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Chi-Cheemaun begins service in time of pandemic

One month later than usual and with restrictions

SOUTH BAYMOUTH—The Chi-Cheemaun ferry's start date has proved to be something of a barometer of both the natural and social environments. This Monday's month-late season sailing start certainly underscored this fact.

Seven years ago, at about the lowest ebb of Lake Huron's historic water level, the sailing season's start was delayed for two weeks while adjustments were made to the docking facility on the Tobermory side to accommodate the low water and the access to the ship's car deck for vehicles. This was the result of a staring contest between the federal Conservative government and the Ontario Liberal government of the day about jurisdiction and which government had the responsibility to pay for the reno-

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I'm Your Neighbour
an ongoing feature will focus on support for Island businesses

MANITOULIN—As Manitoulin Island, with the rest of Ontario, begins to look at the post-COVID-19 future and the province-wide lockdown (for all but essential businesses and services) also begins to relax restrictions, The Manitoulin Expositor is beginning a weekly feature reminding us of the importance, especially now, of supporting local Island businesses.

The feature is titled 'I'm Your Neighbour' and will appear weekly on Page 3, beginning with this issue.

Each week, an employee of a local business will be given a short profile and photo to underscore the fact that it is our support of the businesses for which they work that gives them their employment and their ability to contribute to the larger community.

Businesses have begun to reopen in our Island communities, with social distancing protocols in place. Some, that had closed their doors except for curbside delivery of phoned or emailed-in orders have begun to call their staff back for normal retail and service activities.

It is vitally important that rural areas like Manitoulin Island have successful retail and service industries in our small communities and it's clear that we won't have them, and the employment that they support, unless we in turn support them.



AN OLD FRIEND RETURNS—After a month's delay, the MS Chi-Cheemaun sailed into South Baymouth Monday morning under far different circumstances than usual. The ferry is currently limited to essential travel only and its few passenger both going aboard and leaving the ferry reflected that new reality. Nonetheless, a few Islanders came to the port community to welcome the ferry back, its presence for many a sight for sore eyes after a long spring and a hopeful glimpse of good things to come.

photo by Expositor staff

Island community leadership pandemic response committee tasks NOSM docs with COVID-19 data mining and study

by Michael Erskine
SUDBURY—The Manitoulin District Leadership MHC Community Response/Emergency Preparedness and Paramedicine Committee (made up of Island municipalities, First Nations leadership and health professionals) may well have dibs on the longest local committee acronym, but when it comes to making decisions, the committee is looking to the health professionals of Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) for the data to from which to build a roadmap to best practices.

"We were invited by the Mani-

toulin District Leadership MHC Community Response/Emergency Preparedness and Paramedicine Committee," said NOSM research team member Dr. Marion Maar. "Basically, they are making the decision on how to best deal with the impact of the pandemic on their communities and they asked us to do the research—maybe starting with a case study on how they are coming together and working together."

The pandemic is a virtually unprecedented experience for every community on Manitoulin and the restrictions and actions

that have come out of attempts to deal with the pandemic have highlighted issues and some "dysfunctions" that may have largely lain dormant until the advent of the pandemic brought them to the fore, noted Dr. Maar.

The NOSM team has applied for several grants to backstop their research efforts into the collaboration between First Nations and municipalities, but even without the funding the team has plunged forward.

The three main collaborators of the NOSM team include Dr. Maar, Laurentian University's Dr.

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Wiikwemkoong literacy program digitally partnering students with business elite now North American model

Uses technology developed by Wiikwemkoong

by Warren Schlote
WIKWEMKOONG—A partnership between the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education (WBE) and non-profit Innovations for Learning Canada (ILC) is helping young students develop literacy skills despite school closures through a system pioneered by Wiikwemkoong citizen Jacob Pitawanakwat, who works for the non-profit.

"It's been such a joy to work with the WBE and see how families are reacting and working with Jacob. It's been a real pleasure, we have such a spirit of collaboration and creativity," says Fabrice Grover, executive director for ILC. ILC pairs employees within cor-

porations with young learners who are at risk of having below-average literacy skills.

Studies have linked lower

incomes to poorer literacy and future disadvantages. Median income in many First Nations is far lower than surrounding areas,

such as 2016 census data which shows median income in Wiikwemkoong is roughly \$8,000 to

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Part II of a series

Island professionals offer pandemic coping tips

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—Many people have adapted very well to the current realities of living during the COVID-19 pandemic but some are struggling with feelings of anxiety, anger, tension or fear due to acute stress. People are out of work or the way they work has changed; children are home and so are parents;

finances are strained and the future is uncertain. The Expositor spoke with local mental health professionals for insight into the added stressors of COVID-19 and strategies for coping.

Allan Chislett deals mostly with developmental trauma or complex PTSD. Because his caseload is fixed and consistent, he can't speak about persons in

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American Coast Guard rescues trio of kayakers near Prov Bay

PROVIDENCE BAY—On Sunday, May 31, the United States Coast Guard assisted in the rescue of three kayakers, two of whom had capsized off the south shore of Manitoulin, near Providence Bay.

The Canadian and United States Coast Guards work jointly to respond to lifesaving missions whenever one country's rescue team is closer to the task at hand.

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Province Police (OPP) reported that of the three kayakers, two had capsized. Both kayakers were able to make it to shore but one was taken to the hospital with severe hypothermia as they had been in the cold water for an extended period of time.

The kayakers, who all hail from Manitoulin, were wearing wetsuits and lifejackets which ultimately saved their lives, the OPP reported.

For dramatic footage of the rescue operation please visit Manitoulin.ca.



A United States Coast Guard helicopter took part in a timely rescue of three kayakers near Providence Bay. One kayaker was taken to hospital with severe hypothermia while the others are reported as fine.



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Split Rail nabs loan for permanent canning line

by Warren Schlote

GORE BAY—Split Rail Brewing Company in Gore Bay has secured a loan from the non-profit Fair Finance Fund to install a canning line within its production facility, allowing the brewery to grow its presence across the province and provide more options to its customers.

“The Fair Finance Fund has been a fantastic opportunity for Split Rail, not only because of the loan for the equipment upgrade, but because they also offer business supports and mentorship, which is really exciting,” said Andrea ‘Andy’ Smith, who co-founded Split Rail Brewing Company alongside Eleanor Charlton in 2015.

Split Rail has previously offered some of its products in cans but it could only do so using a mobile canning line loaned from Toronto once per month. This loan came in during March and the permanent canning line was fully up and running as of May.

Springtime is always busy for

the team at Split Rail and their fans. They begin each warm season with upgrades to their operations, with past years’ additions including added production tanks, expansions of outdoor patio spaces and hiring more staff.

This year, a canning line and an online store with home delivery options at SplitRailManitoulin.com were the highlights.

“That’s been the plan—measured growth to meet growing demand and building a stellar team who share a passion for excellence, social responsibility and a 100 percent made-on-Manitoulin mandate,” said Ms. Smith.

Brews are already being canned for distribution to The Beer Store outlets and customers. Split Rail beer is already sold across Northern Ontario and in select Southern Ontario markets; the shift to cans will further that goal.

Cans are expected to help the business because they have lower up-front and shipping costs, as well as being generally more sus-



The team at Gore Bay’s Split Rail Brewing Company are already busy using their new canning equipment to output cases of their made-on-Manitoulin beer. A loan from Fair Finance Fund enabled the receipt and roll-out of the line in May.

tainable than glass, said Ms. Smith.

Split Rail hired a second full-time brewer last May and the new technology will enable more expansions to staff and product

offerings. Despite the challenges from the global pandemic, it has maintained staffing and worked toward its long-term growth goals.

“As always, we are deeply appreciative of the support we receive

and we encourage everyone to continue supporting all our local businesses. Running a business in the best of times is hard, and now for many, or probably most busi-

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Assiginack, Tehkummah, Killarney to share economic development officer

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Three municipalities in the eastern portion of the District of Manitoulin will be gaining the benefit of an economic development officer (EDO) to enhance their municipal offerings as part of a funding partnership with FedNor to have a shared EDO between the townships of Assiginack, Tehkummah and Killarney.

“I’m looking forward to it,” said Assiginack CAO Alton Hobbs. “I appreciate working with (Killarney and Tehkummah) so I think

there’ll be some interesting things that develop.”

FedNor has approved three years of funding for the Township of Assiginack to be the funding partner for an EDO. While Killarney and Tehkummah will be able to get use from that position, they are considered non-funding partners.

This means that the EDO’s paycheques will come from Assiginack and any work done for the other two communities will be accounted and factored into their shared cost.

Details of the cost-sharing agreement were still in negotiation when The Expositor contacted the participating townships.

FedNor is covering 90 percent of the EDO’s costs up to \$270,000 over the three-year term.

These eastern communities are

the last on Manitoulin Island to gain the benefit of an EDO. In August 2019, LAMBAC hired an

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Central Manitoulin programs support seniors

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—It’s amazing just how far you can stretch a dollar when you have strong community support. Marcus Mohr, Central Manitoulin community development/outreach co-ordinator, is the lead on a number of initiatives aimed at providing support for seniors isolated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have been providing a hot meal program, giving gift cards out and providing essential hygiene products,” said Mr. Mohr, describing the program initiatives.

The project funding comes from a \$3,000 grant from the federal government, part of the New Horizons seniors’ programming aimed at COVID-19 mitigation which flowed through United Way.

The meal programs and other supports have been integrated into the municipality’s seniors’ check-in program where volunteers are ensuring that seniors are not completely isolated.

Mr. Mohr noted that although most seniors have family, many of their family members live in communities far from the shores of Manitoulin Island. “We have quite a population of seniors in our community,” he said, pointing out that the restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic have hit that sector of the population particularly hard. “It is very difficult for a lot of seniors.”

Currently, the program has been serving 100 people with a hot meal over the past three weeks and 25 \$50 gift certificates have been given out.

“We have been co-ordinating our efforts with the (Manitoulin Family Resources) food bank,” said Mr.

Mohr. Those efforts have included the provision of essential hygiene products, including toilet paper and various “age related” products.

Getting \$3,000 to stretch over a considerable number of seniors for several weeks has been greatly assisted by local businesses who have stepped up to help.

“They might have a roast turkey dinner one night and a roast beef the next,” he said. “They can plan out the meals and be very cost effective.”

The municipality also maintains a community helpline where a hearty band of community volunteers are assisting seniors by doing errands and delivering the meals to “self-isolators.” The number for the helpline is 1-249-879-1659.

United Way Centraide Canada received \$9 million from the Government of Canada’s New Horizons for Seniors Program to help support Canadian seniors who are at great risk of poor health outcomes due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic such as vulnerable seniors living in social isolation or poverty. The funding support was in recognition that such seniors are at greater risk than the general population.

While the municipality has managed to stretch the funding to great purpose, it is aimed as a short-term support. Mr. Mohr said that he was hopeful that further program funding will be forthcoming. Although there is no official fundraising campaign in place to help continue the seniors support programs, Mr. Mohr said that donations could be sent to the municipality earmarked for that purpose.

“I’m sure we can figure out how to put any donations to work,” he said.



Produce manager Laura Dionne loves hitting the trails on her ATV

EDITOR’S NOTE: This week marks the first installation of *I’m Your Neighbour* which will introduce an employee from a Manitoulin Island business each and every week. *I’m Your Neighbour* reminds us that when we ‘prosper together, shop Manitoulin,’ we’re also supporting our neighbours to keep gainful employment right here on Manitoulin Island, something that is particularly important following the prolonged lockdown and uncertain times resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

LITTLE CURRENT—Laura Dionne of Little Current has been at GG’s Foodland for almost 15 years. She’ll be celebrating this milestone in October.



Laura Dionne

The produce manager moved back to her childhood Manitoulin 27 years ago. Many people

will recognize her by her maiden name, Jaggard. Laura is the granddaughter of the late Harry Jaggard, whom many people will recall.

In her spare time, Laura enjoys working in her vegetable garden, camping and ATving with her husband Al.

“We like to drive the backroads with our bikes,” Laura says, smiling at the thought. She recounted their last Thanksgiving which they spent traversing the backroads on their ATVs, all the way to the Gibraltar Road picnic area in Central Manitoulin where they enjoyed their picnic Thanksgiving dinner. “The leaves were changing, the sun was shining—it was a gorgeous day,” Laura recalls. “It took one-and-a-half hours to get there.”

