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WIKWEMIKONG HIGH SCHOOL GRADS' TRIBUTE PARADE: A SAMPLE—The community of Wikwemkoong gathered last Tuesday to celebrate the Wikwemikong High School graduating class of 2020. SEE STORY ON PAGE 20.

photos by Michael Erskine

Construction starts on Island's first national fast food franchise operation

Tim Hortons scheduled

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—Construction work is rapidly proceeding on the future Little Current Tim Hortons location at the corner of Manitowaning Road (Highway 6) and Draper Street, and the franchisee says he hopes to officially open Manitoulin Island's first foreign fast food chain by the start of November this year.

"I'm happy things are going; I'm excited. It's been a long process and finally everything is a go," said Denis Lefebvre, franchise owner of Tim Hortons locations in Blind River, McKerrow and Espanola.

Mr. Lefebvre is additionally preparing to open a Thessalon Tim Hortons which also faced some delays in the construction process due to the pandemic. The setbacks will result in both new locations opening around the same time, making the late fall a busy season for his operations.

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Largely youthful rally for BLM airs social concerns

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—The names of George Floyd, Chantelle Moore, Rodney Levi, Regis Korchinski-Paquet and many more people of colour, Black and Indigenous people who have recently died in police custody were chanted through Little Current's streets this past Friday evening during a well-attended Black Lives Matter protest that began at the Manitoulin Welcome Centre.

"Thank you to everyone who has supported this event, whether it be the local businesses that donated supplies, the online supporters who defended this event on Facebook and Instagram, and to all of you who have decided to take a stand ... against the injustices and oppression of Black, Indigenous and people of colour," said Julie Casson. Ms. Casson was one of five young Island women who organized the event and they

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Indspirational community leaders

Three Manitoulin Anishinaabe-kweok received Indspire awards this past weekend, the highest honours Indigenous peoples bestow upon outstanding members of their own communities. From left, Wikwemkoong's Marian Jacko and Jeannette Corbiere Lavell stand with Aundeck Omni Kaning's Dawn Madahbee-Leach at the gala.

Island woman working on European Union Games opts to wait out pandemic as Amsterdam hostel staffer

by Michael Erskine

AMSTERDAM—It was always going to be an exciting year for 26-year-old sports marketing professional Courtney Recollet of Wikwemkoong, she just didn't anticipate how the year was going to unfold when she set out for Europe in mid-February and a new job working on the 2020 EU Games. The sudden onset of the COVID-19 pandemic swept her job away, along with the hordes of tourists that normally would have crowded the streets.

"I did not see this coming," said Ms. Recollet, who had booked a month in an Amsterdam hostel while she sought an apartment for

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Courtney Recollet

Northeast council demands public meeting with Island OPP commander following resident's response-time woes

NORTHEAST TOWN—Last week, Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin shared with his council a concern he received from an Honora Bay taxpayer involving an attempted break and enter to her residence on June 9 and the taxpayers' worry about her response from local police. This prompted the mayor to write a letter to Staff Sergeant Helena Wall of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), seeking a meeting.

"I am writing to you to express my concerns regarding OPP coverage on Manitoulin Island and specifically within the Town of NEMI," the mayor's letter begins. "One of my constituents recently contacted me regarding an incident that took place on Bayshore Road in NEMI last Tuesday (June 9), when she was awakened by the

noise of a prowler at her home. This prowler was trying to gain access to her residence. She called 911 prior to 6 am and was told that the OPP would not be able to get there until 7 am because the officer was coming from Espanola and that Manitoulin OPP shifts were not starting until 7 am. Obviously, this is not acceptable."

"Recently I sent you an email regarding the Highway 540 and 551 roadblocks in M'Chigeeng First Nation with a series of questions about the OPP's role in mitigating the impact of the closures on the travelling public," the letter to the staff sergeant continued. "I received an answer from you that the role of the OPP is 'to ensure public safety and to keep the peace.' I feel that having no officers available on Manitoulin

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Climatologists predict above-average heat and rain for Island this summer

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—Summer has officially arrived and it is likely to be a hot one. According to America's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) 'State of the Climate: Global Climate Report' for May 2020, it appears "virtually certain that 2020 will be a top 10 year." Calculations suggest with 95 percent confidence that 2020 will be within the first to fourth warmest year on record, with a 49.3 percent chance it will be the warmest. NOAA's global temperature dataset dates back 141 years, to 1880.

There has been a trend since 1988 for recent years to be initially ranked as a top 10 year, the report stated. The 10 warmest years on record to date have occurred since 1998.

May 2020 tied with 2016 as the warmest May on record for the globe, according to NCEI, which noted that the period of March to May was also the second warmest on record. The 10 warmest Mays

have all occurred since 1998; however, the 2014 to 2020 Mays are the seven warmest in the 141-year record. May 2020 also marked the 44th consecutive May and the 425th consecutive month with temperatures, at least nominally, above the 20th century average,

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Early Deadline

The Expositor office is moving the deadline for classified ads to 4 pm this Thursday (June 25). The paper will be published next Tuesday, June 30 rather than on Wednesday, July 1 (Canada Day) when the post office will be closed for the holiday.

Rural correspondents are also asked to meet this deadline so that their valuable contributions can be included in the June 30 paper.

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Indigenous tourism receives \$16 million federal pandemic survival boost

Adds to previous funding, sustaining work by Indigenous tourism organizations

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The Indigenous tourism industry had been experiencing its strongest growth in five centuries over the past couple of years, with hundreds of new businesses starting up from coast-to-coast, especially in British Columbia and Ontario—then came COVID-19. It should come as little surprise to Islanders that this season's tourist season has the potential to present the strongest challenges to the industry in generations. Destination Canada is projecting that as many as 57 percent of businesses are not expected to survive the next six months.

Especially vulnerable to the hit from the COVID-19 economic tsunami are new businesses, a category into which most Indigenous businesses fall. In recognition of that vulnerability, on June 11 the federal government announced a welcome infusion of \$16 million into the tourism industry—part of a \$133 million cash infusion aimed at assisting Indigenous businesses suffering the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. That \$16 million will be overseen by the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC) in the form of \$25,000 non-repayable grants.

"As we began to understand the devastating impacts of COVID-19 on not just Indigenous tourism operators but to Canada's tourism industry as a whole, we worked with our partners within the federal government to create the best possible stimulus funding model we could, to keep Indigenous tourism alive across the country," said ITAC president and CEO Keith Henry in a release acknowledging the federal funds. "We want to thank the Government of Canada, Minister Miller (Honourable Marc Miller, minister of Indigenous Services) and Minister Joly (Honourable Melanie Joly, minister of Economic Development) for listening and understanding that Indigenous-led funding models, based on our research, were imperative for our industry to survive."

"While our top priority remains the health and safety of individuals, I want to acknowledge the great challenges Indigenous businesses and economies have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Minister Miller. "Indigenous businesses are the driving force of many local economies. With this additional support, Indigenous communities and businesses will have the flexibility they need

to respond to their unique economic needs through this difficult time."

"Canada's tourism sector has been hit hard by COVID-19, and Indigenous tourism has been particularly affected," said Minister Joly. "Before the crisis, Indigenous tourism was the fastest-growing part of the industry and this investment will help it come back strong, supporting good jobs and playing a key role in our economic recovery."

But there was plenty of work already being done by ITAC and Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) before the first wave had even begun to crest.

Early this month, ITAC launched a four-year, \$50 million strategic recovery plan with the goal to respond, recover and rebuild the Indigenous tourism industry across Canada to 2019 levels by 2024.

ITO president Kevin Eshkawkogan (based in the ITO offices in Aundeck Omni Kaning) also expressed appreciation of the federal cash infusion. "This is a really exciting time for Indigenous tourism," he said, noting that Indigenous tourism was the fastest growing segment of the

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Wiikwemkoong's Darrel Manitowabi is set to become the Northern Ontario Hannah Chair in Indigenous Health and Indigenous Traditional Medicine at NOSM.

Darrel Manitowabi appointed new Hannah Chair at NOSM

by Michael Erskine

SUDBURY—Wiikwemkoong band member Dr. Darrel Manitowabi, who now resides in Whitefish River First Nation, has been appointed as the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) and the Associated Medical Services (AMS) Hannah Chair in the History of Indigenous Health and Indigenous Traditional Medicine for a five-year renewable term.

"NOSM is deeply honoured to have Dr. Darrel Manitowabi take on this valuable position," said Dr. Sarita Verma, NOSM dean, president and CEO in a release announcing the move. "We are taking another major step in addressing how colonialism has

affected the health and well-being of First Nations communities by no longer avoiding the history of wondrous healing and medicines in our society. We have much to learn from that history and NOSM is committed to the Calls to Action made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada."

"AMS is incredibly pleased to announce the addition of the NOSM-AMS Hannah Chair in the History of Indigenous Health and Traditional Medicine," said Gail Paech, CEO of AMS, who explained that "The Hannah Chairs were established to create enduring cultures of teaching and research in the history of medi-

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Old Mill Heritage Centre to open this summer

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG—The Billings Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong is eagerly looking forward to reopening its doors come June 30, becoming one of the first Island museums to reopen in the pandemic era.

"Breaking news!" offers Old Mill Heritage Centre curator Rick Nelson in a call to The Expositor. "The Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong is planning to reopen on July 1, operating Wednesday to Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm."

Mr. Nelson admitted that "operating this summer may be a challenge, but we really wish to support our community." He noted that the Billings township museum committee wrestled with how the museum could safely operate under COVID-19 guidelines and said they are confident that a workable solution had been found. Under Ontario's phase two reopening process, the museum is now able to open, under strict conditions.

"I was worried that facilities such as museums would be among the very last to be able to reopen, but things are starting to loosen up a bit sooner than I thought they might," admitted the curator. "The museum committee has worked hard to create an atmosphere that will allow us to serve the community safely."

"This includes a new entrance in order not to interfere with people going into the municipal office," said Mr. Nelson. "Our new entrance will be on the south side of the building facing the beach."

Previously, the museum shared an entrance to the building that would not have worked well for physical distancing, he noted.

Although the museum itself will be open, with a limited number of patrons (10) allowed inside at a time, the ancillary Old Post Office building will remain closed for the season. Sanitization will be a key part of the new reality.

Mr. Nelson stressed that the precautions and safety measures that will be in place are still "a work in progress," but he added that he was confident that the museum will still be able to offer a unique and enjoyable view into the Billings community's history and heritage.

"We may very well be the only museum to open this summer," mused Mr. Nelson, noting that in a canvas he conducted recently the museums in South Baymouth, a Manitoulin, Gore Bay, Meldrum Bay and the interpretive centre in Misery Bay would remain closed for the season. "The trails at Misery Bay will be open, but not the interpretive centre. As for Assignack and NEMI, I understand the verdict is still

out," he said.

NEMI has since resolved to open the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah on the same date.

"We have rescheduled our hours as well," said Mr. Nelson. "Instead of a seven day a week schedule, we will be operating on a five-day schedule, Wednesday to Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm, closed Monday and Tues-



The Old Mill Heritage Centre sports a new side entrance that is separate from the municipal office.

day."

Mr. Nelson noted that it is inevitable that revenues will be down this year, given the likelihood of reduced tourist traffic and the restrictions on US travellers and the cancellation of this year's History Day in Kagawong fundraiser at the Park Centre, but the curator encouraged people to continue to help support Old Mill Heritage Centre through donations to help keep the region's heritage secure.

"Further details to follow," he advised, "and as always, check out our website at Kagawong-Museum.ca and follow the donation link to help us keep the history going. Thanks!"

I'M YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Elliott's Chef Cody Crawford enjoys family, cooking, gaming

LITTLE CURRENT—Cody Crawford has been working as a cook at Elliott's Restaurant in Little Current for about four years and before that was a steady fixture at the Anchor Inn in a variety of capacities.

Cody is a bit of an outlier in the I'm Your Neighbour stable. "Don't get me wrong, I like the outdoors, but I'm not your outdoorsy type," he laughs.

The father of a young child, Scarlet, he finds that his time is pretty focused on home, hearth and family. "I don't have a lot of spare time," he admits, but when he finds a moment or two he is more likely to head into a round of the video game Overwatch than an expedition into the wilderness. "I find I can play a quick game before my other duties call."

Cody enjoys working in a restaurant. "It's always some-

thing different," he said. "Every day brings something new."

So what is Mr. Crawford's favourite thing to cook when he is in his own kitchen? No hesitation there. "Steak," he said.



Cody Crawford

"Steak with a shrimp sauce. Don't ask me for the recipe because I usually just make it up as I go."

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

Billings' updates on Kagawong trails, market, volunteerism

BILLINGS—The Township of Billings Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) continues to monitor the local COVID-19 situation and assess the reopening of various municipal facilities and amenities in the context of provincial emergency orders, public health guidelines and the staged approach to relaxing restrictions.

MECG provided the following updates last week:

•Bridal Veil Falls and Kagawong River Trails: Bridal Veil Falls and the stairs to access them remain closed. The viewing platform above Bridal Veil Falls and a portion of the Kagawong River trail were opened last week. Physical distancing must be maintained between persons not of the same household and masks must be worn while using the viewing platform. Masks must be worn while using the trail if physically distancing is challenging.

"We have been monitoring compliance with these measures and will continue to do so," a press release from the MECG states. "Unfortunately, while most users have been following the rules and respecting the health and safety of themselves and our community, there have been numerous incidents of non-compliance. Should the non-compliance continue or escalate, we will be forced to close these reopened spaces."

The public washroom facilities at the Old Mill Heritage Centre remain closed. A portable toilet has been installed next to the Kagawong Pavilion.

•Kagawong Market: Planning for opening the Kagawong Market is underway. The market will be relocated to the Old Church on the Hill (outdoors) for this season in order to implement COVID-19 measures and to avoid construction around the small craft basin area.

•State of Emergency: The province has extended its state of emergency until the end of June. The declared state of emergency within the township remains in place at this time.

The township received funding from the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program in collaboration with United Way Centraide North East Ontario/Nord-est de l'Ontario and, in partnership with St. John's Anglican Church and other local volunteers, used the funds for reusable cloth masks for any interested Billings resident aged 55+. The funds were also used for care packages of groceries and personal care items, assembled and delivered to local seniors by our friendly volunteers.

"We hope this initiative helped our local seniors know they're not alone and feel a little more comfortable getting back out into the community."

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Democracy desperately needs more civil discourse

Where has civil discourse gone? Gone to TikTok everyone—when will we ever learn, when will we ever learn?

An observer of the current state of civil discourse could easily be forgiven for thinking that such debate has taken a severe turn downward, borne to a hotter place well-ensconced in a conveyance often constructed of wicker. But that observer would be, mostly, wrong.

Uncivil discourse has been a hallmark of partisan politics since long before the days in which Greek citizens could inscribe the name of the person they wanted banished outside of the city walls onto a piece of pottery—them that collected the most votes would be sent packing for a decade. Now there is an aspect of democracy many would like to see return to practice. It is a fair bet that most of today's political leaders would be hoofing it to the hinterlands in short order were ostracism still an option—it was often a sort of anti-populist insurance against divide and conquer.

But when it comes to slugging one's opponent with unfair and scurrilous accusations, well in politics that is nothing new. That is why there are rules governing how MPs can interact within the House of Commons, where MPs are largely immune to many of the range of civil remedies available in the private world.

So comes the seemingly bizarre situation that unfolded this past week, with Jagmeet Singh being banished from the House for calling another MP a racist—by a member of his own party no less. Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapusking MP Carol Hughes was fulfilling her role as Deputy Assistant Speaker when the offending comment directed by her party leader at Bloc Quebecois MP Alain Therrien, who had refused unanimous assent to the NDP leader's motion recognizing that there is systemic racism within the RCMP and calling on the government to take specific steps to address it. As is parliamentary custom, Ms. Hughes ordered Mr. Singh to apologize. Her ruling was upheld when Speaker Anthony Rota returned to the chair and Mr. Singh was banished from the chamber.

Although it has widely been reported that Mr. Singh was banished from the House for calling another MP a racist, something that Mr. Singh willingly admits and in fact has since doubled down on both inside and out of the House, he was not banished for calling Bloc Quebecois MP Alain Therrien a racist. He was banished from the House for not following the direction of the chair—the Speaker of the House—who had ordered him to apologize.

There are many times in life when processes seem to meander into the absurd, but it is the heated environment of the current outrage being expressed against racism that is obscuring the facts. As wild and woolly as the House of Commons is wont to be, there are rules and regulations set in place to hold a lid of civil discourse at least somewhat in place.

It isn't to say that Mr. Singh is wrong in his assessment of the character of Mr. Therrien, or that he is right for that matter—in the context of the situation that point is moot.

In a weird quirk, however, Mr. Therrien refused consent because he said he believed that the matter should be discussed at the public safety committee—a position proposed by the NDP itself. Had Mr. Therrien actually said or done something racist, Mr. Singh could have challenged him before the Speaker. He didn't and Mr. Singh did not.

In fact, name calling, including hurling "racist" at another party's MP, is nothing new and usually passes unremarked. Getting tossed out of the House is also nothing unusual, the redoubtable Ed Broadbent might even hold the record in that regard—his tally for being tossed chalked up at three.

In short, much of what transpired on this tempest is political theatre, on all sides.

It's a shame that passes for a day's work well done better than civil and constructive debate—but as evidence of systemic racism (which most definitely does exist), Mr. Singh's banishment, for all its emotional and valiant baggage, falls decidedly short.

letters

Don't think you are special if you are a racist

Being racist is just putting yourself down too

To the Expositor:

Racism has been making headlines. One thing I can say about racism is that if you're a racist then you are not somebody who is special. You're probably just a loser who is trying to feel good about themselves because racism is just a sickness that people have believing that they are special, more special than others. Well when it comes to God you're probably lower than the others that you are putting down. That's what racism is, putting down others or looking down on them just because their skin might be a different colour. But, the colour of our blood is

still the same—red—that is one thing you cannot change.

Being racist is just putting yourself down too. You are just hurting yourself and the people you are putting down are probably getting more blessings from God than you are getting because that's how God works. God will be more supportive towards somebody who is being persecuted by somebody or people who are being wrong towards others.

**Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong**

A contrary viewpoint on Black Lives Matter

Hating all things White is virtue signalling—not lifting up people who have suffered harm

To the Expositor:

One cannot help but notice the traction that Black Lives Matter (BLM) and the issue of racism have gained recently. There is a narrative supported by most media and fueled by BLM that racism is responsible for the condition of Black people in the USA and here in Canada. How does this narrative stand up to scrutiny?

Here are two individuals who have published widely on the matter. All of the text following their names has been lifted from various publications to give the reader some feeling for the stand they take on the racism issue. All live in the USA.

