(Saugeen), Emily Kimewon (Toronto) and Wanda Kimewon (Wiikwemkoong). Special honorary mother to Brian Kimewon (friend Wanda) (Toronto), Shannon Kimewon (friend Terry) (Peterborough), Caldin Kimewon (friend Rachael) (Sudbury) and Shelley Kimewon. Doting grandma of Vivian McLeod, Blaine Kimewon (predeceased), Larry Kimewon, Marilyn Kimewon, Marlene Kimewon, Lisa Morris, Clint Morris, Rodney Morris, Lesley Kimewon, Randy Mayes, Trish Pheasant, Jason Kimewon, Amy Seim, Nicole Abitong, Ryan Spaniel, Denise Kimewon, John Kaboni, Leslie Kimewon, Darren Kimewon, Daniel Kimewon, Angeline Kimewon, Koby Kimewon, Keyanna Kimewon, Ira Kimewon, Stephanie Fox, Jimmy Joe Kimewon, Cody Kimewon, Keesha Kimewon and Wilfred Kimewon. Special great-grandma of Jordan, Eric, Collin, Gus, Zane, Hana, Pamela, Taylor, Carmen, Alexis, Isabella, Oscar, Christopher, Jackie, Joanna, Chase, Neegan, Ziggy, Summer, Sky, Julianna, Jenna, Brittany, Katrina, Tanner, Callista, Selena, Cameron, Lana, Joshua, Kobe, Kurtis, Rylie, Hawkea, Derrick, Oliver, Bret, Johnny (predeceased), Mathew, Ian, Rush, Savannah, Quintin, Rose, Gomez, Cooper, Jada, Olivia, Isaac, Emily, Donavan (predeceased), Clarissa, Eli, Rebecca, Willow, Ivy, Khoda and Amilia. Extraordinary great-great-grandma of Audrick, Raiden, Xavier, Lucas, Alexis, Sweetgrass, Delilah, Marcus and Silas. Exceptional guardian of many, forever treasured. She will be missed by her godchildren, the many children she helped raise, special nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews and all the others she took under her wing. Angeline was a good-natured person who eyes lit up when she saw her family and friends. She opened her home and heart up to everyone. She loved them unconditionally with her kindness, sense of humor and laughter. Although everyone did understand “the look” which meant to behave. She was an extremely hard worker all of her life even after she retired. She was very gifted and talented and would not take NO for an answer. She would always find a way to accomplish what she had set out to do. Angeline was a great cook and enjoyed baking for her family and friends. She spent time knitting socks and mittens for everyone, doing birch bark and making sweet grass turtles. One of the most precious gifts she gave to each member of the family was a handmade quilt just for them. Each new member of the family could be seen safely tucked into one of her quilts. She was a keeper of the language. She made sure everyone who she cared for received the teachings and now the teachings that were so very important to her can be carried now that she is on her spirit journey. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, a private family visitation was held on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 600A Kaboni Road at 1 pm. A private graveside service was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 2 pm, Wikwemikong, Upper Cemetery. *Angels are like diamonds. They can’t be made; you have to find them. Each one is unique. Jaclyn Smith*

# Burial Notice

## ROB ROY PORTER

Rob Roy Porter was buried in Gordon Cemetery on June 6, 2020. Due to restrictions of COVID-19, we were only able to have nine people present. We regret not being able to include more family and friends.

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

# Island farmers' markets remain in COVID-19 induced limbo

by Michael Erskine  
MANITOULIN—The world around us changes by the moment since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, or at least so it seems, but for an economy reeling from the impact of travel restrictions and retail business closures, the prevailing prognosis is not one of confidence when it comes to the Island's farmers' markets.

Although farmers' markets have been deemed an essential service by the province, that designation comes with strict caveat—only the food portions of the markets are allowed. Since many of the markets depend on the membership and/or participation of a wide range of artisans and crafters in order to make them economically viable (especially earlier in the growing season), some remain uncertain as to whether the markets will be able to function this year.

"I can only speak for the markets in Gore Bay and Providence Bay," said Ted Smith of Evensville, who organizes the two farmers' markets. "At this point in

time we are not going to open."

Mr. Smith cited the restrictions on the arts and crafts segments of the markets as a key factor. "Another factor is that most of the vendors don't have an Interact option and then there is the physical distancing challenges," he said. "We might be able to work something out with e-commerce where people pay in advance and then come to pick something up." But from a practical and economically viable point of view, those options are very limited.