She recommends that others give the all-terrain sport a try.

As for her job as produce manager, Laura said she enjoys meeting new people, seeing familiar faces and bringing them the goods they enjoy.

Laura is the proud mom of Elizabeth, who lives on Manitoulin, Daniel of Richmond Hill and Quinn-lynn of Essex. She is the proud grandma of four (soon to be five in August) and two grandchildren from her blended family.

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

Island transit start date pushed back by one month

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—The United Manitoulin Islands Transit (UMIT) project has been slightly delayed but not deterred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with service now expected to begin in mid-July as opposed to its original June 1 target.

“We’re just finalizing the last stages of the bus stops and we will be erecting them in hopefully the next four to six weeks,” UMIT executive director Joahna Berti told The Expositor.

The transit group has its vehicle and crew lined up and is waiting for its commercial vehicle licence from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation.

Original plans for the start-up of the service have not changed, including the proposed trial routes between Mindemoya, Little Current and Manitowaning. The service will also be entirely free for its first month of operation.

Ms. Berti acknowledged that the realities of the pandemic may have affected the population’s view of public transportation, but she assured The Expositor that UMIT would be carefully considering passenger health and safety.

“We’re going to have hand sanitizer and an enhanced cleaning schedule on the bus, and other safety measures to ensure social distancing is adhered to on the bus,” said Ms. Berti.

Those measures include placing stickers on certain seats to temporarily take them out of

service to increase physical distance between passengers. Face masks will be strongly encouraged and Ms. Berti hinted that those masks may take on a promotional role as well.

“We hope to make our service comfortable and safe for everybody,” she said.

The non-profit transit group as always seeks business and individual members to join the ranks as users of the service. The collective is also actively recruiting board members.

Tims work not yet started, despite reports

LITTLE CURRENT—Contrary to reports in off-Island media sources, construction work has not begun at the site of the forthcoming Tim Hortons in Little Current, said the developer when contacted by The Expositor Monday.

Some details are being finalized before construction will begin, said developer Streetwise Holdings. A construction timeline estimate was not yet available at this time.

The site for the future Tim Hortons is at the corner of Draper St. and Manitowaning Rd. on the eastern side of Little Current.

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editorial

Mask shaming is not productive on either side of the coin

How times change. One moment it seems that wearing masks in public is not only no proof against the COVID-19 virus and the next our medical health advisors are urging us to don mouth and nose coverings any time we are unable to physically distance ourselves from others. But that is the nature of novel pandemics; as we learn more about the situation we find ourselves in, the more we discover the best practices for dealing with them.

Canadians' reactions to wearing masks have certainly changed dramatically since the beginning of the pandemic and today a significant majority of Canadians, in urban settings at least, are not only willing to tolerate the wearing of masks in public, most are actually engaged in the practice. By any measure, this is a good thing.

But many of us are still uncomfortable, with an unfortunate propensity to stare at the mask wearers. Some, albeit a decided and thankfully tiny minority, actively object to the wearing of masks in public and react poorly and vocally. The most likely reason for this is that the masks make us acutely aware of our own vulnerability and we would much rather bury our heads in denial. Wearing masks, particularly when there have been few to any cases of the virus discovered across Manitoulin communities, might seem like an unnecessary overkill—but it is not. As the evidence comes in from communities across the globe who are ahead of us on the pandemic curve it is becoming clearer with each passing day that masks are an important armour against the spread of this virus for which we have no natural defence. It is slowly dawning that a key element in the low number of cases in many Asian countries is that those regions have long accepted the wearing of masks, particularly in densely populated areas and on heavily packed public transit systems. That evident is

simple—masks work.

The curious factor in all of this is that masks work to protect those around us and there is little to no evidence that masks are efficacious in protecting the wearer, albeit many wearers may have a false sense of security. That was one of the key factors in the early refusal by public health officials to recommend wearing masks—they simply didn't want people getting too close to thinking they were safe—a counterintuitive example might be "don't wear a life preserver because you will be tempted to lean too far over the side of the boat."

As the restrictions of the pandemic are loosened, masks could well play a critical role in helping to blunt the impact of the oft-predicted "second wave," but only if enough of the population gets past the discomfort (physical and mental) of wearing them.

In a region that is historically popular as a summer getaway and will experience a heavy influx of summer residents and other travellers as the pandemic restrictions continue to lift, masks can play an important role in providing another layer of physical distance that the virus must vault across in order to infect.

Kudos to those political leaders who have been willing to stand tall while covering up their biggest political asset, those vote-winning smiles, to provide an example for the public to follow.

So, if you see someone out and about wearing a face mask this season, just nod and smile and perhaps venture to say "hello neighbour, thank you for helping to keep me safe," hopefully through your own layers of fabric.

Let's make this wearing of masks a new fashion statement and bring on the hawberry motif.

letters

Words of appreciation for essential workers

Please remember that our sacrifices are minimal compared to our war veterans

To the Expositor:

In appreciation of everyone in this trying time. It is a time when all people need to pull together, to work together, stay together and have a greater appreciation for each other and for every day.

A huge thank you to all our essential workers, nurses, doctors, paramedics, firefighters, to all the stay-at-home parents that are unable to go to work, the children who are not able to go to school and doing the self-isolating safety measures and to scientists labouring hours behind the scene to learn more about the virus and come up with a cure and/or preventative.

Health and safety is everyone's responsibility. Not only do we need to talk the talk but we need to walk the walk.

It is a difficult and trying time. We are all missing the personal contact with family and friends but your sacrifices have had a positive effect on helping control this deadly virus.

I have heard people express their ideas about the government overreacting with the strict measures that were put in place, how everything was blown out of proportion, talking about the financial and economic losses of the world brought about by business restrictions, comparing the number of deaths from other viruses over the years—so many divided opinions, so much anguish and frustration. As the virus starts coming under control, people start down playing the reality and start questioning the measures taken to save lives and the above ideas

and statements become predictable.

We must realize and appreciate the work our governments and our population has done to control the spread of the disease. That has transformed what could have been an out-of-control disaster (which it was in places around the world) into a situation, a hazard, that can be managed, at least to a point. There is no money value that can be put on the lives of our loved ones.

Early intervention is an act of prevention.

May we always be grateful to all those making their sacrifices to keep this disease under control. This is a world changing event, not just a life changing event. May we learn to be more appreciative of all we have had and have and not take our wonderful gifts for granted. May we appreciate and acknowledge different ideas and opinions but may we stay united as people to stay the course and keep safety awareness a priority. Always when there is a great loss, the normal we knew has gone forever but we have the ability to make a new norm and learn to enjoy life in that new realm.

Please remember our sacrifices are minimal compared to our war veterans who laid down their lives to keep us safe. Let us continue to do our part and work together to keep everyone safe.

Joanne Wade
Sheguiandah

There should be no return to the old normal

Remember front-line workers are always there

To the Expositor:

"We shouldn't settle for a return to the 'old' normal. We owe it to the community to aim higher."

Last year the people of Manitoulin had the rare opportunity to come to the Anchor Inn to listen to Peter Kenyan speak. Mr. Kenyan (B.A.N.K. of Ideas), from Australia, specializes and works with communities all around the world as well as speaking at conferences around the world about revitalizing communities. Here is his take on communities and COVID-19:

"Around the world, every nation's experience with, and emergence from COVID-19 is in a state of flux, however, the realisation that the world will never be the same again is starting to sink in. They say history repeats itself, but the one word that seems to have become synonymous with coronavirus is 'unprecedented.' What does this mean? It means that although the impacts of coronavirus are described as 'unprecedented,' so too is the opportunity to create a new and better world where we can intentionally and effectively address the glaring obscenities and injustices of our pre-COVID-19 existence. I love this quote from Quint Studer ('Stronger Towns'): "Don't expect the

reboot to put your community right back to where it was before COVID-19. For starters, it's not possible. I've read and heard this many times and I agree: When this is over, the world will have changed in many ways. But also, even if we could, we shouldn't settle for a return to the 'old' normal. We owe it to the community to aim higher."

After this pandemic, may our air stay cleaner, our waters pristine and our new knowledge on how to stay well continue on through all cold and flu seasons. It has been a hard lesson; let us all take heed so it never happens again. So, next year (or whenever this is over), stay home when you are sick. If you have to go out sick, wear a mask. We must continue good hand washing hygiene and most of all, consider how easily our elderly family members at home or in care homes can be made ill. Remember that those front-line workers are always there, and not to be recognized just now, but always. So maybe it's time to set aside a day each year to recognize the front-line workers. We do it for volunteers, let's do it for those who have kept us fed, well, and safe.

Barb Baker
Little Current

Another pitch for a chunnel replacement for the swing bridge

Keep the old bridge with a toll for upkeep and maintenance

To the Expositor:

I expected there would be some controversy on whatever proposal was recommended for the swing bridge. Personally, I think the swing bridge has significant heritage value and should be retained and upgraded but I also think access to Manitoulin Island needs to be improved.

My proposal is to adopt an underground tunnel to the downtown area of Little Current which would enhance the local business activity but

invoke a toll for its use for cost recovery of the installation and future maintenance and refurbishment the swing bridge and continue to allow its use toll-free. People coming to the Island then have choices—easy access but for a cost of a toll or a free ride—but it may cause a delay.

Peter Pielsticker
Tehkummah

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Celebrating 30 years reading the Manitoulin Expositor

Where, oh where is my Manitoulin Expositor?

To the Expositor:

Where's my Expositor? It's not in the mail box! Why can't I have my weekly Manitoulin Island fix?

When I first set foot on Manitoulin, 30 magical years ago, living in Kagawong, I bought The Manitoulin Expositor every week. Every week. For 30 years. Non-stop. When I'm on-Island each summer, reading it is basic fare. What's doing? What's new? And when I return home to New York City, I must read The Expositor, the subscription paid, and each issue is sent in the mail to me.

Did I say 30 years?

These months surviving through and around the pandemic have not been easy for anyone, whether here in New York City, or on Manitoulin. By now, I'm used to being sequestered in the heart of New York City, being careful, following all the rules, and I'm doing fine. So far. Cleaning, cooking, reading, writing, exercising, reading, writing, and keeping in touch with friends. When The Expositor arrives in my mailbox, I smile, eager for my Island fix.

Yet, I must spray each issue with Lysol, and wait a day. And read, read.

But no Expositor for weeks!

Where's the latest issue? Our US mail service, and our letter carriers are under siege, wearing masks and gloves. Many people have left NYC, having their mail sent on to another address. But I'm here.

It is Saturday, May 23 and no Expositors for weeks!

While the phone and email help, it's not the same thing. I long to hold this newspaper, my friend for so many years, in my hands.

Dejected, I go downstairs to get the mail.

Imagine this amazement! Four issues of The Manitoulin Expositor stuffed in my mailbox!

Four Issues, April 1, 22, 29 and May 6, crying to be received and read. Of course, I have a mask and gloves on, carry them up to my apartment, and place them on the floor. Now, spray with Lysol, first the front page, and an hour later, the back page. I have to wait... All clear.



The Island's favourite hothouse tomato is under heavy lockdown in her Manhattan apartment and was pining for her Expositor fix. Four copies arrived at once so she has settled in with a glass of white and is busily catching up.

As an author and newspaper columnist, myself, I'm anxious to read what's new on-Island. But it is May 23, what's old has happened, and has passed. I read the April 1 and move along. I'm happy to read slowly, the profusion of

Island happenings as I sit in my apartment on 37th Street. Reading on, I'm so aware of the tough times on Island, and especially here, on the island of Manhattan.

Yes, the energy, vitality and strength of the stories, columns, news items, recipes, ads and in the back, what's for sale, make me smile, giving me a sense of Manitoulin community. Holding four newspapers straight on I pour a glass of wine to celebrate, while reading. Okay, two glasses.

I dote on stories written by Alicia McCutcheon, Warren Schlote and Michael Erskine. In summer, I've often been to the office to say hello to Kerrene Tilson and Marilyn Harasym. I've bought books, and paid for ads with Robin Anderson, and gone to the production room to see David Patterson and Kendra Edwards. I count on Debbie Bailey's wonderful energy. And Tom Sasvari in Gore Bay.