John McWhorter is an associate professor at Columbia University. His analysis of the idea that cops will allow their quiet bias to kill a Black suspect while a White guy would get away with a slap on the wrist does not hold up to scrutiny. In fact, Whites are slightly more at risk given the numbers. He also contends that anti-racism is a bigger problem than racism itself. It is a religion and far removed from what used to be considered intelligent and sincere civil rights activism. Asking probing questions about the conditions Black people find themselves in is simply not part of the BLM approach. Black on Black crime accounts for the majority (around 90 percent) of Blacks killed but the subject is not discussed in the media or addressed in any way by BLM. It is similar to the reaction when a question is asked of a nun in grade school. "Run that Holy Trinity thing by me one more time" is an exchange that is greeted in a similar fashion hence the position that the movement has taken on a religious tone and rational thought and discussion of the facts is simply not allowed.

Glenn Loury is a professor at Brown University. He comments that to say that an incident of police violence characterizes the nature of racial relationships in America today is a kind of collective hysteria. African-Americans are overrepresented in prison because they commit more acts that can be punished with prison. There is no evidence to support the hypothesis that this overrepresentation can be explained by racist prejudices of the police or the courts. The main threat to the quality of life of people living in Black areas is the criminal behaviour of their fellow citizens, most of whom happen to be Black. We do not live in a really free space where we can discuss these questions. Pressure to conform is intense because nobody wants to give the impression that they stand on the wrong side of the great moral questions of our time. Ironically, this reticence undermines the possibility of genuine and effective moral reasoning. Everyone wants to underline their virtue by showing the world: I stand for "justice" and against "racism."

By the way, McWhorter and Loury are both Black. Space doesn't allow me to expand on the theme here but these two individuals are not alone in their comments on the Black social condition. Here are two more individuals that I would recommend for anyone wishing to explore these ideas in more detail. Shelby Steele has written extensively on the subject and has been prominent in the debate for decades. Coleman Hughes is an emerging figure and takes was/is a student of McWhorter. Steele/Hughes are also Black.

In closing, I would like to recommend a Bill Maher rant – White shame! Here are a few lines from the clip available on YouTube. "White liberals have to listen to me when I tell them that you can't be more offended than the victim. A recent survey asked various people to rate their feeling about races. White liberals were the only group that had a bias against themselves! Lifting people up who have suffered harm is liberalism. Hating all things White is tedious virtue signalling. If White liberals feel so bad about themselves, perhaps they would agree to pay reparations – from their own paychecks of course. A Honky tax. What we need to do is enjoy each others' company. If you find yourself in the company of a person of colour, you are not! You are with a person!"

**Shane Desjardins
Mindemoya**

A response to addict article

Hold onto faith and support in the moment

To the Expositor:

In response to the article 'When there's an addict in the family,' I hear and feel your pain and as a mother; I have also gone through this. I was told so many times that I would have to take the 'tough love' approach but I knew inside this body was my son and I held on to that thought. Fortunately for us my son's addiction only lasted for a couple of years and he choose the high road, it was not easy but I thank God every day that he made the decision to change his life style. Hold on to your faith, you can only support and love him in the moment.

**Elaine Hull
Whitefish**

The year 2020 marks several Manitowaning historical milestones

by David Smith

MANITOWANING—Sixty-five years ago, on June 25, 1955 Manitoulin Island's first museum opened in Manitowaning. It was the vision of the newly regenerated Assiginack Historical Society. Located in the original 1879 jail, it wasn't very big, only the cell room and jailer's office, but it laid the foundation for the museum of today. At the same time, the Assiginack Agricultural Society also came into being with their mandate to landscape and care for the museum grounds. A job they have admirably carried out ever since.

1967 saw the first addition to the building. By then the collection was expanding rapidly. Soon other historic buildings were moved to the site to create a miniature pioneer village. During this time the society branched out to take the Michael's Bay site under their wing. Spring trips were made for a number of years to identify and label original building locations.

When the municipal office and library moved out in the '70s, the museum expanded into what originally had been the jail

keeper's residence. This coincided with the arrival of the Norisle 45 years ago on July 20, 1975 and the purchase of Burns Mill and Wharf. It wasn't long before this site became another society project as plans were put into place to develop and tie the two sites together. Great opportunities arose to better display the collection. The upstairs of Burns Wharf was designated as an area to display the Island's natural history. Then a bigger dream unfolded and Burns Wharf Theatre came into being.

These were boom times for tourism in Manitowaning. Many events were organized by the Historical Society to showcase these sites and to raise funds. With this fundraising and provincial and federal grants great things happened with minimal costs to the Township of Assiginack. All these sites managed to show a profit for many years as they brought many people into the village.

This group decided that the 125th anniversary of the township in 1996 should be a major celebration. The Historical Society formed two committees, namely the 125

Celebration and the Book Committees. It was decided to put together a short 50- or 60-page book about Assiginack's history. When the book reached 527 pages it was decided enough was enough. This book, 25 years later, is still selling and is a major reference source for local history. Many thanks go to Jeanette Allen, museum curator and society member, for donating the office space in her family's downtown building. This became known as the '125 Office.' Like the book, the 125 celebrations revolved into monthly activities for the whole year including a wonderful school reunion/home coming weekend.

A short time later, the group was presented with a proposal to bring another dream to fruition with the challenge of building another addition onto the museum. Like the book, the dream started small but grew steadily in size. The final addition encompassed a large display area, office and archival storage all environmentally controlled. What a way to kick off a new century!

Of course, all these activities required

money. Over the 65 years, the Assiginack Historical Society as an autonomous group, separate from the provincially-mandated Museum Board, raised funds that went into the support of the museum and the various spin-off projects. They were the first group in Manitowaning to sell break open Nevada tickets at Val's Place. Sixty-five years later this group is still supporting the museum and to honour this anniversary have presented a 15-panel display, designed by graphic artist Lucas Bell, and titled, 'Manitowaning in the 1800s, A Time of Change.' As well, they have sponsored a research document titled, 'Who We Were, A History of St. Paul's Cemetery.' This research is to recognize that 185 years ago on June 21, 1835 the first Anglican service was held at the waterfront in Manitowaning and 175 years ago saw the building of St. Paul's Church.

The past 65 years have been a constant challenge to preserve and exhibit Manitowaning's history. The challenge now is for new groups to assertively continue this work and bring new dreams to fruition.

more letters

The COVID-19 pandemic has cocooned people into complacency

We will soon have to face the grim reality of a post pandemic world

To the Expositor:

A life of ease and contentment produces an insufferable complacency to that entitled generation to have experienced the benefits of an uncluttered future. There is no trash in their yards. There are no signs of hoarding the good life. These things do not happen to them. I am romanticizing the 'Edwardian Era' as such a time when life was too fashionable to be bothered by the inconsistencies of not having enough to keep life alive. The shocking conditions in factories and other industrialized places of business; the sweat shops, the brothels, the unfortunate status of those with no proper connections to escape the grueling poverty to produce the luxury for others. Then the First World War happened and life as they knew it changed forever. Then the COVID-19 health crisis happened and life as we know it will never be the same.

We have been cocooned into complacency. Hydro rates have decreased so that we can still be virtually connected

as cheaply as possible. We have to be kept in isolation so that when the panic starts there will be control. Today, I heard the sirens blaring out the warning. Today, the announcement of the collapse of the billion dollar oil industry in Alberta sounded the countrys' funeral dirge. We will never recover, as most of the 'civilized countries' did not recover after the First World War. That society did not have the moral integrity and fortitude to deal with the cataclysmic changes required to survive and neither do we. It is not in the character of our children to give up everything and share the wealth. So, we will all starve together.

The great equalizer will be when the banks fail. And they will fail. The government is spending too much money. We cannot afford the luxury of their expenditures. But I do not hear anyone complaining, just yet.

We are being lulled into the belief the government knows what is best. They do not. They are guessing. And we should be more worried. It is not difficult to predict the

future by looking at the past. The Weimar Republic found themselves in a similar situation. Their solution was to print more money to cover their debts. As a result their money became worthless. The banks failed and the great depression was the great instigator of equality.

There are still many people who have memories of that time. The hardships, the enforced poverty, the hungry eyes of the children. Their resilience is worth more than any Sunday morning speech from Parliament Hill. The luxury and ease of that way of life has no comparison to the realities we will soon have to acknowledge. It is to that generation we need to go for the solutions to our problems.

The problem is that generation is living in long-term care facilities which have failed them as we have failed ourselves.

Lee Weimer
Manitowaning

New Island resident discovered the wide open hearts of Haweaters

So many selfless people provided compassion, comfort, guidance and love to

To the Expositor:

I was introduced to Manitoulin Island in 2013. I was so excited to travel north, the farthest I had ever been in Ontario. Always coming in the fall after the Labour Day weekend when the crowds were gone, seasonal businesses closed. The peace I felt every time was like heaven to me, calming me from the stressors of the city. I never felt the city was the place I was supposed to be. I always told my family and friends I wish I had been born in, Little House on the Prairie times. From that first visit, I knew this was the place I wanted to be.

In the wee hours of the morning we would pack the cooler with food and a few drinks and head out. We travelled over the next few years all over the Island. I was always drawn to Michael's Bay. It is my special place. I always feel so much joy driving down that road by the river to my favourite fishing place.

I liked to start the day with breakfast at Mum's. It was open all year 'round and early. We would ask the regulars there where good fishing spots were. I always felt content going to Mum's, perhaps because it was spelled the English way, just like my Mum, and breakfast is my favourite meal of the day. Maybe not such an important place to some, but to me, always comforting.

Due to life circumstances, my visits abruptly stopped. For roughly two-and-a-half years I did not visit. I longed to be here. Frankly, I was afraid to travel alone. I joined a few Island Facebook pages to keep myself in touch, read The Expositor online, never commenting but keeping my thoughts a little in the heart of the Island. I thought my dream of living here was over.

On July 17, 2019, I took the day off work. I was just surfing the internet and went to my favourite Facebook group, What's Doin on the Manitoulin. I had no thoughts of moving, no plans for it, just another day. I was looking through posts and I came across a post with two people having a conversation about an employer hiring on the Island. I knew the company and it was a job I could do. I just sat there and stared at the post. Could I do this? Could I do this alone? Was this a way to revive what I yearned for? If it were meant to be, it would not happen unless I tried. I sent my resume right there and then. I had nothing to lose and everything to gain. I was hired, via phone and email, within a few days. Things just fell into place by the grace of God and amazingly fast.

On August 5 I posted on the same Facebook page looking for recommendations for places to live. I received some wonderful suggestions from kind-hearted people. On September 3, I drove up to look at places and to visit my new employer. That visit was incredible. Being back here after so long. It seemed like an eternity that I was away. Any doubts I had at that time vanished. Everything was just brighter and more serene than I had ever experienced before. Everything was dream like all that weekend, know-

ing that on my next trip up I would not have to leave.

My boys were not too happy with my decision. This was not the way I did things. I always went for safety and security. They knew I did not handle change well. My boys are the only thing I miss from the city. They now see changes in me, good changes and are happy for me. Oh, and one very secondary thing I miss is a C Dubb's home burger. Love you Tyler, Jack, Matthew.

On September 28, everything packed, all goodbyes said, I started my new life. I was full of excitement and fear at the same time. I knew no one on the Island. All my visits had been spent in exclusion, fishing. No regrets though.

That same day I posted again on the Facebook group about my journey up here that day. Part of the post was that I felt like a child leading up to the days until Christmas morning. That pure childlike anticipation and excitement that I had felt years ago. I received so many wonderful responses welcoming me and telling me things about the Island you can only know from growing up here.

I knew it would be a huge adjustment for me, and lonely. I have a big problem with trusting people, but I had made a promise to God and myself that when I got here—I would put myself out there more and start trusting more.

By early December, things however were not working out like I had anticipated. My permanent housing fell through. I could not find a place to live and was only in a room temporarily. I put misplaced trust in a few and my bubble burst a little. I started second guessing my decisions. This was not feeling like home.

God had blessed me with strength to make this move, and he continued to guide me to keep me here, right where he wanted me. He put someone in my path, the day I arrived, a good person, with beliefs the same as what I was searching for. I found a good church and a good pastor. A supervisor at work who was welcoming and kind. I held onto these people.

I found an ad in The Expositor in December for an apartment in Little Current. I met a sympathetic landlord, willing to help me get into my new home before Christmas. Still this did not feel like home.

I have learned that nothing valuable in life is painless. I have learned that every adversity in life is to teach me something worthwhile. As I was sitting at work on a Monday in mid-January, I received a phone call from back home. A doctor had been searching for me since I moved. As I had no permanent address, a new phone number, a new email they had not been able to contact me. It was a routine test from months earlier that I never gave another thought to it. It was cancer. I had surgery, two days later, alone, I was completely incapacitated. I did not know what to do. I was bed-ridden. This accounting of that event may seem short and somewhat cold, but that was how the whole experience was for me. I found out quickly, surgery was quick, no time to think and I was left stunned and in shock

when I arrived back home. I was completely overwhelmed.

So, I did the only thing I could do. I prayed and the response was quick. Ask for help. That may seem simple, but not for me. I do not trust people, so to ask complete strangers for help was extremely difficult. So, I sucked up my pride and fear and again returned to that wonderful Facebook group, What's Doin on the Manitoulin, and posted for help. Just a short post:

"Hi friends. I had some unexpected surgery yesterday and I am looking for some help, i.e. pick up a few groceries for me, a few simple things around the house. Any recommendations or services that could help me. I am in Little Current — feeling exhausted."

I was completely overwhelmed by the response. I was unaccustomed to the compassion and kindness of people. But then this was what I had hoped for when I moved up here. That small-town kind-heartedness and taking an interest in your neighbour's wellbeing. That Little House on the Prairie mentality that I always felt was something I wanted and needed to be a part of.

The first person I spoke to who offered help has turned out to be a great, great friend. The first conversation we had was priceless. We were trying to figure out where each other lived. I am new here and knew the name of my street but not the cross street of my home. She asked a few questions and said, 'look out your Living room window' and there she was waving at me from the house across the street. Now this God-sent woman did so much for me. Shopping, cooking, baking, visits, mail, endless cups of tea, and so much more. A wonderful woman. Others responded with offerings of help, kindness, friendship. My very understanding and patient landlord, a church that helped pay my rent and prayed for me. A small bible study group who made meals for me for everyday of the week, for weeks, and delivered them to me with kindness and compassion. My employer, patient and understanding and supplying assistance and much peace of mind. This was truly more overwhelming than the surgery. That initial first-person God put in my path here, offering me love and kindness and helping me to accept my journey and find my truth faith in God. Every one of you, and many more, was heaven sent and a blessing to me.

I fell in love with this Island in 2012. I fell in love with the peace and the beauty and the air and the water and the sounds and smells, and the comfort the land brought. I have now fallen in love with the people. The complete charity of strangers, their comfort, guidance, love and the welcoming of a stranger and enabling her to trust and have faith again in something far bigger. Each person put in my path has opened doors to others. Each one as selfless and welcoming as the next.

Thanks, Dad!

Virginia Jensen
Little Current

Poll reveals Canadians under 54 years consuming more alcohol due to COVID-19

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—A recent poll found that Canadians under the age of 54 are consuming more alcohol at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The April study, commissioned by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA)

and conducted by Nanos Research, found that 25 percent of Canadians aged 35 to 54 and 21 percent of Canadians aged 18 to 34 say they have been drinking more alcohol since the beginning of self-isolation and social distancing.

The main reasons for the increase were reported as lack of a regular schedule

(51 percent), boredom (49 percent) and stress (44 percent). Overall, 94 percent of Canadians reported they are staying at home more due to COVID-19. The margin of error for this survey is ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The Expositor spoke with CCSA's knowledge broker Dr. Bryce Barker, whose

expertise includes alcohol and low-risk drinking guidelines and who has been deeply involved with the Nanos poll results. Dr. Barker said there is not yet enough data to determine whether this will continue to be a trend post-pandemic.

"We don't have the data yet to say what a trend would look like, especially if we open (the economy) in phases," he said, noting that Statistics Canada (SC) recently completed a similar study but with a larger Canadian data sample that showed "slightly lower numbers but the same trend or pattern with more people in the ages 15 to 54 years drinking. Another interesting finding in the SC study was that unemployed and socially isolated people who reported lower perceived mental health were more likely to consume alcohol, cannabis or other substances. So, if the conditions that contribute to lower perceived mental health persist those people might continue to consume more alcohol."

The bigger concern, noted Dr. Barker, was not if people consumed more but if people shifted to drinking alcohol on a daily basis that had not done so prior to the COVID-19 outbreak. That's where there's a real concern for alcohol use disorder," he said. "This situation is unprecedented and it takes a lot of time to get the data and see what happens after a situation like this—we've never had a situation like this."

He recommends that people think about positive ways to cope with the stress and loneliness of the situation. "I would also encourage anyone who does drink to look at Canada's low risk alcohol drinking guidelines," he continued. "There are a lot of very practical things people can do. They can set low risk limits on how much they drink. That's two drinks for women and three drinks for men on any one occasion so you can set that limit and stick with it. You can set a limit on how many days of the week you will drink and

stick with that. You can plan days off every week. You can pace your drinks to less than one per hour. You can eat before and while drinking and you can alternate your alcoholic drinks with non-alcoholic drinks on any occasion. So, anytime I sit down to have a drink, I'll have an alcoholic drink and then I can have a non-alcoholic drink and that can help with pacing." (For a copy of Canada's low-risk alcohol drinking guidelines or information on alcohol and COVID-19, visit CCSA.ca.)

Alcohol can be used as a way to cope, Dr. Barker said, but it's not always a good way to deal with a stressful situation. "Sometimes things we're coping with can be made worse by alcohol so if I feel stress, I might feel more stress after I've spent an evening drinking. It might seem like a good coping strategy but there are other healthier ways to cope with stress and loneliness."

Those with addictions
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Gore Bay courthouse not part of phase one of the province's reopening of courts

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—Trials and preliminary hearings in the Ontario Court of Justice (OCJ) will resume July 6 in a limited number of courthouses and courtrooms, according to a June 17 COVID-19 update. The Ministry of the Attorney General, which is responsible for courts administration and courthouse facilities, has established an incremental plan to prepare courthouses to facilitate the return to full court operations across Ontario.

Phase one of the reopening plan includes 93 OCJ courtrooms, pending adequate health and safety measures are in place. The targeted date for full reopening is November 1, 2020. Trials and preliminary hearings will resume July 6 at Sudbury, Sault Ste Marie and North Bay courthouses in the Northeast region.

All trials and prelimi-

nary inquiries involving accused persons who are in custody or out of custody will proceed as scheduled. According to the update, all participants, including the accused person(s), counsel and witness(es) will attend in person, unless a judge has directed otherwise.

