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WALKING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE—Islanders stand together in solidarity against systemic racism following a march to the top of Main Street hill in Kagawong. The uphill walk signified the uphill battle faced by those seeking social justice. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 16.**

Ontario Appeals Court says acute intoxication by alleged assailants is a legitimate defence

Potential for rape defence concerns Island lawyer

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—On June 3, the Court of Appeal for Ontario (CAO) released its 3-0 decision in R. v. Sullivan and R. v. Chan that section 33.1 is to be of no force or effect under s. 52(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982, as contrary to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. That decision sparked a flurry of

outrage and commentary in the media and across social media networks.

In 1994 in R. v. Daviault, the accused was charged with sexual assault of an elderly woman who was an acquaintance of his wife. The accused was a chronic alcoholic who on the night in question had consumed eight beers and a 40 oz bottle of brandy. Experts testified that this amount of consumption can cause death or coma in the ordinary person. The trial judge acquitted the accused on the basis that he had a reasonable doubt whether the accused

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Chi-Cheemaun running three daily return trips through summer months

SOUTH BAYMOUTH—As of Friday, June 12, and concurrent with Ontario's Stage 2 regional reopening, MS Chi-Cheemaun passengers will no longer be screened for or limited by purpose of travel, but many restrictions, such as the wearing of a mask and no food and beverages allowed, remain in place.

A press release from the Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC), which operates the Chi-Cheemaun, states that the 2020 summer sailing schedule will offer three round trips per day, seven days per week with a crossing time of approximately one hour and 45 minutes. The South

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Health unit recommends postponing yard sales

by Michael Erskine
SUDBURY—Public Health Sudbury and Districts is not keen on the idea of people holding yard sales just yet, although it does note that there is nothing in the current provincial emergency guidelines specifically outlawing the popular summer practice.

"At this point Public Health Sudbury and Districts is not encouraging yard sales," said Ashely Derocchis, environmental support officer (aka senior public

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Womens', mens' homeless shelters now available in Little Current, Manitowaning

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—Temporary homeless shelters have been set up on Manitoulin Island by Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) in partnership with Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR), using funding received through the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF).

A shelter for homeless women is located in Little Current while the men's temporary shelter is located in Manitowaning. There are persons in need on Manitoulin Island, said Donna Stewart, director of integrated services with DSB. "We put a notice out about temporary accommodations during this pandemic and there was some uptake."

(The shelters can be accessed through MFR, either by professional or self referral. For more information or to apply, call MFR at 705-368-3400.)

The \$200 million SSRF was created by the Province of Ontario in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to directly support individuals and families in crisis who cannot access federal COVID-19 assistance, she explained.

It is distributed through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) which was originally implemented in 2013. The DSB was allocated \$938,400 under the

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Island students reflect on virtual education

by Hadeel Alhadi
MANITOULIN—it was the morning of March 13 when post-secondary students across the country learned that their schools have moved online and that they have to evacuate residence immediately. As the academic year is coming to an end, Manitoulin students reflect on the challenges that accompanied online learning during a global pandemic.

"The biggest challenge was to commit to it. It was really boring to just sit there for hours in the same environment; you don't have the same stimulation as when you change classes and see different people," Mathew Redmond, a first-year biomedical science student at the University of Ottawa who hails from Mindemoya, stated. Mr. Redmond added that procrastination was a real obstacle. Since being at home for a univer-

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Manitoulin's connection to a famous brand

Part I of a series: BRP mothballs Evinrude outboard motor models

by Warren Schlote
MONTREAL—Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP) recently announced it would be discontinuing the current offerings of Evinrude outboard motors in its ETEC and ETEC G2 models, ending a continual run of a marine-industry staple that evolved from the century-old Evinrude model that was the



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first commercially viable outboard motor in the world, as well as a family name that has close ties to the District of Manitoulin and north Georgian Bay.

"This was a difficult decision to make considering Evinrude's rich legacy in the marine business and the strong relationship we have

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Black Lives Matter solidarity protest scheduled for Friday

by Warren Schlote
LITTLE CURRENT—The protests against police brutality and anti-Black racism that erupted following the death of Minneapolis resident George Floyd in police custody in May have spread northward to culminate in an anti-racism protest in Kagawong this past Sunday and a Black Lives Matter (BLM) gathering in Little Current this Friday, June 19.

“This was definitely something all four of us are passionate about. We were all a bit worried about the backlash we might receive if we created this event, but we realized that the movement and what we want to support is bigger than any retribution we might face,” said Julie Casson, one of five young Island women who have joined forces to organize the solidarity event.

Alicia Williamson, Eden Beaudin, Jill Dickson, Ayriell Nodecker and Ms. Casson decided that the growing discussions around centuries of discrimination and harmful government policies toward Black individuals, Indigenous peoples and people of colour (POC) should be reflected on Manitoulin Island.

“We were talking about potentially going to Sudbury or Espanola to join other solidarity marches, but in our community there’s not a lot of visibility of solidarity, like a lot of small communities,” said Ms. Williamson.

This Friday’s event will be a peaceful protest to stand in support of ending discrimination and providing equal opportunities for all people. Espanola held a BLM march on June 5 which inspired some of the organizers to bring such a movement even closer to home. June 19 also corresponds with ‘Juneteenth,’ the date that marks the freeing of the last Black slave in the US Confederacy.

The gathering begins at 3 pm at the Manitoulin Welcome Centre next to the swing bridge in

Little Current. At 6 pm those in attendance will march toward downtown on Water Street and loop back up to Meredith Street

ment in many similar protests, including this event, is that “all lives matter” should be the theme of the day, rather than Black Lives Matter.

“Black Lives Matter,” however, does not imply that ‘only’ Black lives matter; rather, it acknowledges that marginalized people face systemic disadvantages, having lived through centuries of oppressive policies.

Enslaved Black people were largely treated as property rather than humans and did not enjoy the same rights as White citizens. Segregation laws following the end of slavery have created neighbourhoods into which marginalized people have been pushed, neighbourhoods that often have the same demographics today despite no formal segregation laws being in place.

Studies have shown that school districts in the United States with predominantly BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of colour) student popula-

tions receive much less funding than those in mainly White districts, among other reported systemic disadvantages.

Another sentiment against BLM protests is that the harsh anti-Black racism in the United States does not exist in Canada. Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced publicly in early June that Canada does not have systemic racism.

“Thank God we’re different than the United States and we don’t have the systemic, deep roots they’ve had for years,” the premier said at the time.

However, a look at the facts of history (that critics say are not properly explained in schools) brings up several examples of discriminatory policies in Canada. The legacy of the Indian Residential School system, for one, has caused intergenerational trauma for Indigenous peoples across Canada to the present day.

Anti-Black racism is also in
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to return to the welcome centre. The protest was not met with universal support from online commenters. One popular senti-

Twin Peaks Bed & Breakfast nabs Bicycle Friendly Business Award

MINDEMOYA—Mindemoya’s own Twin Peaks Bed and Breakfast and co-owners Cheryl Cashman and Ron Perreault were recently named Northern Ontario’s best bicycle friendly business and have been so acknowledged for their efforts by Ontario By Bike.

As many tourism businesses and destinations ready to open for the busy summer season, paired with an increase in cycling and travel plans closer to home, Ontario By Bike says people should expect to see more cycle tourists on the trails, roads, in communities and businesses

around Ontario. Recent survey data collected by Ontario By Bike and partners in May 2020 shows that 62 percent of cyclists are planning on day trips, with a growing interest in resuming multi-day trips. Seventy-five percent of respondents said they planned on cycling closer to home this summer and 41 percent said they cancelled international travel that includes cycling activities.

The Bicycle Friendly Business Awards are presented by Ontario By Bike, whose network of certified bicycle friendly tourism

businesses is over 1,500 strong. The certification program has criteria that helps ensure cyclists are welcomed at businesses they choose to stop at whether it be as a cycle tourist, on a longer trip, or while biking closer to home. The network is free for businesses to participate in and the information on each location plus cycling trails and road routes in each region is easily accessible online.

The awards are given to showcase the efforts of all those businesses out there that are working hard on keeping Ontario a top

destination for cyclists. “The level of service and enthusiasm that these 2020 award winning businesses welcome cyclists with surpasses our bicycle friendly certification criteria and truly is beyond exceptional,” Louisa Mursell, executive director of Ontario By Bike/Transportation Options, said in a press release about the awards. “Cyclists are taking note and spreading the word. We are pleased to recognize their efforts serving the cycling community,

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Twin Peaks B&B co-owner Cheryl Cashman was recently named as Northern Ontario’s best bicycle friendly business by Ontario By Bike.

Federal court approves Sixties Scoop settlement

Order to issue payments now before the Ontario Superior Court

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—On June 1, the Federal Court of Canada issued approval under the seal of Justice Edward P. Belobaba of an order allowing Collectiva, the administrator of the ‘60s Scoop class action, to issue interim payments of \$21,000 to all eligible class members. The ruling helps pave the way for over 12,500 individuals who have been deemed eligible for individual payment as part of a national settlement between the Government of Canada and plaintiffs representing ‘60s Scoop survivors. A similar order to issue interim payments is now being placed in front of the Ontario Superior Court, which also presides over the settlement.

According to Argyle Public Relationships communications specialist Heather Risdon, the first interim cheques have already been sent out. Argyle Public Relations is the company that has been assigned by the court with the responsibility to communicate information about the class action suit. Recipients should begin to receive the cheques over the next couple of weeks.

The ‘60s Scoop is a catchall name for the mass removal of aboriginal children from their families into the child welfare system, generally being placed in non-Indigenous families and, in most cases, without the consent of their families or bands. Those policies prevailed from the 1950s up right up until the 1980s.

The federal announcement comes in the wake of delays to the claims process that have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. Those delays centre on the need to protect public health as several provincial archives have closed.

A news release from Argyle Public Relations notes that those archives “contain important information that the administrator needs to verify some people’s claims.”

On the other side of the coin, social distancing has created barriers for those applicants seeking information and support to back up claims that have been flagged by the administrator as incomplete.

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Scott Card believes in building strong customer relationships

LITTLE CURRENT—Scott Card has worked four-and-a-half years at RONA Little Current Building Centre, beginning his career with the company, or “coming on board” as he puts it, just as the venerable hardware store/home centre originally founded by Sec-

ond World War veteran Gerry Timmermans was moving to its new location on Highway 6, just outside of Little Current.

Mr. Card, the floor manager of the store, is married to Melissa McCulligh, daughter of Don and Carrie McCulligh of Breakaway Sports, and has one six-year-old child, Finlay.

He enjoys being outdoors, but when he is inside Mr. Card often reaches for his guitar. Favourite music? “A little folk, country, rock and roll,” he said.

Mr. Card said that what he enjoys the most about his floor manager job is the opportunity to assist customers in finding the supplies and materials to get the job done right.

Please remember that when you shop local, you’re supporting friends and neighbours like Scott Card.



Scott Card

Manitoulin Streams soldiers on despite COVID-19

by Michael Erskine

ASSIGINACK—Manitoulin Streams garners international awards for its groundbreaking restoration and conservation efforts on the Island and its partnerships with private landowners have set the hallmark for stream and watershed rehabilitation across the globe. That work may have changed somewhat in form due to the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it has remained stolidly undaunted in substance.

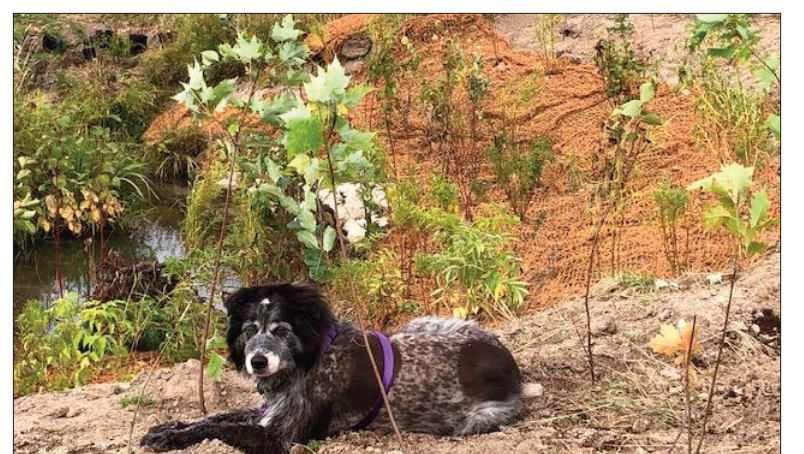
Project co-ordinator Seija Deschenes took some time out of her arduous schedule recently to outline how the organization’s work has progressed so far this season.

“We finally finished tree planting after two weeks,” said Ms. Deschenes. That two-week undertaking focused on Grimesthorpe Creek started out under less than auspicious circumstances when

the tree seedlings arrived late in the evening, necessitating unloading and distributing in the dark. “We were all pretty happy to see our beds that night, I can tell you,” laughed Ms. Deschenes.

Manitoulin Streams normally depends heavily on a large troupe of dedicated volunteers, but with the COVID-19 pandemic looming over the organization’s shoul-

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The coir matting, seen in the background on the shores of Grimesthorpe Creek, is used as part of the erosion control measures to enhance the riparian habitat of the area.

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editorial

Pandemic reveals options to engage public in governance

Many of those whose employment continued relatively unabated despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic have been holding face-to-face meetings through one of the many online video conferencing options now available on the market—to the point where many are claiming to be just about Zoomed-out—but many have discovered that the online and teleconference options being embraced have decidedly upped their productivity.

Long hours on the road have evaporated into the few seconds it takes to log onto the system and adjust their camera angles to suit and conversations tend to get down to the point faster using the online medium. Then there is the added benefit of vastly reduced mileage costs for businesses and an associated reduction in wear and tear on vehicles.

While the video conferencing option is not perfect, particularly for those living in rural areas with less than ideal internet speeds, those same jurisdictions are able to connect relatively well through the use of a landline or cell phone.

Another aspect of attending public meetings that has been commented upon by staff of The Expositor covering numerous council meetings are the number of members of the public who also log on. It is relatively uncommon for more than one or two members of the public to attend a council meeting unless there is an item of personal interest or significant controversy to be discussed. But with the advent of the Zoom revolution, many more are now logging in to check out what is happening in their municipality.

Even though the standard rules apply, with limited to no interac-

tion with the mayor and councils at the table, the increase in attendance seems to be among the new norm. This is a healthy development and it is to be hoped, and encouraged, that such interest continues long after the pandemic has passed.

While it is true that the vast majority of council meetings verge somewhat over the edge of mind-bendingly boring when dealing with the mundane minutiae of governance, it can be an eye-opening experience to watch our elected officials at work.

It is an extremely simple process to join a council meeting while the meetings are being held via video conferencing, but very few municipalities have instituted measures to make their meetings available when those meetings are held in person around the council table. The experience of video conferencing demonstrates that people will tune in and take an interest in what is happening vis-à-vis governance in their communities if there was a simple option available.

Better yet, and even more applicable to more senior levels of government further removed from their constituents, the video conferencing software platforms have chat options where those watching could make real-time commentary and suggestions that would greatly enhance feedback to the government and elected representatives that could further the goals of peace, order and good government considerably, while encouraging more people to take on an active role in governing.

This should be a wake-up call to governments at all levels to make better connections with the people they represent and serve. It simply makes sense.

letters

Great praise for local hospitals

Providing kind, compassionate, efficient and professional care

To the Expositor:

I would just like to compliment our two local hospitals on the kind caring compassionate, efficient, professional care they give.

Last week, late evening, I found myself with an itchy rash that seemed to be spreading quite rapidly. I had no Benadryl or antihistamines at the house and it was too late to ask around so I took a trip to Mindemoya Hospital because I was afraid it might worsen and I might get a bad allergy reaction at night.

I was greeted by staff and doctor who gave me efficient timely and

caring help. So, I had a very pleasant emergency room visit. Thank you all!

Apart from praising our two hospitals that we are very fortunate to have there is another lesson to learn from this episode! We all need to make sure that our own "medicine cupboards" have all the items we might need for minor emergencies in the middle of the night!

Mary Buie
Kagawong

Corrections on the record for Tehkummah records

Storing public records in the books store is counterintuitive

To the Expositor:

While I appreciate your paper's continued interest in the Township of Tehkummah, I was misrepresented in the article "Tehkummah seeks to move records from washroom to used book room" (June 10, Page 6). While everyone agrees that the current location of the municipal records is unacceptable, the reasons for my opposition to using the library's book store as storage space differ somewhat from what was stated in the article.

While I do feel space should not be taken away from the library (and I do not, by the way, serve on the library board as stated in the article),

I do agree with the township's clerk that the records need to be stored in a secure location while also being accessible, which is why council had issues when the former clerk had the records stored off-site in an undisclosed location. However, storing the records in a public space such as the book store, regardless of any safety measures put in place, seems counterintuitive. Hopefully a solution to the problem will be found in the near future.