Provided with four editions to luxuriate in, here's my unexpected Manitoulin reading party. I linger in columns about friends' achievements, politics, and these days, restrictions, warnings and what to do. On the Island for 30 years, I know all the restaurants, and read each advertisement carefully. I used to wish I might have a house on-Island. At this stage, I'm blessed and honoured to have the best friends, and to stay with them. When I visit, I offer to do laundry, iron, clean, vacuum, push a lawnmower; I love to iron!

Why do my pals always laugh, saying, "Bonnie, just bring the wine and take us out to dinner!"

And I do.

The Mother's Day issue with The Expositor's happy large red-lettered masthead with a red kiss is something I accept.

Thank you, non-stopping, hardworking friends at The Expositor, keeping us informed, engaged and, so important, in community.

With admiration and respect,

Bonnie Kogos
Your 30-year Manitoulin Expositor subscriber
Manhattan

New assault gun ban transforms Canada into a dictatorship

A call to join the National Firearms Association

To the Expositor:

And just like that, with the swipe of a pen, an OIC (Order in Canada) was signed. Prime Minister Trudeau turning this democratic country into a dictatorship. Without a house vote or a bill, he took it upon himself to pass a gun ban on "assault style" guns. All assault rifles were already banned in the late '70s.

Now a gun, car or any other object cannot kill by itself. It

requires a lot of bad choices: Gas in tank = bullet in clip; key in ignition = clip in gun; shift into drive = bullet in barrel; drive car = safety off; hit somebody = pull trigger.

It takes a lot of bad choices by someone very unstable for whatever reason before any object can be used to kill. All Canadians should be very concerned about where this will end and what other civil liberties will be taken away from us once dictatorship takes hold. Watch out.

They say there is power in numbers, so if you don't like being stripped of democracy, join the NFA (National Firearms Association) and sign petition No. 2576. Every time this government gets elected there is a very good chance they will take away something else that they think we don't deserve or need.

Wesley Virtanen
Manitowaning

The long-term care crisis will continue until people refuse to turn a blind eye

We must never again let government neglect our long-term care residents and staff

To the Expositor:

We are all watching in horror as report after report comes in on the decimation of long-term care (LTC) homes by COVID-19. High numbers of residents are testing positive, getting very sick and dying and LTC workers are also testing positive, getting sick and some even dying!

The public is reeling at these reports saying "why? How could this be happening?" We had no idea things were this bad inside Ontario's nursing homes!

I think it is time for people to come to terms with the answers to those questions, so that there will be a huge public outcry and from that to assure that never again will the provincial government be allowed to neglect the sector that cares for our most vulnerable!

The LTC crisis began years ago with the election of the Mike Harris conservative provincial government. Mike 'The Knife' Harris, as he was infamously named by health care workers, went on a slash'n burn rampage of the entire health care system and hit LTC especially hard! After Harris came the Liberal governments of McGuinty and Wynne, which continued times of underfunding for the LTC sector and then, just when the sector thought things couldn't get worse in comes the Torys' dictator Doug Ford and his minions Christine Elliot and Merrilee Fullerton swinging the axe!

Continued cuts and gross under-funding to the sector set Ontario's LTC homes up for "The Perfect Storm." And

when COVID-19 came to Ontario that storm hit LTC with a terrible blow!

Now we fast forward and look inside the eye of the storm and you will never guess who we found lurking inside this storm, none-other than The Knife himself! The former Tory premier is the chairman of the board of Chartwell Retirement Homes where as of April 10, 2019 he was paying his PSWs \$14.35 per hour while ole slash'n burn himself was pulling in \$237,000 per year!

Now we'll move over to two LTC homes, Anson Place Care Centre in Hagersville and Eatonville Care Centre in Etobicoke (Dougie Ford's back yard). In Anson Place, 31 residents are dead and in Eatonville 23 are dead. At these homes the very large and well respected association that represents Ontario's registered nurses (ONA) had filed an court injunction against the homes citing that both facility's management failed to enact proper safety measures for residents and staff in response to COVID-19, furthering to state management failed to provide nursing staff with proper access to personal protective equipment (PPE) and severely limiting nursing staff from accessing N-95 masks! When questioned on this injunction, Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of LTC stated that, "The government had all PPE in place and readily available to staff" and that she is working around the clock to ensure the safety of all residents and staff! SEIU, representing all other workers in these facilities, made a statement saying that, "The COVID-19 sit-

uation was especially poorly handled by the management describing it as "careless and reckless." SEIU even went so far as saying that things were so bad inside these homes that they felt the province needed to take over immediately. To this Minister Fullerton responded, "Ontario is not in the business of taking over homes!"

Numbers like what just came out of Maple View LTC home in Owen Sound where 22 of 29 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 along with 15 staff is proof of just how terribly this beast of a virus is hitting our LTC homes with no end in sight yet.

It is a sad, sad thing that it has had to come to the devastation of LTC like this, to finally convince the public 100 percent that LTC has been in crisis for years and now with the perfect storm, of past and present events, it has become a national disaster and disgrace!

We, the public, the taxpayers, the voters, must never again let government neglect our LTC residents and staff. We must remember what they have sacrificed to show us the way ahead. The people, for the people, never again will LTC be the forgotten ones. We must and we will assure that our most vulnerable and those who care for them, are, for evermore, treated with the full respect that they have always deserved!

Thank you,

Greg Young
Wiikwemkoong

Continuing down our present path is a guarantee of destruction

We are the problem

To the Expositor:

If we all keep doing what we are doing we will destroy ourselves, and that's guaranteed.

Waiting sometimes can be the hardest and can be sometimes the longest and can be hard to bear. The hardest to get the answer to your questions is the longest. But if there was one good thing about the coronavirus, we are starting to see blue skies again and if we are lucky, maybe we will have clean air to breathe again, all because people are not driving their cars as much as they used to. There are hardly any planes flying and them big trucks, big polluting

ships polluting the water with filth and destroying the purity of our water and corrupting and polluting our skies. But it seems our planet has a way of fighting back.

It's time, you people, to wake up and time to open your eyes. With all of our fossil fuel-burning society. People in general considered as living in a relationship with one and another in one world and not only applied with people with wealth, rich or poor, we as a society are all to blame. It's time we quit pointing fingers and who's at fault, it's your fault, not my problem. It is your problem and let's quit saying the coronavirus. The time has come to face reality, peo-

ple; it is us that is the problem and if we keep doing what we are doing we will destroy ourselves and that's guaranteed.

Lyman Corbiere
M'Chigeeng

P.S.: Everything that's happening to our world and us is all because of the almighty dollar and not the almighty power. But in God we should all say amen. To that amen and amen and amen to that and for God and us to express solemn assent or approval.

Manitoulin's community isolation centre preparations continue

Centralized supportive care centre may become best option

by Warren Schlotte
MANITOULIN—Work is continuing across Manitoulin Island to prepare community-based isolation centres for stable COVID-19 patients who are below urgent care status but are not yet ready to return home, though some material challenges have led Island leaders to begin considering a centralized setup rather than having each community host a centre of their own.

"A number of communities have isolation centres in various states of readiness," said Derek Debassige, a M'Chigeeng physiotherapist and a member of the team working to prepare community isolation centres across Manitoulin. These facilities are also termed supportive care centres.

One of the challenges, he said, was that in preparing for the first wave of the virus, many communities planned to use shuttered seasonal businesses as potential isolation centres.

Now that the summer

has arrived, those businesses are starting to reopen and communities have to find other venues for these services.

The communities in the District of Manitoulin that are exploring these centres have been hosting weekly meetings to keep each other apprised of their readiness levels and to discuss and work through the challenges they face.

"It's still just a lot of resource sharing at this point, as well as policy and procedure development," said Mr. Debassige. "Our plans are to have these resources shared, like an information sheet; depending on what community (a patient is) coming from, they can know what options are available."

As shared in last week's Expositor, M'Chigeeng's plans to use the arena at the community complex for an isolation centre were stymied by a ventilation system that connected to other units in the plaza, posing health risks to the other units.

That community is now considering the feasibility of using a robust all-season tent, similar to the one employed as a testing centre in Wiikwemkoong.

Every community planning to launch an isolation centre faces similar, substantial obstacles in both human resources and insurance considerations.

Similar to the field hospital, there is no funding currently available for isolation centres. Even field hospitals will only be funded if case counts surge, but in rural areas especially these facilities must be ready to operate before a surge because of the longer timeframe involved in setting them up.

Manitoulin Island's closest-to-launch isolation centre is at the Assiginack Arena in Manitowaning.

Assiginack Family Health Team executive

director Sandra Pennie told The Expositor that the planning for that facility continues with the hope that it will not be needed. She added that finding people to staff the space will be more challenging once the field hospital opens, placing further burden on the Island's finite health care human resources.

Ms. Pennie urged caution in the near future.

"The next couple of weeks will really tell the story; as you may have noticed, there is a lot of traffic on the Island now and as things open up more, we may see a surge. We have done so well so far in this pandemic but it is nowhere near done and we need to stay strong and continue to do the good work we have been doing," she said.

The facility is waiting for oxygen concentrators

and has a limited supply of personal protective equipment, like many other places, but it is currently at a standby state such that it could be put into operation with 24 hours' notice.

Other communities have also been preparing isolation centres. Gore Bay is reportedly evaluating a shared venue with West End communities and M'Chigeeng is preparing the Saswaahns Centre as an isolation site, said Mr. Debassige.

WRFN health manager Angela Shawanda confirmed that a new unit in the community, originally built as an elders' residence, has been prepared with five beds. She also shared WRFN's community isolation plan with the supportive care centre group.

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin has

also engaged in talks with a motel to procure five rooms away from others for use as potential supportive care spaces, said Mayor Richard Stephens.

The limited PPE and human resources are just some of the reasons why the partnering communities are beginning to assess whether or not a centralized isolation centre would be better for the Island. One possible structure for that purpose would be a robust all-weather tent building.

Mr. Debassige acknowledged that provincial numbers do not immediately point to there being a dire need at present, but cautioned that significant outbreaks can still occur at a local level regardless of what is happening across the province. This, he said, is why it is important to prepare now.

Gore Bay woman dies in ATV tragedy

GORDON—On May 31 at approximately 3:20 pm, members of the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) with the assistance of the Manitoulin-Sudbury Emergency Medical Service (EMS) responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision involving an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) on Skipper Lane in Gordon Township.

The investigation has revealed that the ATV left the roadway where the driver received severe injuries and died later in hospital. The ATV driver was identified as Sandie Merrylees, 65 years of age, from Gore Bay.

The investigation is ongoing at this time with the assistance of OPP Technical Collision Investigators



Law & Order

More than \$1 million siphoned in fraud investigation

Ontario's Serious Fraud Office (SFO) has charged two Sudbury area residents following a fraud investigation.

A small engine manufacturing, exporting and service business discovered a series of financial irregularities over a number of years that resulted in losses totalling more than one million dollars. Allegations of funds having been embezzled from the company were brought to members of the Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS) who, in November 2019, engaged the Serious Fraud Office.

Following a six-month investigation, two Wahnapitae residents have been charged with several offences contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada as follows:

Karen Cady, aged 47 years, is charged with: fraud over \$5,000; laundering proceeds of crime; possession of property obtained by crime; failing to comply with probation order; and forgery.

Michael Cady, aged 43 years, formerly of Little Current, is charged with laundering proceeds of crime possession of property obtained by crime.

The accused are expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury on July 8.

As part of the investigation, various financial and property assets, including a residential home, a travel trailer, a pontoon boat, personal watercraft, a backhoe, three vehicles and \$2,400 in Canadian currency, have been restrained as proceeds of crime.

Expositor correction

The May 27 Page 1 story 'Ferry sails on Monday' quotes Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) CEO and president Susan Schrempf as saying that all reservations have been cancelled. This is incorrect. The OSTC has only cancelled and re-booked everyone in June, not beyond that time. "People are calling concerned that we've cancelled their July to October reservations—we haven't," said Ms. Schrempf. "We always contact the customers if we are going to change their reservation. Everyone will get a call." The Expositor regrets the error.

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Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Another one bites the dust!

Organizer **Jackie White** just had to make the decision she was dreading. Cancelling what was to be the third annual Manitoulin Swim that took place in Manitowaning Bay in late August.

The event is part of the Canaqua Sports Open Water Swim Series. Canaqua hosts these events all over Ontario. Fingers crossed for next year for you, Jackie!