The number of people who can attend inside the courtroom or courthouse during the phase one reopening will remain restricted in accordance with health and safety guidelines.

A special COVID-19 trial readiness court (TRC) has been established to "identify and discuss any issues that may affect the scheduling or conduct of the hearing," such as an inability to attend court due to health concerns or whether any part of the hearing will be conducted using remote technology. Cases will appear in TRC the Monday prior to the week of the scheduled trial or preliminary inquiry.

Bail hearings, guilty pleas and set date appearances will continue to be remotely conducted by audioconference or videoconference.

Attendance in courtrooms for criminal matters other than trials and preliminary inquiries will continue to be restricted to the judicial office and essential court staff.

Both the OCJ and the Superior Court of Justice have been closed to in-person hearings since March 16 because of COVID-19.



Law & Order

Driver charged with impaired by drug

On June 13 at 9:10 pm, members from the Nipissing West (Sudbury) Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a traffic complaint of a possible impaired driver in the area of Fielding Road, City of Greater Sudbury. The vehicle was not located at that time.

At approximately 12:50 am on June 14, while investigating a collision in the westbound lanes on Highway 17, near the Vermillion River bridge, officers stopped the suspect vehicle. Upon speaking with the driver, officers determined the individual was under the influence of a drug and he was arrested.

Officers seized a quantity of drugs suspected to be cannabis along with a replica handgun.

Further investigation by a drug recognition expert (DRE) was completed and as a result of this evaluation, the driver, Anthony Migwans, age 21, from M'Chigeeng First Nation, was charged with: operation while impaired, blood drug concentration; operation while impaired, alcohol and drug; drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available; fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle; driver fail to surrender licence; fail to surrender insurance card; and Class G1 licence holder drive at unlawful hour.

The accused was released by way of an appearance notice and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on August 12 in Sudbury.

He was issued a 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension (ADLS), and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

WTPS seeking assistance in Holy Cross mischief

On June 14, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) received a report of break, enter, arson and mischief that was committed at Holy Cross Mission Church within the main village of Wikwemkoong.

The unidentified culprit(s) gained forceful entry into the church and committed the mischief and arson to the building.

WTPS continues to conduct and maintain an active investigation into this crime and is seeking community help with reporting any relevant information about this crime.

Please contact WTPS Constable Joseph Naokwegijig or Detective Sergeant Todd Fox at 705-859-3141 should you possess any information regarding this crime or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-888-222-8477 should you choose to remain anonymous.

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Apologies!

Thanks to everyone who helped me put together last week's column. I know now when they say there is a hard deadline, there is no joke. It might be a little dated but it will follow below.

Virtual race, real effort!

M'Chigeeng's **Laurie Beaudin** has been a runner for a long time and pre-COVID had signed up for the Ottawa Half Marathon that was, of course, cancelled. Organizers, however, challenged registrants to complete their race distance on their own time as a kind of virtual race. Laurie completed her 21.1 km trek this past weekend in and around M'Chigeeng.

She had a lot of people along the route holding up encouraging signs and yelling out supportive cheers that must have helped her super two hours and 17 minute timing. Others offered horn honks and rehydration care. Congratulations, Laurie. Maybe not as exciting as a trip to Ottawa but so many more people were able to be "there" for you.

Outran the Sun!

Hats off to Manitowaning's **Yana Bauer** who competed in the Running Room's virtual Outrun the Sun Solstice 5K over the weekend. Yana had her goal set to go for a sub-30 minute run and she did manage to beat it. Way to go, Yana!

Assiginack badminton!

Assiginack Township is going to try hosting badminton again, but in a different format, while trying to keep everyone safe. Already in session, until August 18, on Tuesday evenings badminton will once again be available at the arena from 6:30 to 8 pm. At this time only 10 people will be allowed in the facility. This opportunity is open to all ages. Please observe social distancing measures!

Free coaching webinars

Everyone is still holding their collective breaths hoping the 2020-2021 hockey season can still roll out in some way, normally. In the meantime players can still get in their dryland workouts and similarly, coaches can get in their own training.

Although some sessions have already finished, NOHA (Northern Ontario Hockey Association) has and will still be offering more of its coaching development webinar series. Each webinar is hosted by a highly qualified trainer offering a specific skill required by hockey coaches.

For instance the next one is titled: 'Building a Coach/Goaltender Relationship in Minor Hockey' and is slated to take place this coming Monday, June 29 from 6 to 7:15 pm hosted by presenter Dan Stewart, who is the goaltender coach of the OHL's Soo Greyhounds.

Amazingly, all of the sessions are free. The clinics are delivered in an online webinar format. Attendees just need a laptop with a sufficient internet connection to view the presentation. The concepts presented will include key theories on developing a relationship with your goaltenders, learning how to effectively utilize resources, video examples and an opportunity to ask questions.

Coaches who attend will receive three Certification Maintenance Points towards their Development 1 or High Performance 1 certified status. You can find the link through the NOHA website or at hockeycanada.ca. Keep on improving, coaches!

The Attempt continues!

The unique and educational "attempt" at circumnavigating all of Manitoulin's lakes has now seen the intrepid pair follow the shorelines of four of our amazing lakes. **Natalie Hastings** and **Kristin Bickell** have now accumulated 35.8 km in total after having dipped their canoe 'Le Tigre' in Bass Lake in Sheguiandah, Sucker Lake in Assiginack, finally Windfall and Big Lakes within Central Manitoulin.

The pair know that these relatively small lakes (all less than 11 kilometers around) are good training for the bigger ones that will need multiple days. They are enjoying their time, however taking their time smelling and taking pictures of the flowers and all kinds of amazing wildlife.

Keep up the good work, guys and keep having fun!

No Current to Killarney for 2020

I guess it was just a matter of time but the inevitable call had to be made. Organizers were delaying the decision and toying with the idea of possibly choosing another date closer to the fall. Let us all hope that this terrific race on the OMCKRA (Ontario Marathon Canoe Kayak Racing Association) circuit will take place next summer without a hitch.

National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration

One paddling event that is still scheduled was a small, community paddling regatta in Wiikwemkoong Bay on National Indigenous Peoples Day. What a great way to celebrate an important day. Organizer **Rosetta Toulouse** encouraged community members to see how many kayaks and canoes they could get out on the bay! Thanks for organizing this, Rosetta. It is heartening to see people inspiring people to get out and be more active. Have fun!

Local fisherman featured in magazine!

Dane Gibeault, 11, had a great picture of him holding up a 13-pound pike that he caught in the North Channel in Ontario Out of Doors. The caption describes Dane as a "fish whisperer" and is an apt moniker because the youngster really has the knack and often out-fishes his Dad. I'm open to tips, Dane!

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Indigenous tourism agencies launch national booking platform

by Michael Erskine

COAST SALISH TERRITORY—The Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC) launched a new Destination Indigenous marketing campaign on Sunday, June 21 aimed at "encouraging, highlighting and educating travellers about the many Indigenous experiences that will welcome Canadians this summer."

The launch was slated to coincide with National Indigenous People's Day and the marketing campaign includes the release a web-booking platform that will link travellers with export-ready Indigenous tourism business who will be providing unique experiences to visitors this summer, a series of Zoom backgrounds showcasing "Indigenous-experience imagery" from each province and territory and a video campaign, 'Virtually Yours,' aimed at enticing tourists.

"As a global leader in advancing Indigenous tourism, our goal is to help create, support and market Canada's Indigenous cultural experiences in a memorable and authentic way that embraces our collective efforts, honours our traditions and demonstrates our unity," said Keith Henry, president and CEO of ITAC in a release announcing the launch. "To help achieve this, we've created Destination Indigenous to simplify the process for visitors wanting to discover the heritage of our country by providing a one-stop-shop where they can find the amazing experiences that our Indigenous communities have to offer."

The release goes on to note that "prior to the COVID-19 pandemic disrupting global tourism, Canada's Indigenous tours, activities and communities welcomed visitors from around the world—sharing rich, transformative travel experiences that showcase a modern, authentic culture. Destination Indigenous celebrates this once-thriving sector in the hopes of leading it on a path to recovery, linking travellers to an emotional experience that flows from a grounding with the natural envi-

ronment, a sense of welcome, positive interactions, a feeling of vibrancy and a desire to connect."

"Now more than ever, in light of the drastic effects that COVID-19 has had on the Indigenous tourism sector, it is important to promote and support the Indigenous tour, activity and experience operators that have welcomed visitors from around the world into their communities," said Mr. Henry. "With over 40,000 people employed by this industry, we have turned our efforts to advocacy—requesting much-needed federal financial relief for businesses—and now, towards the promotion of domestic tourism through the Destination Indigenous campaign."

The Destination Indigenous campaign will continue to roll out new elements to promote and support the tourism industry towards recovery and resiliency over the coming months, assures board member and Indigenous Tourism Ontario president Kevin Eshkawkogan. "Due to COVID-19, many Indigenous communities and experiences are still closed to visitors in order to stop the spread of the virus. In respect of that, we are encouraging people to explore the Destination Indigenous booking platform regularly as member experiences will be added on an ongoing basis as they get the approval from the government to welcome guests. There will be a multitude of experiences tailored to various interests to discover."

"We stress cultural appropriate authenticity," noted Mr. Eshkawkogan. "I believe the post COVID-19 tourism market will provide a lot of opportunities for Indigenous tourism," he said. "People will be looking for smaller-scale, less crowded experiences, and that is something we, as an industry, excel at providing."

The website can be accessed at DestinationIndigenous.ca and Indigenous tourism businesses are encouraged to market their own unique experiences.

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the coming year. "I wound up quarantined in the hostel."

The changes in her circumstances came on like an avalanche.

"One morning everything was normal, everything was fine," she recalled. "Then around halfway through the day, people were watching the news on their phones, on their tablets, on computers. Everyone stopped for like an hour or so glued to their devices and watching the prime minister," she said.

It was March 16 and the prime minister was announcing that all events for 2020 were cancelled. Bye-bye job—hello four walls in a room by yourself in a hostel. On the bright side, she currently has a job in that hostel.

There were nine staff members remaining at the hostel and each now had their own private rooms but none of them could leave the building except to go for groceries or the pharmacy. All the tourists staying there left to return home.

"It was very quiet here, Amsterdam was completely empty," she said. But on the bright side of that, as restrictions began to lift and the streets still remained largely deserted, the Anishinaabe-kwe got to see the city in ways that would have been impossible just a few weeks earlier.

Ms. Recollet admits to a tinge of homesickness, but she

was prepared for that when she set out to spend the year in Europe. As for racing home, she said she felt there was little reason to buy a panic ticket.

"I was talking with family back home and realized that really, there wouldn't be that much difference," she said. Thanks to technology, she really isn't any more isolated from family and friends than she would be under lockdown in Wiikemkoong. "I talk to my family just about every day and keep in touch," she said. "There are some really good people here at the hostel."

Ms. Recollet is using the downtime to learn Dutch and whenever she has a chance she takes in her uncle Isadore Toulouse's Anshinaabemowin classes online, along with some professional development seminars. "There's a six-hour time difference," she said, "but I log into my uncle's classes whenever I can. This is the perfect time to learn a new language and improve by own."

That time is well spent, but has its own challenges. "It can be very frustrating," she admits of learning Dutch. "It is very different."

She describes the journey into her current career as almost accidental. "I was actually planning to become a police officer, but I got a job working for the Pan Am Games in Toronto in 2015." Turns out she had a knack for it. "It was a great opportunity and I did a lot of network-

ing. I kind of just fell into it."

Other opportunities just kept coming, including working for the Invictus Games in Australia in 2017—and yes, she did get to meet royalty on that gig. (Britain's Prince Henry, Duke of Sussex founded the Invictus Games.) "I was working on transport to the venue," she said.

As to why she has continued working in international sports events, Ms. Recollet didn't hesitate. "I love it," she said. "I never saw this for myself, never thought I would now be in my third country doing this kind of work."

Although Ms. Recollet said that she doubted she could stay in Amsterdam until the games return in 2021, she was not giving up her stay in Europe just yet. "I will see if I can get my visa extended," she said, turning her eye to events that are shaping up in nearby Germany.

As to what advice Ms. Recollet might have for other young Anishinaabe looking toward the future and potential careers, Ms. Recollet drew on her own experiences. "Always seek opportunities to learn and grow," she said, "and don't forget to network and make professional connections."

...Construction starts on Island's first national fast-food franchise

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Streetwise Holdings is the project's developer. President Patrick McBane told The Expositor that he is excited to see work progressing in earnest and gave an estimated timeline of 17 to 20 weeks until completion if all continues as planned.

Crews from E Corbiere and Sons could be seen working at the site since Monday, June 15. Mr. McBane said Streetwise believed strongly in involv-

ing local tradespeople to work on the projects to keep the local economy strong.

"There's more than just E Corbiere and Sons, too; it's been a concerted effort through the tender process to ensure that there's local trades involved from building to surveying," he said.

Mr. Lefebvre said coming to Manitoulin Island was exciting for the company and he was happy to bring some of Tim Hortons' benefits to Islanders.

"We're going to do what we do in every community

across Canada, offer our great products and great coffee and support community initiatives. We'll be taking part in Camp Day, smile cookies, Timbits hockey, Timbits soccer and helping to raise money for places like the food bank and the hospital," he said.

By his estimates, the Little Current Tim Hortons will employ roughly 30 to 35 people when it opens for business, with three quarters of those employees at full-time status.

Business has been diffi-

cult in the last couple of months for Mr. Lefebvre's other locations during COVID-19 but he said numbers are beginning to pick up once more. Although it will not compare to last summer, he expected to be able to survive the challenging times.

He added that he has already stopped by the site to look at the construction process and was encouraged by the eagerness of the crews to get to work.

...Canadians under 54 years are consuming more alcohol

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issues are particularly vulnerable and may experience increased anxiety or a worsening of existing symptoms during the pandemic and recovery period. Many providers have modified how they deliver services during this pandemic to better protect their clients and staff from COVID-19. As a result, it may be more challenging at this time to connect in person with existing addictions services providers or peer support groups, but resources and assistance are still available for

those in need.

While in-person meetings are closed until further notice, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) has set up Zoom meetings Monday, Wednesday and Friday for this region. The transition from face-to-face to online meetings was almost seamless due to previous experience in some more remote Northern communities, according to a spokesperson, and individuals are able to maintain their anonymity. To register, visit the regional website at Area84.org. Volunteers continue to

man the phone lines at 705-674-6217 from 10 am until 5 pm Monday to Friday. There is also an answering service for after hours.

The phone number for Narcotics Anonymous, which operates on the same 12 step principles, is 1-888-811-3887.

A comprehensive listing of resources for alcohol and drug addiction assessment and treatment can be found at NortheastHealthline.ca under the Sudbury-Manitoulin-Parry Sound tab.

Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

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



JESSICA CRAIG

CONGRATULATIONS, JESSICA!



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Jessica Craig is one Mustang who's positivity always cheers up the people around her. Jessica is a Grade 12 student who enjoys going fishing, hunting and playing the piano in her spare time.

During her years at Little Current Public School, Jessica participated in soccer, volleyball, cross-country and track and field. When she got to high school, she joined the volleyball team and she was on it throughout all four years of her high school career. When on the court, Jessica would play the position of power hitter. When off the court, she'd always be there to support her teammates. Every year of high school, Jessica and her team were able to qualify for NSSSA. The previous three years, the team placed second to Espanola. This year they placed third, losing the game by only three points in the 5th set. They did so with a solid season behind them and lots of hard work. Being on the same volleyball team for four years makes it fairly easy to make connections with peers, work together as a team and make new friends in the process.

Jessica's favourite sport is volleyball because it's a sport that requires her to really work together with her teammates during a game. Volleyball is also a lot of fun because it's always moving quickly and is always exciting. She enjoys playing sports in general because they're an easy way to take her mind off of things going on around her or in her life. Sports are a fun way to spend time with friends and not have to worry about anything.

Jessica's talents expand to her academics as well. In school, her favourite subject is biology because she's always found the class really interesting. She enjoys learning about how things came to be as they are, and she finds that the class has taught her a variety of information that she can use in everyday life and in college next year as well. After she graduates, she is going to Canadore for nursing.

Jessica is one of many talented Mustangs, and with her kindness, creativity and drive, she is sure to make MSS proud. Let's go, Jessica, let's go!



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...Indigenous tourism receives \$16 million federal pandemic survival boost

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industry over the past few years. “But a lot of our businesses are new and vulnerable. Even some of our more mature businesses are particularly vulnerable.”

Mr. Eshkawkogan pointed to the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, which was finally moving into the black following a couple of years of growing pains.

The ITAC and ITO strategy is basically two-fold, said Mr. Eshkawkogan. “First we responded quickly to protecting the assets and businesses, ensuring that they would be better able to weather the coming storm. With 60 to 70 percent closing either temporarily or permanently there was a definite challenge to be met.”

To that end the Indigenous tourism organizations looked inward to their own budgets and rapidly rejigged priorities to meet those challenges. The result was a \$2.5 million fund scraped together that, while falling far short of need, still helped to shore up the books for several businesses. “We had 141 applications,” noted Mr. Eshkawkogan. “There were four from Manitoulin.” But the ask had already topped \$3.5 million at that point.

With the \$16 million infusion, the application queue mushroomed to 600 applications in the first intake. “We expect even more in the next intake,” noted Mr. Eshkawkogan.

This is not a small deal for the province, particularly the North.

“Ontario is home to the largest Indigenous tourism industry in Canada with \$622 million in contributions to GDP, including 12,924 jobs and 558 Indigenous tourism businesses,” said Mr. Eshkawkogan. “If we project the numbers on national losses, that will translate to a loss of \$330 million in



Ontario is home to the largest Indigenous tourism industry in Canada, worth more than \$600 million. The new funding will allow for expanded offerings, direct revenues. Ontario Indigenous tourism businesses contribute \$622 million or 33.11 percent of the \$1.7 billion that tourism contributes to the national GDP.”

Further, there is a potential job loss of 4,000 jobs in Indigenous tourism. Ontario is home to 12,924, or 36.59 percent of the 39,038 tourism jobs in Canada, said Mr. Eshkawkogan. “We could see a loss of 140 businesses of the approximately 558 Indigenous tourism businesses in Ontario.”

“ITO is implementing a three-phase approach,” he said. “That’s protect, restart and recover.”

In phase one, ITO aims to protect the Ontario Indigenous tourism sector and “continue to support and align with direct investment into national partners such as ITAC, Destination Canada, TIAC, and Tourism HR Canada; provincial partners such as the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO) and the other Ontario tourism sector organizations; along with regional partners like the Ontario Regional Tourism organizations. ITO has already repurposed resources to engage business support brokers to help Indigenous tourism businesses navigate through the

crisis and prepare for a summer with little to no revenue.