Eric Russell, councillor
Tehkummah Township

Expositor newsletter is being well-received

An end-of-week treat until the paper copy arrives

To the Expositor:

I am a seasonal resident of Manitoulin who receives the Expositor at home in Bruce County. One day I hope to make a permanent move to the Island. In the meantime, The Expositor is my mainline to keep up with Manitoulin news, people, Now and Then, articles of interest, comings and goings from various Island communities and their contributors.

Being from away, I receive the news about a week later than the published date—not bad considering I often get a local daily paper at home

about three days to a week late as well.

So, receiving The Expositor's Friday newsletter is a weekly end-of-the-week treat I look forward to until my paper copy of the Expositor arrives.

Thank you from a grateful reader!

Susan Macleod
Inverhuron

A poetic peon to pain

The butt of the joke may lie in toilet paper supplies

To the Expositor:

I was in so much pain the other day
I thought the other day
I had the coronavirus because I had a sore arm
I was in so much the other day
Because of me using my left, I mean my right arm
Because when I went to use my right arm to wipe my butt
With toilet paper to wipe my butt
There was so much pain in my left arm
Chorus—I was in so much pain the other day
So I thought the other day
Maybe I should go and see my doctor
To see maybe I had the coronavirus
So I told this story to my doctor
Then my doctor examined me for the coronavirus
Then my doctor inspected me closely, investigated closely
Then my doctor said to me, no you do not have the coronavirus
Then trouble is you're using too much toilet paper
And wearing out your arms because of using too much toilet paper.
Chorus—And then my doctor said to me, do you wash your hands

after going to the toilet to wipe your butt

And remember don't touch your face after touching your butt.
This is a butt of jokes

Lyman Corbiere
M'Chigeeng

Don't trust POTUS advice

Anyone following his lead is taking a risk

To the Expositor:

Let us hope that none of our fellow countrymen believe the American president's claim that he is taking hydroxychloroquine as a preventative of COVID-19.

Please remember that Donald Trump is the biggest liar on Planet Earth; anyone who follows his lead will surely be taking a huge risk to their own personal health!

Sincerely,

Eric Balkind
Gore Bay

Chronic Lyme disease affects thousands; being tick aware can keep you safe

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—Nine years ago, Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha met a grandmother from the community of Manitouwadge who had assumed care of her granddaughter because her daughter suffered from chronic Lyme disease. “That was my introduction to Lyme disease,” he said. “The disease had progressed to where the daughter could no longer care for herself or her child.”

He was shocked by how physicians were treating individuals that were experiencing chronic Lyme disease symptoms and reached out to advocacy groups such as Ontario Lyme Alliance, Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation (CanLyme), Ontario Lyme and the G. Magnotta Foundation. “This is not just one individual out of Manitouwadge,” he said. “This is hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario, across the country and around the world. This is a global issue, and it absolutely is debilitating.”

There is a great deal of misinformation out there, said Mr. Mantha. Healthcare professionals tended to look for the obvious sign, the bullseye rash, but only a small portion of individuals who are bitten by an infected tick show the rash. If the rash was not present, the individual was treated for individual symptoms. Lyme disease presents with nearly 100 different symptoms that can include fatigue, fever, headache, problems with vision or hearing, muscle soreness and joint stiffness. It is difficult to diagnose.

“One of the things we know about Lyme disease is it’s the great imitator,” he said. It imitates many other diseases and can hide itself within muscle tissues, and without proper testing it won’t be picked up quickly. Patients are told they do not have the disease and by the time it is diagnosed, they have progressed into the chronic stages.

Mr. Mantha was a member of the Lyme Disease and Tick-borne Illnesses Task Force. “Across the province over the course of several years, I’ve met and heard of individuals who have gut-wrenching stories regarding the lack of care, of the frustration at being turned away from health care, of being told this was all in their minds,” he said. “These stories are real.” The task force was struck to address a lack of literacy and understanding about what Lyme disease is and how to address it. The task force issued 10 recommendations in a report released in April 2018. A major recommendation was the establishment of treatment centres of excellence. The centres would establish best practices and recognize the chronic stages of Lyme disease. The acute stage is recognized by healthcare providers, said Mr. Mantha, but there is still ambiguity about the processes and treatments for chronic Lyme disease and the protocols in place for healthcare providers to follow.

“There still needs to be directives from this government to our healthcare providers as to how they should be treating patients who show signs of Lyme disease,” he said, “because this illness is more and more evident. It is moving into our communities, particularly in Northern Ontario.” Individuals who will be affected by Lyme disease need to know the resources and treatment centres are available to them. “Presently people are being financially burdened by having to go to other jurisdictions to get care which should be available to them here, not only in Ontario but in Canada.” He’s heard stories of people that have travelled to Germany, Belgium, France and the United States to obtain treatment. “They’re returning with better health, a better ability to function. The care is there but we need to make it available in Cana-



The female of the deer tick species known to carry the debilitating Lyme bacteria that can rob sufferers of much of their quality of life.

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da.” The blacklegged tick (*I. scapularis*) is the tick that carries *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacterium that causes Lyme disease. Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease in Canada although others are emerging that are also due to the effects of climate change.

Until 1997, Long Point in southern Ontario was the only known location in Canada with an established population of blacklegged ticks. By 2006, there were still only seven established populations in Canada; six in southern Ontario and one in Nova Scotia, all located in the warmest parts of these provinces. It has now been reported in every province.

An April 2019 report published by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) in the Canada Communicable Disease Report noted it is “widely acknowledged that the increase in temperature associated with climate change has contributed to a general increase in the number, types, level of activity and geographical distribution of ticks in North America” and has directly contributed to the northward spread of blacklegged ticks and Lyme disease into Canada, resulting in a rising number of reported cases of the disease. The incidence of Lyme disease rose from 144 in 2009 to 917 in 2015, according PHAC.

Rising temperatures is the key factor in the increase as it has improved the conditions necessary for tick survival. Other factors include expanded distribution ranges of tick hosts such as rodents and deer, and increased human outdoor activity leading to a greater human exposure to ticks.

“With climate change we’re assuming there will be an increase in vector borne diseases from ticks and mosquitoes such as Lyme disease and West Nile,” explained

Adam Ranger, environmental support officer with Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD). “They’re getting worse because the environment will continue to become more optimum for them. Blacklegged ticks do come from migratory birds but the main cause is overwintering. In the past, winters have been cold enough so the eggs of that particular species didn’t survive but with climate change, if the winters do get milder and shorter then there’s an increased chance of them being able to overwinter which would therefore in theory increase their population.”

Where there is a larger population of the species, it is statistically more likely that you will be bit by an infected tick. Mr. Ranger used Turkey Point in southern Ontario as an example. “That park is loaded with blacklegged ticks,” he said. “I don’t exaggerate. You take two steps into the bush and you’re covered. There’s just that many in that area. So statistically you’re more likely to get bit and that means you’re more likely to be exposed.”

There has been one tick from Manitoulin Island submitted to PHSD for testing so far in 2020. It was a blacklegged tick but test results (for the bacteria that causes Lyme disease) are not yet available. Mr. Ranger said six ticks have been sent in for testing from the region but PHSD numbers don’t necessarily reflect how many are actually in the communities. “An outdoors person who get ticks on them all the time they might not be inclined to bring it in versus a parent who just found a tick on a child.”

While warmer winters may increase a tick population, hotter summers could potentially harm them. Ticks are sensitive to heat, explained Mr. Ranger. “They’re more active in the first part of the morning and later on at night because of the sun.

They can dry out.” Extreme heat and dry conditions are not ideal conditions for ticks because they can’t escape the heat and can die off.

“There’s a tipping point,” he continued. “Weather is one factor that encourages people to go outside.” When more people are outside, more people are potentially being exposed. “This year, because of the physically distancing and everything being closed, I think camping and gardening might be the in things this summer.”

Prevention is key and it’s quite easy, according to Mr. Ranger. “We’re encouraging people to continue their physical activities,” he said, “but recommend wearing light coloured clothing, long pants tucked into socks and long sleeves. The contrast allows for easier detection of ticks.”

“This also works well for dealing with mosquitoes and you’re not exposing your skin to UV rays,” and adds a layer of protection if you are applying bug repellent containing DEET, which PHSD also recommends, as you are not applying it directly onto your skin. DEET repels both mosquitoes and ticks, he said.

“All the explorers wore long pants that folded into a cuff and wore collared shirts,” Mr. Ranger noted. “The clothing was designed for that purpose. They would pull back that cuff or the collar and that’s where they would find the ticks. So, we also recommend that you wear collared shirts such as polo shirts.”

He explained that ticks don’t jump at you or fly at you, but simply wait in the tall grass or brush waiting for you to pass by. They will cling to you but don’t necessarily bite right away. “They actually do spend time on the body trying to find the ideal location.” This means there is time to locate ticks after being outdoors. It takes about 24 hours for the tick to pass on the bacteria to you. PHSD recommends people perform a tick check after spending time outdoors and to bathe immediately, if possible. If the tick has not attached yet there is still time to wash it off your skin.

“People that are affected by Lyme disease have compromised immune systems,” Mr. Mantha noted. “So COVID-19 has heightened the awareness and worries of people that are affected by Lyme disease. We are all looking at going outside of our homes, of getting some type of relief by walking the trails or going out in the bush. We want to enjoy nature’s treasures that we have an abundance of here across Northern Ontario.” He too is reminding people to protect themselves, be aware of one’s environment, be informed and know the signs. “When you come out of your nature walk or off a golf course, even if you’ve gone fishing, do a tick check. Look in your crevices, look over your children, look over yourself and look over your pets.”

If you do find an attached tick, it needs to be removed as soon as possible, but it must be removed without leaving any parts of the tick in the skin as that could cause a secondary infection. Use a tick remover or fine tipped tweezers that you place on either side of the tick where it is attached, pulling straight back. Wash the area with soap and water. Put the tick in a clean plastic container and call PHSD for instructions on testing (toll-free 1-866-522-9200).

Call your health care practitioner immediately to discuss potential treatment. The good thing about Lyme disease, said Mr. Ranger, is that if caught right away and you begin antibiotic treatment, Lyme disease is extremely treatable in the early stages. Don’t wait for test results. It may be too late.

Public Health Sudbury and Districts reported that a tick has tested positive in the City of Greater Sudbury for Lyme disease this spring.

Manitoulin Phragmites Project is already on the job for the 2020 season

Funding applications for the next three years are in the pipe but work is already underway

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Phragmites Project is gearing up for another season of work controlling invasive phragmites (“frag-MITE-eez”), a very tall, foreign grass that is aggressively spreading on shores and wetlands across Ontario. The project has completed four years of work and has successfully cleared phragmites off almost all of the Lake Huron shore of Manitoulin Island and Cockburn Island. Phragmites is now under control or eradicated at more than 75 sites in the region.

Project co-ordinator Judith Jones reports that new funding has been applied for to cover work for the next three years. The results of those applications won’t be known until mid-July, but the project will be starting work right

after Canada Day running on support from private donors and non-governmental organizations.

The project is doing some gentle fundraising, trying to raise approximately \$2,000 to help cover mileage during the start up period and some equipment and supplies. Donations can be made to Manitoulin Streams with a note that the money is for the phragmites project. Further details are available on the Manitoulin Phragmites Project’s Facebook page.

The work plan for this year includes removing phragmites from turtle habitats, more work helping landowners with control on private properties and working with volunteers who are willing to “adopt” a site that is under con-

trol. “The idea is to make sure there is someone at each site we’ve worked who will keep an eye on things,” Ms. Jones told The Expositor. “If any new phrag shows up, that person will know exactly what to do to get rid of it right away.”

The project is also looking for volunteers. As well, Manitoulin Phragmites Week will be a go from July 18-23. Social distancing and clean equipment protocols will be in effect, but work bees will still need extra hands.

The project can be contacted by phone at (705) 859-1027 or online at ManitoulinPhrag@yahoocom.



Law & Order

Manitoulin OPP arrests impaired driver on Highway 540

On June 13 at approximately 5:56 pm, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a traffic complaint on Highway 540 in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

Officers stopped the vehicle and it was determined that the driver had been consuming alcohol.

As a result of the investigation, Satheesan Nagenthiram, 36 years old, from Markham has been charged with operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused was issued a 90-day Administrative Drivers Licence Suspension (ADLS) and the vehicle was impounded for seven days. The driver is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on September 16.

The Manitoulin OPP would like to thank the public for their assistance with this investigation. We rely on the public to report crime and impaired driving is a crime that should be treated no differently. If you suspect that someone is driving or about to drive impaired, call 9-1-1 and report it.

Explosives located in M'Chigeeng

On June 8, officers of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service received a report from a local resident advising that they had found an item believed to be some form of explosive in a wooded area of M'Chigeeng First Nation. UCCM Officers attended the residence, located in Pinewood Park Subdivision, and met with the complainant. The resident turned over the device believed to be a blasting cap or detonating device to police. This suspected explosive was located in the back yard of a residence, near a trail that leads to other areas of the subdivision. Police conducted a search of the nearby area and no other explosives were located. UCCM Police have consulted with and requested the assistance of the Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU) of the Ontario Provincial Police. The device was removed from the area and secured until it is disposed of by the EDU.

A police investigation is continuing as the source of the explosives has not been determined. Police are asking for the assistance of the public in this matter. If anyone knows the location of any similar devices or explosives, contact police or call 911 immediately. Police are advising the public not to handle any item suspected to be an explosive as they are capable of causing serious injury or death. UCCM Police will continue to work and consult with the OPP's EDU over the course of the investigation. The police investigation is ongoing at this time.

Anyone with information on this investigation or any other crime is asked to contact the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service at 1-888-377-7135 or the OPP Provincial Communication Centre at 1-888-310-1122. Anonymous tips can also be directed to Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Manitoulin OPP lays multiple charges after domestic dispute

On June 6, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP responded to a report of a domestic dispute that had occurred the previous evening at a residence in Campbell Township.

As a result of the investigation, a 49-year-old from Tehkummah Township was arrested and charged with: two counts of assault, spousal; two counts of mischief, domestic; two counts of theft under \$5,000; uttering threats, cause death or bodily harm; and uttering threats, damage property.

The OPP will not be releasing the name of the accused in order to protect the identity of the victim. The accused was released from bail court and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in July 2020.

Manitoulin OPP investigates domestic dispute

On June 8 at approximately 11:14 pm, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP responded to a domestic dispute in Assinack Township.

As a result of the investigation, a 57-year-old from Assinack Township was arrested and charged with domestic assault.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in August 2020.

The OPP will not be releasing the name of the accused in order to protect the identity of the victim.

Stolen Mossy Oak boat recovered, truck remains outstanding

On June 9 at approximately 7:45 am, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP responded to a report of a stolen truck, trailer and boat from Little Current. Upon further investigation, police located another recovered stolen vehicle, reports of thefts from vehicles and recovered stolen non-motorized boats in the area.

The boat and trailer were recovered the following day but the stolen pickup truck, a black 2017 Ford F150, remains unaccounted for. The truck had the Ontario licence plate number AR 86975 at the time of its theft.

Individuals will often target easy to carry items so that it doesn't impede with their movement. The public can learn more about preventing thefts on the OPP website at www.opp.ca.

Any person with information regarding the person(s) responsible should contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122 or their nearest police authority.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), or submit information online at TipSubmit.com where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Manitoulin OPP seeks information on OneKWE sculpture theft

The Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP is seeking the public's assistance as part of its investigation into the theft of part of a sculpture in Billings Township.

A steel impression of Lake Superior, installed as part of a piece by M'Chigeeng artist OneKWE at Kagawong's Sandy Beach, has gone missing. OPP has shared photos of the sculpture with and without the Lake Superior branch.

Anyone with information about this theft is asked to contact OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or contact Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



The OneKWE sculpture before (left) and after the theft of a branch of the tree sculpture that has the shape of Lake Superior. Anyone with information is asked to contact the OPP.

Current to Killarney paddle race cancelled

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—The Current to Killarney Canoe fest has been cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions, organizers officially announced in a Facebook post this past Saturday, June 13.

"We were trying to weigh it out to see if things would open up further. But at this stage, we had to make the decision to cancel for the time being," said Manitoulin Brewing Company president Blair Hagman, whose brewery is one of the main organizers of the event.

"It's just a bit of 'headwind' that has delayed things a bit, but the race will continue some day and we look forward to having Current to Killarney come back when it's safe to do so," he said.

This year's event was planned for July 4 and there were numerous sponsors who had contributed to this event, including Indigenous Tourism Ontario, Destination Northern Ontario, Wiikwemkoong Tourism and Manitoulin Transport.