It can't happen, right?!

The 48th annual Wiky Road Race is still on the docket for this fall's race. It is sad but important to note that many events are being ticked off as being unavailable this year. At this point if we all just endeavor to follow the now long-touted advisory to get to some physical distancing, it seems to appear as though it cannot apply to little 'ol Manitoulin?

Medical officials are still thinking that there are no, deep reaches of any place in the world, let alone Canada, Manitoulin, certainly not Squirrel Town, Poplar, Billings, Clover Valley, Silver Water, etc. None of us are immune. COVID-19 can have access to us all no matter how isolated we feel. Stay strong, Toronto, Tillsonburg and Tehkummah. If we are all strong now, we will be stronger then!

Assiginack track—socially distanced!

Manitowaning is not missing out on track this year, although it is going to be a little different. The racetrack will be groomed and set up for the following races: 100 m, 200 m, 400 m and 800 m as well as two- and five-km road races. The township's website at: assignack.ca/events/assignack-track-socially-distanced has maps to show you the route for the two km and five km races.

Between, June 15 and 22 you are encouraged to bring yourself and your family and run any or all of the races. The website advises participants to always keep in mind social distancing, and no more than a gathering of five. This may mean that you wait in your car for some to finish first. Go and run your races and take a time, or just run them for fun. But do take a selfie!

On June 23, a post will go up on the Township of Assiginack Facebook page and you are encouraged to share the race(s) you did, your time(s) and a pic of yourself! Let's get active.

If you would like a participant certificate, please email info@assignack.ca with your mailing address and proof that you did a race (that selfie is perfect). They are offering one certificate per person.

Envious columnist writes vicariously

Some of my most memorable recollections have been from the seat of a canoe. Now, memorable doesn't always mean fun. There is also the terrifying, exhausting, blistered, bug-bitten and viewing-my-canoe-from-below-water recollections! There have been those to be sure but the canoe has always been a vehicle for freedom, exploration, camaraderie and rare vistas.

Two local paddlers are embarking once again on an adventure that has me essentially drooling. **Kristin McKinlay-Bickell** and **Natalie Hastings** last fall circumnavigated Manitoulin Island in a personal race to finish as quickly as possible before early fall weather stopped them cold. This summer they have challenged themselves with a slightly more pedestrian test, but no less exciting.

The pair will try to paddle around all of Manitoulin's inland lakes. The numbers of lakes have long been argued of course, as is the old 'when does a pond become a lake?' debate. Natalie and Kristin are not too worried about such trivialities. They might be more concerned about the length of shoreline for the largest lake on an island, our Lake Manitou at 146km! Since they both work full-time the plan is to do as many as they can this season and keep going till they finish.

Another difference is that they endeavour to slow down a bit and document all the flora and fauna these individual lakes boast. Then couch canoers like myself can pretend they got to try it themselves. Congratulations on a great idea, Kristin and Natalie, have fun!

Wiky T-Birds have amazing tourney run!

The T-Birds? On ice? Well, virtually! The team suited up in all the finest Playstation jerseys to play in the Fred Sasakamoose Chief National Hockey Championship PS4 Tournament for Indigenous teams. And teams are just what you would expect for an on-ice team. The T-Birds' roster included C – **Jordan Trudeau**, LW – **Greg Trudeau-Paquet**, RW – **Clint Fox**, LD – **Jonas Aiabens**, RD – **Michael Aiabens** and G – **Kyle Baibomcowai**.

The tournament was impressive with live streaming, live announcers and even guest commentary by **Snoop Dogg!** Games have been posted to YouTube and I was surprised to get hooked, watching people I know carrying out complex plays on the big screen. It had suddenly dawned on me that these were not just skilled video game players, they were showing advanced hockey sense and vision.

At one point in their game that was 1 – 1 after the first period, the Wiky T-Birds had a 94 percent passing success to their opposition's 65 percent. The locals went on to win easily, of course. The team was eliminated but had an amazing 7 and 2 record. Check it out!

Pros and duffers alike

For all those dying to get back on the links it is welcome news that the three Manitoulin golf courses are open and offering you to get back to your favourite pastime. Although there are regulations to keep everybody safe, the courses are all looking good and ready.

Although the events are not for certain in some cases, the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course does have some modified events.

They still plan to do their Club Championship on September 12 and 13, modified of course. And they are also working on some weekly events—for instance, they are starting their senior men's Wednesday this week (as in today), just call ahead for a tee time.

'Where are they now?' by Dad

He was born with 'chubby cheeks' and a big grin. He still has that chipmunk cheeky look and the smile prevails, certainly when he speaks about his hockey experiences. Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK, and when I met him it was Sucker Creek)'s **Scott Madahbee** came to play for the Manitoulin Dolomite Bantams in the 1983-84 season when that team was playing in the Manitoulin/North Shore League against Elliot Lake, Blind River, Thessalon and Wiikwemkoong.

He was a high scorer from the start although he was younger than most of his teammates and opponents. An almost perpetual smile graced his face and his positive attitude encouraged and were appreciated by his teammates and coaches alike. **Todd Strain** and future dentist **Derek Lewis** can attest to his sniper skills but would tell you that they would have enjoyed a few more passes! However, no sooner would they and coaches yell "pass it!" than throughout the arena could be heard a loud CLANG every true hockey fan recognizes...off-the-far-post-

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Island schools find ways to celebrate student achievements during COVID-19 outbreak

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

MANITOULIN—Graduation celebrations are generally a highly anticipated rite of passage. In this time of COVID-19, with health and safety concerns and limited gathering sizes, local schools and school boards have come up with alternate ways to recognize the achievements of graduating students.

Manitoulin Secondary School and Grade 8 students in the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) will see their traditional ceremonies postponed to the fall in response to a Minister of Education request to school boards.

"These ceremonies are important to students and their families and they are important to us," said Norm Blaseg, director of education for RDSB. "They will take place in the fall when it is safe to do so. Safety, as always, is first and foremost."

Mr. Blaseg saluted the class of 2020 for their hard work and their resilience. "Students can be proud of their efforts. We are certainly very proud of them, and we look forward to the day when we can come together to celebrate."

RDSB trustee for Manitoulin Island Margaret Stringer said the well being of students, staff and families the board's first priority, noting she was pleased that graduations will take place when it is safe to do so.

"Graduations are important milestones for students, families and staff as everyone comes together to celebrate student achievement," she said. "Watching students walk across the stage to accept their diplomas is one of the most gratifying roles for me as a trustee. These are memories that last a lifetime. Our graduates will have the opportunity to enjoy the traditional celebrations they so richly deserve."

Ms. Stringer thanked graduates and their families and their families for their patience, understanding and flexibility before offering congratulations for all their hard work. "They make me proud each and every day," she said.

Wiikwemkoong Board of Education (WBE), Wiikwemkoong High School (WHS) and Pontiac School staff have been working hard to find ways to celebrate their graduates. Grade 8 graduates of Pontiac School will have a livestreamed presentation and each will receive a package of graduation goodies including a pizza dinner for their family, a copy of the presentation and their cap and gown.

There was a co-ordinated effort to complete the presentation, which will be streamed June 11 on WBE's Facebook page as well as on TV5. The focus is on adaptability and resilience, said Cheryl Miller-Martin, principal, and includes remarks from Ms. Miller-Martin, the education director, Ogimaa Duke Peltier, speeches from two valedictorians,



Caps will not be flying through the air any time soon on Manitoulin.

Shutterstock slideshows of school activities and photos of

each graduate, and ending with commentary and good luck wishes from school specialty teachers including Anishnaabemowin, arts and culture and physical education. The music played throughout was chosen by students.

The students aren't happy about the circumstances but Ms. Miller-Martin said she will work with the high school principal when school returns in the fall to arrange a celebration of their Grade 8 graduation into Grade 9.

"We decided we'd put together this meal package for the families," she said. "Cake, pizza, pop and chips plus balloons and gift certificates for them to use as they wish. They can celebrate this time with

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Little Current high school student's song strikes a COVID-19 chord

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Like so many other high school students across the globe, Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) student Mackenzie Cortes of Little Current is facing down the disappointment of graduating during the COVID-19 pandemic—with no graduation ceremony and no prom to celebrate one of life's major milestones.

Mackenzie channeled her feelings into rhyme, creating a song that has struck a chord with many in her cohort. But there are few so old as to not recall the rite of passage that is high school graduation and all of us share the impact of isolation brought on by the pandemic.

Much to her surprise, Mackenzie's song wound up being featured on the Northern Ontario CTV broadcast.

"I have been wanting to write a song for a long time," shared Mackenzie. "Up until now it has just been the first line or two, this is the first full song I have written."

When she learned about a CTV initiative to have graduating students post photos of themselves to the station's website, the MSS student decided to tape herself singing the song while accompanying herself on the keyboard for submission.

"I thought they might put it up on their website," she said. "But then I got a call that they wanted to feature the song after the news. It was just a 30 second clip, but it was pretty cool to see myself on television."

The full song runs to three minutes and 45 seconds in its entirety and her performance can be found online at the Northern Ontario CTV website and Facebook page.

Mackenzie said that the feedback she has been receiving from her friends and peers has been universally positive. "Lots of my friends have been texting me about how cool the song is," she said, adding with a laugh "at least no one has told me they didn't like it."

Mackenzie intends to pursue a career in the medical radiological sciences and will be working at Manitoulin Centennial Manor this summer, but she will always have her music to fall back on if she needs to. As readers can judge for themselves, this isn't simply an ode to angst, but echoes vibrantly with the hopes, dreams and gratitude of a forward looking eye.

'Graduating Without Graduation'

*Two, zero, two, zero, what a hell of a year,
We've been through so much that's gotten us here.
Cancellations and classes online from your room,
It's hard to learn chemistry from your laptop on Zoom.*



Mackenzie Cortes performs her original song 'Graduating Without Graduation.'

*(Verse 1) Staying up late and sleeping in,
When did all of this vivid dreaming begin?
I sleep all the time and eat even more,
I should probably go outside or just open the door.
But I can't leave my home and I can't see my friends.
When will this quarantine come to an end?
Days pass me by, I can't tell them apart.
I need to find another new hobby to start.
But motivation is low and the wifi is slow,
Where did my old productivity go?
And to top it all off for my senior year,
Graduation and prom have decided to disappear.*

*(Chorus)
Cuz I'm graduating without graduation
I'll receive my diploma in my imagination
I won't get to walk the stage,
Or shake hands and smile as I pose for the front page
And you won't see me in my gown,
Or throwing my cap up as I watch it hit the ground.
I know there are people who have it much worse,
But the class of 2020 is kind of cursed.*

*(Verse 2)
Maybe sleeping in isn't really so bad,
It's a nice little break from the year that we've had.
And I have to admit that I really like food,
Eating four different lunches is kind of a mood.
So I don't have to pay three whole dollars for chips,
I can walk up to my fridge and make my own dip.
There's also more time to exercise,
And my schedule has room for things that I decide.*

*And thank the Lord for video chat,
Cuz if it didn't exist, well we wouldn't want that.
But I still can't dress up in my brand new prom dress,
Instead I'll be at home in my sweat pants and
who the hell am I trying to impress?
(Repeat chorus).*

*(Bridge) I'd like to take a minute to thank everyone,
Who's working on the front lines and getting the job done.
Thank you grocery workers and medical staff,
You're the heroes of today and I'd like an autograph
For risking your health and doing your best,
You're the ones who stay strong when put to the test.
And thank you to the people on the suicide hotlines,
You're doing such important work from the mental health
sidelines.*

*And thank you to everyone staying at home,
Make sure to remember that you're never alone.
(Chorus).*

*"Although all the graduates might be cursed,
We have to remember that there are people who have it so
much worse."*

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their parents and families. I know some of them are sad but this is an experience. We all learned something together this year and how we need to be mindful of the world around us."

Grade 12 graduates from WHS were surveyed and the majority preferred to wait for an in-person graduation that will be held in September, as long as things have returned to some semblance of normal and no gathering restrictions are no longer in place.

"It is sad that things are different this year," said Principal Maureen Peltier. "Our original plan was to have a virtual graduation, which would have been very different and a first in Wikwemikong High School history. It's a big rite of passage in a teenager's life so we understand why they would want to have it in person."