"So many of my volunteers are seniors and we depend on the café in Gore Bay," he said.

A number of the vendors at those two markets have been offering farmgate sales instead and that has seen a fairly positive uptake amongst those customers who regularly frequent the markets.

"It is difficult to imagine physical distancing methods you could use at a farmers' market," agreed Assignack CAO Alton Hobbs. Assignack holds a Her-



The fate of the NEMI Farmers Market, like so many Island farmers' markets, is still pending for 2020.

Expositor file photo

itage Market which also depends a great deal on artists and artisans as part of the mix. "The Heritage Market is held on the museum grounds," noted Mr. Hobbs, "and the province has not opened up museums yet."

"It doesn't look good," said Jan McQuay, the organizer of the M'Chigeeng market. "I intend to speak with (M'Chigeeng Ogimaa) Linda Debassige about it. I did speak with Jeff Bebonang, the arena manager, he did-

n't think we could. I myself am not comfortable with going ahead because of COVID-19." Still, like many of the Island market organizers, Ms. McQuay said that she was not entirely shutting the door on the season just yet.

"Some of the people in the garden area are talking about setting something up online," said Ms. McQuay, "but I don't know if that is getting started."

The Tehkummah Seniors Club has been holding a farmers' market at the Tri-

angle Club Hall, but things are up in the air there as well.

"Well we are not too sure what is going to happen this year," said spokesperson Andy Bowerman. "We are not making any plans until we know what is going to happen. We don't know, we might not even be able to open the hall. We don't want to open up and not be clear (of the pandemic)."

Mr. Bowerman noted that the Tehkummah Seniors Club consists of older members and generally more vulnerable people. "We went in and cleaned the hall about three weeks ago," he said. "But we decided that we weren't going to make any plans until we see where things are going."

Long-time Little Current market organizer Ken Ferguson said that they were concerned about whether they would be able to open this year, citing the decisions of the Northeast Town and the Bank of Montreal (on whose property the market takes place) as paramount.

"I hope it will open up so that those selling things other than food can participate," said Mr. Ferguson.

He pointed out that the market needs to have insurance in place in order to open and a major portion of

the annual membership fees of \$30 goes towards paying insurance. "If we don't have people signing up for memberships because they can't participate in selling at the market, I don't know how we will be able to go forward with it." Mr. Ferguson noted that market gardener Ray Bernstein is currently polling the community online to determine what the response would be from consumers.

Another factor is the availability of water and the public washrooms located across from the market. "It's a long time to wait for the vendors from when we open until we go home, if you get my meaning," he said.

The Kagawong market's season is also very much up in the air, especially as it is not officially a 'farmers' market' per se. "Right now a lot of it is in the hands of the province," said Billings' clerk Kathy MacDonald. The town is not officially calling the season closed, however. "We will play it by ear," she said. "I don't think it would take all that much to get it organized if we are able and decide to open the market up. It really would be just calling the vendors to let them know."

## ...Climate action plan is focus of committee

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Ms. Koetsier is also working for Billings Township on a similar project with very similar timelines.

The Central Manitoulin project is looking at greenhouse gas emissions which includes energy usage as well as topics such as waste and, potentially, farming. FCM recommended the municipality work under the Partners in Climate Protection (PCP) program.

For communities working on mitigation under PCP, there are five milestones to work through, the first of which is an inventory that looks at where all emissions are coming from within municipal boundaries. The draft inventory has been completed and should be available for public viewing once it has been approved by council.

The second milestone is setting targets for emissions. "We don't necessarily have to do that right away," Ms. Koetsier said. "To set a target you have to know what you're trying to achieve and, maybe vaguely, how you're trying to get there which kind of ties into the third milestone which is writing an actual plan for how we're going to reduce those emissions. The fourth milestone is then implementing that plan."

There is approximately nine months remaining in Ms. Koetsier's contract. At

that time there should be a completed plan with targets and the inventory. Implementation should also have begun by then.

"The fifth milestone is monitoring so this is something we need to keep in mind throughout the whole project is we need to find a way to track how we're reducing those emissions from year to year to make sure we're keeping up with the goals we set out in the plan," she added.