The event was slated to open with a sunrise ceremony, Indigenous-led workshops in Killarney as spectators waited for the paddlers to arrive and an Indigenous menu at the awards banquet.

All of that planning will be ported forward to the event when it is green-lit to be rescheduled.

Anyone who has paid to register will either be offered a full reimbursement or the option of holding their registration until the future event. Mr. Hagman said the organizing team would contact everyone who has registered to inform them of their options.

Current to Killarney Canoe fest will announce a revised date in the future on Facebook, @CurrentToKillarney.

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Cruisers' Net host to broadcast from home

Predicts much smaller 2020 boating community presence

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—My, how time flies. It has been 16 years since former educator and avid boater Roy Eaton founded the North Channel Cruisers' Net and he has been hosting the popular VHF radio service from atop the Anchor Inn Hotel in Little Current every July and August morning since the beginning—but this year will see a few minor (and temporary) changes. The Cruisers' Net provides a check-in and message service to boaters plying the waters around Manitoulin Island and has served as a critical connection during emergency and crisis as well as serving to help bond the boating community together.

"I will be broadcasting from my home for the time being," confirmed Mr. Eaton. "My own antenna is as high as the Anchor's at 110 feet, so there shouldn't be that much of a difference in the coverage area. In the west, we might even extend further, but I might lose Killarney and Covered Portage to the east; we will have to see."

The boating community generally enhances the range of the broadcasts by relaying messages to and from those who are out of direct range. "Absolutely," said Mr. Eaton. "I expect that will help to fill in many of the gaps that might occur. The real impact will be in the first half of the program." It is in that first half that Mr. Eaton fills boaters in on some of the things that have been occurring in the wider world while they have been enjoying the placid and secluded anchorages in what are confidently boasted as "the best freshwater boating in the world."

Mr. Eaton is scheduled to begin the program at 9 am, as usual, on July 1, but the Cruisers' Net host predicted a much smaller audience will be listening and checking in this year.

"Around half of the calls are from our American friends and from what I am hearing, about all the Americans are not planning on coming this year," he said. "In fact, many of them say they are not even putting their boats in the water."

Many of those boaters have been coming to these waters for decades. "Some of them have been coming for 44, 34, 24 years," said Mr. Eaton. "They are going to miss the North Channel and are very disappointed that they will not be able to come this year, but they all tell me that they will be back."

The same story is largely being reflected by the boaters coming up from southern Ontario as well. While the border closures between the US and Canada are largely impacting the American boaters, those from the south of the province are largely being dissuaded by the messages they are hearing from the Island.



Dubbed 'the Walter Cronkite of the North Channel,' Roy Eaton will be continuing his popular seasonal VHF broadcasts from home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"They read The Expositor," said Mr. Eaton. "They see the letters to the editor and the concerns that Islanders have. When you are a cottager, you can come and hide out at the cottage and nobody really sees or interacts with you all that much. You can pretty much disappear out of sight. But when you are on a boat and pull up to the dock, well it's pretty hard to not be noticed."

That message is also coming from more official sources as well.

"From what I understand, the government is saying 'stay in your home port this year,'" said Mr. Eaton. "One of the last things they want is for people to be flitting from port to port," he said. "There are concerns about a possible second wave."

The main thing Mr. Eaton will be missing under the new Cruisers' Net format is that the traditional gathering of boaters in the Cruisers' Net broadcast room at the Anchor Inn can't take place. "I am really going to miss that," he admitted. "Not only is it a wonderful group of new and old friends, they really help in recording the boats that call in."

Mr. Eaton begins each broadcast by asking if there are any emergencies—it isn't an idle question, over the years there have been a few such emergencies and the Cruisers' Net host has successfully supplied those in need with the information and support systems they required. In fact, both the Thunder Bay Coast Guard and the Trenton Air, Search and Rescue Team have Mr. Eaton's name and contact information in their files just in case they need that VHF channel 71 assistance. After the initial 20-minute broadcast, Mr. Eaton goes on to invite all the boaters to call in and give their vessel's name and current location. It is also a chance for the listeners to get questions answered and inform other boaters of special news and events.

Mr. Eaton said that he is exploring several other options to help keep the boating community in touch. "I am going to be using Zoom (a popular web-based video conferencing program)," he said. "So the boaters who are out there can log into Zoom and connect that way."

A little thing like a global pandemic is not about to slow the North Channel's foremost ambassador down much. So, come July 1, tune into VHF channel 71 to hear Mr. Eaton's signature tag line: "It's 9 am. Welcome boaters, to the Little Current Yacht Club's Cruisers' Net."



Despite the pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Little Current Yacht Club plans to continue to offer its popular youth sailing program this summer.

Youth sailing courses may still be offered this year through LCYC

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—Little Current Yacht Club (LCYC), like so many organizations on Manitoulin, will not be operating as usual this summer, but they are determined to see its popular youth sailing course continued in three Island communities next month.

"There's a better than 50/50 chance that we will offer a decreased enrollment youth sailing program this summer," said Bruce O'Hare, LCYC's youth sailing spokesperson. "It may be the only organized sport available this summer for youth."

Due to physical distancing measures, introductory sailing courses will not be offered this year, which would require a more hands-on approach, but les-

sons for those with some sailing knowledge will be available through instructor Bryce Mastelko, who is returning as coach by popular demand.

LCYC is hoping to offer youth sailing in Little Current, Gore Bay and Manitowaning, provided they get the blessing from each of those municipalities.

Protocols have been set out by Ontario Sailing as to how to instruct in a pandemic, which will mean a decrease in the number of students they would normally take on.

The learn-to-sail program is largely paid for by funds raised through yacht club memberships and in the races held each summer, but there will be no

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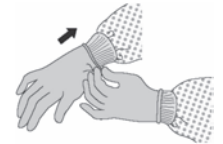
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ders, the approach had to be changed considerably and the work conducted by paid staff.

"Thankfully, a couple of our workers are family and so they could work together," said Ms. Deschenes, "but it was challenging to maintain physical distancing throughout the project."

The project co-ordinator shared that the Grimesthorpe Creek Enhancement Strategy had identified sites S17, S18 and S19 as being in need of restoration and were ranked as a medium priority. "Environmental issues at this site included unrestricted livestock access with no designated livestock crossing or watering area; degraded water quality due to nutrient loading; bank erosion and lack of native trees and shrubs in the riparian area," she said. "Our project goal and objectives were to control the 250-plus cattle



The delivery truck for the trees showed up late so Paul Dawson of Dawson Farms worked into the night to unload the crates with his tractor.

accessing the creek; to plant 3,749 trees/shrubs to improve the riparian area that covered 9,150 square metres; to rehabilitate 393 metres of stream banks; rehabilitate instream habitat of 590 square metres; to collect aquatic data; and to encourage other agriculture community members to partner with us for future projects."

"This project is needed, not only for Manitoulin Island, but for the whole of Lake Huron," continued the project co-ordinator. "By improving Grimesthorpe Creek, we are improving the health of an important cold-water brook trout creek that flows into Lake Huron and reducing any negative impacts."

She noted that Manitoulin Streams "has worked on improving the health of our freshwater ecosystem through direct, on-the-ground initiatives at 69 previous sites. This project will add to our efforts to continue to contribute to the improvement of water quality through restoration of aquatic habitat."

Restoration at these sites will safeguard the Island's aquatic ecosystems by improving water quality, restoring and protecting in-stream and riparian habitat and improving biodiversity and protecting land for species at risk, noted Ms. Deschenes. "Stream restoration will prevent erosion which will reduce sedimentation over prime spawning habitat, improve the fish and aquatic habitat, reduce the effects of low water levels due to climate

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aces this year.

Mr. O'Hare explained that the insurance for LCYC comes in at \$4,000, which covers the youth sailing program, but which is impossible to meet without income. While lamenting this fact to Cambrian Insurance, the yacht club's insurance company, the local broker agreed to halve the costs of the insurance premium for the year because of a lack of functions. They also kicked in \$200 toward the program.

"A potential start date is the week of July 6," Mr. Mastelko told The Expositor. "However, we are still waiting for Ontario Sailing to give us the go-ahead for full programming. Most likely (prescribed) levels will be hard to give this year, and sailing will be a more for fun style. Ontario sailing is recommending reducing sailing lesson hours as well."

Mr. Mastelko said, at most, there will be two or three kids per lesson who will be sailing alone (one per boat). "This will restrict who can sail," Mr. Mastelko admitted. "Most likely, very few beginners can be taught this summer."

"Also, due to the nature of safety with TASTE (totally awesome sailing training experience) programs, instructors can't not be in contact with younger kids, especially in emergency situations. Because of this, we most likely will not teach beginners in TASTE and CANSail 1 courses."

Mr. Mastelko said that sailors with prior experience will be preferred, and there is talk of offering family sailing, since those in the same household can be together under Transport Canada and Sail Canada guidelines.

The cost is \$40 per day. "Most likely we will go for part day teaching, since a whole day with very limited contact is not always fun for kids," Mr. Mastelko said. There is also a possibility that lessons will also only run some days during the week, or by private lessons during evenings or weekends, he added.

"Under no circumstances am I comfortable with having youth wear masks on boats, since there is an even greater risk to their health and safety," Mr. Mastelko continued. "I will be wearing a mask, however, since I am aware of the risk and would rather keep all the members of the community safe."

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change and protect water temperatures from rising changing the thermal regime. It will encourage increased biodiversity amongst invertebrates that provide a food source for brook and rainbow trout. Restoring riparian buffers will help filter runoff before it enters the stream; stabilize banks; reduce soil erosion and sedimentation; trap and absorb excessive nutrients and other pollutants which will reduce algal blooms; slow and absorb floodwaters and rainwater runoff and help with preventing potentially damaging floods."

This is the second year of a two-year effort on Grimesthorpe Creek. "In year one, approximately 800 meters of livestock restricting fencing was installed, 1,019 trees and shrubs were planted to reduce nutrient loading as well as coir matting and seeding were installed at each of these sites to reduce erosion and stabilize banks," said Ms. Deschenes. "We also installed 14 root wads and a low water crossing/watering area was created to allow equipment/livestock to cross the creek to allow continued farming practices (i.e. crop production or rotational grazing) and reduce the impact of livestock watering throughout the entire reach of the cold-water creek."

The plans for year two included the aforementioned now-planted 2,730 trees and shrubs in the riparian area to stabilize the remaining portion of the reach to provide shade and reduce water temperatures; reduce nutrient loading from grazing livestock, and provide habitat for wildlife and species at risk. "Once we enter the in-water working period spawning gravel will be added to the creek," said Ms. Deschenes. "In 2020, 2,100 trees and shrubs were ordered through Har-Cor Greenhouse and 300 trees and 330 shrubs from the Manitoulin Streams nursery in Providence Bay. We wanted to support a local business," stressed Ms. Deschenes.

Species included in the planting were diverse, includ-




Teams worked tirelessly to plant 2,730 trees and shrubs in the riparian zone of Grimesthorpe Creek during the year two project. Orders were arranged through Har-Cor Greenhouse and the Manitoulin Streams nursery in Providence Bay.

ing elderberry, chokecherry, nanny berry, black alder, speckled alder, flowering raspberry, service berry, dogwood, beaker hazel, common ninebark, eastern hemlock, balsam fir, eastern white cedar, balsam, tamarack, birch, white spruce, red maple and red oak, to name the lot.

"The only problem we had encountered was that the

trucking company delivering the trees was delayed due to technical issues and showed up at 9 pm," said Ms. Deschenes, "which at that point we had to off load the trees for about an hour-and-a-half by hand. Thankfully, Paul Dawson of Dawson Farms was able to remove the last crates off the transport with his tractor. Besides a couple of curious cows that would grab our empty pots and run off with them, for the most part we had great weather, with only one rainy day and no bugs."


"A huge thank you goes out to Dawson Farms for partnering with us and the funders for this project that included the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry-Canada Ontario Agreement Fund (COA), the Government of Canada through Environment and Climate Change Canada-Eco-Action, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH Zone D), Takla Foundation, Echo Foundation, Patagonia and those that have donated to Manitoulin Streams," said Ms. Deschenes. "Without the support of these and so many other small individual donations our work would not be possible."



Manitoulin Secondary School


PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Cortes
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



LUCAS WRIGHT

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Lucas Wright is one MSS athlete who has many opportunities to demonstrate his athletic abilities. Lucas is a Grade 9 student who enjoys playing hockey and golf, and also reffing in his spare time.


Playing sports is something Lucas has been doing since he was young. While he attended C. C. McLean Public School, he participated in volleyball, basketball, baseball, soccer, flag football and track and field. He also started playing hockey when he was five with the Gore Bay Bruins. He played for them until first year Peewee, then second year Peewee he started playing for the Manitoulin Panthers. In his Grade 9 year, Lucas was on the Panthers team again for his 3rd year in a row, and he and his team were able to win the Bev McIvor Bantam Division II Championship. In his time at MSS he has played on the basketball team and volleyball team. In volleyball, they came second at NSSSA.

Throughout his sports season, Lucas is constantly working hard to keep improving, and to also be there for his teammates. While he is a team player, he is also still able to keep a competitive mindset to maintain his best efforts for himself and the people he trains alongside with. The reason why Lucas' favourite sport is hockey is because it's a team sport. He enjoys playing sports in general because they keep him active and he is able to make new friends playing them.

In school, Lucas' favourite subject is math. When classes and sports start up again in the fall, he is looking forward to being on the volleyball and basketball teams again, playing hockey and also golf. One of the people who inspire Lucas is his grandpa because he was also very athletic.


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...Island students reflect on virtual education during the COVID-19 pandemic and the ins and outs of the process

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 sity student is associated with holidays, it was hard for him to get into the right mindset to do work. It is no surprise that being on Manitoulin comes with extra distractions, since Island activities seem like the better alternative to staring at

a screen for hours.
 April Torkopoulos of Gore Bay, a French student studying at the University of Guelph, shared the same struggles and advised future university students, “when you get work online from your professor, check it right away because when you leave it for later, it just

never happens and you might fall behind.”
 Leaving university mid-semester left students missing the activities they enjoyed and grew a passion for. Mr. Redmond said that one of the things he misses the most about university is intramural hockey, which served as an enjoyable

activity and an opportunity to meet new people.
 Ms. Torkopoulos expressed that she also is missing such activities which for her included theatre and charity work. She also added that leaving mid-semester meant leaving during exams which was especially tough since she usually utilizes the space and resources provided by the library on campus to help her study.

starting university online next year. Ms. Smith also mentioned that having to navigate science labs virtually poses a different challenge as you are missing out on acquiring the practical skills.

When asked about the benefits of online learning, Ms. Smith praised the flexibility that accompanies the experience saying, “Online learning has been nice because I have more time to do things. I find that I can multitask, so if a class is easy or unimportant I can get other work done at that time.”

Other Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) students are finding a silver lining in this experience as well. Rachel Sheppard of

Mindemoya, a future engineering student at Western University, shared how she is staying motivated. “I tell myself ‘I need to learn this, this is valuable for my education’ and I use that to keep me motivated to still do my class work even though my mark cannot drop.”

Ms. Sheppard added that she misses being able to help her friends with assignments and ask her teachers questions in person which helps enhance her learning.

Even though the uncertainty of next year is stressful for 2020 graduates, MSS students are keeping a positive outlook and trying to make the best out of this experience.

...homeless shelters now available in Little Current, Manitowaning

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 initiative.
 “The SSRF can be used for a broad range of social services to support vulnerable people while promoting social distancing and self-isolation,” Ms. Stewart said.

“In the homeless service system, funding provided under the SSRF would follow CHPI guidelines and could be used towards initiatives that could include building homeless shelter capacity (but not including capital expenditures), use of motels or hotels, housing allowances, transportation costs, food and supplies, enhanced cleaning services, non-medical staffing requirements such as enhanced outreach services, and protective equipment,” she said.

Funding may also be used in community housing and supportive housing to assist with housing costs for in-situ tenants, protective equipment and the provision of food and supplies

for households in quarantine and/or isolation.

To date, the DSB has committed to spending \$531,189 with \$146,840 for emergency shelter solutions which include shelters and motel/hotel stays; \$336,349 for service and supports (food securities, cleaning, PPE, transportation); and \$48,000 for homelessness prevention, though rent banks, emergency financial assistance and utility banks, said Ms. Stewart.

The DSB has organized food supply to be delivered from Sudbury Food Bank to MFR’s food bank to ensure adequate food supply for those in need. “MFR was already doing this and we just assisted with the initiative,” said Ms. Stewart. The food banks are also being provided with funding for transportation and accommodations if they require help with the homeless population.