In the meantime, there is a graduation parade planned for the original graduation date of June 16, beginning in the WHS parking lot at 3 pm. The parade will travel from WHS to Maple St., then right on Wikwemikong Way and up to Zipp Thru before heading back to WHS.

"I know the Wikwemikong community will join us in celebrating our graduates in this unique way," said Ms. Peltier. "Normally our graduates are allowed two guests at graduation ceremonies but now with the parade they can have many more."

The board typically holds a graduation and awards ceremony the Thursday before the civic holiday weekend,

according to Rona George, manager and lead post-secondary navigator for WBE. "In light of the current restrictions due to COVID-19, the discussion of a possible cancellation will be taken to the next WBE meeting later this month," she said. "Currently, our graduation committee, consisting of staff from our post-secondary student support services and the Wii Ni N'Guch Tood LMS program, are in the process of making plans for an alternate delivery if the event is cancelled for this year. We will make that announcement once the WBE has made a decision."

The Expositor reached out to M'Chigeeng First Nation for information on Lakeview Public School's Grade 8 graduation ceremony but had not received a response as of press time.

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Before coming to MSS, Emily attended Central Manitoulin Public School where she competed in cross country. When she got to high school, she joined the crossfit team, and since then she has participated whenever she is able to. Emily happily pushes through the toughest workouts, encourages others and never complains. Her grit is an inspiration to many people around her. In addition to crossfit, she also competes in Special Olympics baseball and snowshoe racing. Unfortunately she won't be able to play baseball this Summer because it was cancelled due to Covid-19. For snowshoe racing, she made it to the Regional Special Olympics, but she had to stop soon after because of a knee injury.

Emily enjoys playing sports because of the physical aspect of the exercise, and also the social aspect of the interaction with her peers. Of all the sports, crossfit is her favourite because it keeps her fit and involved. As she is looking forward to resuming school in the fall, she is also excited to start doing crossfit again.

Some of the people who inspire Emily are Mr. Smith and Mr. Harfield. They are always encouraging her to try new things, and there is often a word of praise. One of the reasons why she enjoys gym class so much is because Mr. Smith is an awesome teacher who makes classes a lot of fun. After high school, Emily would like to attend post secondary school, but she is not 100% sure of what career path she would like to go down right now.


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 Lorilee McGregor and the Manitoulin Health Centre's Dr. Shruti Sebastian of Mindemoya.

"Dr. Maurianne Reade has already been collecting research through the clinical evaluation sciences," noted Dr. Maar. "There are important things we can learn from other jurisdictions that have gone through much of what we are seeing here already."

That background can help inform the MHC as to what might be needed on the Island should the pandemic's waves wash up on our shores. "There are

questions the MHC needs to know, such as how many field hospitals will be needed, what kinds of supportive care needs to be in place, oxygen masks, expanded nursing care, how many people are likely to need to be placed in care. That information will help to figure out the answers."

Another branch of the team's inquiries will identify those sectors of the Island's population that is the most vulnerable. "Either because they are most likely to be exposed or because underlying health factors make them more susceptible," said Dr. Maar.

"Basically, which are the higher priority populations and how can we improve service delivery to those groups." When there are limited resources available, knowing where to focus efforts can prove vital.

The team does not anticipate that all the data will prove to be negative, however. "There might be some aspects, the physical distancing that is inherent in rural populations, for example, that could prove to be beneficial," she noted. "We are also seeing some positive factors coming out of the remote meetings with patients and health

professionals."

Anecdotal, although the remote examinations might be harder on some patients with mental health issues, the remote checkups are allowing doctors to see their patients more often than they would in a face-to-face setting.

"There are some things we might want to keep on doing after this has passed," said Dr. Maar. To that end, the date may provide signposts to a more efficient system. "We will have to decide what it is we might want to keep."

...Chi-Cheemaun begins service in time of pandemic

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vations. (Ontario finally did the work.) A couple of years after that, following an unusually cold winter and more ice than usual forming in Georgian Bay, the Chi-Cheemaun's sailing season was delayed by a day when winds pushed modest icebergs across from the eastern side of Georgian Bay to block the access to the Tobermory harbour and Owen Sound Transportation Company CEO Susan Schrempf noted at that time about the ferry, "she's not an ice breaker!"

A day later, winds had pushed the ice back across the bay and the season began.

This Monday's sailing season start, June 1, was the latest on record, a full month after the scheduled beginning on Friday, May 1.

This delay was in the interest of "flattening the curve" of the spread of the COVID-19 virus and this spring's sailing season is restricted to commercial traffic and other essential traffic, at least through this month.

Both sides of the South Baymouth terminal parking lot were lined with people who had come to mark the beginning of the Chi-Cheemaun's sailing season.

Heather Niven and daughter Maddie from Providence Bay were there for just that reason: "we often come to see the last boat leave South Baymouth (the Sunday following Thanksgiving weekend)," Heather Niven commented, "but this is a special occasion."

Dave Lavell, from Tehkummah, was there to count the number of vehicles coming and going on that first trip: "19 came off that first sailing and 21 left for Tobermory," Mr. Lavell said.

There was one foot passenger who disembarked, and a large family group went aboard for the return trip, crossing on a bright and sunny morning with modest winds.

Ms. Schrempf, contacted by the Expositor Monday, noted that, "our phones are ringing steadily today as more and more people are calling for reservations."

"We're still screening purpose of travel as we continue to be under the Transport Canada Interim Order prohibiting leisure and recreational travel on ferries. People don't realize it, but there are fines involved with violating the interim order. Individuals can be fined up to \$5,000 and the company can be fined up to \$25,000 per incident so we really need people to work with us and be honest," Ms. Schrempf stressed.

"I fully expect that the ferry will be able to start carrying people for the purpose of leisure and recreation at some point in July when tour boats also start operations," Ms. Schrempf added.

Until that time, reservations are required for travel on the Chi-Cheemaun and must be made by telephone. The toll-free number is 1-800-265-3163. An interviewer will ask questions about the purpose of your trip before granting a reservation. Walk-on passengers must also reserve in this way.

...Wiikwemkoong literacy program now North American model

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\$10,000 lower than Manitoulin District, a pattern repeated at other reserves.

Numerous complicating factors on reserves can also lead to lower education levels. Thirty-two percent of Wiikwemkoong residents in the 2016 census had no certificate, diploma or degree, compared to only 24 percent in Manitoulin District.

"It's not fair to allow these kids to fall through the cracks just because they didn't come from the same privilege that others came from," says Mr. Grover.

A study on early-age literacy levels shows Grade 3 is a pivotal year. If a student falls behind their classmates by then, they are 350 percent more likely to drop out before completing high school.

However, literacy levels at the Kindergarten and Grade 1 levels are much more equal among students. It

is a crucial time to act so less-advantaged students can keep pace with their peers, says Mr. Grover.

ILC's two solutions to this problem are TeacherMate and TutorMate, both digital tools that foster literacy in at-risk students between Kindergarten and Grade 2.

TeacherMate is an in-school solution that uses an early literacy interventionist (ELI) to conduct five-minute one-on-one sessions with the young students. It offers a daily reinforcement of key classroom concepts.

TutorMate is a related program that uses employees from large corporations as volunteer mentors. The organizations sponsor ILC and each participating employee, pending a background check, takes 30 minutes per week to virtually meet with a student, read stories, provide a personal connection and encourage their development.

Mr. Grover says these two programs

have proven effective in an independent study commissioned by ILC's American parent.

Of the kids who start working with an ELI in Kindergarten, 80 percent catch up to the expected reading level by the end of Grade 1, compared to 52 percent without any support.

Those numbers convinced WBE systems principal Mick Staruck and education director Fay Zoccole to consider the program for their Junior School. They met Mr. Grover at a Toronto education conference in 2018; he had 'crashed' the event because he was working with Innovations for Learning in New York and wanted to launch a branch in his home of Canada.

He and the board representatives formed a strong connection and soon made WBE the first school board partner for the Canadian launch.

"A lot of times when people come

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... Island professionals offer pandemic coping tips

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crisis but he is having to manage existing clients and the current stresses they are experiencing. Often those in crisis have “pre-existing relational problems that are exacerbated by the confinement,” he explained. “Typically what you see is people who are always struggling, they start to activate during these difficult times. I think for the most part what you’re seeing is people who are more than likely going to be triggered, it just takes the right circumstances for it to push and that’s why you see the increase in domestic violence,” for example.

In his practice he’s found that clients are worried about added pressure from family members, making it harder to focus, or they’re juggling an added workload at home with kids and with homework. “You have two people working in the home, both employed, both working from home,” he said, “now they have to juggle the kids, they have to help them with their homework but they’re not good with math, not good at science and the pressures are building up.”

When there are problems in the workplace, Mr. Chislett said you can leave work and go home to vent your frustrations but that’s not possible in the current situation when people are working at home. “Maybe somebody’s working from home and they don’t get to debrief and they’re having trouble with a partner. In the workplace it’s not that it’s anything new. It’s the same old problems in the workplace that are occurring except they’re exacerbated in times of stress; you have a bully in the workplace and they’re hard on the person over video so then you have a person working at home, having a Zoom meeting and when the meeting is over they’re flustered,” he said.

He suggests setting up a separate office space. “Set up an office in the spare bedroom. Make that your office space and stay out of the kitchen, stay out of the house space,” he said.

It’s about getting focused, said Mr. Chislett. “In the military they talk about maintenance of the objective, meaning that everything you do should be designed to maintain the goal you’re trying to reach. If you’re on a convoy and you drop your helmet, it’s not your objective to pick it up. Your objective is to get somewhere so your helmet stays on the ground. You have to focus on the objective. How do you get there? How do you do it?”

Focus on what you know how to do and then do it well. “When you go to the grocery store, do everything right. Focus on that. Stay in the moment and focus on what you can do.” Simple things you can do include washing your hands, covering your mouth when coughing and avoiding non-essential travel.

Gerlinde Goodwin of Gerline Goodwin Counselling and Consulting reminds people that staying home and following the recommendations with regards to physical distancing and handwashing is indeed making a personal contribution to the health of others. People get bored and feel they should be doing something so she explains that’s how they’re playing their part.

Ms. Gerlinde thinks it’s important to express gratitude as part of a daily practice. “We have the time now to reflect and

prioritize more, to be grateful for the things we have. We can reorganize the way we want to live our lives. COVID-19 has created a space for this type of reflection.” She recommends doing something positive for others, whether it’s volunteering, sewing masks for your family or helping with a cause.

Taking time for self-care is the foundation of wellness. That means daily exercise, good sleeping habits, eating properly and being a part of a community. “These principles of wellness apply universally whether we are in a time of COVID or we’re not,” said Ms. Gerlinde, but agrees that COVID-19 can make this a challenge. Closed parks, trails and gyms made it difficult to stay active. Twenty to 30 minutes a day of activity is recommended. “Jump or dance around to four or five songs on the radio,” she suggested. “Go for a walk now that the weather is improving.”

Make it a mindful walk by taking in the sights and sounds of everything around you. “Just being really present in the now is very helpful. If you stay rooted in the present moment you will not travel to the realms of the future or the past so you won’t be playing the ‘what if’ game.”

Using your senses helps you to stay in the moment. Baking bread, for example, activates smell, touch and taste. Petting our dogs or cats, wearing our favourite sweater are tactile things. These feel good and are simple, holistic ways to feel personal comfort and relief. “We derive a lot of positive energy from those five senses,” she said. “These all bring us pleasure. The minute we activate those pleasure hormones or endorphins we’re counteracting stress.”

Eight to 10 hours of sleep daily is recommended. Relaxation and mindfulness can help manage stress and anxiety and contribute to better sleep. Videos and audio recordings for relaxation are widely available. “Be in the moment,” Mr. Chislett said. “Manage your physiology by managing your breathing and focusing on your body.”

Manage your news feed. The news about COVID-19 is everywhere 24 hours a day. People tend to focus on the horror stories and worry about what happens if it affects them personally, or their families. Take the time to refocus, said Mr. Chislett. “If you’re worried about getting ill because of the virus tell yourself you know how to keep yourself safe. You know how to read. You know how to look up information. You can make masks.”

Ms. Goodwin agrees. “There’s not a lot of good news out there,” she said. “If you spend your day watching hours of bad news on television, over and over and over again, it’s going to have an impact on you.”