Some stakeholder engagement has already been completed that includes an open house last December. There will be additional stakeholder engagement to satisfy MEP requirements. At this time, several comments and suggestions have been submitted and will be reviewed by the committee.

Completing the invento-

### thank you

On behalf of the Porter family, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mary and the Simpson Funeral Home; Dr. S. McRae and the Gore Bay Medical Centre staff; Peter and staff at Robertson Pharmacy; Dr. M. Reade and Madeline; nursing and support staff at Mindemoya Health Centre; Susan Robinson PHCNP, your insight and support was greatly appreciated; Father Toni for his visits with Rob during his final hospitalization and for conducting the funeral service; Eric and Nick Harper for providing music at the funeral; Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 for the service at the funeral home and for providing an excellent luncheon following the funeral; to the Honorary and Acting Pall Bearers; to the numerous family members and friends who provided support, food, hugs and made donations in Rob's memory. I will be forever grateful. Linda Harper-Porter

ry proved challenging at times. "It is very challenging to get data, especially when you're in a small rural community. We don't always have the same data sources as larger cities," said Ms. Koetsier, so many numbers are estimates. Corporate numbers are from municipal records but in the community categories, estimates had to be made in some sections.

"What you are going to get is a guideline to how much action we think we need to take to reduce our

emissions by such and such an amount, so having that first picture is still important to gauging the types of changes we need to make," she said.

Councillor Scott noted he was happy with the report and the data obtained.

Meetings will be held monthly but due to the timelines and amount of work to be completed, working groups will likely be struck to meet more frequently.

### † in memoriam † in memoriam

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## Death Notices

### BETTY LOUISE WICKENDEN (nee Babin)



Heaven gained an angel and we lost ours. Betty Wickenden (nee Babin), 80 years, passed peacefully in her sleep after a lengthy battle with cancer on June 1, 2020 at Health Sciences North. She was predeceased by her parents, Donat and Veronica (nee McHugh). She was the second eldest of 13 children: Oille (Alvin Byce), Bonnie (Henri Desbrois), Edna (Bruce Clouston), Alex (predeceased) (Suzanne), John (predeceased) (Sue), Shirley (Rodger Chenier), Danny (Sharon), Joe (Linda), Peggy (John McKnight), Allan (Joy), Mary Katherine (Tim Johns) and Troy (Rina). Beloved wife of Dick Wickenden of Mindemoya, Ontario. They were two months shy of their 60th wedding anniversary. Loving and devoted mother to David (Gina) and Mary (Mike Sheridan) of Clarksburg, Ontario. Grandmother to Adam (Krista), Cheryl (Nathan), Julie (Ethan), Grant (Jessie), Daniel and Ian. Great-grandmother to Bryson, Jaxson and William. Also remembered by Donald Wickenden (Diane) and other nieces and nephew. Betty had always been overflowing with love and she shared herself to hundreds of others through her devotion to the church and her countless hours of volunteerism. Born and raised in Chapleau, she worked for Bell Telephone as an operator rising to supervisor. When a Bell linesman arrived in town, she found herself engaged within two weeks and married two years later. She was an active member of the Lady of Perpetual Help, Church of our Lady of Canada and Sudbury Palliative Care. When she moved to Manitoulin, she started a chapter of Palliative Care on the Island. Known for her pies, she was always at the center of any fundraising event. She loved gardening and family and doted on her grandchildren. We know that Betty will continue to love us from the Heavens always and will continue to do wonderful things from that vantage point. As per her request, there will be no showing. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses of both the Northern Cancer Centre and the Mindemoya Hospital for their kindness. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Northern Cancer Foundation or the Warmhearts Palliative Caregivers Sudbury/Manitoulin or Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya site, in care of the Ladies Auxiliary would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Sudbury Park Lawn Cremation Service.

### MORDEN LEESON MONUMENTS

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# ...Little Current congregation says farewell to Allards

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She said she would miss the grace and fellowship expressed by community members who would often drop off gifts and ensure there were items at pot lucks that aligned with their vegan lifestyle.

Ms. Allard said she was excited to experience the new surroundings, having never before been west of Winnipeg.

"I need to thank the people of Little Current for embracing us and for the opportunity to live here. It's

been a wonderful experience," said Ms. Allard. Highlights of Pastor Allard's Island stint included the Bells of Peace initiative to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War, as well as the murder mystery events (for which

he shaved his iconic mustache for only the second time in his life).