Ms. Stewart noted that the DSB has assisted First

Nations individuals who have leased land and could not return home due to the First Nations Emergency Order restrictions, and has partnered with various agencies including Noojmowin Teg Health Centre and CMHA to help ensure that the First Nations population as well as DSB tenants are provided adequate food supply.

“We have two transitional community support workers who are contacting all DSB tenants to ensure that if they need any supports, that those supports are available to them,” she added. “Part of this initiative was to create food baskets and to deliver one to each tenant unit to ensure everyone is cared for during this time.”

She added, “We have a great working relationship with our partner organizations like MFR. Marnie (Hall, executive director) is great to work with. Without partnerships such as these, this wouldn’t be possible.”

...Chi-Cheemaun to run three daily return trips through summer

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 Baymouth departure times are 11 am, 3pm and 7 pm. (In normal years, there are four round-trips during the summer season.)

All passengers with reservations made for the period June 27 through September 14 will be contacted by OSTC reservations staff and rebooked for a new departure time.

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Ms. Cashman said that she and her partner didn’t intend on being cycle-focused, but said it was more of a happy accident—one they’re pleased

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Twin Peaks Bed and Breakfast will be open for business on July 1, operating at half-capacity during the pandemic.

For a full list of 2020 winners visit OntarioByBike.ca/2020awardwinners. For more information about Twin Peaks Bed and Breakfast visit TwinPeaksBedAndBreakfast.com.

...Sixties Scoop payment order before Ont. Superior Court

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“We recognize the huge emotional toll this process and delay has had on applicants,” said Doug Lennox of Klein Lawyers in the release. “Under these circumstances, the fair and necessary thing to do was to make sure no one’s application is denied while we’re still in this period of uncertainty.”

Mr. Lennox represents one of the four law firms that helped negotiate the settlement and that provides ongoing counsel to class members. “Because of this decision, it will take a little longer to determine the total number of eligible applications and, therefore, the final individual payment amount that each person will ultimately receive,” he said. “Class members deserve and are owed justice. The interim payment is about keeping that process of justice moving. It’s the right thing to do.”

Meanwhile, approvals are still taking place.

For the thousands of applicants still awaiting a decision on their application, Mr. Lennox said he acknowledges their understandable anxiety and frustration. “We know this has been very hard on people. We want applicants to know that, while the administrator is not denying any claims right now, they are still doing the work to approve them. Those efforts may be more difficult because of the pandemic, but they are happening.”

Sixties Scoop survivor Patrick Madahbee, a former chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning and past Anishinabek Nation Regional Grand Council Chief, said that while he has not yet applied for the payment himself and isn’t following events as closely as he did while he was in office, he does have personal experience of the trauma and dislocation caused by the ‘60s Scoop in the way it tore his own family apart.

“The federal government has been terribly slow,” he said, noting that this is nothing new and follows a pattern he has seen in his decades of service to Anishinabek communities. “Some of the delays are more blatant, but they are generally talking out of both sides of their mouths. They should be making settlements. It’s

frustrating for people.”

“I am the oldest of nine children,” said Mr. Madahbee. “We got scattered to the four winds. I even went to high school with my own brother and we never knew each other.”

Mr. Madahbee credits one of his sisters with tracking down all the family members and making connections, but he notes that without the lifelong connections that come from interactions with family members, the disconnection continues to the present day.

While circumstances may have torn families apart during the period of the ‘60s Scoop, the policies of the agencies acting on the government’s behalf not only did nothing to repair the damage, they actually made things much worse. While the settlement cannot repair the damage that has been done, it could and will act as closure for many of those children, now adults, who were impacted by those damaging policies of removal and separation.

Individuals whose applications are approved in the weeks and months ahead will receive the interim payment of \$21,000 on an ongoing basis, according to Mr. Lennox. Those cheques are already being mailed.

He noted that the pause on application denials and timelines is a critical opportunity for applicants who received a Notice of Intent to Reject letter from the administrator dated in either February or March of 2020. Mr.

Lennox advises those individuals to “please get in touch with class counsel. We can review your claim and offer guidance that may help you demonstrate your eligibility. We are here to give you the support you are owed.”

Applicants have the right to legal counsel from the four law firms involved in the settlement. These services are paid for by the settlement and can be accessed by class members at no additional cost to them.

As for the next steps, the administrator is closely monitoring provincial public health updates and is in discussion with Indigenous partners to determine a threshold for when it will be safe and fair to reinstate timelines for incomplete applications and resume the process of issuing denials, where appropriate.

Mr. Lennox said he understands that many applicants are wondering when a second and final payment will be able to be made to those found eligible. “All the parties will return to court at a later date to seek an order that will answer that question,” he explains.

Mr. Lennox went on to say that he hopes the June 1 announcement will offer a glimmer of optimism for applicants. “Making your claim—that was a tremendous step on this long and difficult journey. I honour the strength of every person who is going through this process. We are fully

committed to keeping you as informed as possible through this uncertain time. We are grateful for your patience.”

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Business assistance funds are flying out the door at LAMBAC

by Michael Erskine
GORE BAY—LAMBAC, the community futures development corporation for the Manitoulin and LaCloche regions, has been burning the midnight oil, almost literally, to get business assistance funding into the hands of businesses in need thanks to funding that has flowed through the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) from the federal government.

The LAMBAC staff, like many organizations during the pandemic, are working almost entirely from home. A factor that has had unexpected benefits for applicants.

“Before we worked basic office hours,” said executive director Mike Addison. “Now, working from home, when I go past my computer and see an email has come in I often sit down and start going through them.” That and the lack of those distractions common to most offices seems to have upped the productivity of all the staff. “It might be my imagination, but we seem to be getting more done,” he laughed.

This has contributed to a quick turnaround for many of the applications coming in. “We have been getting most of them completed within a few weeks,” said Mr. Addison. Contributing to the fast turnover is that the LAMBAC board is now meeting once a week, rather than the previous monthly process.

Changes in some of the rules and better communications on the part of governments have also helped to smooth out the process, which was somewhat frustrating for businesses in the early days of the pandemic restrictions.

Part of the confusion in those communications

came from the inherent lag common to large corporations as it was the major banks who were handling much of the loan applications.

The Business Development Corporation received some \$10 billion in funding, but it was five weeks later before the good news arrived in the LAMBAC coffers.

Businesses that have been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible for up to a \$40,000 loan, with up to 25 percent forgiveness if the loan is repaid within the two-year timeframe set by the regulations. Those businesses that have already received one of the loans through a major bank can also now apply for an additional \$40,000, although without the 25 percent forgiveness portion. Still, the loans are coming out at zero percent interest and zero percent payment over the first two years.

As part of the business support load program, \$25 million has been provided for Northern Ontario Community Futures Development Corporations such as LAMBAC, noted Mr. Addison, roughly \$1 million allocated to each CFDC. “We can provide loans up to \$40,000 for businesses to make it through,” said Mr. Addison, but there is a caveat. “The problem is if every business asks for the limit of \$40,000, we will only be able to help 22 clients. We have 100 clients that we work with currently. We are hoping businesses will ask for only what they need; we are hoping they are looking for \$15,000 in funding—that will allow us to help more businesses.”

Mr. Addison noted that there is also the Northern Ontario Women (NOW)

program available to help support female entrepreneurs, and which is gathering women entrepreneurs across the region into its fold with a new round of funding available.

With only 16 percent of Canadian businesses owned/led by women, the Government of Canada has recognized that advancing women’s economic participation in the economy is good for the country’s bottom line and has set the goal of doubling the number of women-owned/women-led businesses by 2025. To that end, the NOW program is aimed at increasing access to business development supports throughout the Northern Ontario region.

The NOW program seeks to enable female entrepreneurs to access professional services they would typically not be able to afford on their own, to access experts in the transportation sector, provide access to consultants who can assist female entrepreneurs in operating more efficient businesses/realizing cost-saving measures, to educate female entrepreneurs with regards to the regulatory requirements involved in exporting goods and to provide female entrepreneurs with the opportunity to attend, free of charge, workshops hosted by their local CFDC.

If there were words of advice Mr. Addison would impart to business owners it would be “do your due diligence. Before calling LAMBAC, ask yourself ‘what have I done for myself?’” he said. “Have you reached out to your creditors, your suppliers, your bank, your landlord and your municipality to negotiate terms or defer

payments?” If those actions have been taken, “it makes it more attractive to help,” he said. “We have had businesses call for assistance who could have had curbside deliveries, for instance. They haven’t looked into their options—don’t be like those businesses.”

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Into the Woods: Woodblock Printing & Forest Bathing

Aug 7, 8, 9 with Sarah Earley

Find inspiration in nature while experiencing the mindful Japanese practice of forest bathing. On our walks we will gather plants to create natural dyes to colour and add natural markings to your woodblock prints. Woodblock printing is an ancient process that has been employed by artists around the world for more than a 1000 years. Participants will learn about the required materials and tools, how to safely and effectively use them to cut an image into the woodblock, while creating their own set of beautiful woodblock prints. All levels.

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...Public health discourages yard sales

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health inspector). “There is nothing prohibiting yard sales; however, if someone does go ahead with one it must fall into line with the provincial restrictions on no more than 10 people gathering and physical distancing of two metres should be maintained. If two metres isn’t practical then masks should be used. It is important that

people keep aware of the provincial orders.”

Ms. Derocchis stressed that all measures be maintained, including physical distancing and maintaining proper hygiene. “Use a non-medical mask when you are unable to maintain distance and wash your hands,” she stressed.

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These cedar logs and upper canopy will form the surrounding area through which the steel frame will extend skyward, at the main entrance at the east side of the school.

MSS to host steel flame sculpture made by artists OneKWE, Kwest

by Warren Schlote

M'CHIGEENG—When the 50th anniversary celebrations at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) culminate in the conclusion of the major renovation project at the school, students, staff and community members alike will be treated to a striking new addition—a 16-foot steel flame to represent the Anishinaabe Seven Fires Prophecy made by M'Chigeeng sculptor OneKWE and graffiti and sculptural artist Kwest.

“It’s good to show that when you’re in high school, you never know what you’re going to do a couple of years down the road. To have this opportunity to show that I’m a Mustang and now a collaborator, it will be an inspiring piece for those who might want to go into the trades,” said M’Chigeeng’s Kathryn Corbiere, who has formed the artisanal metalwork brand OneKWE.

Ms. Corbiere first met Kwest four years ago in Kagawong as part of the 4elements Living Arts Elemental Festival, when theirs were among several sculptures installed on the Billings Connection Trail. They formed a friendship and later collaborated in Sudbury’s Up Here Festival last summer. This is the second project they have worked on together.

The artists began to host discussions of what they wanted the sculpture to entail in collaboration with elder Josh Eshkawkogan, the student council at MSS

and the school’s Three Fires Confederacy.

“We knew we wanted to do some sort of flame; it’s a powerful piece when you walk in the school. We’ve been working with them to get feedback, to see if they felt they could relate to the sculpture and what their feelings were toward the concept. They all seemed pretty on board with it,” said Ms. Corbiere.

Near the main (east) entrance of MSS, seven cedar posts are in place with a metal frame at their top to form a canopy. The massive flame will rise in the centre.

“It is a sculpture that depicts the new generation. We are in the Eighth Fire of the Seven Prophecies. Only when the races of mankind can work together can peace be restored to the Earth,” said Mr. Eshkawkogan.

The concept and design phases are now complete and they have technical drawings from engineers to help guide the construction. However, the fabrication process has yet to begin because it will be done at Ms. Corbiere’s on-Island workshop and Kwest resides in Toronto, especially far away given the province-wide urges to stay at one’s home.

“We hope we can get it done soon, whenever (Kwest) has time to come up for a couple of weeks, hopefully in July,” said Ms. Corbiere.

She added that the piece will be striking when it

finally goes up and she hopes it helps to engage the whole Island community.

“Public art is really starting to come up, with the trail in Kagawong and the Elemental Festival and all over the Island. To have a piece here at the high school that targets young adults really means a lot,” said Ms. Corbiere.

“The students, staff and Rainbow District School Board, along with the consultants, have united to create beauty and integrate culture into a place of learning for both Natives and non-Natives,” added Mr. Eshkawkogan.

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Island First Nations reassess community COVID-19 safety restrictions

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Although M'Chigeeng and Wiikwemkoong have each reduced the extent of their community travel restrictions as of last week, other Island First Nations are generally holding strong on the measures they have taken to protect their communities.

"We're going to be keeping our restrictions the same. Our main goal here was, because there are no cases, to try to keep traffic down after dark. And we're small enough where I think if someone did catch it, we would be able to cater to them," said Sheguiandah First Nation Ogimaa Andrew Aguonie.

He added that his community had undertaken testing on some of its citizens and all have come back negative.

That First Nation, like Whitefish River First Nation and Aundeck Omni Kaning, has opted to block traffic on its sideroads rather than checking in with all cars that pass through the community on the provincial highway. A representative of Whitefish River First Nation did not respond to requests for comment by press time Monday regarding whether its restrictions would remain in place as-is.

Aundeck Omni Kaning Ogimaa-kwe Patsy Corbiere told The Expositor that restrictions would be the same for the time being, but the First Nation was having discussions this past Monday night about possibly opening parts of the com-

munity such as its park and Endaa-aang Tourism Cabin and Teepee Rentals.

The outcome of those discussions came after press deadline Monday.

Wiikwemkoong faces a challenge in restricting sideroad traffic because of its massive size and high number of sideroads off the main Wikwemikong Way. Ogimaa Duke Peltier told The Expositor that the community will be watching the situation closely as it moves away from its non-essential travel ban and urges everyone to maintain safety precautions and stay as close to home as possible.

For the time being, the checkpoint is not operating but if the risk level increases, Wiikwemkoong will revert to its previous approach to ensure the community stays safe.

In Zhiibaahaasing, a community meeting this past Friday morning revealed community sentiment that the restrictions at its entrance should remain in place, said Bobbisue Kells-Riberdy, a councillor of the First Nation.

Sheshegwaning's travel restrictions at its entrance are also set to remain in place, Ogimaa Dean Roy told The Expositor Monday, following a community meeting to discuss what safety measures the First Nation should continue.

Sheshegwaning members operate within a 'safe zone' that was expanded Monday, meaning they can now travel throughout Manitoulin and Sudbury Districts with-

out needing band permission. The community will reconvene on June 29 to consider whether or not it should repeal its emergency declaration.

M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige did not respond to requests for comment by press time Monday. Signs are up on the provincial highways in the area of M'Chigeeng warning drivers not to

stop in the First Nation, though several businesses on the main highways—including UCCM Castle Building Supply, Finn's Gas Bar, Paul's Corner Store and Maggie's Café—have opened to off-reserve business.

Maggie's Café will be take-out only with no outdoor seating available for the summer 2020 season.

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MSS principal Jamie Mohamed agreed that the sculpture would be significant for the school community and the Islanders who make use of the school grounds in various ways.

"The whole idea is to

make people think and to provide an inclusive, open culture to the school, one that is representative of the Island population and the population of the student body as well," said Mr. Mohamed. "It's a fantastic

win for the whole Island, a

fantastic opportunity to have these renovations for all the Island to experience."

He added that more artwork and culturally inclusive components would be added to the renovation project in the coming months and invited this newspaper to tour the space in late summer to see the progress that has been made.



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Little Current BIA, Northeast Town, get downtown business ready

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—The Little Current Business Improvement Area (BIA), with assistance from the Northeast Town, is open for business, albeit differently this summer, and are asking for residents and visitors alike to head downtown for some shopping and food.

“We’re here—we’ve survived this, and we’re planning on staying here, as long as we’ve got your support,” Shannon Cranston, owner of Loco Beanz in Little Current, put it plainly in a Friday interview. Friday marked the official launch of stage two reopening in this province, allowing for many more businesses in the province to open beyond just curbside pickup.

“The only way we’re going to continue to be here is with the sustained support of everyone,” Ms. Cranston added.

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin hosted a Zoom meeting with interested BIA members on June 8, asking how the municipality could help give the businesses a boost. The downtown business community shared that a waiving of the sidewalk rental fees for things like patios and bistro sets would be appreciated, as would an increase in outside seating areas throughout the main street as many eateries have lost a significant amount of serviceable area while not being allowed to serve food indoors at present time.

At the June 9 meeting of



Greg Batman and Paul Abbott were some of the first customers to enjoy the Anchor Bar and Grill's patio following the easing of restrictions Friday.

council, council approved the waiving of sidewalk fees and allowed for an increase in picnic tables in Soldier's Park and new ones at Expositor Square. The municipality has also ordered three hand-washing stations that will be placed downtown and has opened some of its public washrooms.