It’s important to not only limit the quantity of news you watch, said Ms. Gerlinde, but also the quality. “Get good information from reputable sites, get news from accurate news sources and limit what you look at.”

“Use the news to inform yourself but then focus on what do you know how to do,” said Mr. Chislett. “Be discerning. You have to understand that maybe it’s not all accurate, or maybe it’s accurate to only one locale.”

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...Tehkummah, Assiginack, Killarney to share EDO

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EDO for the Western Manitoulin Community Network which includes all municipalities and First Nations from Billings westward. Assiginack and Tehkummah were then the lone holdouts.

At this point, exactly what sorts of projects will be undertaken by the EDO remain undetermined due to the global disruptions.

"I think all of the municipalities had areas they wanted to explore and projects they wanted to look at. Those are still on the table but in all honestly post-pandemic, our business communities are going to need a lot of assistance. It's actually rather fortuitous timing that we'll be bringing on an EDO to help with

that," said Mr. Hobbs.

In Assiginack, council has previously expressed interest in developing its offerings with the Norisle and Burns Wharf, both of which could be further considered with an EDO. Business attraction and retention, as well as Main Street development, were other priorities highlighted by Mr. Hobbs.

In Tehkummah, with its small and widely distributed population, the benefits of access to an EDO are eagerly anticipated.

"We couldn't afford to have one on our own so it'll be great to have the expertise of an EDO looking into how we can improve our township so we're attracting more businesses and residents," said

Tehkummah clerk-administrator Silvio Berti. "We're very happy, especially in these troubled times, that somebody is going to be able to help us with this."

He added that the three communities share a connection of being located along the shores of Lake Huron, so there may be opportunities for unique collaborations in the future.

Municipality of Killarney clerk-treasurer Candy Beauvais had just heard the news when contacted by The Expositor. She said she was excited to hear that the approval had come through and that her town was waiting to hear more details about the sharing agreement.

In a May 31 news release,

federal funder FedNor officially announced this funding as part of \$7.6 million for it and 35 other tourism-related community initiatives across Northern Ontario—including the August 2019 LAMBAC EDO hiring for Western Manitoulin, as mentioned above.

The announcement came on the last day of Tourism Week in Canada, which ran from May 24 to 31 this year.

As of press time, no timeline had been established for the hiring of the EDO.

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...Split Rail gets funding for canning line

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nesses, it's even more difficult with the added pressures (of COVID-19)," Ms. Smith said.

The Fair Finance Fund offers a repayable loan rather than a grant, but Ms. Smith said her expanded capacity would help to offset the eventual pay-back. She added that cans are the preferred format for LCBO, The Beer Store and grocery stores, so Split Rail beers will be more marketable to these spaces.

Many customers have come to love the glass-bottled offerings of Split Rail beer and Ms. Smith promised that the bottles will not disappear from the lineup. Although some regular varieties will transition to cans, special occasion and special run bottles will be present in the future.

Another benefit to using 473 mL cans versus the existing 500 mL bottles is their lower cost of ordering and shipping will be passed down to the consumer.

For customers seeking the most sustainable home beer experience, the brewery will continue to offer 1.89-litre growler fills, although these have been temporarily suspended province-wide due to COVID-19.

Ms. Smith said she appreciated the support from individuals, communities and organizations. She heard about Fair Finance Fund through its co-founder Maureen Strickland, formerly of LAMBAC.

With Split Rail being a women-run business, the founders felt Fair Finance Fund formed a fantastic fit.

"We strive for continual improvement in everything we do and we're always looking for ways to build a stronger company. We appreciate the expertise that the Fair Finance Fund can share with our team and we also note they're all women, so far, that we've been working with, which has been fitting and exciting," said Ms. Smith.

Fair Finance Fund launched in 2018 to support Ontario's food and farm sectors. Since its lending program began in 2019, Fair Finance Fund has issued seven loans to Ontario businesses totaling more than \$400,000. It has recently begun to offer short-term loans.

Fair Finance Fund project manager Sally Miller told The Expositor that it supports companies that help build strong, resilient local and regional economies. Craft beer fits into this model by drawing tourism, supporting local food businesses and expanding the profile of regions.

"Split Rail is a well-designed company with firm social purpose. We invested in them because we saw an excellent opportunity to support their expansion to the next level with the new canning line, and also because of their clear commitment to a workplace that provides decent work and sources local ingredients whenever possible while maintaining a sustainable business," said Ms. Miller.



Split Rail's Barret Campbell keeps a close eye on the can filling stage of the new production line.

She added that Northern Ontario has great potential for food and agriculture businesses, and this fund will help to grow those possibilities. Most of the fund's clients are "relatively small and nimble" operations that can adapt as needed.

Ms. Miller said the fund is unique in that it goes beyond financial assistance and helps businesses apply for funding, connects businesses with any required expertise sources and regularly meets with successful applicants to discuss their projects.

The fund is supported through individual investors and organizations who buy bonds in the fund and help contribute their capital to sustainable agri-food enterprises in the province. Details of the fund can be found at FairFinanceFund.org.

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...Wiikwemkoong literacy program linking business elite with students now North American model

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into First Nations, you can tell right away they're more worried about how (an opportunity) will benefit them. From start to finish (with ILC) it's always been about how to help the kids, not pushing a product," says Mr. Staruck.

He adds that Mr. Grover has adapted his organization to Wiikwemkoong's needs.

The program had been going strong for two years when the pandemic took hold in March. Since ILC's offerings are designed for classroom integration and rely on technology access, keeping the program running was a daunting task.

Enter Jacob Pitawanakwat.

The young Wiikwemkoong citizen has worked for ILC as an early literacy interventionist since it launched in his community. He had been supply teaching in the WBE and heard about the upcom-

ing ILC partnership through his mother, a literacy coach at the board.

He also studies computer science at Laurentian University and was immediately tasked with finding a way to run the program from students' homes.

Using remote desktop software designed for IT support, Mr. Pitawanakwat can deliver the interactive programs while maintaining voice communications and the ability to see the child's screen and offer instant feedback—all while using low internet bandwidth.

"My hat is off to Wiiky for allowing us to go through with this; they've been so responsive and open with the process even though it was very experimental in the early stages," says Mr. Pitawanakwat.

Wiikwemkoong also has the advantage of being well-prepared for technology supported learning, having already built up a 1:1 ratio of laptops to students and

being familiar with digital learning tools.

Now, students connect through a parent's phone for their daily five-minute TeacherMate session and weekly half-hour story with the TutorMate volunteer. This also lets the ELI give feedback and advice to parents to continue the momentum between sessions.

The re-worked program developed in Wiikwemkoong has worked so well that it is now a template for schools across North America to boost literacy during the pandemic.

"We now have a hedge against uncertainty; we knew we could run this in the classroom but if we get a second wave, we have a solution that will let our ELIs still work from home, and now we can involve parents. There's lots of potential," says Mr. Grover.

WBE is the only school board in Canada that has kept TutorMate and TeacherMate running

despite COVID-19. The school board has also extended the program into the summer to combat the 'summer slide,' a decline in literacy skills over the holidays that disproportionately affects disadvantaged children.

Ms. Zoccole, WBE's director of education, credits the program's success to Mr. Pitawanakwat.

"He's somebody that's right here in our community. The kids know him, the

parents know him and I think that's why it's working so well," she says.

Mr. Staruck gives kudos to the innovative spirit of Wiikwemkoong as a whole and agrees that this service will help close education gaps.

Paula Recollet has a Kindergarten-aged daughter who is using the virtual program and says she sees her daughter's confidence rising as she grows more engaged with reading.

"I feel grateful, thankful that they're taking the time out of their day to volunteer and help with their phonics," she says. "I can't thank them enough for helping keep our kids engaged and connected during these trying times."

Mr. Pitawanakwat, too, finds the process rewarding, especially through the relationship with the children and the joys when they grasp a concept.

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do what they do quite well, we are social creatures, said Ms. Gerlinde, not lone wolves. We live together in communities so the way we are connecting now does not entirely satisfy our needs but we still need to continue interact with others in a positive and meaningful way.

These are simple strategies for taking care of yourself. Eat healthy meals. Sleep eight to 10 hours every night. Exercise for 20 to 30 minutes daily. Limit your news to reliable sources and limit how much news you watch. Create a separate workspace

within your home. Focus on what you can do and be mindful. Use your senses to release feel good endorphins. Finally, stay connected with others.

If you practice self care and still feel panicked or overwhelmed, reach out to a family member, friend or co-worker if you feel safe doing so or contact your family health team for a referral. Alternately, the crisis outreach clinic can be reached at (705) 368-0756 Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm.



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Fire that displaced Little Current family required two call-outs

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—A late May 11 fire has left a Little Current family unhurt but scrambling to secure a house to live.
 “The cause of the fire is still indeterminant,” said Northeast Town fire chief Duane Deschamps, “but nothing seems untoward. The fire appears to have started by the front door sometime between 11 pm and midnight.”
 Northeast Town firefighters battled the blaze until 6 am but had to return again around 9 am when a small blaze again erupted at the

site, not an unusual occurrence, especially with fires in older buildings. But firefighters’ turnout gear had not had a chance to completely dry out before being called on to once again be donned.
 Mr. Deschamps said that the insurance company is onsite and has already started work dealing with the extensive damage to the structure.
 Family member Aline Stephens was understandably not up to discussing the experience when contacted by The Expositor, but did share that the family



The fire on Meredith Street in Little Current left a family scrambling to find alternate accomodation.

photo by Michael Erskine

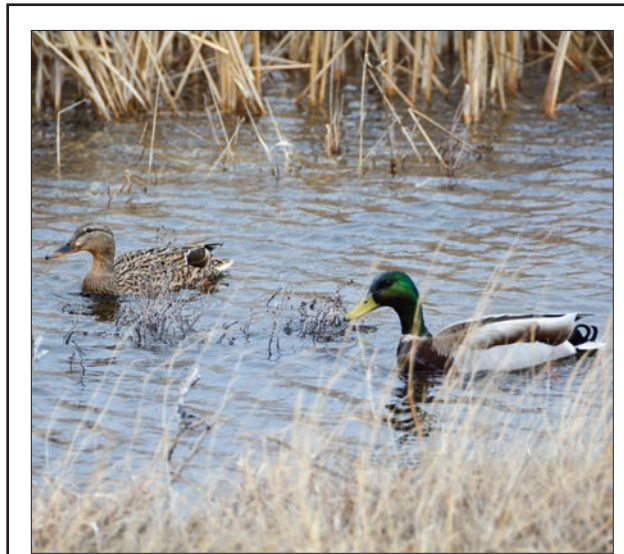
was searching for a house to rent as soon as possible.
 “It’s the former Tracy home and was the home of my grandparents Jean and Morley Tracy for several years and it’s where my dad (the late Doug Tracy) and his siblings were raised,” noted Kim Hopper on the history of the home.



A sign for the times

Health care practitioners at Manitoulin Health Centre’s Little Current hospital site would have seen this sign as they walked through the facility’s admitting doors. It is just one of many tributes that have been organized for health care workers around the world who are combatting the COVID-19 pandemic.

photo by Warren Schlote



Everything is just Mallard

This mallard couple was spotted in a roadside pond on La Cloche Island. The familiar sight is a reminder that even as our world seems turned upside down life goes on in endless song.

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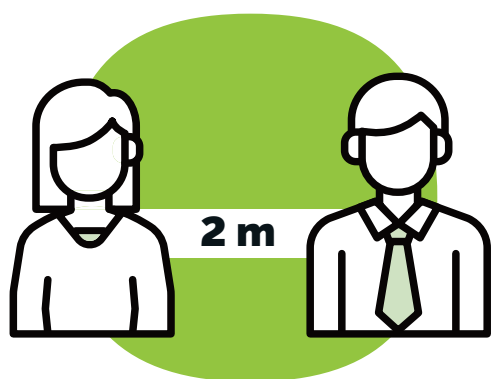
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Become a citizen scientist by feeding a friendly water monster

Swim Drink Fish program asks for photos of waterway conditions to help feed 'Gassy'

by Warren Schlote
 TORONTO—A benevolent monster named Gassy is inviting everyone who will be on or near water this season to become citizen scientists by sending in photos of waterborne objects which will train a computer how to identify things like trash, pollution and wildlife as part of a Swim Drink Fish Canada initiative.