August 25, 2018 will always be an afternoon to remember—he officiated three weddings, offered the blessings at two banquets and attended the third's reception, all at various locations on Eastern Manitoulin (and he still had to wake up to deliver a service the next morning).

"I need to thank those in the community that have worked with me, it's been a privilege to know and work with everybody. I wish them well," he said. "I can see why Manitoulin Island holds a special place in people's hearts—I'm one of them."

Alberta will bring the pastor new curling competition and the opportunity to deliver a faith component at a youth summer camp run by the pastoral charge.

The couple was presented with a painting of the swing bridge by Cliff Jewell, as well as numerous cards and small gifts from parishioners.

Gail Cronin is a lay worship leader and will be helping to lead services in the interim alongside others across Manitoulin. The Allards leave for Alberta on June 15.



## Rhubarb is in season! Rhubarb Upside Down Cake

This recipe dates back to the 1980s from a cookbook by Edna Staebler. It is my favourite recipe but this time around I used spelt flour and maple syrup with extra rhubarb.

1/4 cup butter  
1 cup brown sugar or maple syrup  
5 to 6 cups rhubarb diced  
Turn on your oven to 350°F. Add the butter to a 9 x 9-inch pan. Place in the oven to melt the butter. When melted add the brown sugar and rhubarb and set aside.

### BATTER:

1 cup sugar or maple syrup  
1 1/2 cups flour—white, whole wheat or spelt  
2 tsp baking powder  
1/4 cup butter  
1 egg  
1 tsp vanilla  
About 2/3 cup milk (If you are using sugar you will need to use all the milk—if you are using maple syrup cut back on the milk to about 1/4 cup)

1. Place sugar, flour, baking powder and soft butter into a bowl. Using a pastry cutter or your fingers cut the butter into small pieces into the flour mixture.

2. Beat the egg in a bowl with the vanilla, milk and the maple syrup (instead of the sugar). Pour the liquid ingredients over the flour mixture and blend until smooth.

3. Spread the batter overtop the rhubarb mixture. Bake for about 30 to 40 minutes until the cake tests done.

4. Let it cool 10 minutes then turn it upside down on a plate. Serve with ice cream, yogurt or whipping cream.

### Rhubarb Vinaigrette

Use any kind of salad mixture you like. Add whatever suits your fancy to the greens and then toss with this amazing salad dressing.

1 cup chopped fresh rhubarb  
1/4 cup water  
2 Tbsp maple syrup  
1 Tbsp red-wine vinegar  
2 tsp Dijon mustard  
1/4 cup olive oil  
1 Tbsp poppy seeds—optional

Boil rhubarb with water in a small saucepan until rhubarb is tender, about 5 minutes. Scrape into blender along with maple syrup, vinegar, Dijon and oil. Blend until smooth. Stir in poppy seeds if using. (Taste test: you may need to add a bit more maple syrup or salt. Cook extra rhubarb for a later dressing.)

### Sweet Onion-Rhubarb Sauce for Meat

The sauce is a stand on its own. You make the sauce, then cook your

favourite type of meat and serve the sauce beside or on top. Use either pork tenderloin, chicken breast or thighs, lamb chops or even barbecue a steak.

2 tsp oil  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 large sweet onion, sliced  
2-4 Tbsp water  
2 cups diced rhubarb  
1/4 cup red-wine vinegar  
1/4 cup brown sugar or maple syrup  
1/4 cup minced fresh chives or the greens from green onions

In a skillet add the oil and the onion with 1/2 tsp salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until browned, 7 to 8 minutes. Add 2 Tbsp water and continue cooking, stirring often, until the onion is soft, 5 to 7 minutes more, adding water 1 Tbsp at a time if necessary to prevent burning. Cooking the onion this way is very important. Stir in the rhubarb, vinegar and brown sugar and cook, stirring often, until the rhubarb has broken down about 5 minutes.

Spoon the sauce over your meat and sprinkle with chives.



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# Tehkummah Talk and Times

Day 78: Monday. I was going to write one more page last week but somehow in my klunkiness I upset a full cup of coffee all over everything and, so. It felt like a gallon to mop up and wipe off.

I sat out back this morning in the sun. I had made fresh hummingbird feed and they were probably grateful for a warm drink. Five degrees this morning, darned chilly earlier. I heard frost in some areas?