The Expositor Office created an ‘open for business’ graphic for use on social media for the downtown merchants and launched it Friday. By Monday it had reached over 5,500 people, according to Kendra Edwards of The Expositor's creative team who designed the artwork.

Ms. Cranston explained that a number of bistro sets have been ordered through the BIA.

The Anchor Bar and Grill won't be putting its patio deck up this year, but instead has six picnic tables

with umbrellas that run along the Worthington Sidewalk, cordoned off with fencing supplied by the town. A few tables also complement the Anchor's outdoor seating area on its Water Street side. And yes, spirits can be served outside.

“It's been long, stressful, draining, but (last) Monday's announcement was good news,” said Denise Callaghan, who owns the Anchor Bar and Grill alongside husband Chris.

Ms. Callaghan asked those visiting the Anchor and downtown businesses to be patient as everyone learns to adapt to a new way of operating and be mindful of physical distancing practices.

“We have to follow new rules,” she continued, giving the example of larger parties of people who come to dine not being able to pull tables together as

they once did. “Remember, this is new for us too.”

Ms. Callaghan said there are many things that she and her staff need to think about, too. “I tell my staff that if someone orders hot sauce and they bring them the bottle, that bottle will need to be sanitized. Instead, they need to remember to use portion cups.”

Mayor MacNevin hosted another Zoom meeting this past Monday open to all members of the municipality's business community.

Mayor MacNevin said many of those businesspeople on the call queried as to

why the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) electronic sign calling on people to stay home and limiting travel to non-essential needs remains, this while the Chi-Cheemaun is servicing all travellers. Mayor MacNevin said he would be speaking with the MTO about the sign.

The non-downtown businesses also asked if some municipal picnic tables could also be spared for their use. The mayor explained that picnic tables will be supplied to the green area that borders 3 Cows and a Cone and the Manitoulin Hotel and Confer-

ence Centre.

A handout, also created at The Expositor Office by Ms. Edwards, a co-operative effort with the Northeast Town's economic development officer Heidi Ferguson, to include all available public washrooms and outdoor seating areas, is in the works and will be given to all the businesses for distribution.

Both Ms. Callaghan and Ms. Cranston acknowledged the efforts of their fellow BIA members as well as the Northeast Town.

“Everyone has been working together and is

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Island communities see increased food security thanks to ‘rescued’ supplies

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—A hardy group of Island social workers stepped away from their computer keyboards and left their telephones behind to join their colleagues at the Little Current United Church Hall to slug some 42,000 pounds of rescued food and hygienic supplies into trucks for distribution to 16 Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities across Manitoulin.

“Originally, the food diversion program focussed on our community partners, seven First Nations, four municipal areas and one organization (Manitoulin Family Resources),” explained Noojmowin Teg’s Kristin Bickell, project manager with Local Food Manitoulin and the Child Poverty Task Force. “It has taken a lot of co-ordination to organize this Island-wide,” she said. “We are very fortunate to have an experienced core team.”

Normally, a large component of volunteers would have been on hand to assist with the work of dividing up and distributing the food and other supplies, but restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic have cut those folks out of the mix. “It has really been a challenge without our volunteers,” admitted Ms. Bickell. “Our volunteers have been at this for quite some time now and they have a lot of experience in this work.”

The Noojmowin Teg team was able to fill in the gaps by putting out a request to the many organizations with which they have and continue to partner with, and each supplied a number of willing hands to help make short work of the endeavour.

“Cody Leeson has taken on the co-ordination of the project and he has really risen to the challenge,” said Ms. Bickell.

Mr. Leeson is the child nutrition co-ordinator at Noojmowin Teg Health Centre and his work normally encompasses more presentations and workshops than organizing willing hands and food distribution, but he said he has really enjoyed the change.

“This opportunity came about due to Noojmowin Teg



The Little Current United Church is a hive of activity as workers and volunteers haul 42,000 of rescued food and hygienic supplies and ready them for distribution.

photo by Cody Leeson

Health Centre’s involvement in redistributing the Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program,” shared Mr. Leeson. That program was centred on the school system and Nooj took over the role when the schools closed. “During a phone call with Alex Boulet of Social Planning Council Sudbury we had discussed the need for more programs like this to continue, as the access to food, ideally, shouldn’t be as challenging as it sometimes is. We were introduced to contacts at Second Harvest via Dr. Joseph Leblanc of NOSM (Northern Ontario School of Medicine), which afforded us access to their rescued foods.”

Rescued foods?

Mr. Leeson explained that rescued foods are those foods that are produced in excess of what the country’s food distribution system actually needs. Most of those foods would be destined for the landfill if not diverted into programs like those of Second Harvest.

“Second Harvest is Canada’s largest food rescue charity with a dual mission of environmental protection and hunger relief,” he quotes from that organization. “Through direct delivery and their online platform FoodRescue.ca, Second Harvest is able to recover nutritious, unsold food from more than 1,200 donors and redistribute it to a broad network of 1,080 social service organizations in Ontario and BC. Second Harvest’s free, essential service helps nourish people through school programs, seniors’ centres, shelters, food banks and regional food hubs. In 35 years, Second Harvest has rescued over 155 million pounds of healthy food, keeping it out of landfills and preventing 192 million pounds of greenhouse gases from entering our atmosphere.”

Thanks to organizations like these, Noojmowin Teg has managed to distribute more than 100,000 pounds of food over the course of the program’s run. “It has helped us to

fill a definite need that exists in communities all across the Island,” said Mr. Leeson.

While being bereft of the volunteer contingent presented a significant challenge to the effort, Mr. Leeson noted that there was a decidedly beneficial educational component for many of the organization’s partners who stepped up to provide the sweat equity. “They got a first-hand opportunity to see the scale of the need that is out there and a better understanding of the work that goes into this,” he said.

Mr. Leeson requested a shout out to Mike Wilding at Boarderline and Tammy and Chris Laidley of Laidley’s Stationery for use of their carts, Rob Maguire of Terrastar for use of his pallet jack and Andrew Orr of Orr’s Valumart for his time and use of his forklift in shifting the massive pallets of food and hygiene products out of the transport trucks and around and about the church parking lot.

“In the future we hope to be able to continue the partnership and access refrigerated/frozen goods and again redistribute it through our network of community partners,” said Mr. Leeson. “There are currently no plans set for this as the logistics for refrigerated goods, including the freight and immediate redistribution are more complex.”

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really helpful,” Ms. Callaghan added.

“We need to support each other,” Ms. Callaghan continued. “Shop local, have a staycation.”

“Thanks to everyone in advance for being supportive,” Ms. Cranston said. “And please don’t be afraid to come out. We’re all trying to make this a safe and welcoming space. Please come and see us!”

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Islanders show solidarity in peaceful walk to fight for social justice

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

KAGAWONG—A shared passion for social justice and the eruption of emotion following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis led Reverend Janice Frame and Sandy Cook to organize a peaceful walk in solidarity. The Sunday, June 14 walk drew at least 50 supporters to the Aus Hunt Marina in Kagawong, where the walk began. People carried signs containing positive messages and used noisemakers to enthusiastically show their support. COVID-19 guidelines of physical distancing and wearing face masks were followed.

“People of colour—Indigenous and immigrant—must be assured of the equal rights and opportunities they have been denied in the past,” Reverend Frame said in a press release. “This will require a fundamental shift in the structures and systems that now frame our country. Making that shift will require the voice, support and activism of all Canadians.”

“Sandy and I both recognize the existence of deeply embedded racism in Canada and the ramifications of that system,” said Reverend Frame. “The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the eruption of emotion that is spilling into Canada and across the world is revealing what so many of us have denied is already there. We felt now was the time to acknowledge what exists within our own country and to shine a light on it with the hope that it will increase awareness and the need for things to change. Racism has had, and continues to have, such a negative impact on our country for Black, Indigenous and people of colour (BIPOC) and that really needs to be corrected.”

On Manitoulin Island the issue has been brought forth by the pandemic, said Reverend Frame, and revealed serious cracks. “One of the biggest cracks is the cracks of denial,” she said. “These issues that we’ve managed to mask or ignore suddenly have become big and in our face. Just because we may not have the overt violence that we see in the United States that’s not to say that we don’t have the same problems. We’re just not responding in the same way. Because people are extra sensitive to what is happening in the world, I think now is the time to really bring it to the fore and continue the conversation.”



The Walk for Change held Sunday, June 14 in Kagawong brought over 50 supporters to speak out against systemic racism in Canada.

Reverend frame is the United Church minister on the West End of the Island. In her line of work racism is something she has thought about and talked about often but it was the people in her congregations who heard her speak on the topic. “It just made sense to take what I was talking about and what Sandy has felt forever and to combine our efforts and make Kagawong (Sandy’s community) the place for our walk,” she said.

“It’s just something we needed to do. We couldn’t sit back and let Halifax and Toronto and Montreal and Ottawa do all the work. They can’t speak for us; we need to speak for ourselves and this is our attempt to do that.”

As supporters gathered at the marina, Reverend Frame stood in the back of a pickup truck for attention and offered a few words. “As a White person, I realize that mine is a place of privilege, a place of safety, a place far removed from the direct impact of racism. What is needed right now is for me to step back a bit and to not talk but to listen. To listen to those who understand what systemic racism is all about because they live under its shadow every day.”

She shared an open letter to Canadians from Ontario Regional Chief RoseAnne Archibald, who represents 133 First Nations communities across Ontario. “On June 8, Chief Archibald released an open letter to Canadians, an open letter entitled ‘Canada must commit to action against systemic racism. And through this letter’ Chief Archibald speaks up,” she said.

Chief Archibald’s letter began, “We stand on the precipice of change. We are looking down an untrav-

elled path that will lead us from the darkness of hate and racism into the light of a loving, caring and just society. Will we finally have the courage to walk together and say ‘enough is enough’ After this immediate crisis is over, we must commit and follow through with the needed action so that it never happens again. This is the work required by all people in Canada.”

Chief Archibald named George Floyd, Regis Korchinski-Paquet and Chantel Moore as “representative of tragic outcomes attributed to systemic racism.”

Canada is in the midst of an identity problem, Chief Archibald wrote. “To the rest of the world, Canada is one of the most peaceful, progressive, inclusive societies in the world. It is a society that the rest of the world envies. But the reality is systemic racism runs rampant and is deeply rooted in Canadian society.”

She asked Canadians to be aware of how racism surrounds them and to make a personal commitment to “change the narrative by listening, challenging racism, educating yourself and sharing your power, space and platforms. Call upon your leaders to include the true history of how this country was founded. Include in the curriculum the past injustices inflicted upon BIPOC. Include the racist acts and pieces of legislation that helped to oppress BIPOC and continues to feed the colonial state allowing only a select few to benefit. This is a moment to learn,” she wrote.

“This pandemic has reminded us of our shared humanity,” the letter continued. “As the world experienced lockdowns, the

photos by Lori Thompson

majority of us stayed home and expressed a collective concern for our fellow humans’ health and well-being. Perhaps for the first time in our modern human experience, we understood we are truly in this together. As such, it was especially shattering to watch a fellow



Organizer Reverend Janice Frame rallies supporters with words from Ontario Regional Chief RoseAnne Archibald.

human killed when we were all working toward preserving health and saving lives. George Floyd became ‘everyman,’ who was experiencing real anguish, and when he cried out for his mother, we all understood.”

“It is essential to harness our collective compassion to create a more just society

and root ourselves in a deep and abiding love and care for one another,” the letter concluded. “I’ll do my part. What about you?”

“Chief Archibald asks us to be aware of how racism lives and moves and looks in everything around us,” said Reverend Frame. “All too

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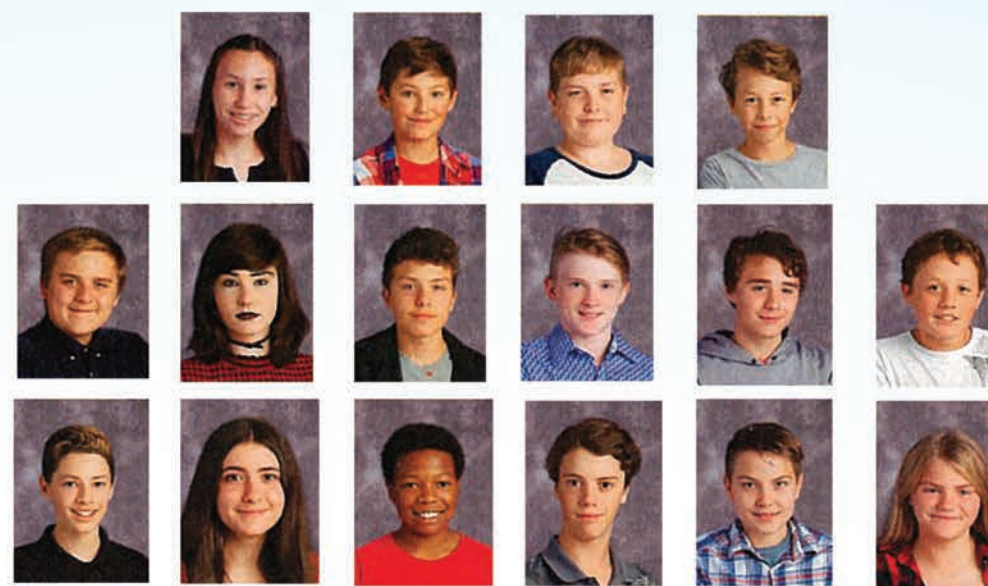
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The graduating Grade 8 class of Central Manitoulin Public School Front row: Naomi Hill, Ava Assinewei, Aiden Case, Landen Smith, Chase Becks, Brayden Phelps. Middle Row: Justin Smith, Annie Balfe, Neveah Harper, Zack Bond, Jordan Graham. Back Row: Austin Recollet, Alston Lentir, Brianna Moore-McMurray, Cameron Leeson. Missing: Yashua Marsland and Jeremy Olivier

Charles C. McLean Public School



The Graduating Grade 8 Class Of Charles C. McLean Public School Front Row: Abby Hawke, Avery Nodecker, Blaec Quinlan, Eli Lock. Middle Row: Ethan Wadge, Helena Pagelo, Hugh McLaughlin, Jaydan Hayden, Kaleb Austin, Kowan Orford. Bottom Row: Liam Cunningham, Mackenzie Axford, Malachi Joseph, Oraland Carter O'Hearn, Patrick McCann, Taylor Bell.

Assiginack Public School



The Graduating Class of Assiginack Public School. Top Row: Alexis MacDonald, Ayla Closs, Brodie Harasym. Middle Row: Brodie Pennie, Brooke Gibeault, Emily Roque. Bottom Row: Jeffrey Fournier, Mathis Bredin

Lakeview School



Lakeview Graduating Class Photo taken while helping Manitoulin Streams. Back row left to right Phoenix McGregor(Staff, Lakeview School), Tessa Paul, Cameron Johns, Rylee Purcer, Ethan Armstrong, Adrian Debassige, Ashton Fogal, Maria Diebolt(Manitoulin Streams), Maddie Wagar(Manitoulin Streams) Front row left to right Destiny Migwans, Davin Wassegijig, Zhaabdiis Cooper-Corbiere, Sarah Seabrook(M'Chigeeng Health Centre), Connie Freeman(Teacher, Lakeview School), Maren Kasunich, Sue Meert(Manitoulin Streams), Lucy Joshua-Mathews, Madison Panamick. Missing: Jacob Panamick-Taibossigai, Eria Panamick-Kastoff

Little Current Public School



The Graduating Grade 8 Class Of Little Current Public School. Top Row: Dale Belanger, Lochlan Buck-Orr, Kyra Carpenter, Divine Commanda, Ella Corbiere, Davin Deschenes, Zeke Diebolt, Saraya Eshkawogon, Mackenzie Green. Middle Row: Morgan Green, T.J. Green, Cole Hughson, Peter Kanasawe, Devin Legg, Colin Lindner, Liberty Mainprize, Riley Maloney, Karlin McGaughey, Aidan McGraw. Bottom Row: Julie Migwans, Nikita Mishibinjima, Aiden Negannejigig, Deatin Redstar, Andrew Rose, Marcus Sandford, Hunter Sellen, John-Michael Taggart, Aalyah Townsend, Connor Ward. Missing: Robbie Bowerman, Hailey Ferguson, Skylar Reckahn

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Wilkwemkoong Pontiac School Graduating Class. Top Row: Keigan Roy-Jacko, Serenity Fox, Arianna Recollet-Johnston, Mason Animikwan, Alex Peltier, Sage Lewis, Samuel Kinoshameg, Madison Giashk, Isabella Manitowabi, Cadence Aibens. Middle Row: Angelene Mandamin, Ash Recollet, Benjamin Pangowish, Blaine Naokwegijig, Corey Roy-Pitawanakwat, Emma Rae Toulouse, Keegan Roy-Jacko, Kordel Elijah, Mercedes Aibens, Noah Trudeau. Bottom Row: Oceanna Omnika-Manitowabi, Shakira Sagssige-Dokum, Tamara Bondy-Naokwegijig, Tryce Francis, Wyatt Wassengesso, Zander Shawanagonabe.