"Gassy helps everyone become a citizen scientist. There's so many of us, like fishermen, out on the waterways and we see so many things from wildlife to pollution, plastics, litter and even water levels," said Mark Mattson, president of Swim Drink Fish Canada and Lake Ontario Waterkeeper.

"Governments don't have the funds for massive data collection on this scale and we don't see those programs in place, so we know citizens will have to be the eyes and ears to protect swimmable, drinkable, fishable water," he said.

Enter Gassy. Gassy is a shortened and colloquialized name for Gaasyendietha, a Seneca (a member people of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy) legend of a terrible, fire-breathing dragon-like monster that lives in Lake Ontario and other deep-water areas in the region.

By shortening the name and giving it a cute digital makeover, Swim Drink Fish turned the horrible beast into "a fat little photo mon-

ster," said Mr. Mattson with a laugh.

Gassy is a portal for citizen scientists—read: anyone with a photo-taking device such as a phone and an internet connection—to share what conditions they see on natural waterways. Users



simply take a photo of what they see, whether it's trash, a possible sewage spill, plastic debris or even natural wildlife, and 'feed' it to Gassy who digests the photos and becomes, well, gassy.

"We already have our Swim Guide digester that takes in information from more than 8,000 places now about swimming water quality. We realize data is important but we want to make sure it's useful to people, such as if the water level is really high or there's more or less fish and wildlife," said Mr. Mattson.

"Photos are evidence.

When they're dated as they're uploaded through Gassy, and location-tagged (if the photographer chooses to record and share that information) it helps us build a basis of water quality," he added.

The first batch of photos will be analyzed by

expert object-spotters who will categorize the objects they see. That data will be fed through Gassy's artificial intelligence system several times until it learns how to identify and classify objects in photos reliably on its own. The popular smartphone app iNaturalist is similar in nature. It identifies flora and fauna in photos using AI and users can report sightings of the plants and animals they see, providing

invaluable data for researchers and biologists. There is also a community aspect where iNaturalist users can see other users in their area and if there have been any recent sightings nearby.

The app is designed for anyone who spends any time near water, whether they live along the shores, go fishing, walk or bike near natural waterways. Once the AI network gets enough data, there is the possibility for rapid or immediate identification of foreign objects in a waterway.

"We know, for instance, if we see things like needles, condoms and tampon applicators floating near each other, that pretty much means there's been a sewage spill, whether from an illegal hookup or a discharge. Once we know that we can take the steps to fix it, because that stuff should not be in our lakes, rivers and harbours," said Mr. Mattson.

He added that looking after the natural environment will be more important in the coming weeks and months than it ever has been as government restrictions to stop the spread of COVID-19 ease up to try to get businesses back in operation.

"During a crisis like this, there's a real need to create jobs, and we should, but never at the expense of swimmable, drinkable, fishable water. Never. We've

made that mistake before and don't want to make it again, and it's not going to be the government that protects it. It's going to be real people like the citizens and communities who volunteer for these efforts," said Mr. Mattson.

He added that often, governments will try to navigate between maintaining public health measures and allowing industries to re-open quickly, but this can ironically create major public health hazards through issues like pollution.

So far, response to Gassy

has been strong despite not formally advertising the service. More than 160 people had begun using the service as of April 21, roughly a week after its launch, with a majority of those being anglers taking to the newly opened waters.

"When issues happen on the waterways, they're very temporal. If you don't get the evidence as it happens, it's hard to get anything done about it. The fishermen out and about are really starting to use it and they're finding incredible

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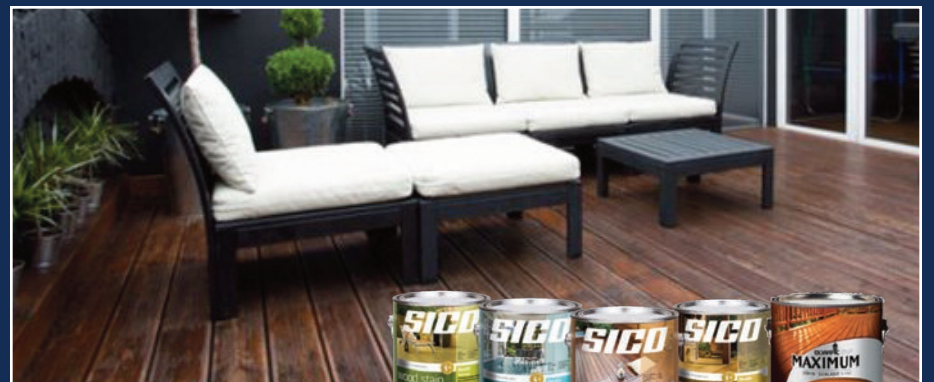
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Manitoulin Country Fest and Rockin' the Rock postponed until 2021

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Both Manitoulin Country Fest 2020 and Rockin' the Rock have been postponed until 2021, essentially closing out the major large-scale events taking place on the Island this year.

Organizer KT Timmermans said that while she understands the disappointment that might be felt by fans and artists, postponing the events "was the right thing to do."

Ms. Timmermans explained the delay in announcement of the postponement of the events was

due to contractual obligations. "I had to wait for legal consideration issues," she said. Although it was clear fairly early on that there would be no large scale events given the go-ahead by the province or medical authorities this summer, the language of contracts demanded a clear statement that the events would not be permitted.

"Unlikely just isn't good enough," she said. It was surprisingly challenging to get that definitive statement from an authority, but Ms. Timmermans found an ally in Algoma-Manitoulin

MPP Mike Mantha. "I approached Mike with our dilemma and he got right on it," said Ms. Timmermans. "He got Public Health (Sudbury and Districts) to send me a clear statement." Even so, Ms. Timmermans had to provide assurances that PHSD has jurisdiction over this region.

Manitoulin Country Fest and Rockin' the Rock have not been cancelled, stressed Ms. Timmermans. "They are just postponed to August 2021."

This isn't simply a matter of semantics either. "We

have managed to secure the same lineup, the same group of artists for 2021," she said. "We have been working on this for something like 45-50 days now, but we can now say that everyone is onboard. All the artists have rebooked, it's just a do-over, a mulligan."

Ms. Timmermans said that she has been overwhelmed by the support they have been receiving from the community during this trying time. "Most people have been very supportive and that has really helped us to get through the last few weeks."

"If you have a ticket, if

you have put down a deposit, if you have a payment plan or if you have booked your campsite for this year, there is nothing you have to do," she said. "Everything will be honoured when the events take place in 2021—just go ahead and show up."

Ms. Timmermans admitted that the postponement took a large weight off of both her and her husband Craig. "To be honest I didn't like the idea of bringing a large group of people to the Island in the midst of what is going on," she said. "We didn't want to be part of any second wave."

There was also the impact the pandemic has had on the local business community. "We depend a lot on our generous sponsors to help make these events happen," she said. "I just couldn't bring myself to approach businesses that are going through their worst season. This is a time when we need to be supporting them."

This would have been the 15th edition of the popular country music festival which regularly draws thousands of people to the Island and the fourth year for Rockin' the Rock.

Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival postponed until 2021 due to virus

WIKWEMKOONG—The Wiikwemkoong 60th annual Cultural Festival has been postponed to 2021, as has that community's June traditional powwow.

"The volunteers and staff of Wiikwemkoong's largest and longest running event, Wiikwemkoong Annual Cultural Festival, would like to inform our powwow family, visitors and patrons of the official decision to delay celebrations of our milestone of 60 years that was to be held July 31 to August 3, 2020," a release states.

"In careful deliberation by all involved in planning this event, organizers have decided to postpone the 60th celebration until 2021. We understand that the world has become a different place due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and we must continue to take all precautions to keep everyone safe," the release explains.

"As Manitoulin Island's premier event, the Wiikwemkoong Annual Cultural Festival has become an iconic cultural celebration, as well as an iconic driver attracting visitors from across the globe. In 2019,

the event had won the prestigious Indigenous Tourism Award by the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario for their work in strengthening the Indigenous tourism sector. The organizing partners remain committed to hosting their guests and showcasing the vibrant Anishinabek culture of Odawa Mnis at the 60th anniversary in 2021."

"We would like to extend our prayers for the safety of all our past and present head staff, singers, dancers, vendors and their families," the release continues. "We express our gratitude to all our front-line and essential workers throughout the world who are working tirelessly through this pandemic. Furthermore, we thank all those individuals who have remained on Manitoulin Island during this time to ensure that the Island community has adequate supplies and continues to support the Island health care system during these unprecedented times. Please keep us in your calendar for July 30 to August 2, 2021 when we can safely gather again."

Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival goes virtual this June

by Alicia McCutcheon

ONTARIO—Beginning on Monday of this week, the Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival officially got underway, albeit in a different manner than planned.

Kevin Eshkawkogan, president of Indigenous Tourism Ontario, a partner of the event, explained that for the first time this Ottawa-based festival would have a Northern Ontario component with Manitoulin figuring largely in the lineup of inaugural events. The Summer Solstice events were to largely take place in the lead-up to National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 and the Wiikwemkoong traditional powwow, but with word that the annual powwow has been cancelled for 2020, Mr. Eshkawkogan said they also had to start rethinking their own plans.

"We decided to make this happen virtually," he said. "We're going to make it Ontario-wide as best we can."

From now until June 21 there will be education days to celebrate National Indigenous Heritage Month with online resources available; online arts and crafts sessions with Indigenous makers from across the country. Simply register online and all of your supplies will be delivered right to your door; family fun such as language bingo, colouring contests, virtual journeys into the bush; a social distance competition powwow on Facebook (search Social Distance Powwow and register for virtual competition); live music and dance and, what Mr. Eshkawkogan is most looking forward to; the culinary component.

In a nod to the special place Manitoulin was to have in the inaugural Northern Ontario edition of the Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival, Manitoulin Island will have two Manitou Boxes for 100 or so lucky Islanders to take part in a culinary adventure with Chef Cezin (venison stew and bannock and maple wild rice pudding) and Chef Paul Owl (gourmet buffalo Indian taco and strawberry drink). Those lucky enough to receive a Manitou Box will have everything they need to make a world class dish alongside its creator chef online who will also be available for questions.

There may be a few Manitou Boxes left, so be sure to email info@IndigenousTourismOntario.com while supplies last. The cost is about \$125 per box.

"It's not necessarily about the contents of the box, but more about getting together as a community," Mr. Eshkawkogan said. "With powwows cancelled and no visiting, it's about knowing that there are other people doing the exact same thing, even if virtually."

Mr. Eshkawkogan said he's hoping that the Manitoulin edition of the Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival is merely postponed until next year.

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Island group helps give Aundeck Omni Kaning boy a dream gift

by Warren Schlote

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—An Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) boy is excited to be the proud owner of a shiny new wagon and a soon-to-come sandbox that entered his life through the kindness of a neighbour, the generosity of an online Island community and a nearby retailer who all helped to make a child's dream come true.

"There's nothing more beautiful than a smile on the face of an autistic child," said Valerie McIntyre, the neighbour who organized the gifting of this wagon.

The lucky recipient was five-year-old Kaiden, who received an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) diagnosis this past March near his birthday. His mother requested to not use the family's last name.

Receiving an ASD diagnosis can be challenging for any family, even more so when it occurs during the global disruptions of a pandemic. There are several programs the family needs to access but all of those have been temporarily shut down.

"It wasn't easy when Kaiden's daycare closed. He has a hard time adjust-



Kaiden was beside himself with excitement as Valerie McIntyre offloaded his brand new wagon from her trailer. The five-year-old, who is on the autism spectrum, loves wagons and immediately began pulling it around under the watch of his father Oliver, standing behind, and little brother Roane, right.

photo by Warren Schlote

ing to new patterns, with the autism, and I think (the pandemic restrictions) are starting to get to him a little bit more. But I know he'll love the wagon," said mom Erin.

Hearing about the family's experiences was moving for Ms. McIntyre, who lives just around the corner from Kaiden. Her son James, 21, is also on the autism spectrum and she has dedicated many years of her life advocating for families with children living with ASD.

As she has gotten to know the family better in

the last couple of years, she has discovered Kaiden's love for all things wagons (although he now dabbles in trains as well). Kaiden has often ventured over to her yard to play with the her son's old wagons.