“We have worked hard to guide businesses through the application processes,” said Mr. Eshkawkogan, “and we have been phenomenally successful. I think of this as a ‘rescue’ phase.”

In phase two, “the restart phase, ITO will co-ordinate and administer direct investment into ITO’s four pillars for three years to offset long term issues facing Indigenous tourism businesses and events in Ontario. This will include co-ordinating the following: embracing innovative experience delivery methods and revenue models for Indigenous tourism businesses; assisting businesses develop new product offerings for both domestic and international markets; engage business restart specialists to assist businesses through this phase; align Ontario Indigenous tourism businesses with partners and organizations who can help them not just recover, but surge forward when the time comes; and partner and co-ordinate the necessary training so

Ontario Indigenous businesses can thrive in 2021 and beyond.”

The final and third phase, recovery, will involve a three-year window and require a further \$2.5 million in funding for ITO over the next two years, split between the feds and the province, to ensure that the organization can “help support the Indigenous tourism industry over the next two years.”

“The funding has really helped out a number of businesses here,” said Wiikwemkoong Tourism manager Luke Wassegijig. “Even in my own business, Wassegijig Tours, it has helped make a difference.”

Mr. Wassegijig noted that while many businesses in the tourism industry have been hard hit by the pandemic travel restriction, Indigenous businesses were in a unique position due to the community lockdowns that were in place in First Nations. “Bayside Resort here in Wiikwemkoong were not able to open to receive any guests, so they have had no revenue at all,” he said.

...Dr. Manitowabi named Hannah Chair

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cine and health care and we believe Dr. Darrel Manitowabi will bring a wealth of essential knowledge to his institution and Canada at large.”

The Expositor spoke with Dr. Manitowabi while he was catching up on some home renovations before taking up his duties effective July 1.

“I am looking forward to the opportunity and the challenge,” said Dr. Manitowabi. He explained that his duties will include a great deal of research into the history and development of Indigenous health and traditional medicines and healing practices. His role will be “to promote the discussion of the inherent, constitutional, treaty and international rights of all Indigenous peoples and communities and the protection of traditional knowledge and medicines from appropriation.”

Dr. Manitowabi’s research focus, as the chair, will be in the history of Indigenous Health and he will contribute to NOSM’s role in leading scholarly activity in the history of Indigenous Health.

“There will also be teaching and administrative duties,” said Dr. Manitowabi, “but most of my time will be dedicated to research.”

Dr. Manitowabi will also be liaising with other medical schools across the country—particularly those who historically have an extremely limited exposure to Indigenous traditions, medicines and culture. “NOSM is really the exception,” noted Dr. Manitowabi, as the school’s programs and student body has had a deep integration with

Indigenous communities since its onset.

“I hope that our work will help to inform newly-trained medical professionals so that they can better serve Indigenous patients,” he said. “This will provide an opportunity to fill those gaps in many medical schools.”

Dr. Manitowabi recently served as the director of Northern and Community Studies at Laurentian University, and at NOSM as the Director of Indigenous Affairs in 2018 and the assistant dean of Graduate Studies in 2019.

“My background is in anthropology,” he said. His work as an Indigenous anthropologist included research interests in Anishinaabe ethno history and oral history, Indigenous gambling, Indigenous social determinants of health, Indigenous healing, Indigenous-state relations and Indigenous self-determination.

Dr. Manitowabi’s research and publications examine how the historical legacy of colonialism impacts the health and well-being of First Nations communities. His research in the history of Indigenous health situates the place of Anishinaabe language (Anishinaabemowin) and knowledge (kendaasawin) in conceptions of holistic well-being (mino-bimaadiziwin) and ill health (maanaaji-bimaadizwin), notes the release.

The AMS Hannah Chairs are endowed through the generosity of AMS and Dr. Manitowabi joins seven other AMS Hannah Chairs in medical schools across Canada, where they are integral members of undergraduate and graduate education in the health professions, especially medicine.

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...Climatologists predict above-average heat and rain

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the report said.

Closer to home, Environment Canada's forecast suggests a 50 to 60 percent probability of above normal temperatures for June through August for Manitoulin Island and Lake Huron with a slightly higher probability of above average precipitation for the area over the summer

months.

The average high temperatures for Gore Bay for the years 2011 through 2019 are June, 21.6° Celsius; July, 25.2° Celsius; and August, 24.1° Celsius.

Some data for precipitation amounts for the same period was unavailable and precipitation amounts varied significantly year over year. For example, August 2019 precipitation total was 18.7 mm while

August 2017 total was 153.2 mm. Available data shows the average precipitation measured at the Gore Bay airport was June, 50.2 mm; July, 49.7 mm; and August, 72.6 mm.

Environment Canada's temperature forecast remains much the same through February 2021 while the precipitation forecast hovers around normal amounts beginning in September.

...Northeast council demands meeting with Island OPP

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Island to respond quickly to a threat to anyone in their home fails to meet the threshold of ensuring public safety."

The mayor concluded the letter by requesting that Staff Sergeant Wall attend the next meeting of council, to have taken place yesterday, June 23.

The Expositor spoke with the 72-year-old widow who had the near-encounter on June 9, and who asked to remain anonymous.

"I had been lying in bed awake when I heard a soft noise outside," she explained, noting that this occurred just before 6 am.

The woman said she had just started to feel comfortable in her surroundings following the loss of her husband two years ago and had been gaining more and more confidence as the months passed. She said she always takes precautions, though, on top of locking her doors. Bear spray is kept nearby and she sleeps with her key fob on her nightstand. The neighbours know that if the panic button goes off and the alarm is sounded, something is wrong.

After she heard the noise she decided to get up and have a look. There she saw a man walking along her deck, obviously having just finished trying one door and moving on to the next. She froze. He turned and saw her and they stood, face to face, through the glass. She explained that he made a motion as though he needed to use a phone. She quickly turned and went to call 9-1-1.

"He took off," she said. The call for police was made at 5:55 am. "I hid after that, afraid to look," she added.

The woman said that about 10-15 minutes later, the police called back to ask a few questions, such as 'is he still there?' She was also told that 'there is nobody on the Island, we're coming from Espanola.'

"I couldn't believe it," she shared. "I was already in a state of shock and very fearful."

The woman said she then called a neighbour to tell him what happened and who came right away. While hopping into his standard transmission truck, the neighbour realized that the truck had been rolled back a few feet. A mysterious glove was also inside his garage. It would seem that a culprit had been there, too.

"I was definitely panic-stricken," she continued. "I had finally gotten confident the last few months and was feeling really, really good."

The victim said she spoke with the staff ser-

geant and it was explained that there are no officers on shift from 5 am and 7 am (which has been the case for years).

"I'm uneasy sitting here in the evening," she added. "The response did not make me feel secure; I had to rely on neighbours."

She noted that if it weren't for a number of retired OPP officers living nearby who have offered their help, she would give considerable thought to leaving her beloved Island home.

The Expositor requested an interview with Staff Sergeant Wall, but she is currently on training. Constable Wendy Forcier, a media relations officer with the OPP, did respond to this newspaper's queries and offered a face-to-face meeting with detachment's commanding officer, Detective Inspector Megan Cavanagh.

When asked about the hours of coverage, Constable Forcier explained that hours of operation are determined by looking at the calls for service and resource requirements over an extended period. "If it's determined that a change in hours of operation would better meet the community's needs then the OPP will make the necessary adjustments."

Asked if 24-hour coverage is a possibility, Constable Forcier said it could be, dependent on the aforementioned calls for service analysis.

As for the concern that responding officer(s) came from Espanola, Constable Forcier said "The OPP does take all necessary steps to maintain policing standards. Manitoulin OPP is a cluster detachment with officers responding with 'closest to the call' technology, a process whereby dispatchers are able to utilize global positioning system (GPS) technology to identify and send the closest unit(s) to high priority calls. Units selected to attend these calls are based on their proximity to the call, regardless of their detachment affiliation. Operational decisions are made by detachment and regional OPP staff, in consultations with Police Service Boards (in this case a

Community Policing Advisory Committee) and community stakeholders, on a regular basis."

"In this case, the closest on-duty officer was located in Espanola, a satellite detachment to Manitoulin, at that particular time," Constable Forcier said.

The Expositor noted last year's \$46 million provincial budget cut to OPP services (from \$1.7 billion to \$1.12 billion) and queried as to whether this is having an effect on the Manitoulin detachment. Constable Forcier responded by saying that part of the OPP's ongoing efforts of being fiscally responsible include, "two main budget implications that are marked to explore for opportunities to help manage the financial constraints: cost efficiency and procurement - A 10 percent reduction in the other direct operating expenditures budget (vehicles, uniforms, etc.); and workforce efficiency - The OPP is moving from a two percent vacancy rate to a five percent vacancy rate. On average, compared to other police services, the five percent vacancy rate is in line with other police services in Ontario. We are not outside of the norm."

"It is our goal to improve efficiencies to keep up with the ever-changing business and technology environments," the constable continued. "We continue to work collaboratively with our partners and stakeholders and to engage our members as we comply with provincial policies and remain fiscally responsible. The OPP remains committed to public safety and the citizens of Ontario including the citizens served by the Manitoulin detachment."


Mayor MacNevin told The Expositor on Monday that he had received word from Detective Inspector Cavanagh that she would speak with him in some capacity about his concerns, but said that OPP is not permitted to take part in Zoom meetings (which is how the Northeast Town is currently hosting meetings of council), and asked that the press not be present for the meeting. The mayor's and council's

request, however, is for the detachment commander to meet with them at a public meeting.

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Island photo project named finalist in global competition

by Warren Schlote
COLUMBIA, Mo.—Former Expositor photographer Giovanni Capriotti has earned a spot as a finalist for his ongoing Manitoulin Island-based photo project ‘The Haweaters’ in the 77th Pictures of the Year competition run by the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism.

“I’ve been shooting (‘The Haweaters’) since 2014 without knowing where I was heading with the project,” said Mr. Capriotti.

“The Haweaters’ is a project that seeks to “explore the blurred lines of co-existence” between Indigenous and settler culture on Manitoulin Island and, in a broad sense, Canada. His photos capture candid moments of different lived rural experiences and contrast how one’s cultural background can impact those experiences.

The Rome-born photographer first visited Manitoulin Island in 2010 on a drive with a friend to explore Northern Ontario. They were travelling from Sault Ste. Marie and Mr. Capriotti noticed what appeared to be a massive island on a printed map of the region. They resolved to check out the landform and the rest, as they say, is history.

They stopped at a now-closed gas station to fill up their tank and Mr. Capriotti was surprised that the price was higher than the one posted on the sign. That



Giovanni Capriotti's photo essay 'The Haweaters' was a finalist in the 77th Pictures of the Year competition run by the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism.

woman explained that the posted price was the cost for gas-card-holding “Status Indians,” which sparked his interest in Indigenous peoples in Canada.

“I grew up in a big city, in Rome; we don’t know about this culture. We just get the American propaganda about Indians and cowboys. That’s when I started questioning what I knew about Indigenous cultures in Canada,” said Mr. Capriotti.

His wife is an advocate for Indigenous rights and helped to inform Mr. Capriotti about the history. In 2014 he travelled to the Island and stayed with a two-spirit person from

Wiikwemkoong whom he met through his wife. Mr. Capriotti's goal was to share the story of his life through pictures. This soon grew into the broader desire to explore the different ways of life on the Island.

He took up an internship at The Manitoulin Expositor and this newspaper helped him make connections with people around the Island who he would later feature in his series.

“Each picture has an allegory behind it, moving between co-existence, capitalism and new colonialism. Sometimes those ideas attack each other, other times they reject each other. My thing is it’s always

photo by Giovanni Capriotti

about the narrative—everything you find in newspapers and main medias is based on capitalism,” said Mr. Capriotti. “I’m not against business but the way we do business can be improved, for sure, in order to put humans at the centre of business.”

Capitalism is inherently divisive, he said, because in order to function it requires a more organized group taking advantage of a subordinate group.

“It’s also a story of little communities who get forgotten by the centre of the empire in Canada. At the same time, I also wanted to explore what happened in the past that created a sometimes shattered environment on the Island. It’s very well hidden,” said Mr. Capriotti.

Although this competition win involved a selection of 29 images, the full set of this project to date is nearly 10 times larger.

“I have over 250 images, plus other ones I’m working on because I’ve had access to archive pictures of a family, so those will be included in the project. I’m hoping to collect it all in a book very soon,” said Mr. Capriotti.

“These pictures all work together as a whole sequence,” he said. “Even the colours, emotions, actions it invokes and the allegoric meaning of an image can be paired with the allegoric meaning of the following image.”

Mr. Capriotti said his pictures are designed to weave a narrative, through personal stories, about the effects of colonialism and the growth of power centres in the nation. He was also critical of how Indigenous stories are often only told during crisis situations

such as the nation-wide rail blockades as of late.

“Off-Island people perceive it in a certain way. It’s an environment that has been shattered by the past, especially for Indigenous communities on the Island, but then abused and forgotten by modernism. Young people want to leave the Island and head to cities—capitalism still has a big effect,” he said.

“The Haweaters’ is far from being ‘in the can’ and Mr. Capriotti also has his sights set on turning it into a book with written stories to go along with each photo.

This is part of a larger project called ‘Forever on the Fringe,’ which is also the possible title of a book about the making of Manitoulin Island, the treaties, why settlers came there, what their expectations were, said Mr. Capriotti. Of note, ‘Forever on the Fringe’ is also the title of a book by author W. R. Wightman, which is a series of studies about Manitoulin Island.

Mr. Capriotti said he also plans to create a small publishing venture with a business partner in order to produce physical versions of their work that will outlast a hard drive’s longevity.

Expositor correction

The June 17 Page 21 story ‘Ferguson Cottage Supply Co. has all you need and more for that perfect trip to the camp’ contained two errors. Lee-Ann Ferguson is a sales representative for J. James Bousquet Realty Inc. Brokerage, not Bousquet Insurance.

Ms. Ferguson operates her real estate sales out of J. James Bousquet Realty Inc. Brokerage’s head office in downtown Little Current. The Expositor regrets the errors and any confusion they may have caused.

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TEHKUMMAH—The court of revision for the Smeltzer's Drain expansion project in the Township of Tehkummah convened on June 9 to give drain ratepayers an opportunity to review changes to their assessments as impacted by the drain's extension.

Four appellants raised concerns with their assessments and the court recom-

mended that two be accepted. The difference in the assessed amounts will be billed to the roads budget.

The township convened a special meeting of council on Friday, June 19 and adopted the court of revision's recommendations. The drain project plans will next be finalized so construction can begin.



A sign of change

This sign just appeared on the Boosneck Road side of the new Manitoulin OPP detachment headquarters in Little Current. Construction is still carrying on but this is a sign that there will be a move to the new headquarters in the foreseeable future.

Expositor clarification

A Page 3 story in the June 17, 2020 edition of The Expositor, 'Federal court approves Sixties Scoop settlement,' includes a reference to where the claim forms can be found, giving the impression that claims can still be filed. Claims are in fact now closed. The same story attributed the note that the first interim cheques have gone out to Argyle Public Relations, that note should be more cor-

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...Islanders raise voices in support of Black Lives Matter at rally

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Co-organizer Eden Beaudin next described the significance of the rally falling on June 19, also known as Juneteenth or Freedom Day—the day the last

enslaved Black people were freed in the US. She said as an Indigenous person she can recognize systemic disadvantages that occur in the modern day.

Ayriell Nodecker, the youngest of the

organizers, said the purpose of the event went deeper than the signs or the walk; rather, it was a chance to ponder the history of racism and its existence today.

“We all deserve to be given the same respect. Deep down we are all the same, and we need to be treated that way; I am here today to support that change and I am very happy to have everyone here walking with me,” said Ms. Nodecker.

Co-organizer Alicia Williamson said the well-attended rally in a small community was a testament to the spirit of Islanders and that everyone should advocate for positive change.

“We know that racism doesn’t stop at the swing bridge,” said Ms. Williamson. “It’s amazing seeing how many people across Canada are coming together.”

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskaing MP Carol Hughes said protests become powerful when they lead to concrete follow-up action.

“Sadly, there are many who feel threatened by the call for peace, harmony and justice. We see this from provocative people on social media and leaders who are reluctant to admit the depth and spread of discrimination or the harmful policies and practices that allow this to continue,” she said.

A protester asked what the government was doing about policing. Ms. Hughes, an opposition MP, said changes are needed so police will respect everyone’s rights equally and minimize violence in hostile situations.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha spoke next, tossing his speaking notes aside for an impassioned address. Mr. Mantha praised the young organizers as well as the large number of young people in attendance at the march.

He rebuked the province’s cuts to anti-racism initiatives as well as the federal government’s one-day suspension of NDP

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Protesters take a knee for a minute of silence before the march. More than 100 people attended and largely kept a safe distance between the groups; the vast majority wore protective face masks.

photos by Warren Schlote



Valerie Beaudin, left, and Kimberly Debassige offered a drum song that was a tribute to the 1969-1971 Indigenous occupation of Alcatraz.



Lorraine Bebamikawe led the group in a prayer and offered a teaching on how all must respect creation because everyone has a unique role therein.



The line of marchers at this point stretched for nearly half a kilometre as the front group led the way along the Little Current waterfront.



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leader Jagmeet Singh for calling a Bloc Québécois MP racist. Mr. Mantha added that as a White person, he felt uncomfortable to have to discuss this topic but that was the point.

“Don’t remain in ignorance. Step out, challenge yourself to ask questions about why you’re bothered by this,” he urged.

Aiyana Louis, a M’Chigeeng resident who has Barbadian and Anishinaabe heritage, said awareness of major global issues is important and described the crowd as part of a global consciousness.

“The first change always starts within ourselves,” said Ms. Louis. “Actions speak

louder than words ... if we all contribute a little bit, the results can be immaculate.”

She then delivered a powerful performance of Emeli Sandé’s song ‘Read All About It,’ then Valerie Beaudin and Kimberly Debassige performed ‘The Longest Walk Song’ in remembrance of the reclamation of Alcatraz by Indigenous demonstrators, a story shared in the December 11, 2019 edition of this newspaper.

Finally, Lorraine Bepamikawe delivered a prayer and a teaching about how creation is a gift that needs to be both shared and respected.

The group of more than 100 people (nearly universally wearing protective face

masks) took a knee for a minute of silence and then advanced down Water Street to Manitowaning Road, up the hill and back along Meredith Street to the start.

Northeast Town crews and members of Redrum Motorcycle Club provided traffic protection at intersections. When the group reached downtown Little Current, several people grabbed chalk and wrote ‘Black Lives Matter’ on the main street.

Notably absent from the march was a police presence. The five organizers had requested that the OPP not directly participate, given the systemic racism in policing which has been widely acknowledged, including by the commissioner of the RCMP. However, officers could be spotted in the area to ensure everyone stayed safe, all the while remaining at a respectful distance and driving off before the march reached their positions.