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Cole Hughson holds successful first public showing and sale of artworks

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Fourteen-year-old Cole Hughson is a familiar figure in Little Current thanks to his well received guitar and song appearances during the popular George Williamson and friends open mic night at Little Current's Soldiers' Park and the Little Current United Church, but this past weekend (Saturday, June 13) it was his facility with brush and canvas that was on display as the talented elementary school student held his first art exhibit and show on his grandparents, Lynn and Norma Hughson's, 7 Campbell Street East lawn.

This first art sale speaks volumes for the young artist's future, as the art sale proved to be nothing short of a smashing success, with 14 of the 21 pieces on offer being quickly snapped up with prices ranging from \$85 to \$115 during the three-hour show.

"My grandmother (Norma Hughson) had just come back



Anne Elliott and Cole Hughson display the painting she purchased from the 14-year-old's art show.

from her painting class and there were all these paints left over," offered Cole when asked how he came to take up the brush and

easel. "I thought I might give it a try."

Cole said his first efforts were not all he had hoped for, "I paint-

ed mountains and they were all just a bunch of triangles," he laughed, making a series of regular pointed up and down motions with his hand. But once his muse was unleashed, he kept at it. "I practiced a lot," he said.

Cole credits Bob Ross and 'The Joy of Painting' as one of his greatest influences and the mountainscapes that feature in many of the young artist's works reflect that public television artist's style. The quote 'We don't make mistakes, we make happy accidents,' is featured in the intro to the young artist's Facebook page.

Other influences in Cole's works were found closer to home with rustic houses, fence posts and, of course, Little Current's iconic swing bridge featured on the canvases. Titles of the works on offer included 'Mountain Walkway,' 'The Campfire Song,' 'Sunrise Over the Bridge' and 'Rough Waters,' to name a few.

Casting about for subject matter inspiration, Cole has local

influences as well, noting that one of his works, 'Old Fence Post,' was drawn from a Peter Baumgarten photograph.

Cole is still in elementary school, so his career aspirations are still in flux, but he has begun to cast his eye toward his post secondary school path. "I would like to go to art school, once I have grown up," he smiles.

As Cole deftly collected the monetary tribute coming in from his sales—two paintings sold before the show officially opened—the young artist displayed a poise and confidence that belied his small number of years, chatting comfortably with customers and explaining the influences of each work.

As to what his plans are for the money coming in from his sales, Cole glances towards his grandparents dotting nearby. "First, I am going to pay back for all the art supplies," he said. Then it will be time to buy more.

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Ferguson Cottage Supply Co. has all you need and more for that perfect trip to the camp

by Alicia McCutcheon
SHEGUIANDAH—Many travellers along Highway 6 will likely have noticed the sheds and outbuildings that cropped up at the site of the former Sheguiandah post office over the last year. These Mennonite-made buildings are just one of the many offerings of Ferguson Cottage Supply Co., located in that former post office that was run for many years by the Ferguson family.

Ferguson Cottage Supply Co. is the brainchild of Lee-Anne Ferguson and her husband Jim Jr., who also own and operate Ferguson's Maintenance (whose office is also located there, as is Ms. Ferguson's real estate office as an agent for Bousquet Insurance).

"Jim's family has been in business for generations," Ms. Ferguson tells The Expositor during a tour of the brand new Sheguiandah store. The family always sold docks and water purification equipment, so the couple thought, "why not expand the brand and open a cottage supply store?"

The first brand addition was the eye-catching outbuildings by Old Hickory, a Verner-based company. The buildings are all engineered, with the plans available for purchase for just \$50 to keep municipal building inspectors happy. The buildings can be bought on-site or customized too.

"We put them in the yard last year and they attracted a lot of attention," Ms. Ferguson says, who notes that the plan then came to create a storefront with new and interesting things relating to cottage supply.



Lee-Anne Ferguson stands behind the counter of the newly opened Sheguiandah store Ferguson Cottage Supply Co.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

And then COVID-19 hit. But that didn't stop this enterprising couple, who decided to forge head and open the chic and modern store in the time of pandemic.

Ferguson Cottage Supply Co. continues to carry Whitewater docks, which are welded tube frame floating docks, as well as EZ Dock, a plastic floating dock that "kind of link together like Lego," Ms. Ferguson explains. "They're pretty neat."

"We try to have different brands than what other Islands stores are carrying, and try to think of different ideas too," Ms. Ferguson says.

During a brainstorming session last year, the couple came up with their 'Manitoulin Deer Gear' brand, had a logo designed by the talented Kendra Edwards of Kendra Edwards Design and now all kinds of Manitoulin Deer Gear swag, from hoodies to tanks to tees and more (Ferguson Cottage Supply Co. does heat transfers and etching),



Lee-Anne Ferguson smiles holding up one of the many examples of apparel on offer at the store.

can be purchased at the store.

The store also offers quality clothing that is logo-free too, such as the Wanakome brand which Ms. Ferguson swears by to keep her warm (and stylish) on snowmobiling trips with friends and family.

Ferguson Cottage Supply Co. is also an official dealer of Island Pads inflatable islands, an Ontario company that make 8" thick PVC fabric

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The store also carries authentic Muskoka chairs in every colour imaginable, BruMate and Corksicle insulated cops in all shapes and sizes, Kinsley Armelle bohemian jewellery, Tali-towels, a microfiber antibacterial towel perfect for camping and even the Radiate 'campfire in a can,' with a burn time of five to eight hours—perfect for the no fuss, no muss camper in your life. Ferguson Cottage Supply Co. is also an Island dealer of

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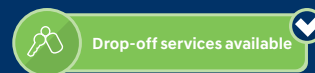
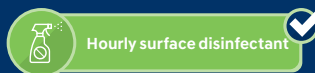
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Ontario court throws out law barring self-induced intoxication as defence for sexual assault: Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC) responds

Once again, a Canadian court challenges the law barring self-induced intoxication as defence for sexual assault. As sexual violence survivor advocates, we at Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC) are both alarmed at the implications of this challenge, and frustrated by the recurrent challenge of this particular law. The unfortunate, and ever-present, ability of the courts to imperil the hard-won rights of sexual violence victims stand out to us as an act of systemic inequity, and must be strongly challenged.

About the law and its impacts

The result of the change to this law is that an accused may now use intoxication as a defence in cases of sexual assault and other violent crimes. For example, an accused may say that they were so intoxicated that they took part in actions or crimes that they did not wish to, or acted in an “automaton” manner due to intoxication.

The existing law was thrown out, with the court criticizing it as not constitutional and saying “It enables the conviction of individuals for acts they do not will”¹. The ruling comes following two separate cases in court in Canada described as “tragic”, in which different men became psychotic on drugs and killed or injured relatives and were subsequently charged. Both men claimed they had no control over what they did, a state called automatism, due to their extreme intoxication².

The challenge of this law has serious impacts for those most impacted by sexual violence in Ontario— women, girls and trans people.

Our criminal justice system’s ability to support sexual violence survivors

The criminal justice system’s ability to support sexual violence survivors is already poor. The realities of sexual assault reporting and our criminal justice system’s effectiveness in holding offenders accountable deter survivors from reporting.

Today, conviction rates for sexual assault remain very low³. This reality de-validates the experiences of survivors. Low convictions also suggest that sexual assault is a rare crime, and shore up victim-blaming myths about complainants. Social misconceptions (“myths”) concerning sexual assault persist, suggesting that innocent men are commonly accused of sexual assault and survivors often lie about it to get revenge, for their own benefit, or because they feel guilty about having sex⁴.

Misconceptions about sexual violence and the use of alcohol or substances tend to shift blame to the victim/survivor, and to minimize perpetrator accountability⁵. The challenge to this law in Ontario is one more thing that will perpetuate this.

The perspectives of those most vulnerable: challenged once again

Research has shown that a person’s alcohol consumption, among other factors, is significantly related to sexually aggressive acts committed. Of interest, other gendered factors such as attitudes of hostile masculinity and the offender’s perceptions of another’s interest in sex, are also at play in these risk factors⁶. While these are all factors that rest solely on the offender, they will become totally invisible in the current legal reality, in which an accused may now use intoxication as a defence in cases of sexual assault and other violent crimes. We worry about the implications of this law on other types of crimes too, such as domestic violence and femicide.

We are incensed by the fact that this particular law has been challenged so many times. Bill C-72: An Act to Amend the Criminal Code was passed in the Legislature of Canada in 1995 in response to the intoxication defence argument, as it was commonly used in sexual assault cases. The purpose of C-72 was to hold those who sexually assault accountable for their actions. Despite this, it has been challenged many times: most recently, now and in 2011.

Like other specifically gendered or raced legal protections – for example, the right to choose abortion, or the land and territory rights of Indigenous people in Canada – it seems that these protections are never permanent, and too often the site of legal challenge by others not representative of these equity-seeking groups.

Social location – sex, race and gender identity - is a real and ongoing reality impacting who is targeted for acts of sexual violence. According to TransPulse, half of all trans persons experience sexual violence. Canadian studies also note that young women from marginalized racial, sexual and socioeconomic groups are more vulnerable to being targeted for sexual harassment and sexual assault⁷. Not only does this affect prevalence, but it is also present in the efficacy of our existing criminal justice system. While the justice system’s ability to address sexual violence is tepid overall, its response to racialized women as sexual assault complainants is decidedly poor⁸.

When enacted in 1995, Bill C-72 aimed to highlight that sexual violence and other forms of gender-based violence are a real and pervasive social problem, affected by the nuances of social inequities. In presenting Bill C-72 to Parliament at that time, then-Justice Minister Allan Rock said:

“the time has come for us to speak directly of such matters and to recognize that women are not equal in this society...[and] one of the symptoms of that inequality is the extent to which they are victims of violence... and alcohol is very much tied up in that, statistically ... and factually and demonstrably... Let’s also acknowledge that inequality is depriving them of the very charter rights contemplated in the sections that are mentioned [in the preamble to Bill C-72]”⁹.

Once again, in 2020, the changes to the intoxication law refer to the rights of the accused only. We are dismayed that those most at risk of facing the impacts of this legal change – those at risk of sexual violence: women, girls and trans persons – do not see their rights given significant consideration in the discussion and decision of this matter.

There’s work to do to uphold the rights of sexual violence survivors

Ontario Court of Appeal decision flies in the face of some of the progress made by the #MeToo movement, and past legal victories protecting survivors.

Here’s what you can do to help in resisting this legal decision.

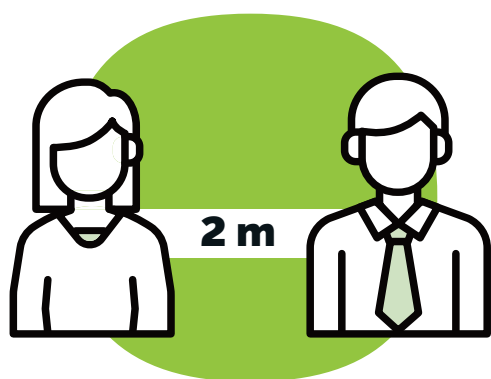
- Join others in urging an appeal. This would mean that a higher court can weigh the impact this decision will have on the lives of survivors of sexual violence
- Add your name to Jill Andrew (MPP for Toronto-St.Paul’s; NDP Culture Critic and the Women’s Issues Critic for the Official Opposition)’s petition, urging the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney-General to appeal the Ontario Court of Appeal’s decision. Visit: www.jillandrewmpp.ca/appeal-the-decision
- Share the petition and this statement in your networks, and on social media
- Talk about this legal ruling with others you know

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Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC) is a network of community-based sexual assault centres in Ontario. Member centres have been supporting survivors of sexual violence and offering prevention education since 1977: services include counselling to survivors of recent and historical sexual violence, accompaniment to hospital, police and court, advocacy and crisis support. If you or someone you know has experienced sexual violence, go to sexualassaultsupport.ca/support/.

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Part I of a series

Maintaining social connections during and post pandemic is good for your health

by **Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**

MANITOULIN—While COVID-19 measures of self-isolation and physical distancing have reduced our overall risk for contracting the virus, limited social connection with others during the pandemic has led to increased feelings of loneliness and anxiety for many, and may be particularly difficult for those who live alone and have limited contact with family, friends and co-workers given the uncertainties and added stressors in our current realities.

More of us were living alone before COVID-19. In March 2019, Statistics Canada released a study on living alone in Canada which found that for the first time, one person households had become the most common type of household in Canada with roughly four million Canadians living alone in 2016, or 28 percent of all households. There are links between living alone and indicators of well-being, such as life satisfaction and self-rated health. Those who lived alone reported lower levels of self-rated health, mental health and satisfaction with life overall than did people who lived with others.

Family relationships, social networks and socioeconomic characteristics were not rated in this study, however, a 2019 Angus Reid Institute poll conducted in partnership with Cardus explored the quality and quantity of human connection within Canadian lives. The poll compared the indexes of loneliness and social isolation and found that 62 percent of Canadians said they would like to spend more time with family and friends while only 14 percent described their social lives as very good. A full 23 percent of Canadians were both lonely and isolated while another 10 percent were lonely but not isolated. People with lower income levels, less education and who are visible minorities were more likely to be very lonely and very isolated; those who are married were more likely to feel connected, suggesting that living with a partner or family member offers a key source of comfort and support.

These findings make sense. Humans are social creatures with an inherent need for belonging and acceptance. There is evidence that the hormone oxytocin, which plays a role in bonding and social behaviours, is released when people interact socially. Isolation and loneliness can have detrimental effects on both physical and mental health, with research linking both of these factors to higher risks

of high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, compromised immune system, anxiety, depression and cognitive decline.

Kate Walker-Corbiere, crisis intake worker for Health Sciences North's Mental Health and Addictions outreach site on Manitoulin Island, has seen an increase in anxiety with people having more difficulty in managing their emotions. "They're feeling really overwhelmed and emotional," she said. "It could be anxious emotions or it could be that sense of loneliness or disconnect. People are missing seeing their children or grandchildren and are experiencing difficulty with the adjustment to social isolation."

While the walk-in clinic, usually located on the second floor of Manitoulin Health Centre's Little Current site, is not open to in-person visits during COVID-19, the services are still available by telephone or teleconference. Anybody who is experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis, or who just needs to talk to someone, can call Ms. Walker-Corbiere.

While many families now find themselves with the time and space to share meals and do family strengthening and fun activities that might not have happened prior to COVID-19 (board games and puzzles are selling out across the Island), other people are deeply missing the lack of access to family members and other social connections. Physical isolation may be the hardest part of the pandemic measures, suggests Ms. Walker-Corbiere. She recommends people redefine or build a regular type of schedule to replace those ways they used to connect on a regular basis. This could be setting a time to Skype or to Facetime with family members. It could be texting more, emailing more or just reaching out more. "When we're feeling sad or lost that's an indicator that we need to connect. Ask yourself, 'who can I connect to?' Your call can help somebody too. When you're reaching out you're also validating them. It's a win-win."

She also encourages people to call someone rather than using texts or email. Hearing a voice is an extra connection, she said, and the second-best thing to seeing someone in person is to hear their voice or see them on Facetime.

She urges professionals, friends or even neighbours that are aware of these situations to reach out. "Maybe they can drive by and have a talk, main-

taining that six-foot distance. Make the time to connect and ask someone how they're doing. It really is the time to be more generous with ourselves and more generous with our community."

We all have resources we can share, whether it's time or knowledge or cooking a meal, said Ms. Walker-Corbiere. There are many ways to reach out and let others know they are valued. Spending time listening to people, letting them construct their thoughts validates their emotions. People will feel a difference when they are given attention, and anyone can give attention. "We can make things and mail them, almost like we're going back in time a little; acts of kindness are so huge right now."

"It can be a simple thing like having tea or calling a friend. Call that person who

has always helped you feel better in the past. Encourage people to use their natural supports. It's hard to be vulnerable but everybody needs somebody to hear them at some point. Just listen and validate how they're feeling," she said.

Everyone needs to nurture themselves a little right now. It could be walking or having a relaxing bath but people know what works for them. More self-nurturing will reduce anxiety, she said, and when people do things that help them stay mentally strong they experience an increased sense of safety.

"Remind people who feel stuck to recognize that it's very normal to go through periods of increased anxiety right now, periods of shutdown, periods of denial or disbelief, to be hypervigilant or very irritable," Ms. Walker-Corbiere said. "Those types of responses

are very normal and sometimes people need to accept that today's not a great day. Be kind to yourself."