Sherry cleaned my under roof at back, I didn't get it tidied last year at all. So, I am so glad to have had the help (don't laugh, I rested on my chair the whole time she worked with my eyes closed at that). Sherry is a busy girl, but it is the busy folk who get things done, isn't it?

Sharon just brought my grocery order from Ward's Store and startled me awake. It's 2 pm, time to make me some lunch.

Cal scared me this morning too when I was sitting outside reading a book that had come in the mail. I had delivered my news over to fax out and forgot all about going into greet the "big ships" first sailing of the season. Dash it! Talked to sis Susan later in the eve. I must have been the only one who forgot. She said lots of folks she hadn't seen for ages. Opening the door or the gate.

I slept and slept my afternoon away. Sherry had called with news, maybe? I had just wakened when grandson Kirby called and we must have chatted for a half an hour. That was the blessing of the day. I had my supper (a mooseburger) about nine.

Day 79: Watching A.G.T., had a tired day but got my meatloaf made and a few peanut butter cookies. I see the chill, or frost, or wind got Tara's beans that were up. A little early maybe. Called Judy in the morning when I saw her on TV, a star?

The elderberry in bloom looks like white lilac.

I heard that Lyle Gordon hurt his leg. What's with the farmers this spring? Not a good plan. Get well soon.

Day 80: Cottage cheese on toast for breakfast and the usual handful of pills chaser. I was crunching when Sherry phoned and allowed me to listen to one of Ramona Jaggard's anthems from Sunday's sermon (I think), what a voice that girl has.

There was sun, overcast now, and I feel kind of on the verge of a migraine. I'm having a peanut butter cookie for dessert, should help?

Day 81: Spent the morning trying to get an ant villa out of one of my big flower pots, they are not easy to discourage. I finally dumped the earth into two other pots. They just were going to make new homes, now I have coffee grounds on top of one. I got rid of them at the Hall (the half barrels) that way, we will see? They bite when they are angry too.

The angels were with Sherry and Dave yesterday. When she got home to no hydro to find that their neighbour Joey Case had spotted smoke over by their barn and came to investigate. The transformer on the hydro pole had blown and had ignited the dry grass and fence rails. Thanks, Joey for your alertness and work to get it out. She had taken me to see the doctor, but it wasn't so critical. Derek phoned when I was hav-

ing a choking/coughing something in the morning. So he called Sherry and she called Tara and...?

Gorgeous flower crab apple trees. Yesterday it was TAVI on the horizon/ today it had changed so I have a major decision, and soon. But, I am feeling better today!

The gardens are growing. The butterflies are flirting above the lilacs (a little white fella). The first by dragonfly today.

We, Tara and I, had to smoke the mosquito chasers, no holders, so we stuck pieces in flower pots. The black flies and skeeters have been terrible the past few days.

I called Joan last evening, she was okay, but was doing tricks again. She said folks did a drive by last Sunday, twice around the block, balloons, horns and signs to celebrate Bordie's birthday, I think 91. I got her niece Linda Waugh's phone number (our second cousin) and gave her a call last evening as well. The distancing changes so much!

Did you know if you drop a quart of half and half, cap off, it can fly high, I got it in my eye, in the fridge door, on the cupboard door, in the knife drawer and on the floor? Should have written a poem, right? Anyway, I swore! I didn't lose much.

Today I go outside and don't stay long. The blackflies are chasing me.

I just saw the first monarch butterfly of 2020.

Sympathy to the Merrylees family. Another great feed of fresh fish, thanks to my neighbours.

Day 81: A phone call from Helen Oswald and a call from Derek in British Columbia this morning.

Day 82: A fritillary flirted around me as I sat outside in the morning sun.

I'm looking around the enclosure and it is getting smaller and shadier every year. We used to be able to see Anstice farm, now it's only in the winter. It's 9 pm before the sun gets high enough to peek over the trees.

Lorna brings in two basil plants this morning. When I planted one pot out, I got three nice plants, so I gave Tara the other. I counted five in her pot. I love this herb. Tara was mowing the edges. I came to the end of one project, but I have to hurry. If one is outside, the flies make you hurry.

On my trip around for the mail, I stopped for a couple of minutes to talk to Dorothy. The bugs were so bad, I felt guilty.

Driving back into the yard, I admired, it looked so neat and tidy. As I'm writing this, the sky to the east is really black. I planted nine hills of potatoes, still three to plant. I quit before I planted myself! We really need some rain to help things along.