Leading the walk was Espanola’s Andrew Mercer, who had organized a recent rally in his town and had plans for follow-up events.

“It’s very important that we all support each other. All the world is standing together,” he said, adding that his friends from the US have described very different experiences with racism and this was a way to show support for the same issues that exist in Canada.

Marcher Mike Zegil, one of the Manitoulin Secondary School teachers who took part with their families, said he couldn’t “sit on the fence” when seeing all of the challenges in the world, especially considering it was his former students who organized the march.

The organizers thanked the people and organizations who made the rally possible and Ms. Williamson said it was important to keep the momentum going forward.



The demonstrators paused as they approached downtown for the rear marchers to catch up with the lead group. Several young people dashed up to write ‘Black Lives Matter’ on the road downtown, below.



The route led past the Little Current OPP detachment. Police were not invited to attend and stayed a respectful distance from the marchers, though they remained nearby in case they were needed.



Each sign revealed a unique reason for marching on Friday.



The first-time protest organizers said they were overwhelmed with the result. From left is Alicia Williamson, Jill Dickson, Julie Casson, Ayriell Nodecker and Eden Beaudin, who were aided by Espanola’s Andrew Mercer, a veteran organizer, pictured below.



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Father Michael Murray SJ was a beloved man of the people

by Michael Erskine
PICKERING—Those individuals leave a lasting mark upon the Manitoulin landscape as they pass through this life are rare, rarer still are those whose passage leaves all those in its wake recalling their interactions with a universally positive feeling of love and affection. Such a man was Father Mike Murray, who began his spirit journey on May 18, 2020 at the Ajax Pickering Hospital. Pandemics are not fair, and although he was rallying well from a health setback a couple of years ago, COVID-19 proved a challenge he was unable to overcome.



The late Father Michael Murray SJ.

Father Mike, as he was affectionately called by those who knew him, was in his 83rd year, 65 of those years spent as a member of the Jesuit order. Born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, the son of Bernard W. Murray and Kathleen Campbell, Father Mike entered the Society of Jesus at Guelph on August 14, 1957, and went on to pronounce first vows two years later almost to the day on August 15, 1959.

Spending a year of juniorate he journeyed in 1960 to Mount St. Michael's in Spokane to study philosophy and then went on to spend half a year at Laval University in Quebec City before beginning a three-year regency in 1963 at Loyola High School in Montreal. His theology studies began in earnest in 1966 at Regis College in Willowdale and he went on to be ordained on May 30, 1970.

The young priest was then assigned to Holy Cross Mission in Wiikwemkoong and in 1972, as part of a team of Indigenous elders, Jesuits and sisters, he offered a training program for the Native diaconate, conducting prayer days and forming a ministering community. Many of those indi-

viduals were later ordained as deacons or permanently mandated to the Diocesan Order of Service (DOS), a uniquely Indigenous female but similar role.

The program was "inspired by the vision of Vatican II, the Jesuits decided to encourage Native people to direct their own church," notes a memorial note on the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre website. "In 1972 Michael Murray SJ, Dan Hannin SJ, James Farrell SJ and Lawrence Kroker SJ began a training program for the diaconate. Supported completely by Bishop Alexander Carter, a Vatican II Council Father, the Native diaconate program started with a resource team moving from village to village once a month for weekend workshops. Sisters Patricia Hassett CSJ and Dorothy Regan CSJ were key support members of the team. These sessions covered scripture, theology and the pastoral practice of ministry. This itinerant leadership program func-

tioned from 1972-1979."

"He was such an outgoing man," said Rosemary Wassegijig, who knew him best in a completely different capacity. "I was very much into dance," she recalled. "He brought together a bunch of kids." Through him she discovered clogging, but also square dancing and other and quite varied dance forms. "Even disco," laughed Ms. Wassegijig. "He loved to dance and he loved sports."

Father Mike served as the first director of the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre from 1980 to 1985, a facility he was instrumental in designing along with Immaculate Conception, the unique round church in M'Chigeeng famed for its incorporation of Indigenous spirituality and forms.

"He was a wonderful man," said Susan Bebamash of M'Chigeeng, who along with her husband Gene became close friends with the Jesuit during his many years on the Island.

"He really loved the outdoors," Gene Bebamash recalled, who helped Father Mike build a log cabin retreat in Square Bay. "He loved kayaking, canoeing, fishing and snowmobiling. We travelled down south to Seneca College to learn about log cabin building. He'd say 'come on, Gene, let's go,' and off we went. He was a real go-getter."

"We knew him quite well—we spent quite a bit of time with Father Mike," said Melvina Corbiere. "He was such a different kind of priest. So down to earth, a real part of the community.

He would talk to the people about regular things—never 'preaching'—he would bring the Gospel into people's lives through examples they could understand from their own lives. He brought people together."

It was as he was serving at Immaculate Conception that Father Mike nearly became a casualty of Island history, narrowly missing a massive propane explosion that engulfed the then newly-built church, killing a young school teacher, John Roberts, who was living in the attached manse at the time.

"Father Mike was at a hockey game in Wiikwemkoong and there was a terrible ice storm that evening, so he couldn't make it back home," recalled Mr. Bebamash. "If he had been able to get home that night, he probably would have died too."

God, it seems, had other plans for Father Mike, who went on to help design the new church, as well as the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre outside Espanola and another church, Blessed Kateri in Blind River.

From 1986-89 Father Mike

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Indigenous Summer Solstice Festival tries out virtual format

by Warren Schlotte
LITTLE CURRENT—Ottawa's Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival (SSIF) went virtual for 2020 in line with public health recommendations of physical distancing and the ban on large group gatherings, allowing people across Turtle Island to take part in the various activities from the comforts of their home communities.

The event ran from June 1 to 21 for National Indigenous History Month, culminating in National Indigenous Peoples Day on the final day of the festival.

SSIF began in 2008 as a three-day event. In 2011 the event expanded into a 21-

day festival to mark 15 years since the Canadian government designated June 21 as National Aboriginal Day.

The event features visual and physical arts, dance competitions, a powwow, vendors' market and a wide variety of hands-on workshops and demonstrations. Culinary workshops in particular have often been very popular at past events.

Northern Ontario Summer Solstice, an Indigenous Tourism Ontario-run festival based on SSIF, was supposed to have an inaugural event in Wiikwemkoong this year and circulate through the North in future years. The Wiikwemkoong

event was hoped to have drawn 15,000 to 20,000 people.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers of both SSIF and Indigenous Tourism Ontario shifted the event to an online format. The month featured an array of virtual powwow dance competitions with prizes for dancers, drum groups and hoop dancers.

The marketplace (which remains accessible until June 30) allowed artisans to sell their art, creations and other products to the public.

Two of the most popular types of workshops were also translated into an online format—traditional

arts and crafts as well as culinary demonstrations.

Anyone registered for those workshops who lived in specific regions, such as Manitoulin Island, would then receive a 'Manitou Spirit Box' couriered to their door with all of the pieces they would need to follow along with a virtual instructor.

This newspaper received two Manitou Spirit Boxes in partnership with Indigenous Tourism Ontario to follow along with the festival. The materials inside were enough to take part in activities such as rattle and dreamcatcher making, as well as the ingredients for a venison stew meal and a Nish taco meal.

On June 21, this reporter joined the virtual venison stew workshop hosted by Chef Cezin Nottaway and Chef Georges Laurier who walked the viewers through three "kokum (grandmother)-inspired recipes."

Within the box was a refrigerated pouch con-

taining, for the dinner, cubed venison, a variety of vegetables and a packet of

dry bannock mix. The box also held a wild rice tea blend, a bundle of dried

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The Saturday, June 30 Manitou Spirit Box consisted of all the fixings for a venison stew, oven scone and a delicious wild rice pudding for dessert.

photo by Warren Schlotte

...Father Michael Murray SJ was beloved

...continued from page 15 served as the Director of Missions Canada (English sector) for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and from 1989 to 1997 he took up once again the role of Director of the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre. He moved to Thunder Bay in 1998 to direct St. Anne's Parish and Choné House and, besides his routine parish ministry and duties, Father Mike served as Superior of the Thunder Bay Mission.

Like many priests of his missionary order, Father Mike did move around quite a bit through his career, but his last major move took him around full circle, back to his native Québec. By 2010 he was appointed president of Loyola High School in Montreal and also served as superior of that community. He moved into Villa Saint-Martin in 2018 and became part of the retreat team there. Unfortunately, in October 2018 Father Mike suffered "a disastrous fall" in the basement of the Loyola Residence which left him partially paralyzed. He was transferred to René Goupil House at Pickering in November 2019 to continue his recuperation. He continued to improve until the arrival of the COVID-19 virus. It hit him hard. After receiving the sacraments of the church, Father Mike died peacefully in the Ajax Pickering Hospital.

Father Mike was known as a consummate storyteller, an incredibly accomplished man filled with the wisdom of faith and possessed of a pro-

found trust in the human heart—these are themes repeated without fail when talking to those who knew him best.

"Father Mike spoke our language," said Ms. Corbiere. "Not Ojibwe," she laughed, "but the language of the people nonetheless—even occasionally a few cuss words."

Father Mike Murray's funeral mass was live-streamed on YouTube at 2 pm on Saturday, June 6. Expressions of sympathy or a donation may be made to the Jesuit Advancement Office, 43 Queen's Park Cres. E., Toronto, ON M5S 2C3, 416-481-9154.



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Sheguiandah woodworker crafts sailboat during pandemic

by Michael Erskine
SHEGUIANDAH—Detlef Heiser retired from his career as a Windsor firefighter and moved to a much quieter life in Sheguiandah where he soon gained fame as a fine woodworker as he did the odd job and commission for the folks he met on the Island and surrounding region. One of the commissions Mr. Heiser recently undertook was a small two-person sailboat, handcrafted for a clients' two grandchildren.

The vessel began two years before the current pandemic arrived, but Mr. Heiser completed the project while the world was on lockdown. The sailboat is relatively small, just right for two young men in their early teens.

"It needed to be small and simple enough for them to be able to handle it by themselves," said Mr. Heiser. "It is heavier than the original design called for," he admitted. "That's likely because I used a denser wood than that design called for."

The sailboat is carefully crafted in mahogany, a wood that is more resistant to rot and other nemesis that can plague a wooden vessel. "The original wood was pine, but I used mostly mahogany," he said.

The sail and rigging

arrangement is simplified and operates without the encumbrance of a boom. "I chose that design for safety," he said. "A boom can swing about and hit someone. I imagine that you could add a boom to the mast later."

The sail and oars (a matched set of two pairs) are the only pieces of the



Sheguiandah's Detlef Heiser poses with his newly-built craft, which weighs around 150 lbs.

"I had the sail made at National Sail Supply," he said. "They did a good job, but they got the name wrong," he added pointing to a white tag bearing the name 'Puffer.' "It's was supposed to be 'Puffin.' It works just the same."

The vessel rests on a custom-built trailer, awaiting

hours. "There is a lot of time in between waiting for things to set or dry," he said. "It was probably a bit more than that, but it is hard to gauge exactly."

A gentle tune hovers in the air, emanating from the open-ended garage where the sailboat awaits its new owners. "A couple of swallows took up residence in one of the birdhouses stacked in there," smiled Mr. Heiser. "I keep the radio

on French CBC to give them a little melody."

Nestled on a cradle in another workshop on the property is another vessel, a skiff that Mr. Heiser has been refinishing. Long and lean, this vessel can be propelled at a "pretty good clip" with just a small trolling motor. "It's pretty thin, so I think I might add an outrigger to give it more balance," the boatbuilder mused.

All in good time. "I am

slowing down a bit these days," admitted Mr. Heiser.

The fine woodworker is a familiar sight at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah, where he can often be found giving demonstrations of the traditional woodworking skills that supplied much of the furniture and tools home-built by the settlers who arrived on Manitoulin in the mid-nineteenth century.

photo by Michael Erskine

vessel Mr. Heiser didn't craft himself. Trim and well-balanced, the sailboat will likely be swift in the water whether under sail or oar-power. There are a number of small but important details in the construction, including a handstitched leather padding that protects the upper yard from chaffing damage.

its new owners who are likely some very excited young sailors. "They know it is being built," said Mr. Heiser, who declined to name the client out of respect for his privacy.

Building the boat may have taken more than a year, but Mr. Heiser estimates his actually labour to have tallied closer to 300

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Working fast was essential to keep up but fortunately the video was able to be paused or rewind if the time got away.

Chef Cezin was watching along and commenting in the live chat, answering questions from viewers about ingredient substitutions or tips for success. Unfortunately, her live chat presence was limited to the 40-minute runtime of the cooking demo so for slower cooks who had fallen behind the live timeline, such as this author, the live interactions were not very applicable.

Soon, the venison was sizzling along with sautéing vegetables and a hearty aroma filled the kitchen. With all the constituent parts assembled, it was off to a warm oven to cook for a couple of hours.

A few extra optional ingredients and handy kitchen tools were used in the video, though the stew recipe was not available beforehand so trying to find these items on the fly was a bit of a challenge.

The bannock came next in its handy pre-mixed bag. Just add lukewarm water and some love—the most important ingredient, according to Chef Cezin—and a sticky dough was ready in seconds, to be placed in an oiled cast iron skillet.

This baked alongside the stew for 50 minutes and afforded time to take the provided wild rice, coconut milk, sesame seeds, shredded coconut, dried fruits and maple syrup and turn these into a marvellous wild rice pudding as a dessert.

Cooking the wild rice ahead of time allowed it to cool down in the fridge and become a refreshing cold



Bison tacos were the order of the day for the National Indigenous Peoples Day edition Manitou Spirit Box.

photo by Kendra Edwards

dessert after a hearty hot bowl of stew.

The stew and bannock finished at the same time and both looked equally tempting. The stew carried a deep, rich flavour that was well-balanced and satisfying, possibly aided by the use of a dark tea as a base.

The bannock had a delightful golden-brown crunch on its top and a tender interior, perfectly matched to the stew (and an unhealthy amount of butter, of course).

As a chaser to the main course, the rice pudding provided a neat, chill conclusion to the dinner. Its use of maple syrup as a sweetener allows the cook to tailor the taste to their own preferences.

Another Expositor staffer tried out the Nish taco and bison chili recipe the following night and was satisfied with the results.

Also included in the Manitou Spirit Box was a CD of powwow music that made an appropriate soundtrack to the traditional food creations.

This reporter filmed his experiences making the venison stew meal and will be uploading a condensed

version of the events to this newspaper's website, Manitoulin.ca.

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Assiginack approves one-year backyard chicken pilot project

by Alicia McCutcheon

ASSIGINACK—Following several requests over the past few months to allow for backyard chicken coops, Assiginack council approved a one-year pilot project, which is seeking no more than 10 households to tend to chickens in their own backyards.

A staff report to council, which was discussed at its May

28 meeting, noted that the topic of backyard chickens is a polarizing one.

“Those with greater agricultural experience and those charged with dealing with animal control issues have a very negative view of urban chickens, while those who are interested are very passionate and willing to meet whatever requirements are put in place to allow them to attempt to supply their own eggs,” the report notes.

Staff came across a recent bylaw from the Town of Powassan which, if approved, council decided to use as its pilot project model. A synopsis of the bylaw follows:

Chickens will not be allowed to roam the property at large, nor will roosters be permitted. Fully enclosed coops must be kept in the backyard, and only up to five chickens will be permitted.

The bylaw also has specific rules as to where the coop must be located, the cleaning of manure, disposal of dead stock, cleanliness, feed and the slaughter of animals. The bylaw includes a schedule of fees which lays out fines of \$30 for a first offence for breaking the bylaw, \$45 for a second offence and \$60 for a third and all subsequent offences.

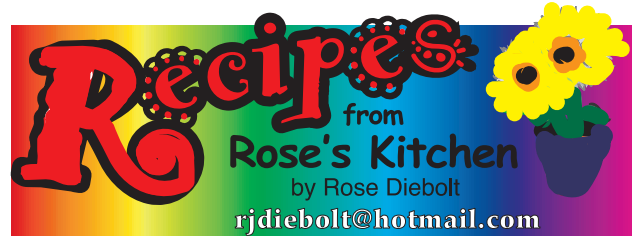
Council approved the one-year pilot project at the May 28 meeting.

CAO Alton Hobbs explained that the municipality put out a call for interested families to sign up for the project.



Assiginack is home to a domestic fowl pilot project over the next year.

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Strawberries are now available, either local or Ontario. There is so much fun in thinking of the different ways I can use fresh strawberries (they are here in season for such a short time). I have made strawberry chia seed jam, added strawberries to my salad using lettuce from my garden, made strawberry oat crumble bars and froze some for later use either in a smoothie or more jam. Make the most of our local food in season!

Spinach Salad with Strawberries and Avocados

This recipe is a guide. Use what you have.

My spinach was a bust but the lettuce and kale are growing like crazy. So instead of using spinach I used kale, leaf lettuce and Swiss chard for the salad. Pumpkin seeds and green onions were another switch. Make extra dressing for a few more salads. If you are making one, might as well make more!

DRESSING:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 Tbsp organic apple cider vinegar
- 1 Tbsp honey or maple syrup
- 1 tsp each grated orange zest and fresh ginger root (do not use dry)
- 1/4 tsp salt and pepper
- 2 tsp poppy seeds (optional)

SALAD:

- 5 oz spinach or lettuce
 - 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
 - 2 cups chopped or sliced cooked chicken breast
 - 1 cup peeled, diced English cucumbers
 - 1 large avocado, diced
 - 1/3 cup sliced almonds
 - 1/3 cup thinly sliced red onion
- Add all dressing ingredients to a blender and whirl until emulsified. Magic Bullet-type works well or even a whisk.

Place all salad ingredients in a large bowl. Add half the dressing and mix gently with tongs. Add more dressing if needed.

Strawberry Oat Crumble Bars

Just because a recipe calls for a certain ingredient doesn't mean you have to use it! But within reason. I usually follow the same theme. Switch it around because if it isn't in my cupboard doesn't mean I am going to run out and buy it! In this case I didn't have sunflower seed butter so I used almond and I also didn't have brown rice syrup. I just added more maple syrup.

*The recipe calls for strawberry chia seed jam (recipe in paper from before) but if you don't have it just use store-bought or regular homemade jam.

- 1 1/4 cups strawberry chia seed jam or store-bought jam
 - 1 cup hulled sunflower seeds or your preference
 - 3 cups large flake rolled oats
 - 1/4 tsp fine sea salt
 - 1/2 cup coconut oil
 - 1/4 cup maple syrup
 - 3 Tbsp brown rice syrup
 - 2 Tbsp sunflower seed butter
1. If desired, roast the sunflower seeds in the oven at 350°F, on a baking sheet, spread out for 12 minutes. Set aside.