"We need to focus on the moment. Sometimes the strategy is to set a timer for 10 minutes and commit to focus on doing something for 10 minutes. Ten minutes is manageable," she continued.

Going for a walk or spending time in nature helps; make sure to connect with others by smiling and saying hello when you pass. Use technology to connect with others and if you are feeling lonely, tell someone. Remember, too, that helping others will make you feel connected and less alone.

As pandemic restrictions are loosened, businesses reopen and larger gatherings are allowed, we need to continue to reach out to those who remain isolated or who may continue to experience feelings of lone-

liness. We can build on the compassion and kindness people have shown during this pandemic by continuing to listen and to engage with others in our extended communities.

Connect with Ms. Walker-Corbiere by calling 705-368-0756 ext. 222 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday. After hours or on weekends, call the crisis line in Sudbury at 1-877-841-1101.

The Warm Line is a support line manned by people who have lived experience with mental health or addictions, Ms. Walker-Corbiere said. Sometimes just talking to a kind person with a different perspective can be helpful for people who feel lonely and are disconnected from family and friends. The Warm Line is available seven days a week from 6 pm until 12 am at 1-866-856-9276.

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...Islanders show solidarity in peaceful walk

...continued from page 16 often that awareness has been jumpstarted by death. George Floyd. Regis Korchinski-Paquet. Chantel Moore. Raychard Brooks. Rodney Levi. And countless other Black, Indigenous and people of colour have died suddenly and violently as a result of systemic racism.

A minute of silence was held to honour the life and memory of those men and women.

"We must not let these deaths be in vain," said Reverend Frame. "Chief Archibald asks if we will educate ourselves and share our power and our space and our platforms. I ask you, will we do that? Will we do that and educate ourselves and our power?"

She asked if those present would have courage and make a personal commitment to action, and each time the crowd shouted 'yes.'

John Christian spoke up. "We've heard about racism in a big dramatic way," he said, "but until you have a Black child or grandchild, you don't realize all the seemingly innocent things people say and do that are racist. It's all the little things. When you talk about racism you have to really look at yourself and what's around you. It's not just violence and it's endemic. Think before you act and before you say something."

Reverend Frame agreed. "It's not the great big picture," she said, "but the little snippets that make such a difference. When we're here today, when we are walking up that hill that is indicative of the battle that is ahead of us if we are really to take on racism and shake it at its roots and eradicate it from our country that we love so well. We need to move. We need to step up and step out. We need to commit ourselves and our country to a higher standard of attitude and behaviour. So, as Canadians let's commit ourselves to dismantling a colonial system that was built on racism and has pushed Black and Indigenous and people of colour to the margins for more

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Following the walk Ms. Cook added, "When we see behaviour that is not okay, it's not okay to say nothing. It's not okay to stand by."

She believes legislation is needed and the legislation that exists needs to be enacted now. "Trudeau taking a knee was good but not nearly enough. He has the power to change this." She encourages everyone to speak up by sending letters demanding action on systemic racism to your local politicians and to use your

vote. Elect government officials who will enact anti-racist legislation.

There will be a Black Lives Matter peaceful protest Friday, June 19. It starts at 3 pm at the NEMI Tourist Information Centre with a march at 6 pm. Find the event on Facebook for additional information.

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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
 - Orientation to the environment and counselling process
 - Complete comprehensive assessments, circle of life self-assessment and healing journey plan of care
- In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
 - Submit documentation for feedback, revision and approval
 - Updating client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
 - Identifying and developing safety plans for high risk situations
- 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
- Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
 - Working co-operatively and in co-ordination with all staff members
 - Communicating concerns will 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 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

Deadline: June 19, 2020 @ 4:00pm

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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 Binoojinik 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 Wikwemkoong

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

Deadline: June 19, 2020 @ 4:00pm

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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

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Providence Bay Fair exhibit hall book now available

PROVIDENCE BAY—As Islanders are happily watching over their gardens, baking up a storm and learning new skills, it's time to start thinking about showcasing some of these gifts at the Providence Bay Virtual Fair.

"The Providence Bay Virtual Fair is progressing nicely," said Providence Bay Agricultural Society secretary treasurer Dawn Dawson. "We are already getting people registering for the sunflowers and hay bale structures, and we have introduced #Sponsor-Sunday as a way to give our loyal sponsors a shout out." Ms. Dawson explained that each Sunday, the ag society is uploading 30 second videos with the fair's sponsors to Facebook and Instagram.

As was reported previously, the agricultural society made the decision late last month to cancel the traditional fair due to the pandemic, but instead move to a virtual format that would be Manitoulin inclusive. This year's fair theme is 'Pioneer Days to Modern Ways.'

"In this new age, we hope that all community members will be able to hold on to their historic way of preparing for the fair, but reach to the modern ways of sharing and presenting their hard work in a new creative fashion," Ms. Dawson said in a previous story.

Last week saw the begin-



The Providence Bay Fair exhibit hall will be a virtual one this year.

Expositor file photo

ning of Trivia Tuesdays on the virtual fair Facebook page. "There will be Island agricultural and fair trivia every Tuesday from now through August," Ms. Dawson explained. "Next, we will be introducing videos on our YouTube and Instagram page which are produced by entertainers or exhibitors of the fair to highlight their ongoing work. First up is Heatwave Blacksmith. Stephen was with us last year and will be joining us for again in 2021."

Ms. Dawson was also pleased to report that the exhibit hall book (the guide to entries in all categories for the fair) has been released, each section with between four and six items. "Since there are usually people coming to the Island that may be missing out this year, they may still enter the exhibit sections from home. Anyone and everyone is able to

download a photograph to any one of the sections."

The download for the pictures may be done on the website Providence-BayFair.ca, where the exhibit hall book is also located.

"We have tried to embrace where we are in the world right now with some of our new sections," Ms. Dawson explained. "Under our food section is 'sourdough - scoring art' and a section in our arts and crafts is 'The new skill you learned during COVID-19.' Each item has been given a point structure. The winner with the most points in each section will receive an adult weekend wristband for next year's fair as well as a small gift of appreciation from a local business."

Those wishing for a traditional paper copy of the exhibit hall book they may phone 705-377-

5003. There are also volunteers who are willing to assist in a safe manner in the picture taking and downloading of the photos to the exhibit site if required. "We do not want anyone feeling left out because they do not have access to the proper technology for this process," Ms. Dawson added.

Don't forget to enter 'Adam's Sunflower Challenge' in memory of the late Adam McDonald, a Providence Bay resident and fair board member, which offers two categories to win: largest sunflower and best overall sunflower display. Each section has prizes of \$50 for first, \$30 for second and \$20 for third. To enter, email providencebayfair@gmail.com with your address. Judging will take place on August 21.

Islanders are also encouraged to get creative through the fair's third annual hay bale structure competition. This event, sponsored by Redbow Floor and Wall Fashions, will consist of two cate-

gories: large hay bale structure and best front yard display, both incorporating the fair theme of 'Pioneer Days to Modern Ways.' Email your address to providencebayfair@gmail.com before August 1 when judging will take place.

For more information, visit ProvidenceBayFair.ca.

Contact
Editorial
via email:
editor
@manitoulin.ca

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Looking for individuals with a boat willing to tow docks from Spider Bay Marina to just past White's Point. Negotiable. If interested in helping call 416-953-7358.

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sales.manmil@eastlink.ca

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Noojmowin Teg Health Centre

A place of healing

NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE Cultural Support Worker 6 Month Contract (Maternity Leave) Espanola and Area

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking the services of a Cultural Support Worker for outreach and culturally relevant services to indigenous people living off-reserve within Espanola and area. This is a six month, maternity leave contract. The successful candidate will possess familiarity and experience with cultural and traditional supports and practices of Anishinabek people.

The Cultural Support Worker will work closely with internal and external health providers, in social service, justice and education, providing cultural safety, support and culturally relevant activities. The incumbent will be a member of Noojmowin Teg's multi-disciplinary team and will contribute toward building cultural knowledge and practices of the team.

The Cultural Support Worker will be central in ensuring that Anishinabek community members in the catchment area have access to cultural activities and culturally relevant support. Working closely with other Noojmowin Teg services and other local stakeholders, and supervised by the Program Manager, the Worker's services will be guided by the local traditional teachings as well as the Mission, Values and Guiding Principles of Noojmowin Teg Health Centre.

Check us out at our website for more information about the organization at: www.noojmowin-teg.ca.

Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage and cedar, may occur within the work setting.

Qualifications

- A relevant post-secondary designation in human, Anishinabemowin or social services, with a focus on Anishinabek people preferred
- Extensive work or personal experience in a cultural support capacity with Anishinabek people
- Experience facilitating cultural relevant workshops, presentations and activities
- Demonstrated ability to work with Anishinabek people of all ages
- Experience in successful report completion to funders and administration
- Ability to work within a technology based environment - Microsoft Office, electronic medical records, other software, etc.
- An ability to work flexible hours to be accessible to community members
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills
- Excellent organizational and time management skills, and ability to be self-directed
- Understanding and sensitivity to the Anishinabek community's cultural diversity
- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin, an asset

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Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

How to apply

Please submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work-related letters of reference, Proof of Registration/Designation, a current vulnerable criminal records check (dated no later than three months), a copy of valid driver's licence and driver's abstract. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential". Submissions will be accepted by mail, facsimile or email.

Application Deadline: June 25, 2020 at 12 pm

Submit Application to:
Human Resources
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
T: (705) 368-2182 ext. 235
F: (705) 368-2229
E: info@noojmowin-teg.ca
W: www.noojmowin-teg.ca

We thank all for their interest and applications, only those under consideration will be contacted.

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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 WUIR 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
Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: June 19 2020 @ 4:00pm

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...Ontario court rules says acute intoxication a legitimate defence

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by virtue of his extreme intoxication possessed the minimal intent necessary to commit the offence of sexual assault. At issue was whether a state of drunkenness so extreme that an accused is in a condition that closely resembles automatism or a disease of the mind constitute a basis for defending a crime which requires not a specific but only a general intent. In the end the acquittal was upheld.

As a result of the public outcry following R. v. Daviault, Parliament introduced Bill C-72 which became section 33.1 of the Criminal Code of Canada. Essentially, section 33.1 of the Code legislated that a person is guilty of a violent offence even if they were so intoxicated that they did not know what they were doing, that they were acting as an automaton, as long as that intoxication was self-induced.

In R. v. Sullivan and R. v. Chan, both men attacked and stabbed loved ones while in the throes of drug-induced psychoses and without any discernible motive. Mr. Chan, who became intoxicated after consuming 'magic mushrooms,' killed his father and grievously injured his father's partner. Mr. Sullivan, who had become intoxicated after consuming a heavy dose of a prescription drug in a suicide attempt, repeatedly stabbed his elderly mother, according to the CAO decision. Both men allege that they were in a state of automatism at the time of the attacks.

As noted in the decision, the underlying principles of automatism state that "a person who is unable to decide whether to perform an act and is unable to control the performance of that act cannot be said, in any meaningful sense, to have committed the act. Nor can it be appropriate in a criminal justice system in which liability is predicated on personal responsibility to convict persons based on conduct which those persons have no ability to control."

According to the CAO, section 33.1 contravened "virtually all the criminal law principles that the law relies upon to protect the morally innocent, including the venerable presumption of innocence."

In its intervenor submission, Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), one of four intervenors heard in the appeal, argued that section 33.1 of the Criminal Code was a "measured attempt" by Parliament to balance the Charter rights of the accused with the Charter rights of women and children, who are most often the victims of intoxicated male violence.

LEAF further argued that the court must "consider all of the rights Parliament was seeking to balance when enacting this provision, particularly the equality and security rights of women and children," stating that a clear understanding of Parliament's objectives in

enacting the legislation was required in assessing the constitutionality of section 33.1.

The records of the debates on Bill C-72, argued LEAF, underscore that its objectives include both ensuring the accountability of those who, in a state of self-induced intoxication, cause harm to others, and protecting the security interests and equality rights of women and children who are disproportionately subject to intoxicated violence, particularly sexual and domestic violence. These objectives were solidly grounded in the evidence considered by Parliament and are reflected in its preamble.

There was considerable evidence about the disproportionate impact of violence on women and children, the role intoxication plays in such violence and the policy reasons why aggressors must be held accountable for intoxicated violence. Section 33.1 is a carefully tailored response to the role of self-induced extreme intoxication in violence against women and children, said LEAF.

According to LEAF, these objectives remain as important today as they were when section 33.1 was enacted. Violence, particularly sexual and domestic violence, remains a gendered problem, and alcohol continues to be linked to violence against women. In 2008 (14 years after Daviault) women were still 10 times more likely than men to be the victims of a police-reported sexual assault. Earlier this year (now 25 years after Daviault) the Supreme Court of Canada recognized both that "eliminating myths, stereotypes, and sexual violence against women is one of the more pressing challenges we face as a society" and that sexual violence against women, particularly Indigenous women, remains "tragically common" and results in "devastating" consequences. The Court recently highlighted the shattering consequences of such offences, noting that they result in high rates of depression, anxiety, sleep disorders, panic and eating disorders, substance

dependence, self-harm and suicidal behaviour. Alcohol (and drugs) remain closely linked to violence against women. Between 2007 and 2017, 63 percent of women and girls who were killed died at the hands of an intoxicated aggressor. The World Health Organization has also recently raised concerns about the link between alcohol and sexual violence. The harm caused to women as a result of intoxicated violence is extensive, infringing on rights to security and equality. Holding individuals accountable for violent crimes committed in a state of self-induced intoxication is a pressing and substantial objective, given that a failure to do so excuses such violence and discourages reporting, LEAF argued.

Professor Rosanna Langer, associate professor in the Department of Law and Justice at Laurentian University, was unavailable for an interview but did clarify that, "Intoxication has always been a difficult defence due to the non-systematic assignment of intent associated with various crimes. Authors have noted this problem for decades. There are also trade-offs associated with changing the level of intention required for sexual assault: should it remain a 'general intent to act,' such as assault, or require a more (but harder to prove) 'specific intent' to commit a specific crime, such as murder? The issue with intoxication, is that, generally speaking, it is, itself, intentional. In Canada, we have therefore substituted the intent to become intoxicated for the intention to commit the crime which followed."

Automatism is another murky area with an uneven development of case law, Professor Langer said. "Both these defences have been used as legal 'excuses' to defend an accused for committing violent acts on women."

Manitoulin lawyer Stacy Haner with Stacy Haner Legal Services noted that "the legislation enacted in 1995 that made the defence of intoxication unavail-

able had survived for 25 years in Ontario before being considered by the Court of Appeal. Accused persons had been both successful and unsuccessful in their applications to have the legislation struck down. Where the accused had not been successful, and therefore could not use the defence, he was likely

acquitted anyway or the matter was otherwise resolved. Where the accused had been successful, and could use the defence, the Attorney General might have decided not to appeal because the use of the defence was not a factor in the accused's acquittal; that is, the accused was either convicted anyway or

the case had other issues that led to its demise." Essentially, she said, "It took 25 years for the legislation to get in the way of an accused's acquittal. From a statistical point of view, looking at the numbers, the legislation did nothing to increase the reporting or conviction rate of sexual

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MCDERMID - In loving memory of Ernie McDermid, who left us so suddenly on June 17, 2018.

Life just isn't the same without you. You were such an exceptional person and family man. Your unconditional love and life lessons continue to guide us daily. We like to think that you are enjoying a beer and a round of golf in heaven. You are forever loved and will be forever missed. Cody and Rachele and granddaughter Sarah, Kyle, Mom, Ed, Linda, Fran, Kate, Karen and families

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LANE - In loving memory of John Kevin Lane, born January 25, 1957, died June 16, 2019.

Your memory is as dear today as in the hour you passed away. You are sorely missed and will forever be loved and remembered by your family and friends.

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DEBASSIGE - In loving memory of Darren Debassige, April 2, 1958 to June 5, 2010.