Day 83: I just erased 20 messages from my answering machine. Most of them from my kids. A couple of important ones maybe?

These days before the bugs I was doing a lot of sitting outside. Sherry woke me this morning, so I sat on the bench, the sun was hot. It is great to have my space again. But, oh my, we do need rain! The garden is dry, ours anyway. I did hear there were raindrops in spots?

Day 94: It's 4:30 am and I just read last week's Expositor. So, wiping a tear reading

Fred's obit. The story about the ferries, what an amazing journey their life has been and what a lot of challenges. Petra Wall's Now and Then is unique and interesting. Everyone has a story. Delights on Bonnie Kogos, my friends in Midhurst the Jacques and Wayne Burkholder in Ramara, have the same story, they were four Expositors behind as well, so it's not just the Big Apple that has bites out of it.

Happy birthday, sister Susan, June 12. A soak in the tub to take the aches out, a lazy day to follow that.

Lorna brought Martin's sermon in. A lovely long chat with Nancy Arnold Hayes in Toronto filling me in. She watched her

dad's funeral on camera? She was saying because of the limitations. It was so nice to touch base. Sounds like she has some health issues.

Cal said when he called that he and Eugene went in to check out the ferry. I got a phone call yesterday, I hope it turned out all right!

One evening this past week, Susan came in bearing a tray, rhubarb custard pie (I put me to sleep) and banana cake. They were both delicious. As much as I talk about food, I have to remind myself to eat for I rarely feel hungry. Do you think it is because I have no one to share a meal with? Or talk to? Or?



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**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!!** - The 5 bdrm 2 bath home would be a perfect bed and breakfast or really nice year round home. The home alone is worth the asking price and included with this nice home is a large commercial building with many great potential uses. Asking \$300,000. MLS#2062704



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**EXTREMELY HIGH QUALITY 3 BDRM HOME WITH NICE VIEW OVER LAKE MINDEMOYA!!** - This beautiful home with its hardwood floors & vaulted ceilings comes with a magnificent kitchen with cherry stained maple cabinets, 3 baths including the en-suite in the huge 600 sq ft master bedroom found at the top of a spectacular oak stair case. The manicured lot comes adorned with a variety of mature trees which nicely outline the property, amazing concrete driveway & huge sidewalks leading to 2 large decks of which one is a covered verandah. Also on the lot is a 10 X 12 storage shed & a heated completely finished and insulated double size garage. MLS#2085240

**LACLOCHE MOUNTAIN RESORT ON CHARLTON LAKE IN WHITE-FISH FALLS!!**

Settled in the Majestic Mountain Range of white quartz of Willisville where they filmed the series Rainbow Country, these spectacular mountains and waterways were made famous in paintings by the group of seven. This resort known as Bearskin Lodge and Outfitters comes turnkey with 9 rustic two and three bedroom log cabins as well as an owners' residence and another cabin they allow friends and workers to stay. The housekeeping cottages each have their own hydro panels and each have their own bathrooms and appliances that are relatively new with upgraded wiring. Charlton Lake is really one of many lakes accessible in the area and is renowned for its great walleye and bass fishing. Asking \$975,000. MLS#2077603



**VISTA WITH A WOW!!** - Reminiscent of a fjord in Norway or the rugged British Columbia coast line, this property sits 450 ft above the town of Gore Bay, overlooking the town & harbour from the top of the East Bluff at the mouth of the bay & facing directly west for beautiful Caribbean style sunsets & the famous La Cloche Mountains in the distance across Lake Huron's North Channel. This one acre property is located on a site that has one of Ontario's prettiest cliff views. This nicely manicured acre of property comes with a magnificent 4 bdrm executive-style manufactured log home accented with a centerpiece stone fireplace, granite counter tops with matching table, in-floor heating, highest of quality built-in appliances, great flooring & a 5 piece ensuite with a Jacuzzi and a large steam-bath/shower. The double garage which is fed with 200 amps of hydro & comes with an attached ATV garage & an exercise room with a bathroom & sauna & the floors in this building are also heated. This property has a layout which would be very conducive to a high-end bed & breakfast. A steal of a deal at \$799,000! MLS#2077446