2. Line a 9-inch pan with parchment paper, leaving some overhang, which will make it easy to lift out the bars later.
3. In a food processor, combine the sunflower seeds, oats, and salt and process until you have a coarse flour.

4. In a small pot, melt the oil over low heat. Remove from the heat and whisk in the maple syrup and sunflower seed butter until well combined.

5. Pour the wet mixture on top of the oat mixture in the food processor and process until mixture comes together. The dough should feel heavy and oily with no dry patches. If it is too dry add a bit of water, a teaspoon at a time.

6. Set aside 1 1/4 cups of the oat mixture for the topping. Place the remaining oat mixture over the base of the pan in an even layer. Spread and pack down the crust with your fingers or a large spoon. Prick the crust with a fork about 9 times. Par-bake the crust for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool 5 minutes. Spread the jam over the crust and crumble the remaining oat mixture evenly over the jam.

7. Bake, uncovered, for 20 minutes, until the topping is slightly firm to the touch. The colour won't change unless you actually burn it!

8. Let cool in the pan then completely cool it in the fridge. Lift out the slab and cut it into squares. Store in an airtight container in the fridge or freezer.

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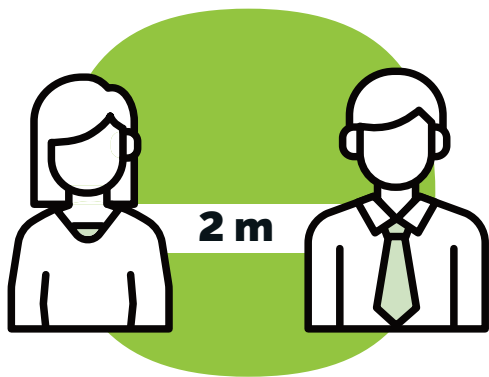


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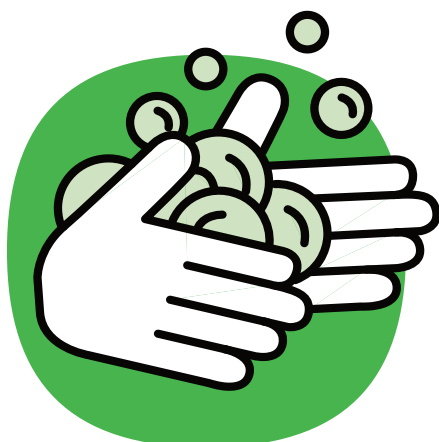


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Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory honours grads with parade through village

by Michael Erskine
 WIKWEMKOONG—High school graduation, prom, gala banquets and solemn ceremonies are traditional rites of passage, but the graduates of the Class of 2020 will be forgoing most of the usual trappings of that pivotal moment in their lives, or at the very least postponing the pomp and circumstance until later this fall. Undaunted, the community of Wiikwemkoong gathered with gaily decorated vehicles for



Families gathered along the roadside between Pontiac School and the hill outside the village to pay homage to the graduates.

photos by Michael Erskine



Graduates were all smiles as over 40 gaily decorated vehicles travelled past with horns honking out a congratulatory serenade.



Gathered singly or in groups, the pride was unmistakable as the community celebrated.

a procession through the village streets honking approval and congratulations to the students and their families who were lining the route.

At the appointed day and hour, 3 pm on June 16, The Expositor joined in the parade to offer congratulations and capture photographs of the students as they participated in this historical event.

"The parade was awesome!" said Wikwemikong High School guidance counsellor Jillian Peltier. "We are planning to have an actual graduation ceremony for these grads in Sep-



Graduates' families were busy photographing the procession as it made two circuits through the village, a bit of a turnaround from the usual graduation routine.

tember. If COVID-19 restrictions will allow us, we plan to have it at our school on

September 3 at 2 pm.

Ms. Peltier noted that the Class of 2020 valedicto-

rian has not yet been chosen and that awards will be presented at the ceremony in the fall.

But the parade filled in for the moment. "Each of the graduates had a yard sign with their name on it and they will be wearing their caps and tassels," said Ms. Peltier. "We arranged for extended family, staff from the high school, Tribal Police, fire department and other well-wishers to drive along the route from the high school up to the Zipp Thru gas bar and back to the high school, while honking, waving and cheering for all the grads."

The Wikwemikong High School Class of 2020 includes Travis Assiniwe, Jayce-Lynn Assinewai-Trudeau, Ashley Assinewe, Patrick Beaudry, Ian



There were plenty of balloons and much cheering as the parade congratulated the Class of 2020 in an unusual but creative way, helping to create memories of a very different grad.

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Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. To receive adult or youth/parent information on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, more commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or to volunteer with our Association, please contact: The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario. Tel: 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-6682 (outside GTA) or write to: Ste. 402, 170 Donway West, Toronto, ON M3C 2G3. Please visit our web site at: www.meao.ca.

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

Manitoulin Family Resources offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Early ON Child and Family Centre, Little Current Child Care, Mindemoya Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Thrift Shop & Food Bank 705-368-3400; Administration 705-368-3400.

Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. **No appointment necessary.** 705-368-2744.

for sale

International 82 combine with pick up. Claas round bailer 4x4 both in excellent condition. 705-859-3237.

McHale bale wrapper, model 991, three-point hitch, self-loading, individual bale. With bale grapple included, 14 rolls 30" plastic. Asking \$10,000. Call Morley, 705-282-2356.

Starcraft 18.6' camper trailer, fully loaded, sleeps six to seven, stored inside for winters. Immaculate condition. 705-859-2604.

wanted

Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289.

Manitoulin Haweater Coins wanted. Check your drawers, shelves and closets, don't forget to look under the couch. Looking for unwanted Haweater coins dating between 1968 to 2008. Trying to complete a collection. Please email your detailed list of coins and pricing to romanovichjohn@gmail.com and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your help, consideration and time.

Inside storage wanted for a 25' sailboat on trailer, 8' wide, under 10' high, 27' long. Like this storage in the Little Current area. Please call or text 715-781-9916, ask for Garry.

Deadline for text ads, like this, as well as boxed ads is Friday at 4 pm.

The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave.

rentals

Gorgeous studio apartment. Fully furnished. Day, weekend, weekly and monthly rates available. All amenities including flat screen TV with full cable package and high-speed internet. Great location in Little Current. Close to park, marina and downtown. 705-368-6240 for details.

Brentwood Village, new garden homes in Espanola 55+. Only one left for lease, available September or October 1st. Two-bedroom, two-bath, plus garage, \$1,745/month plus utilities. Contact 705-863-0487.

yard sale

Rockville Hall Sale, June 27 at 8 am. Household items, some furniture, wall art, glassware, lots of interesting things. Sold our home. Bring your mask and cash.

Moving Out Sale, 5887 Hwy 542 East, Mindemoya, Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27 starting at 8 am. Everything must go!

Legion Events

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 Wing Night, Thursday, June 25 from 5 pm to 9 pm. Wings, Jalapeno poppers, cheese sticks, \$1 cheese balls, two cheese balls for \$7; \$1 pizza slice. Take-out only, deliveries within town limits.

Sea Cadet Events

Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps weekly parade is temporarily suspended due to COVID-19. For enquiries, please contact 705-805-0350.

The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave.

coming events

Howland Seniors' Group Cold Turkey and Strawberry Shortcake Dinner, take-out only, Wednesday, July 8. Pickup after 3 pm, 14 Townline Road, Sheguiandah: call Myrna Ferguson at 705-368-3638, Mary Ellen Myers at 705-368-3746, Gail Gjos at 705-368-2589 or day of event at 705-368-0136 before 3:30 pm for delivery in Little Current. \$18 each, serving cold turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, potato salad, coleslaw, sliced tomatoes and cucumbers, fresh roll with butter and strawberry shortcake. Please have your money in plastic bag for safety reasons on day of the event.

6-7p

coming events

The leadership of Mindemoya Missionary Church is making plans to open up the church building for worship services, using a phased-in approach over the coming weeks. We will strictly follow Public Health recommendations in all respects. While we are excited to once again gather for worship, we take this matter very seriously and want to ensure the safety of our whole community.

5-6p

Mini Farmers' Market now at the farm of Robert and Joan Beard beginning Friday, June 26. Fresh vegetables in season, no sprays or chemicals. 39 Townline Road East, Tehkummah, follow the signs to farm or call 705-859-2604.

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help wanted

TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK



The following opportunities are available for students during the summer of 2020

**MARINA ATTENDANT
2 POSITIONS 8 WEEKS**

Eligible applicants must be between the ages of 15 and 24 upon commencement of employment (15 and 29 for youth with disabilities as defined by the Ontario Human Rights Code), reside in Ontario and eligible to work in Canada.

In addition, applicants must have been registered full-time students during the previous academic year, who intend to return to school full-time the following year and have no other full-time job.

Applications for specific positions will be accepted by the undersigned until 12:00 p.m., July 3, 2020.

A. Hobbs, Clerk-Administrator
Township of Assiginack
Box 238, Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0
ahobbs@assiginack.ca

help wanted



**Sheguiandah First Nation
Employment Opportunity**

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
- FAMILY PROMOTION AND SUPPORT WORKER
- TEAM SECRETARY/CLERK
- HEALTHY LIFESTYLES COORDINATOR

For complete job posting please call 705-368-2781.

Please submit applications via mail, fax or in person to:

**Lucy Ann Trudeau, Band Manager
Sheguiandah First Nation
142 Ogemah Miikan
Sheguiandah, Ontario P0P 1W0**

Or by FAX to: 705-368-3697
DEADLINE TO APPLY: July 9, 2020 at 12:00 P.M.

Late submissions will not be considered.

**CANADA DAY
WHITEFISH DINNER
LITTLE CURRENT LEGION**



**Wednesday, July 1
11 am to 2 pm
Price: \$15
Take-out only
Advance Tickets Only**



For tickets call Linda 705-368-2465 or Ruth 249-997-0062

Deadline for tickets is June 30th at 7 pm
Whitefish, coleslaw and choice of french fries or potato salad

Deliveries within town limits

Help support your legion during COVID-19

help wanted

help wanted



Join Community Living Manitoulin

Community Living Manitoulin has immediate openings for permanent part-time and casual staff to work in our homes. Personal Support Workers and/or a Developmental Service Worker diploma are the preferred minimum qualification for these positions.

These unionized part-time positions are scheduled at a minimum of 30 hours bi-weekly with a starting wage of \$21.21.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Ms. Megan Wickett; Operations Manager by regular mail to:

Community Living Manitoulin
PO Box 152
Mindemoya, Ontario, P0P 1S0
Or by email to mwickett@clmanitoulin.com
Or by fax to 705-377-7175

Applications must be received by close of business on Friday, July 3, 2020.

For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin please visit our web site at www.clmanitoulin.com, and for further details regarding the part-time position click on the employment opportunities tab.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Manitoulin Phragmites Project is looking for field team staff, full-time, approximately July 20 – September 11. Outdoor job involves control of invasive species, wetland and shoreline restoration, monitoring of endangered species and assisting landowners with control work. Job requires physical work, mostly in shallow water wearing waders. Must be 19 or older, physically fit, have valid Class G licence and a good sense of humour. Experience with brush cutters, ability to drive a standard transmission are assets. Because of travel time to get to work sites, applicants must reside on Manitoulin Island. Pays \$19/hr.

Send resume and contact info for two references to manitoulinphrag@yahoo.com. Full job description available on request.

Visit our Facebook page @manitoulinphrag

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

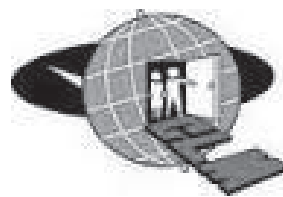
Care-taking Team required for seasonal cottage rental on Big Lake for Summer 2020.

Duties include but not limited to interior/exterior maintenance and cleaning.

EVERY Saturday from 10am to 4pm
July and August - without exception.

Reliability is a MUST for this position.
On-site training and comprehensive wage package.

**Call Lorena 705 670-5272 for more information.
Serious inquiries only please.**



**Community Living Manitoulin
Postponement of Annual General Meeting**

Due to Covid-19, the Annual General Meeting normally scheduled for June 2020 is rescheduled to Monday, September 28, 2020 in the Community Living Manitoulin Boardroom at 6266 Hwy 542, Mindemoya, Ontario.

For further information please contact:
Megan Wickett, Executive Director Designate at mwickett@clmanitoulin.com or 705-377-6699 ext. 200.

Please join us to show your support of Community Living Manitoulin.

Community Living Manitoulin advocates, promotes and facilitates the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of individuals who have developmental challenges.

3 COWS IS HIRING!

**Full-time Cooks & Counter Staff
P/T Counter Staff & Students**

Looking for year-round, full-time employment? Perhaps looking for something different or part-time? **3 Cows is offering full-time, year-round positions for Cooks and Counter Persons.** No experience is necessary, we are willing to train you. All you need is ambition and willingness to learn. These positions are 40 hrs/week.

Can't work full-time or are a student? We have positions for you. Students can get the jump on summer jobs by starting now working the odd evening and weekends. If you think you would like to find out more or give it a try, drop in and see us, ask to speak to a manager. We would be happy to tell you more.

COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

If you wish, you could send your resume to staff3cows@hotmail.com
64 Meredith Street E,
Little Current, ON
P0P 1K0
705-368-3524



APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
EDUCATION CLERICAL SUPPORT**

Department: Education – Lakeview School
 Classification: Clerical & Administrative Support Services (CA-2)
 Employment Status: **Term Full-Time Ending: September 3, 2021 (Maternity Leave)**

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking an energetic individual who enjoys working with children and prides him/herself as a quick learner, is reliable and able to work independently. If you have these qualities along with excellent communication skills, then you may be a great fit for this position.

Position Summary

The Education Clerical Support works under the direction of the Lakeview School Principal; providing receptionist, secretarial and administrative support services. Such as greeting the general public, answering and relaying phone messages, responds to students, parents and general inquiries in a timely and respectful manner, maintains filing system, coordinates meetings, maintains staff timesheets and forwards to centre finance, supervises students in the main lobby area as required and maintains confidentiality at all times, etc.

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred: Completion of Post-Secondary Administration/Secretarial; certificate program or Equivalent

Minimum: Completion of High School or Equivalent; excellent communication skills, office systems experience & computer literate; must possess a valid driver's licence & vehicle; ability to maintain confidentiality; understands Anishinabek culture & traditions; fluency in Anishinabemowin is an asset; CRC/VSS must be thirty (30) days current original or certified copy.

It is mandatory for the successful candidate to submit a **current thirty (30 day) day CRC/VSS, must be original or certified copy.** Offer of employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory clear CRC/VSS record.

Interested applicants must submit a **COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES** (two from direct supervisor/manager, one character) by **TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

EDUCATION CLERICAL SUPPORT
 c/o Guy Morin, Director of Education
 M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
 Fax (705-377-4980)

For complete copy of the Education Clerical Support Job Description, please contact Guy Morin, Director of Education at 705-377-5362 Ext. 236 or guym@mchigeeng.ca.

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered.
 We appreciate your interest, however, only those selected for an Interview will be contacted.
 Preference will be given to people of Aboriginal ancestry.

www.mchigeeng.ca



**Manitoulin
Family Resources**

**Frontline Shelter Worker
Posting - Casual**

Manitoulin Family Resources requires casual frontline shelter workers to support women and children in our emergency residence/shelter program. The shelter worker provides support, crisis intervention and advocacy to women and children residing at the shelter, as well as telephone counselling and support through crisis line coverage. As a single-staff model of operation in a residential environment, responsibilities pertaining to health and safety in a fast-paced atmosphere and household duties such as cooking and cleaning are required in addition to the provision of individual support and advocacy, in-house client workshops, safety assessments and linkages to other services.

The successful candidate will have

- Relevant post-secondary education, training/experience working with victims of woman abuse
- Familiarity with provision of client-led, trauma informed services and harm reduction philosophy
- Excellent interpersonal, planning and communication skills, experience with data entry and computer skills
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, cultural competency and anti-racist/anti-oppressive frameworks
- Current CPR/First Aid certification, Food Handler's Safety certificate, valid driver's licence, insurable driver's abstract and Vulnerable Sector Screening are all required and conditions of hire
- Registration with the College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers is an asset, as is second language fluency in Ojibway and/or French

This position is a bargaining unit position. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the shelter including, though not exclusive to, nights and weekends. Shifts will be both pre-scheduled and on a call-in basis, per the Collective Agreement.

Please forward applications to:

Carly Rickard
 Violence Against Women Prevention Program Director
 Manitoulin Family Resources
 P.O. Box 181
 Mindemoya, ON
 POP 1S0
 crickard@mfresources.net
 Fax: 705 370-4796



Internal/External

PROFESSOR – PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER PROGRAM (Remote Delivery/In-Class/Lab)
 Fall Semester 2020 - 3 to 6 hours per week
START/END DATE(S): September 14, 2020 to December 18, 2020
 Location: Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory

Courses:
 PSW185 Professional Issues PSW182 Lab
 PSW152 Client/Family and Community PSY200 Lifespan Development
 PSW189 Biology for PSW

COMPETITION: 56/20
DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum two years of experience working as a Registered Practical Nurse and/or Personal Support Worker in a clinical setting
- A good understanding of the needs of Indigenous learners
- Knowledge and understanding of course content
- Knowledge and understanding of common coping and defence mechanisms
- Highly effective communication, presentation and organizational skills
- Demonstrated knowledge of student success strategies in a post-secondary setting
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in learning management systems as well as the use of remote delivery and educational technologies
- Previous experience teaching in a post-secondary setting is an asset

DUTIES:

- Plan, deliver and evaluate effective learning related to the Personal Support Worker Program
- Work closely with students and colleagues to provide an optimal learning environment
- Perform all responsibilities associated with the learning environment including preparation, delivery and evaluation of theory and practical learning activities

A cover letter together with a current resume, quoting the above competition number, and indicating which course(s) are your preference, will be accepted by the Organizational Development and Talent Management Department by E-Mail at careers@canadorecollege.ca, by 12:00 p.m., July 28, 2020.

Canadore College is committed to diversity, inclusion and equity.