In life loved and honoured, In death remembered. Dawn, Damion, Bear, Taylor, Danielle, Bryce and Lily

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Death Notices

MARION GRACE IRWIN

(née Howey)

March 10, 1930 - June 8, 2020



Marion passed away peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current, Ontario. Predeceased by her parents Harley Howey (1956) and Vivian Howey (née McCurdy) and husband Harold Irwin (1993). Marion was born in Eden, ON, the eldest sister

of Marjorie Coyle (Gordon, predeceased) and Margaret Watson (John). Remembered with love by her daughter Elizabeth (née Schweizer); son-in-law Bernard Prinzen and grandchildren Heidi Hebert (Jesse), Joseph Prinzen (Rachael), Melody Logan (Seth), Faith Speelman (Jason), Sara Liscombe (Aaron), Benjamin Prinzen (Madi), Jonathan Prinzen (Emily) and Bethany Madsgaard (Dane), as well as 15 great-grandchildren. Marion began her school teaching career at age 19 in a one-room schoolhouse. She retired from teaching in 1985, finishing her career at Mindemoya Public School. Marion taught us a lot by her example such as the following: 1. Attending church weekly starts your week off right. 2. People are very interesting and you can make friends with anyone. 3. Taking a trip now and then changes your perspective on life. 4. Everyone needs music in their lives and 5. Spending time with family is a must! A special thank you to Dr. Barss and Dr. Nelson and the wonderful nurses at the Manitoulin Health Centre for your amazing care of and kindness to Marion. A family funeral service was held for Marion on June 13, 2020 at the Steele Funeral Home, Moira Street Chapel (613-968-2273), and the interment took place at the Tillsonburg Cemetery on June 15, 2020. Donations in Marion's memory may be made to DayStar Native Outreach, Box 40, Manitowaning, ON, P0P 1N0 or by e-transfer to admin@DayStarNativeOutreach.com or Gideon Memorial Bibles.

Burial Notice

ELAINE PAQUETTE

It is with great regret that the burial and following reception for Elaine Paquette at the Gore Bay Legion has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The family expects that everything will proceed next year. An announcement with the details will be published in the paper sometime next Spring.

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.

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Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Corporation Annual General Meeting Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 4:00 pm

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recommended social distancing practices, Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding a virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, June 24th, beginning at 4 pm.

Nominations and acclamation of new board members will be held during this meeting.

Members of the Corporation and the General Public are invited and welcome to attend. Regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting.

For meeting connectivity details, please send an email inquiry to Lori at lmastelko@mhc.on.ca.

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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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...Manitoulin's connection to a famous brand: Evinrude outboard motor models mothballed

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built with our Evinrude network and customers for more than a century," BRP spokesperson Elaine Arseneault told The Expositor in an emailed statement last Friday.

"After more than 100 years on waterways around the world, Evinrude is a proud chapter of our marine history. It is with much gratitude that we recognize the many achievements of this team, which has been driven by passion and ingenuity over the years," she added.

Stan Ferguson, the former owner of Harbor Vue Marina whose family history in Little Current marine services also includes his parents' Ferguson Marine operation, said he was saddened to hear the news. The Ferguson family has long been a major Evinrude dealer in the area.

"It was a well-known brand, especially in the '50s through the '70s, when they were 'the' engine. Everyone grew up with parents or grandparents who had Evinrudes. To see the name's exit from those two engines is disappointing, no question," said Mr. Ferguson.

Evinrude is a lofty name in the world of outboard motors—in 1906, first-generation American Ole Andreassen Aaslundeie (who used the last name Evinrude, an homage to the Evenrud farm on which his mother grew up) got the idea to create an outboard motor for small vessels.

By 1909, the Norwegian-American had created a 1.5 horsepower model that sold out its limited production run in very little time. His life partner Bess was also his business partner and came up with the attention-grabbing slogan, "Don't row! Throw the oars away! Use an Evinrude motor."

Two years later, the Wisconsin-based Evinrude Motor Company received a 1,000-motor order. The following year, sales neared 5,000 and the company upsized its facilities.

The two would later sell their company and take a break for a few years due to health concerns, but they kept casually working on their designs. They returned to the commercial world in 1920 by founding the ELTO Motor Com-

pany, short for Evinrude Light Twin (cylinder) Outboards.

Around the time of their hiatus (perhaps in 1916 or 1917, recalls a long-time friend of the family), Mr. and Ms. Evinrude began to explore the Great Lakes in a 42-foot cruiser named Bess Emily with their young son Ralph. Their trips (in that cruiser as well as its successors Bess Emily II and III) took them to the North Channel and particularly Little Current, a cruiser's paradise that captured their hearts.

Old 16mm home movie footage preserved online by Little Current resident Greg Wright shows some of the family's annual stops at the Port of Little Current, as well as Gore Bay, Killarney and The Pool in Baie Fine.

The latter location enchanted the family so much that they elected it as their official seasonal getaway, building a modest camp on what is commonly called 'Evinrude Island.' Mr. and Ms. Evinrude would often visit with locals at the Little Current docks and their son Ralph Sydney Evinrude also became enthralled with his summer home.

One of the people that formed a strong connection with the Evinrudes was Grant Turner, grandfather to Jib Turner.

Grant Turner ran the only telecommunications service in the area at that time, the Manitoulin North Shore Telephone and Telegraph Company. When the Evinrudes arrived in town, they would check in with their industrial offices in Milwaukee.

"(Grant Turner) would have been the first guy they'd meet when they came into town to use the phone service," recalls Jib Turner. The upstairs of the present-day Turner's store in Little Current was the telephone and telegraph service office.

Manitoulin and Georgian Bay were not simply getaways, however, as the old home footage reveals: Ole (and later Ralph) would pack up a dozen in-development motors or the new models coming out that year and would put them through extensive testing and retooling in these waters. The geography also offered an attractive backdrop to work on publicity initiatives.

"During the early '50s my father was the Evinrude deal-

er, and he was involved in a lot of marketing," said Jib Turner. "They would drive the boats through the treacherous terrain in McGregor Bay and they'd have their marketing people here and film and photograph stuff."

As Mr. and Ms. Evinrude's new ELTO Motor Company grew in stature, it merged with Lockwood-Ash Motor Company and the original Evinrude Company. It would adopt the Johnson brand some years later.

The new conglomerate was named Outboard Marine Corporation (OMC), with Mr. Evinrude serving as president and Stephen Foster Briggs (of Briggs and Stratton) serving as chair of the board.

Mr. Evinrude's son Ralph took over as president and director of the company following his father's death in 1934. He served in that role for 55 years, retiring as chair in 1982.

OMC applied for bankruptcy protection in late 2000 and BRP won the rights to the Johnson and Evinrude brands two months later.

BRP discontinued the Johnson brand in 2007 and on May 27, 2020, it announced it would be leaving the outboard motor business altogether.

The company continues to hold the trademarks for Evinrude and said it has no intention of letting those go at the current time. It is developing 'Project Ghost' and 'Project M,' but spokesperson Ms. Arseneault said assigning a brand name to those products would come later in the process.

In a future edition, The Expositor will explore in greater depth the Evinrude family's connections to Manitoulin and the waters of northern Lake Huron.

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assault." What does concern Ms. Haner is that "the conveyed dismay over this decision may send the message that the criminal legal system is less effective now, because of this decision, than it was before and it is this message that may dissuade victims from reporting or police officers from laying charges. The message I would prefer to send to victims considering reporting their sexual assault to police is that the criminal legal system is no less of an option because of this decision. Legal immunity for sexual assault in Canada perpetuates for other important reasons which are worthy of our cries for change."

Ms. Haner believes that legal reform is required to make the system more accessible to victims of sexual assault. "Trauma informed police, Crowns, court staff and judges are essential to the improvement of the experience of sexual assault victims who choose to report. The appointment of counsel to victims to give them confidential legal advice, support and advocacy is, in my view, crucial to improving the accessibility of the system to victims of sexual assault, and to the integrity of the system as a whole."

"Legal squabbles over the availability of defences to perpetrators of crime are not insignificant or meaningless but they are far from being the most effective way to make the system respond better to sexual violence," she said.

Ms. Haner added, "It is not a defence to sexual assault that the accused was intoxicated or very intoxicated. The accused must be extremely intoxicated to the point of not being in control of his actions. This is an

extremely high threshold and will be rarely met."

Still, it is upsetting, she said. "The efficacy of the criminal legal system in holding sexual offenders accountable is notoriously abysmal. The criminal legal system has not been a safe place for women and children to seek justice. The myths and stereotypes that exist in Canadian society at large do not stop at the doors to the police stations or courthouses. If women and children can get past their own shame and admonishment that is brought about by

social conditioning, they may face it again and again as they engage those to whom they entrust their narrative."

"When the court makes a defence available to alleged sexual offenders, that victims' advocacy groups had successfully lobbied to have barred, it feels like regression."

A spokeswoman for Ontario Attorney General Doug Downey said the prosecution wanted the top court to hear a challenge to it. In a statement, Jenessa Crognali confirmed that the Crown would be "seek-

ing leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada," but "it would be inappropriate to comment further as the matters are before the court."

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...Black Lives Matter solidarity protest scheduled for Friday

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Canadian history—slavery was not outlawed in Upper Canada until 1833 and institutions like St. Lawrence Market in downtown Toronto were once host to slave auctions.

Premier Ford retracted his comments the following day, acknowledging that systemic issues indeed exist in Canada.

Some have raised issues with protesters gathering in large numbers despite public health orders to stay home except for essential trips and to not gather in groups of more than 10 people.

“We’ve seen comments from people about their con-

cerns with COVID-19 and gathering in groups, but racism is a public health issue for people of colour every single day of their lives,” said Ms. Williamson, referencing the chronic illnesses like diabetes and lung diseases that impact Indigenous and Black people at much higher rates than White individuals.

Everyone attending the protest is urged to wear a face mask, bring noisemakers to avoid cheering (which spreads droplets from the mouth) and to maintain physical distancing. The organizers also urge for peace and respect from participants and the public alike.

Some of the organizers with Anishinaabe heritage said standing in solidarity with Black people is impor-

tant considering their support of Indigenous issues in the past.

“I think a lot of Indigenous people can relate to experiences like (police violence and systemic disadvantages) as well. For people who think this is just a political event, they should check into and research about it because in a lot of people’s lives, this is their reality,” said Ms. Beaudin, adding that staying silent when statistics reveal systemic inequality is a political action in itself.

The planned march route is posted on the Facebook event page for ‘Black Lives Matter Manitoulin - Peaceful Protest.’

Tehkummah Talk and Times

Monday, Day 85: This has been a very good day. The News from the Mouth newsletter came today, produced by S.B.C.D.A. I have saved every one and have them in a binder. The historical value is amazing. This edition’s focus is lighthouse history and the extra photographs are amazing. Thank you so much!

I was reading this issue when Bobbi Jo drove into the yard bearing food! Delish salad plates and the most flavourful turkey in gravy. I called Cal after I had eaten (I still have half for tomorrow) and he was still smacking his lips, raving over the good cook! We are lucking out! Thanks so much.

It was a nice afternoon, cool overnight, cloudy this morning and I hear there was a good rainfall in Little Current this morning. We are dry! And good things come in threes, right? So I had a nice phone call from my grandson Kris in Canmore (Atlanta). And I even got dressed before noon? But, I was late faxing my news out.

Day 86: Hot early in the morning. I burned mosquito chasers and filled flower pots. Dug a couple of the volunteer tomato plants out of Tara’s garden for the pots. Need some flowers now. Something special for the hummingbirds.

Pump out day. Vance said he had just recently started back to work. He had his grandson with him and showed me on his phone the birdhouses (candy store) that they were making, neat! The well that sits in my yard, Vance made for me after Seward passed away (coming up 20 years August 1). I sold Vance his wood lathe at that time.

Lilac and yellow goldfinches, swallow-tails, monarchs and flowers. The scene from my chair.

A trip to South Baymouth this afternoon, three of the Brown brothers were at the store! The first I have been inside since my incarceration!

Everybody is missing the bingos and the card playing. Soday soon? But, so far, I have saved \$400 by not playing the games and I didn’t count any extras like coffee and draws and extra events.

Day 87: I’m laughing, I just got woken up (noon), out of a good sleep too, by a girl who said if you’re lying your computer will be blocked? I told her very nicely that I didn’t own a computer!

I was up early and off to Mindemoya to

do laundry this morning. Ginger was there too. She’s such a nice girl. I went to the drugstore and Foodland. The other Tara checked me through. Pieces of trees and evidence of larger were on the road. I thought of driving to South Baymouth to look at the waves or see if the big canoe had chanced the crossing, wild wind gusts were shaking the van even in the sheltered areas. Our Tara was heading to work, she had been called in. Late call from Mollie. Speaking to Kim and Kathy later in the day, not much news there. Thunderstorms.

Day 88: What a drop in temperature overnight from tropical to winter and windier maybe? I look out and see upside down lawn chairs at 5:30 am. The silly cat wanted out, I had to let her in during the night, she was facing down some sort of a creature. She’s 17 (I think) in November and she’s like me, not so steady on her feet. So, our fighting days are over.

Cal said he and Eugene drove to South Baymouth yesterday, couldn’t see a thing for fog and no one on the street.

You can’t change history by defacing statues. Everyone is offended, and everyone is right. I was wrong once!

“Whoever wishes to become great among you, must be your servant.” MARK 10:43

I stopped in at Kick Ass Cookhouse on my way home from Manitowaning (in for blood work). Got a chicken wrap, did me two meals, good.

They’re small, but determined, get smacked around by the branches and hold their place in the wind. What amazing creatures and they do love those lilacs. It’s too bad they don’t last, I’m talking about the swallowtail butterfly.

Susan has been working on creating, she’s quite crafty? Lots of pretty flowers in pots. A bunny in the yard eating clover.

I was invited for supper, a delicious turkey dinner. The works and strawberry rhubarb crisp. Her bestie friend Chris got to enjoy the meal too. Her pre-birthday cook up!

Talking to Cal after I got home, he says it’s Jeff Pyette’s birthday today. Happy birthday!

A letter from Myrna, she finally got a paper card from Leah and Ava, Sis Peg and a fuzzy card, two in a row?

Lorna was in earlier delivering stuff.

She got a surprise Christmas gift?

I’m pretty tired today. About supper time I popped in or should I say rushed (ha!) to wish Susan Happy Birthday. I sang to her earlier (she says all our voices are the same). They were having supper, expecting son and family later this evening. Darned cold and still windy.

Thanks for the cake tester Darlene, the creator. Thanks Pat, for the fuzzy cute card.

When I go for a drive I feel like I have missed spring, in a way, as I see so many roadside changes. Like the yellow lady slippers (they’re small this year), the butter cups and my favourite roadside daisies. I was interested to read of Judith Jones’ article on garlic mustard. About three years ago I found a plant or two in my backyard. Unbelievable this year how thick they are, but easy to pull. But I’ll have to get back at it, they mature quickly and I don’t have the energy or strength any more.

Day 91: Made muffins and impossible pies this morning. Forgot the P.B, but I guess they’re impossible custards. They still made a crust. After a long afternoon nap, I took Susan’s “birthday pie” to her and got a cup of tea.

Mickey and her family were there Friday overnight. Paula and Brandon were at Jeff’s Saturday and Paula stayed overnight with her mom, but had to head back to Ottawa for work today.

Simon was heading in to South Baymouth where I hear the ferry is now making three trips daily.

Roadside trefoil today and singing the “New Mown Hay on Manitoulin” as the Anstice first cut is down. Looks pretty in all its rows, a nice deer was in there on Friday night!

Sherry saw a very baby deer track in the camp mud and also a big bear track. She said they had a wonderful visit with Tavis and Alisha on Saturday evening. Hi kids! Susan tells me Steve and Gail Martin were at the camp.

Sympathy to the Mandigo family in the loss of Calvin who grew up here in Tehkummah. Sympathy also to the family and friends of Betty Wickendon, a devoted to community lady (for many)!

“A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity.” Proverbs 17-17 Keep smiling!

Hi Joan, hello Eileen!



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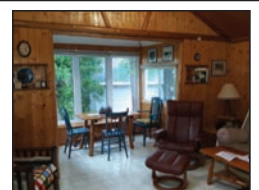
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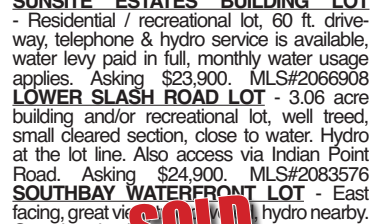
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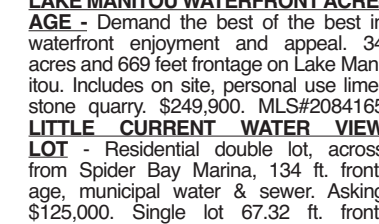
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1080 SQ. FT. 2 BEDROOM COTTAGE WITH MANY UP-GRADES OVERLOOKING LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - Located at the north end of this very good walleye fishing lake, this beautiful cottage with its spectacular kitchen comes fully furnished and also includes a large storage 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



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'Chigeng are close by this great walleye fishing lake. Asking \$115,000. MLS#2085649



2 BEDROOM 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

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



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



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



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



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



LACLOCHE MOUNTAIN RESORT ON CHARLTON LAKE IN WHITEFISH 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



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



SOUTH FACING 2 BDRM FOUR SEASON WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME ON SOUTH BAY ONLY 15 MINS FROM THE FERRY!! - This cottage/house 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