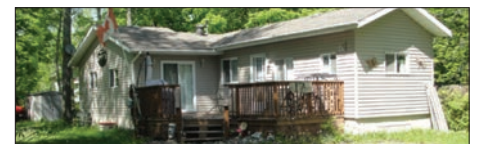
**FANTASTIC BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!!** - Known as Sandfield General Store, this very large commercial building is currently a gift shop, a restaurant & a corner store. It has plenty of parking, storage areas & land. Along with this business is a 2 storey, 5 bdrm, 2 bath home that would make a great little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



**ELEVATED SUNRISE VIEW OVER BEAUTIFUL LAKE MINDEMOYA!!** - Large 2 1/2 acre lot with almost 150 ft of shoreline, a dock & a (grandfathered-in) boathouse. A quick flight of stairs brings you from the dock & fantastic deep water shoreline to the top of the flat bluff where you find a 3 bdrm cottage with an eye catching view! The golf course, hospital, restaurants, shopping are only 15 mins away. Reduced to \$179,000!!! MLS#2074433



**SOUTH FACING 2 BDRM FOUR SEASON WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME ON SOUTH BAY ONLY 15 MINS FROM THE FERRY!!** - This cottage/home has deep water, bald rock frontage and comes adorned with beautiful white stone walls and a 32ft X 29ft metal sided and roof, fully insulated garage. The cottage comes turn-key with all furnishings and appliances. The Bay is great fishing for all fresh water species and amenities such as shopping, medical center and golfing are less than 30 minutes away. Asking \$299,000!!! MLS#2077447



**950 SQ. FT. 2 BEDROOM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!!** - This Lake Mindemoya cottage is fully insulated with water drawn from the lake and a septic system located in a park setting at the north end of the lake. The cottage is on the first street just a short walk to the nice sand bottom waterfront access which is very kid-friendly. This cottage features a large deck, a forced-air electric furnace as well as a propane free standing metal stove for heating. The amenities of the Town of Mindemoya & M'Chigeeng are close by this great walleye fishing lake. Asking \$115,000. MLS#2085649



**1080 SQ. FT. 2 BEDROOM COTTAGE WITH MANY UP-GRADES OVERLOOKING LAKE MINDEMOYA!!** - Located at the north end of this very good walleye fishing lake, this beautiful cottage with its spectacular kitchen comes fully furnished and also includes a large storage shed, riding lawn-mower, dockage, waterfront deck and small aluminum boat. The 20 year lease is assumable and has another 15 years left before a new one needs to be negotiated. Asking \$199,000. MLS#2085673



**SUCCESSFUL AUTO REPAIR AND BODY SHOP BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN GORE BAY!!** - Known as Jewell's Collision, the large 7200 square foot building is newly renovated and maintenance free. The building is currently housing an auto repair shop in the back half of the building and an auto body shop in the front half. The business has grown every year for the 19 years it has existed and continues to grow with plenty of opportunity to expand and grow especially with spin-off type business such as used car sales/rentals, small motor repairs, car detailing and the list goes on and on. The seller is willing to undergo an environmental audit and had a clean bill of health on one that was done when the seller took over the building. The building could be converted into other uses as well, also rent to own may be a possibility. Asking just \$489,000. MLS#2080433



**2+1 BDRM COUNTRY HOME** - With Large Double Garage On 3.7 Acres Of Land In The Quaint Town Of Silver Water. This beautiful home located close to Silver Lake which is good fishing for Walleye & Bass has many upgrades including hardwood flooring, propane furnace and new windows. The 3.77 acre lot comes with two driveways and a 31 X 24 foot garage with storage loft. Many other great fishing lakes are close by and the amenities of the Town of Gore Bay are just 30 minutes away. Asking \$169,000. MLS#2079265



**2 BDRM COTTAGE PLUS SMALL TRAVEL TRAILER ON A LEASED WATERFRONT LOT!!** - The cottage has a nice sand bottom waterfront, several outbuildings including a composting toilet for winter use. The cottage has decking on 3 sides as well as a patio. The trailer (which sleeps 3 or 4) is covered with a steel roof and has a flush toilet connected into the same septic tank as the cottage bathroom and has a nice covered deck as well. The cottage has an enclosed sun room leading to an open deck on the waterfront side. This property comes fully furnished and includes a dock on wheels that is easily taken in and out of Lake Mindemoya which features good fishing for perch, bass, walleye and pike. Very affordable asking only \$159,000. MLS#2085631