While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

For more information on Canadore College, please visit our website at www.canadorecollege.ca



Internal/External

PROFESSOR – PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER PROGRAM (Remote Delivery)
 Remote Delivery – 3 hours per week (42 hours total)
START/END DATE(S): September 14, 2020 to December 18, 2020
 Location: Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory

Course:
COMMUNICATIONS: CMM125 – COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS I

COMPETITION: 57/20
DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Graduate of a relevant Diploma and/or Degree or at least three years of recent work experience in the field of study
- Bachelor of Education Degree or Teaching Certificate is an asset
- A good understanding of the needs of Indigenous learners
- Demonstrated knowledge of student success strategies in a post-secondary setting
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in learning management systems as well as the use of remote delivery and educational technologies
- Highly effective communication, presentation and organizational skills

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Teach CMM125 Communications
- Work closely with students to provide a dynamic learning environment in remote delivery model.
- Perform all responsibilities associated with the learning environment including preparation, delivery and evaluation of theory and practical learning activities, curriculum development and community liaison
- Intervene with appropriate strategies to support students in consultation with colleagues and the Personal Support Worker Program team



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Sheshegwaning First Nation Education
1125 Sheshegwaning Road, SHESHEGWANING, Ontario, POP 1X0
PHONE: (705) 283-3014 FAX: (705) 283-3048

Employment Opportunity
Education Director Full-Time Position

The Sheshegwaning First Nation is seeking a self-directed and self-motivated individual to execute the work of the Sheshegwaning First Nation Board of Education and implement its policies. The incumbent reports to the Sheshegwaning First Nation Board of Education. The school teacher(s) and librarian report to this position.

Qualifications:

- University Degree or College Diploma, preferably in Education and/or relevant working experience.
- Knowledge of First Nation needs and goals in the education of First Nation people and education delivery.
- Knowledge of current First Nations' position on education and training issues at community regional and national levels as it pertains to education and training programs.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Proven supervisory skills.
- Ability to manage programs within a limited budget.
- To speak Ojibway would be an asset.
- Proven computer skills in Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Outlook.


Duties and Responsibilities:

- Prepare an annual operational budget for the Education Department, for the Sheshegwaning Board of Education.
- Ensure monthly financial statements are prepared for the Sheshegwaning Board of Education meetings and interpret these for the Sheshegwaning Board of Education, as required.
- In cooperation with the teaching staff, educational support staff and resource people submit requests to the Sheshegwaning Board of Education for additional funds, when required.
- Arrange professional development for school personnel
- Ensure that educational policies as specified by the Sheshegwaning Board of Education are implemented.
- Supervise teacher(s) on a day-to-day basis including performance reviews and setting annual goals and objectives.
- Receive requests for funding from Post-Secondary students who are funded by the Sheshegwaning First Nation.
- Monitor the attendance and progress of the students who are being transported to other communities to be educated.

Interested applicants should submit their resume along with a cover letter and three references no later than **Noon August 14, 2020** marked confidential to the attention of:

Dennis Blackburn
Band Executive Director
Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079 A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning, ON POP 1X0

Preferences will be given to Sheshegwaning First Nation Members.
 Salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Position is subject to 3 and 6 month probationary reviews.
 We thank all applications for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.


NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
RESOLUTION HEALTH SUPPORT WORKER
(Full-time Contract ending March 2021)

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking the services of a Resolution Health Support Worker (RHSW) ending March 31, 2021. The Resolution Health Support Worker will provide both cultural and health support guidance to former residential school students and their families in the Indian Residential School reconciliation process for their healing and wellness.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through the use of a holistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing. The unique team includes: Traditional Health, Primary & Clinical Care, Health & Wellness, Mental Health & Addictions Services. Health Services are offered on-site and community based through the Manitoulin Island District Seven First Nation Health Centres. The Resolution Health Support Worker will report to the Anishinaabe Aadzawin Manager, and under the direction of the Executive Director.

Salary and benefits are competitive. The contract will be extended based on satisfactory performance and funding availability. Check out the web-site for more information on the organization and communities we serve at: www.noojmowin-teg.ca. Come be a part of a meaningful work experience!

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.

Duties:

- Cultural and emotional support through the delivery of traditional/cultural and relevant health programming;
- Assist with planning and coordination of an Indian Residential School conference and gathering;
- Provide liaison health support services for counselling (professional, grief, healing and wellness), to both individual and group as required;
- Establish a supportive rapport with former Indian Residential School students and their families through a network environment of collaborative services with both their home communities and Noojmowin Teg program and services;
- Maintain file management and data collection and e-charting.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 3-year college diploma in Indigenous studies, social work, community health worker or demonstrated and related work experience within an Indigenous organization or community working with adults and their families in a healing and nurturing cultural support position;
- Previous experience working in First Nations communities;
- Ability to speak, translate and/or demonstrated willingness to learn the Anishnaabemowin language;
- Self-motivated individual with the ability to utilize available resources in a team oriented shared health care environment;
- Good interpersonal, listening and communication skills with the ability to engage people to build trust and rapport;
- Ability to problem solve and take initiative;
- Strong organizational skills and ability to work with deadlines;
- Must maintain confidentiality;
- Proficiency in using Microsoft Office, including data base applications;
- Willing to work flexible hours as required;
- Current CPR Level C and First Aid;
- Ability to travel including clear driver's abstract and a reliable vehicle;
- Clear vulnerable sector criminal record check is required.

Submission Pre-requisites:

Cover letter, letter of application and resume
 Three current work relevant references with contact information
 Current and valid vulnerable sector criminal reference check (dated no later than three months)

Deadline: June 25, 2020 at 12 pm

Send to: Human Resources
 Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
 Hwy. 540, 48 Hillside Road
 Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
 Postal Bag 2002
 Little Current, ON POP 1K0

Email: info@noojmowin-teg.ca
 Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 235
 Fax: 705-368-2229

We thank all for their interest and application. Only those under consideration will be contacted.

 **help wanted**

Private classified word ads, like this, are \$8 for up to 25 words and 10 cents for every additional word, per week, plus HST. Pre-payment (VISA, MasterCard, cheque or cash) is required. Private sales only. Call 705-368-2744 to book your ad.

 **help wanted**

The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave.

 **help wanted**

Help wanted: general labourer to install insulation and sheeting on a building. Starting June 29 for a week or two. Please email davewilliam383@yahoo.com if interested.

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Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. **No appointment necessary.** 705-368-2744.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Screeners for
Manitoulin Centennial Manor

Please apply in writing or email:
 Tamara Beam
 Administrator
 Manitoulin Centennial Manor
 Postal Bag 460
 Little Current, ON
 POP 1K0
 tbeam@extendicare.com


EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
JOB TITLE: BAND MANAGER
LOCATION: WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) is currently accepting applications for the position of Band Manager.

The Band Manager will be accountable for overseeing the delivery of all WRFN programs and services, including (but not limited to): Health, Education, Housing, Ontario Works, Public Works, Economic Development and Administration. The Band Manager will also liaison between other government agencies and departments, private industries and any other individuals, groups or agencies operating in the First Nation. The Band Manager will provide records and documents to the relevant governments and agencies, when requested. In addition, will ensure that all business and operations are conducted in a responsible and ethical way.

Reporting to the Chief and Council, the Band Manager will be responsible for overseeing day to day management, administration and delivery of all WRFN programs and services for all departments in meeting the strategic goals and objectives of Whitefish River First Nation on behalf of its members.

DUTIES:

- Act as liaison between Administration and WRFN Council and serve in an advisory role to the Council on all aspects of WRFN activities.
- Have responsibility for operational and management planning, budgeting, implementing WRFNs Strategic Plan and directing human resources and financial planning.
- Oversee all programming, services and departments.
- Act as a liaison and maintain relationships with external agencies, in particular the important relationships with:
 - Indigenous Services Canada
 - Crown Indigenous Relations Northern Affairs
 - Ministry of Indigenous Affairs
 - Ministry of Transportation
 - Ministry of Education
 - Ministry of Social Assistance.
- Develop and maintain community relationships with a variety of stakeholders and provide support for cultural and community initiatives.
 *A more detailed job description can be sent upon request.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- As a minimum the successful candidate shall have completed an undergraduate degree in business, management or relevant field with a strong financial background.
- Preference will be given to candidates who have completed graduate programs in the areas of business, public administration or related disciplines.
- Possess a minimum of five years of senior management experience preferably in a First Nations organization or similar capacity.
- Have a broad knowledge of First Nations governance.
- Ability to speak Anishnaabemowin and knowledge of culture and traditions of the Anishinabek people.
- Demonstrated ability to manage a complex organization including reporting, budgeting, financial management, human resources and policy development.
- Must possess effective leadership skills required to direct, develop, empower and inspire the management team.
- Sound judgment, diplomacy and excellent decision making abilities.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills combined with the ability to build and maintain strong relationships with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Proficiency using Microsoft Office.

The successful applicant will be required to provide a Police Vulnerable Sector Check from their local police agency prior to commencing employment with the First Nation and must undergo a credit background check.

Salary: To commensurate with education, qualifications and experience.

If you are interested in this management opportunity, please apply by submitting your resume, cover letter, copies of diplomas and certificates and three current business (work-related) reference letters and contact information to:

CONFIDENTIAL
ATTENTION: CHIEF AND COUNCIL
Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188
Birch Island, ON POP1A0

Or e-mail: andream@whitefishriver.ca with subject line "Band Manager"

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS IS: FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2020 AT 4:30 PM.

We would like to thank all applicants who apply; however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Blue Sky Net announces report on Northern broadband

Northern internet users advised to input their results to further research

by Michael Erskine
NORTH BAY—Blue Sky Net, a company dedicated to facilitating improved internet access across Northern Ontario, has just released a report based on their findings gathered over five years of recording and analysing speed test contributions of Northerners and has submitted that report to the government.

“The Speed of Northern Ontario Broadband” is a report of the collective data from those historical speed tests. The report findings are consistent with other reports issued showing disparity between urban and rural connections, as well as an overall average of test results being below federal government objectives.

“Many residents throughout rural Canada have limited access to affordable high-speed internet. It has never been so evident as during the COVID-19 crisis,” notes a Blue Sky Net release announcing the report. “This is mainly because the investment needed to install and operate internet infrastructure is expensive and there is uncertainty with telecommunication providers’ ability to return that

investment. Over the past number of years, Blue Sky Net has led a partnership with FedNor, other information communication technology networks (ICTNs) and area telecommunication service providers (TPSs) to create a visual database of all coverage in Northern Ontario and can provide a spatial view of where internet is, where it isn’t and what speeds it is delivered at.”

As part of their work, Blue Sky Net has created a GIS map at Connected-North.ca where people can enter their street address to discover what telecommunication supplier (TSP) provides service to their area.

As part of the ongoing effort Blue Sky has partnered with CIRA’s internet performance test, “to collect the most detailed information relating to North-

ern Ontario’s internet speeds.” When taking this test, users will help support applications to funding agencies such as the CRTC, the Universal Broadband Fund and the Provincial Broadband Fund. Blue Sky Net will use the information about speeds at the property level to show the need and the impact improved broadband infrastructure will have.

Blue Sky Net urges view-

ers of the report to continue taking speed tests at their locations by visiting www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/139.nsf/eng/home. Results of these tests go directly to the government department of Industry Canada where speed test data is analyzed for use with funding programs.

The complete report can be accessed at Connected-North.ca/speed-test-report.

thank you

A sincere thank you to everyone who provided assistance after my fall. A special thank you to EMS, the doctors, nurses and support staff at Manitoulin Health Centre in Mindemoya and Health Sciences North in Sudbury. Also a heartfelt thanks to family and friends for your prayers, phone calls, flowers, cards and gifts of food. The exceptional care from all the health care staff and the support of family and friends contributed to my speedy recovery. Your kindness is appreciated and will not be forgotten.
 Justeen Anstice

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in memoriam



CORBIERE- In loving memory of George E. Corbiere, June 23, 1943 to June 23, 2010.

As Father’s Day comes and goes, your birthday and anniversary are upon us. You left us 10 years ago and there is no day that goes by that we don’t think about you. Your memories you have left behind are cherished and held close to our hearts. As the wind blows down by the water your memories continue to flow through our hearts.

You are truly loved and missed dear by your wife Liz and children Corey, Colleen (Kyle Sr.), Missy (Howie) and grandchildren, Kyle Jr., Kacey, Kal, Keegan n Kaylee

in memoriam



WAGOOSH (FOX)- In loving memory of Joseph Irving Wagoosh (Fox), August 9, 1932 to June 27, 2017, former resident of M’Chigeeng. His smiling way and pleasant face,

Are a pleasure to recall. He had a kindly word for each

And died beloved by all. Some day we hope to meet him,

Someday, we know not when, To clasp his hand in the better land,

Never to part again. Lovingly remembered by wife Grace, children Craig (deceased May 14, 2020), Catherine, Patricia (Billy), Joey Jr. (deceased February 17, 2007), Ivan, John, Billy Jo (Nina) and Carol. Also 30 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Craig and Joey Jr.

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in memoriam



SHAWANDA- In loving memory of Charles Shawanda, July 1, 1964 to June 26, 2016.

There was no time to say goodbye, But this I ask – please do not cry.

Remember me as you think best, The happy time – forget the rest.

Look for me and I’ll be there, And you will find me everywhere.

In the gentle touch of breeze That cools the skin or swirls the leaves.

In the scent and colour of flowers That gave me such happy hours

On sunny days under sunny skies of blue, Just think of me, I’ll be with you.

In winter when there’s cloud or mist, The rain will give to you my kiss.

As wood smoke lingers in the air, Look for me and I’ll be there.

Where seagulls cry above the sea And surf rolls in so endlessly.

Among towering trees that soar above, In all these things that I once loved.

Look for me and I’ll be there, You’ll feel my presence everywhere.

Forever loved and forever missed. Lovingly remembered by Paula and Jacob

in memoriam

CASE- In loving memory of wife, mother and grandmother, Margaret Case He Only Takes The Best God saw she was her happiest

And someone would not let that be. So He put His arms around her

And whispered, "come with me".

With tear filled-eyes we watched her Suffer and fade away.

Although we loved her deeply, We could not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating. Hard working hands put to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Lovingly remembered by husband Bill Case and family

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OVERFIELD- Remembering Eleanor Darlene Overfield who passed away on June 12, 1992.

If roses grow in Heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for me.

Place them in my Mother’s arms And tell her they’re from me.

Tell her I love her and miss her, And when she turns to smile,

Place a kiss upon her cheek And hold her for a while. Because remembering her is easy,

I do it every day, But there’s an ache within my heart

That will never go away. Sadly missed by her children Lynn, Dale, Darrell, Kevin and Loriann

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notice

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

Tfn

Grace Bible Church is reopening! Join us online or in person Sunday, June 28, 11 am. Social distancing in place, face masks required, and attendance limited to 30 percent. To pre-register call 705-368-3588.

Tfn

notice

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recommended social distancing practices, the Board of Directors of Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding a virtual Board meeting on Thursday, June 25 beginning at 4 pm. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe with the exception of in-camera issues. 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 connectivity details, please send an email inquiry to Lori at lmastelko@mhc.on.ca.

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notice



**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.

spirituality

DEUT 4:6: “Keep therefore (the ten commandments) and do them, for it is your wisdom and your understanding ---.” Deuteronomy means second law. The book has this name because the Ten Commandments (law) are written in DEUT 5 for the second time in the Bible and in DEUT 10:1-4 God himself writes them for the second time on two stone tablets.

The central theme of Deuteronomy are these Ten Commandments and what will happen when you disobey them. In the new covenant (testament) these same 10 Commandments are written by the Holy Spirit in the heart, see HEBR 8:8-10, ROM2:13-15, 2COR 3:3 and every true Christian will keep these commandments. When a person rejects any of these Ten Commandments he rejects the new covenant and the work of the Holy Spirit in his life.

When a person sins by disobeying this covenant, and it does not matter whether this sin is stealing, lying, murder, adultery or not sanctifying the Sabbath (from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset), etc. wisdom and understanding go out of the door with those commandments and a confused mind, DEUT 28:28 comes in its place. All sin and it does not matter what that sin is (believing false doctrines is accepting one of Satan’s lies and is also a sin, see GAL 5:19-21) has negative results.

Those negative results include spiritual bondage, PROV. 5:22, JOHN 8:31-44, satanic control over part of the mind.

Every part of the mind that is in agreement and harmony with God’s word is controlled by Yahweh, God. Every part of the mind that rejects part of God’s word is controlled by Satan.

The first step that a person must take to receive a sound mind is making a 100 percent commitment to accept all of God’s word (the bible) as the truth and to obey it.

The basic sin why Israel went into Babylonian captivity was the transgressing of the sabbath, see LEV.26:33-35, 2 CHRON.36:20+21, NEH 13:18, EZ.20:23+24.

Babylon means confusion.

The basic sin why “Christians” are in mystery Babylon (spiritual confusion and confusion of the mind) is that they do not sanctify God’s Sabbaths. Please note you can only sanctify Gods Sabbath on the day that God himself has specifically sanctified for that purpose. That is the seventh day of the week. A person who is substituting God’s Sabbath with another day like Sunday is worshipping God in vain, MATH 15:9, MARK 7:7+8.

By the 15th century AD the majority of Christians had abandoned God’s Sabbaths and therefore were in mystery Babylon, had a confused mind and did not understand this biblical principle. Although the translators of the K.J. bible were sincere, their misunderstanding created many mistranslations especially in areas where the N.T. deals with the Sabbath. Which is for example the case in ROM 14:6 which reads “he that regardeth the day regardeth it to the Lord and he that does not regard the day. To the Lord he does not regard it.” (K.J.) Let me explain a few points 1) The definite article the is before the word day. That means that Paul has a specific day in mind. Most bible scholars agree that specific day is the Sabbath and I agree with them. Many “Christians” even use this verse to argue that you don’t need to keep the Sabbath, so they also agree that the day refers to the Sabbath. 2) The word regardeth can also be translated as to honour, to respect or to be mentally disposed. 3) But the most important point is that in the King James the word it is twice italicised. That means the word it is not in the Greek. Keeping these three points in mind the correct translation becomes: “He that honours the (Sabbath) day honours the Lord, and he that does not honour the (Sabbath) day does not honour the Lord.”

In other words, this verse actually says that you can tell whether a person honours God or does not honour God, by whether he sanctifies the Sabbath or not.

The Lord of Sabbaoth is at often used in the bible even Martin Luther used it in his famous song: “A mighty fortress is our God.” It is my belief that the word Sabbaoth is a contraction of 2Hebrew words 1) Sabbath and 2) owt strong 226 which means a mark or a sign. So, the Lord of Sabbaoth actually means the Lord marks with the Sabbath.

That the Sabbath is the sign by which God identifies his people is clearly stated in EX 31:13+17 and EZ. 20:12+20.

The bible has a lot to say or the subject of the Sabbath and it is essential for your eternal destiny that what you believe on this subject is the truth, for the sanctifying of the Sabbath is a condition for being in the rapture becoming the bride of Christ and entering The Kingdom of God. That Kingdom of God is also called the millennium, REV.20, the messianic age, the time of restoration of all things, Acts 3:21 and God’s Holy Mountain, DAN 2:35+44, IS. 2:2+3, 11:9, 56:7, 65:25.

Don’t let the Sunday churches deceive you with the lie that Sunday is God’s Sabbath and so keep you out of the Kingdom. Hank Reckman, Prophet of Manitoulin Search for Truth Biblical Ministries Box 210 M’Chigeeng, Ontario P0P 1G0

Tehkummah Talk and Times

Day 92: No picking or scratching while you're waiting for the door to be opened to you at the municipal office. They have a nice new camera and a key pad?

Things are opening up. I hope we all remember to mask and wash and keep your distance.

I was trying to figure out how many years I have been writing my column. A nice card from Grace and Bill Sawyer says they've been reading me for 30 years! I lost count about 20 years ago.

Did you ever drop a phone onto a peanut butter toast? Rather interesting? Hey, it was still working when I talked to Eileen Leeson, but the smell of P.B. was strong.

A meeting in my front yard, Susan brought creamed turkey and rice and Leslie's beans for us and Pauline joined us shortly looking lovely with a haircut/do. The blackflies tortured us until I got the smoky stuff going. Then Sherry comes from work, a nice hair cut too. So, the visit extended but we kept our distance. Even the robin when it came for his/her good bath was about the same. It really made the water fly.

Poor old Cleo is having a bad day, she seems pretty weak. Seed exchange day in Tehkummah (Feb?) I won a basket of goodies including Calendula cream. It is dandy for those mosquitos and blackfly bites. I can't really tell who makes it. But for me a good win!

Bought another roll of stamps. I'm now working on the third hundred. I'm a one-man woman keeper of Canada Post!

Day 93, Tuesday: As many times over the years we have driven by John's Greenhouses (outside of Espanola) I have always said I'm going to stop there one day. So, Shirley did. All of the annuals are sold out, a few veggies, vines, herbs and scads of beautiful perennials and shrubs. And, a very nice lady by the name of Jenny owns it. We were on our way home from Sudbury. We had an early start to a 10:30 am appointment with my cardiologist Dr. Skukla. A McDonalds drive-through lunch, a picnic in the car in front of the Dollar Store, quite pleasant, windows down, a lovely breeze blowing through the car. I had a nap while Sherry shopped

but we both checked out Walmart. So busy, not too many folks wearing masks. We saw Barney and Lynette there. I had the nicest young man help me check out my groceries in the check your own stuff area, his name was Medhar and he had the nicest smile. I had a shopping cart to lean on and it was most disobedient. I always luck out! Maybe the exercise gave me some muscles. Skylar kept watch over Cleo during the day. She seems to be really tired (Cleo that is).

Day 94: I slept well, was I tired?

Well, Ginger sat beside Cleo this morning. She's fussing on me now. I just came in from our funeral service under the apple tree. She's beside her daughter Marble.

Skylar recited the poem 'Misfits,' out of my first book. It suited as Cleo was mentioned in that poem. I sat, Tara dug.

Tara drove me/us up to Island Animal Hospital this morning, Skylar held her. Janice had been in to see Cleo on Monday night.

I have only gratitude for the kindness and the compassion (we couldn't go in so out under the trees at the back of the building) as we gathered, and she sang until her last breath. No tears of course! Cal stopped in and visited Tara and me. We had just got in from Mindemoya. Now Sherry is up there with her dog.

She just stopped in on her way home, Sprochet has Lyme disease, even though he has been taking pills to "not" get it. Always something! Well, I did it and I did it twice too! My nephew Pete McCauley phoned and got me off my Layzee Girl chair. I said 'where are you?' 'In the front yard!' There he was, and a nice new truck too. First thing after hello and while we battled the bugs (they're terrible this year) he hands me the phone and his wife Leanne, Ava and Leah were looking at me face to face phone, wow! That was nice, next he had Derek and Jodi on the phone, same thing. We caught them on their way home to Mackenzie, they had gone to shop and for Dairy Queen and KFC, to Prince George. They were stopped and took me for a walk down the Crooked (I think) River. How beautiful! So, after my afternoon in the chair, the day ended so much better, but

already I've seen her and heard Cleo at the door? It's going to be tough.

Another appointment set up a camera look at my heart. Sounds interesting? Kinda?

Day 95: I went over gravel-covered road (10th) to JD's Garden Centre, but I wanted big saucers for under big flower pots and some annuals to please bees, butterflies and birds. They had perennials but can't do them anymore. So on to Brown's and got some free air circulated the town and back home again.

Back in my chair and this guy knocks on my door with a drumstick in hand outside (not chicken or real drums.) So, we sat outside and fielded blackflies and enjoyed the treat.

The American redstarts were doing a flirting dance. Don't we all miss the weeping willow? Early phone calls, Susan and Mollie. Our lilacs are over the place and they're just beautiful at South Baymouth today. I stopped at the swimming beach, and yes, the water is high!

Lyle and Sharon Dewar recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Sharon wanted to go on a boat ride, so Lyle hitched up the horses, put a couple of chairs on the "stone boat" and so, congratulations folks.

Day 96: From the chair I see babies learning to fly today. It sure is warm out!

I had a bowl of breakfast soup. Cal brought me some slow cooker chicken soup, really yummy. I had a bowl (my supper) last night at 12:30 after a long nap.

A less industrious day. Supper at Pauline's and Wayne's. Peter was there, Susan and Simon's birthday and a joke about getting socks led true a sequel into the actual gift to go with the 101 pairs he already has. We sat on the deck after the delicious supper of ham, salads and a cake covered with cream and fruit. A lovely get together. I left early, slept in my chair. I just woke to write this. My Friday night TV shows went on without me. I just saw a bit of St. Michael's Choir, just turned 11 pm. I'll take my pills now!

"Help us all to live peacefully with others."

Watering plants this morning. Down to see the ferry just

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Death Notices

MARIE LOVE



Marie Love passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Sunday, June 14, 2020 in her 74th year. Beloved mother of Scott Love and Amanda (Tristan) Ford. Cherished grandmother of Cooper and Parker. Marie will be sadly missed by her brother Bill (Anne) Lanktree, sisters Eunice (Ben) Wilson, Lois (Jim) McCormick, June (Lorne) Hamm, Jeanne (Shelley) Thibault, brothers-in-law Charlie (Diane) Love, Hal (Janice) Love, Ed (Sandra) Love, Mark (Lynn) Love, sisters-in-law Marilyn (Gord) Clarke, Carol Love and Sharon Lanktree, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by her husband Mike, parents Donald and Jean (Bowser) Lanktree, brothers Morris and Kenneth, sister Aileen (Henry), brothers-in-law Jack and Tony (Kathy) and sisters-in-law Wilma Metcalfe and Linda Love. At Marie's request, cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

BERNARD (BERNIE) ROGER NAOKWEGIJIG October 19, 1972 - June 16, 2020

*Remember me fondly,
Speak of me kindly.*

Love and respect one another.



In loving memory of Bernard (Bernie) Roger Naokwegijig, born October 19, 1972, passed away peacefully at home on June 16, 2020. Loving son of Leonard and Teresa Naokwegijig. Special friend to Marilyn Lewis. Loving father of Joshua Corbiere, Alexandria and Samantha Naokwegijig. Stepfather to Tammy, Lyndsay and Ricki Lewis. Brother to Cheryl, Neil (Dolores), Bruce (Melanie), Leon (Shannon) and Eric. Godson of Jimmy and Beverly Naokwegijig. Will be dearly missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by Judith McComber and his favourite cat, Goodie. Bernie enjoyed being employed as a surveyor and was very enthusiastic. He loved gardening, cooking, playing card games and visiting friends and family. Visitation was at St. Ignatius Church in Buzwah on June 18, 2020 at 12:30 pm. Funeral Service was on June 19, 2020 at 11 am. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Island Funeral Home.

DUNCAN CRAIG ROBBIE September 29, 1937 - June 20, 2020



Duncan Craig Robbie, of South Baymouth, Ontario, passed away peacefully at home with his children by his side on Saturday, June 20, 2020, in his 83rd year. He was born to James and Lily Robbie on September 29, 1937 in Toronto, Ontario. Duncan is survived by his wife Shirley. Loving father of son Tim Robbie (Jackie), daughter Janice Robbie, daughter Patti-Jean Robbie (Ara) and daughter Elizabeth Priddle (Jeff). He was a proud and loving grandfather (Papa) of Hilary (Brendan), William, Jacob (Liz), Oliver (Houston), Hannah (Nate) and Sophie (Priddle) and great-grandpa to Caleb. Dear brother of the late Jean Carlson and brother-in-law of Paul, Jim Robbie (Rita) and Catherine Robbie Maille (Reg). Brother-in-law to the late Lenora Strain (Fred), late Grant Dinsmore (Joanne), late Ernie Dinsmore (Bertie), late Joyce Morrison (Floyd), late Lee Dinsmore (Joanne), late Clive Dinsmore, Lyle Dinsmore (Dorothy), Percy Dinsmore (Evelyn) and Sharon Gleason (late Bryan). He was also a loved Uncle Duncan to many nieces and nephews. Special friend to Fred Whitehouse, Ivan Harwood and Tom Clancy. Duncan grew up in Sudbury, Ontario and as a young man he moved to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario to work at Algoma Steel. It is there where he met the catch of his life Shirley (nee Dinsmore). They married on June 29, 1963 and had a wonderful life together raising their children in the Sault. Duncan was an active member of the Algoma District Pipe Band for many years and enjoyed the connections he made through the love of the pipes. Duncan retired on Manitoulin Island in 1993 where he built the home he would spend the balance of his life in. The perfect spot to spend time doing all the things he loved to do like fishing, gardening, creating unique and wonderful bird feeders, signs, wood carvings, he enjoyed placing unexpected objects in unexpected places, playing his bagpipes for many occasions such as parades and weddings, hunting with the boys and enjoying many wonderful meals prepared by his loving wife and spending as much time with his many friends and family as possible. Anyone who has spent time with Duncan knows he was a true gentleman with an incredible sense of humour. He will be remembered by his boisterous and enthusiastic laugh!

Cremation has taken place. Donations to the Tehkummah First Responders or the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

ALICIA MARIE PAIBOMSAI "Leesha-Sister" "Dancing Leaves" April 3, 1987 - June 10, 2020

In loving memory of Alicia Marie Paibomsai, loving and proud mother of her beautiful babies Halle, Gage, Keira, Aubrey and Ryker. Loving daughter of Vera Paibomsai and Richard Panamick Sr. Cherished sister to Maxine Paibomsai (Stephen), Tim, Ritchie, Suzie and baby sis Victoria. Proud aunty to Stefan (Arianna), Steven Jr., Saranden, Samarah (predeceased), Kylie, Eaden, Jonathan, Alexandrine and Hunter. Great-aunty to Athena Samarah. Loving godparents Mike and Darlene of M'Chigeeng. Best friend to Tanya Osawaminiki and Marilyn McGregor. Predeceased by grandparents Simon and Margaret Paibomsai and Arthur and Eliza Panamick. Survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, great-cousins and countless friends. Alicia loved spending time with her friends and family, joking and laughing, even in the most serious situations. That was just the kind of girl she was. She enjoyed braiding hair, knitting, sewing, beading, playing Bingo, cleaning and picking strawberries and blueberries. The thing Alicia enjoyed and loved to do most was making traditional outfits for her babies. Most of all Alicia had a heart of gold. Especially when it came to her children. They meant the world to her. She would help and give them anything they needed. If she had it, she gave it.

*Please don't grieve, I am here.
Remember all the laughter we've had together.
I am with you in your hearts.
No one can cure the heartaches.
Every time you see the leaves dancing,
That's me dancing in the wind.
I will no longer suffer nor be angry,
But I am hungry
As the wind blows on your back.
That's a sign
I am beside you.
I am
Dancing Leaves*

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, POP 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, POP 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0.

Northeast Town library still seeking Chronicles input

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Northeast Town librarian Kathy Jo Berry said she hopes more residents will take up the challenge of submitting entries to the library's COVID-19 Chronicles project, but admits that so far things have fallen short of overwhelming.

“We have lots of public records and technical information, but not a lot of personal submissions,” she said. The librarian said that she hopes the uptake will increase when the library opens. “We will be opening soon,” said Ms. Berry, but cautioned that the opening will not be full access just yet.

The chronicles project is aimed at archiving “the community’s experience during this historically significant period, the COVID-19 pandemic.” To that end, not only are relevant public records related to the COVID-19 pandemic being gathered, but the public library is also seeking “to preserve personal accounts and artistic expressions of individuals living in, or with ties to Northeastern Mani-

toulin and the Islands.” The project is not limited strictly to the written word, as the library is also encouraging artwork, videos and other records that can lend themselves to preservation.

“Documenting how hardships were coped with and blessings recognized as well as other displays of experience will serve future generations in ways we may never understand,” noted Ms. Berry. “The chronicles are not only a

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...Tehkummah Talk and Times

...continued from page 28 coming in as I drove in, first sighting this year! Said goodbye to nephew Pete who was heading home. Stopped just to say hello to Earl, Liz and Lorrie. He had a show case of nice pies ready for Father's Day.

Talking to Cal, his neighbours are splitting wood in this heat! Last trip up Brandon caught a 24 lb rainbow and Kevin got one 12.5 lb, nice going!

Ellen McNaughton is staying with her Mom Linda and working from there.

Lorna was in with tomorrow's sermon. I'll have to save it! (I didn't).

Kathy was just getting home from work when Kim called, so I got to talk to both. Kim said his garden is plagued with cut worms this year and his gang got together outside for a music evening this week. They had all been missing it.

A steak came from Sherry and Dave's last night and some of Ray's Shiitake mushrooms. I tried the baking soda toothpaste for cleaning the lawn chairs, one worked well. That's probably if one cleaned them every year? Too much work for me anyway. But I do think it's pretty good!

I hope all the Dads, wherever and wherever, had a very happy Father's Day. Now, get ready for our Canada Day. How will we celebrate this year?

I heard today that Don McMurray was in a motorcycle accident. Get well soon.

I sit out most mornings for my coffee and checking plants. Peter walks early mornings with his dog Danny. Danny is either a Hindoyle or a Beahund? (A pretty gold and white.)

For all the blessings of this past week. I have so much gratitude. Thank you all!



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Ontario supporting Indigenous-owned businesses during COVID-19

TORONTO—The government of Ontario is providing up to \$10 million to Indigenous-owned small- and medium-sized businesses to help them with much needed capital as the province begins to safely and gradually reopen the economy.

Loans of up to \$50,000 will be available to businesses that are either ineligible for, or unable to access, existing federal and provincial COVID-19 response initiatives for small businesses. The funding is being delivered through the Support for

People and Jobs Fund. "Indigenous businesses are experiencing revenue shortfalls at this time, as many are located in rural or remote areas and operate in hard-hit service sectors such as tourism, hospitality and retail," said Greg Rickford, minister of Indige-

nous Affairs. "This funding responds to their unique challenges and will help them get back up and running so they can contribute to the rebuilding of the provincial economy."

Loans will be available through aboriginal financial institutions. For Manitoulin businesses, this would be Waubetek Business Development Corporation. Up to 50 percent of each loan will be in the form of a non-repayable grant, with no interest due on the loan portion until

December 31, 2022. Businesses may use these funds to cover general expenses such as payroll, rent, utilities and taxes. They may also be used towards increasing production capacity, developing new products, moving to online marketing, or to make improvements to accommodate social distancing requirements, such as the installation of plexiglass barriers.

"Ontario's small businesses are the backbone of our economy and their

recovery is critical to Ontario's recovery," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, associate minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction. "As many Indigenous small businesses across the province closed their doors and halted business during the COVID-19 outbreak, many struggled to keep the lights on. Today, we are providing these businesses with the support they need to recover and adapt to the challenges of this unprecedented time."

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responsibility to the future, but a testament to the strength and resiliency of neighbours and individuals that can be appreciated during the lifetime of those who experience it."

Submissions to the chronicles can be made electronically or by mail, but should include the submitter's name and contact information. "General biographical information is encouraged," she confirmed, "but it is up to each individual how much they wish to share about themselves." Contributions can be anonymous and are not limited by age. Ms. Berry requests that captions are included for any photos or videos submitted.

The chronicles will be reviewable through a copy to be kept at the library, but the originals will be nestled in the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah collection.

Contributions can be sent to NEMI Public Library, PO Box 790, Little Current, ON, P0P 1K0 or emailed to nemilib@vianet.ca.

As of June 16, the public library will be entering the next stage of opening to the public, with the building open for pick-up and drop-off of borrowed materials, but browsing and handling of library materials will still not be permitted at this time.

Library services such as printing, faxing, copying, internet access, used book purchases and computer use will be available.

"We are changing the set-up of the computers (normally located side by side) to allow for physical distancing," said Ms. Berry. "There will be a limit of one computer terminal available and one patron per table to access wifi. Only one person will be allowed at the fax machine and in the used book sale area at a time." Computer use by any one patron will be limited to one hour.

Patrons will also be asked to wash and sanitize their hands when entering the building as well as before and after using the computers or the copy machine. A distance of two metres from other patrons will also be required.

Materials can be placed on hold by using the online catalogue, by telephone or by email and staff will notify patrons when the materials are available for pick-up. When ready, materials can be picked up any time between 10 am and 2 pm, Tuesday through Saturday and returns should be facilitated through the use of the labeled drop off bin. As a safety precaution, returned materials will be held for three days before being shelved or available to the public again.



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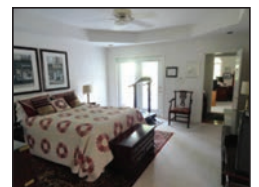
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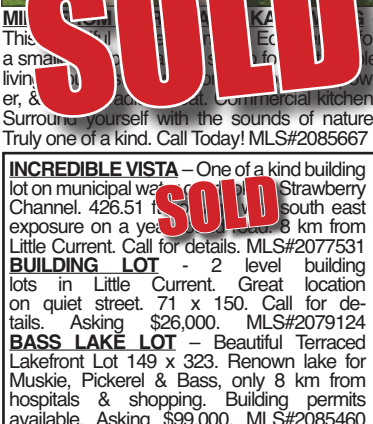
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950 SQ. FT. 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!! - This Lake Mindemoya cottage is fully insulated with water drawn from the lake and a septic system located in a park setting at the north end of the lake. The cottage is on the first street just a short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



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11.2 ACRE WATERFRONT OFF-GRID COTTAGE ON SOUTH BAY!! - 1000FT. shoreline and 500' deep, heavily treed lot, with ATV trail to lake. 1000 sq. ft. Chalet style semi-finished summer home with two decks. Very private with full size propane, fridge, freezer, stove, on demand propane hot water heater, wood stove, large shower with indoor toilet, generator, furniture and 15' boat. Asking \$230,000. MLS#2085940



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