"It's difficult enough when your child gets diagnosed with autism but then to have a screeching halt to his routine, the systems they have in place, I thought if I could do something, why not do something?" said Ms. McIntyre.

She put out a call on the online Resilient Manitoulin group asking if any-

one might have an old wagon to donate. Although no such offers came forward, one person donated cash toward the purchase of a new wagon.

Ms. McIntyre contacted the RONA Little Current Building Centre to see what sort of wagon she could get within her budget. Instead, owner Aaron Farquhar offered to donate one.

"My heart went out for the kid," said Mr. Farquhar. "It just seemed like a worthy cause and we were happy to support it."

When the wagon rolled

off Ms. McIntyre's trailer into the family yard on a recent sunny afternoon, it was an instant hit. Kaiden dashed around the yard with wagon in tow, briefly hooking it up to his tricycle with the help of his dad Oliver.

"He just loves wagons. My grandma does a lot of gardening; when we lived with her two years ago Kaiden used to like to pull the wagon when she did her gardening," said Erin.

The parents plan to use the wagon to help pull the kids when they go for walks. Having something to bring their children some extra joy is significant as they do not own a car and don't have the same overflowing toy chests of some families.

Because of this, the family cannot easily drive to Sudbury to get support for Kaiden's condition when those programs re-open. Oliver has to walk from AOK to Little Current every day for work at an aquaculture operation; he first met Ms. McIntyre when she saw him walking and offered him a ride.

Despite some of the material challenges, the family is filled with joy—especially now that Kaiden

has a perfect toy to enrich his life. He has also been taking good care of his little brother Roane and their yard is full with laughter.

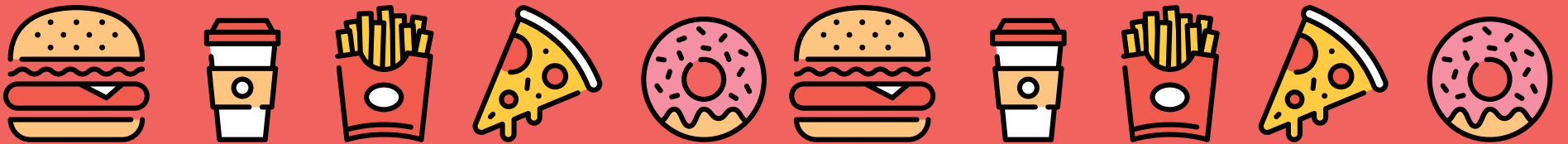
The unused donated money has a new purpose. The family will soon be getting a sandbox and aggregate collection, just like Ms. McIntyre's son once had when he operated 'the quarry' in his backyard.

"Kaiden's just so happy," said Erin.

Mom Erin and the rest of the family also received a care package from Copper Pot Oil Company. One of the items was an experimental new slime soap the company had created, something Ms. McIntyre said would be great for children on the autism spectrum like Kaiden who crave extra sensory stimulation.

"Each day we reflect on the things we are grateful for. When Valerie put a request to the Resilient Manitoulin community we knew we could contribute to this request," said Copper Pot Oil Company owner Kerri Latimer, adding that the items would give the young boys some enjoyment and the gifts for Erin were a gesture of support in honour of Mother's Day.

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Mourning cloak butterflies are a signal of the arrival of spring

by Joe Shorthouse

MANITOULIN—Perhaps more than any time in recent history, residents of Manitoulin could do with a connection to nature. We all need relief from worrisome news brought on by the COVID-19 virus, and luckily the back yards and trails on Manitoulin provide a plethora of opportunity if we look carefully.

For example, when venturing outside for a walk, look for mourning cloak butterflies casually flitting over the ground. We usually don't associate butterflies with early spring before the appearance of flowers, but the mourning cloak is different with an unusual life cycle.

Mourning cloaks are a true harbinger of spring commonly seen even when there is still snow on the ground. When the temperature is 4°C or warmer, they fly around often landing on the ground or a tree.

The mourning cloak butterfly, with the scientific name *Nymphalis antiopa*, gets its common name from a resemblance to cloaks worn in years past when people were "in mourning."

Mourning cloaks are large butterflies with a wing span of six to eight centimetres. The upper side of both male and female wings are dark maroon with ragged pale-yellow edges. Bright, iridescent blue spots line the black patches between the maroon and the yellow.

The underside has gray striations with the same pale-yellow edges. When their wings are folded back, they are camouflaged against the dark backdrop of tree trunks or the ground.

If you get close to a resting mourning cloak, you will notice they appear to have only four legs, contrary to the usual six for insects. They have six legs, but the first pair is greatly reduced often appearing as hairy brushes, resulting in another common name 'brush-footed butterflies.'

There are many features of mourning cloaks that make them different from other butterflies. Most of our butterflies pass the winter either as an egg, partially-grown caterpillar or a chrysalis, but not the mourning cloak. Mourning cloaks overwinter in the adult stage and awaken when Manitoulin starts to warm up in the spring.

Most butterflies feed exclusively in the spring and summer on nectar they suck from flowers, but not mourning cloaks. This butterfly gets its carbohydrate energy from sap leaking from the trunks of maple and birch trees.

We normally associate butterflies with warm spring and summer days with temperatures above 15°C which begs the ques-



A mourning cloak butterfly basking on the ground in early April, after spending the winter frozen solid under a log.

photo by Joe Shorthouse

tion: how do cold-blooded insects such as mourning cloaks manage to fly in early spring when their body temperatures must be as high as our own (37°C).

They do this by basking, a type of behaviour where they rest on the ground or on tree trunks and angle their bodies towards the sun. This causes their body temperature to rise higher than the air temperature.

Once they start flying, flight muscles generate more heat to keep them going. When the temperature drops, or clouds block the sun, they quickly seek shelter.

However, the most amazing feature of mourning cloaks is that the adults live for about 10 months. Most other kinds of butterflies live for only a few weeks, but mourning cloaks are long lived because they overwinter in the adult stage.

Come fall, adults enter nooks and crannies under logs or loose tree bark. They can even spend the winter in unheated sheds. Such sites, called a hibernacula (an overwintering den), protect them from winter winds, birds and squirrels.

Their bodies are frozen solid in the hibernacula and yet miraculously, they revive themselves in early spring when air temperatures rise above freezing.

The life cycle of mourning cloaks is also bizarre. Males emerging from hibernacula fly around looking for females. Males even practice lekking which we usually associate with mating behaviour in birds such as grouse.

Butterfly lekking, as with birds, is a territorial behaviour where males settle in one area and chase away other males that come near. Choice locations include sunny perches near margins of wooded areas and ponds where males can perch and defend the area.

Females mated in early spring must busy themselves for several weeks until leaves of their host plants appear. They lay several batches of eggs on branches of willow, aspen poplar or white birch, just as the new leaves are unfurling. Females die after laying eggs as do the males after mating with several females.

Freshly hatched caterpillars are black and spiny with red dots. Bodies are covered with stiff bristles which deters predators.

Like all caterpillars, they eat voraciously and grow rapidly. Full grown caterpillars are about six centimetres in length. Curiously, they feed gregariously, always within a few centimetres of their siblings. If disturbed, they shake and vibrate in unison which frightens predators.

If they eat all leaves on a small tree or shrub, they march off together in a follow-

the-leader fashion in search of greener pastures.

Caterpillars feed until June, turn into a chrysalis and then in July a new generation of adults appears. Unlike most other species of butterflies, mourning cloaks that emerge from their chrysalis in mid-summer enter a state of dormancy until autumn, at which time they resume feeding to fatten up before hibernation.

Most of us have been drawn to butterflies since our childhood thanks to their magical flight patterns, beauty and grace. Perhaps more than any other critter, they provide us with a sense of calm, serenity and joy and make us look at life in a lighter way.

We often enter a kind of trance when watching butterflies. Perhaps it is Mother Nature sending us the message that no matter what changes occur in our future, and problems brought on by COVID-19 virus, there will be beauty at some point, just like the metamorphosis of a butterfly.

Dr. Joe Shorthouse is a retired professor of entomology at Laurentian University in Sudbury and a summer resident of Manitoulin Island.

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...Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

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Coming back to the bench the first words I would hear would be, "I know, I know, I know, I should have passed it." It was difficult to not laugh. It was even harder to lecture him. Let me make sure that I've expressed this correctly—it was definitely not a one-time happening!

As time went on and he experienced the higher-calibre MNSL a few more passes found their way to his linemates. By the time Scott reached the last year of his Midget career he had defi-

nately learned the goodness of the pass as he won the Scoring Championship in the again-higher-calibre Nickel District League, as the Midget Panthers won their second consecutive NDHL Championship.

Between his first bantam game and his last Midget year there were many other accomplishments, funny stories, medals and tournament MVPs. He definitely could play high level hockey yet more memorable was his attitude, sense of team and the humour that came with his goals.

...Become a citizen scientist

...continued from page 15 stuff," said Mr. Mattson.

Swim Drink Fish also organizes six citizen science water quality monitoring hubs around the Great Lakes, including one in Zhiibaahaasing First Nation on Western Manitoulin. These get funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada's Great Lakes Protection Initiative and Anishinabek Nation. Three more hubs are planned to start operating this year and next, with two of those being located in First Nations.

The Zhiibaahaasing water quality hub's community monitoring co-ordinator Chelsea Antoine said Gassy's software was incredible. In last year's monitoring season, the most common pollutant she found was cigarette butts. "This tool would be great for Manitoulin Island because it can help collect information about where pollution is on the Island and the most common types of pollution. People on the Island can use Gassy to help collect that information," she said.

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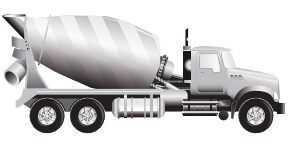
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- Demonstrated experience establishing a welcoming learning environment that creates a sense of belonging for all students.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor of Education degree with a Bachelor of Arts degree from an accredited university;
- A valid Ontario Teaching Certification; with an active licence with the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT);
- Certification in Primary/Junior and/or Junior/Intermediate;
- Master's Degree in Education would be considered an asset;
- At least 3-5 years in a senior administration/management role;
- Principal's Qualification Program Part I and II or a plan to complete these qualifications within two years;
- Additional qualifications (AQs) which support the school environment and future plans would be considered an asset;
- Excellent management, planning and organizational skills;
- Thorough knowledge of education systems, structures and funding models;
- Highly successful experience working with Indigenous communities; and
- Evidence of commitment to learn the Ojibway language and culture.

Applications will be accepted via email, mail or in person to the attention of

CONFIDENTIAL:
 Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Manager
 Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P1A0
 Email: andream@whitefishriver.ca

Applications must be submitted by **June 4, 2020 (4:30 pm)**, with full supporting documents, to include: Cover letter, current resume, teaching certificate verification, copies of degrees, and three (3) work related reference letters (one being the most recent or current supervisor).

We thank all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Tehkummah Talk and Times

Day 71, Monday afternoon: The rain yesterday morning and the fog heat and sun has made the trees green, literally overnight. A phone call and Cal brought chicken and corn. He just left and there was a knock on the door, Bobbi Jo brought lazy man cabbage rolls and a salad tray. I'm going to be one of those folks they have to cut the side out of the house to get them out, soon! (My house is stone.) I talked to Joan late last evening, got an update on Dave, she was doing okay. Debbie Robinson phoned today for information, as did Georgina Holmes a few nights earlier.

Day 72: Is there ever a day without its blessings and surprises? Another beautiful day. My afternoons are always in the chair. If I get anything done at all it has to be early. Going through more papers, the story of my life, rounding up the completed poems and finding more written on everything, still to copy. A call from Mollie, she got her little booklet and was quite pleased. Another call, a surprise from Wayne Burkholder of Ramara, Ontario. I haven't seen him for a couple of years, so we had a good chat.

Tara did a re-mow, so all the new dandelions are gone, but there will be more tomorrow for the bees and birds. Speaking of birds...The condo looks like there are two pairs of swallows and though they are very quiet, I do believe the wrens are taking an apartment in the back. Evelyn Santos stopped for a visit outside and distanced of course.

This week coming up is "Pamper your Pooch" recognition.

June 6th is National Garden Exercise Day, sounds easy? Sow good health.

Day 73: Can't be Wednesday already? I woke thinking it was Sunday. Filled the pills up and filed some poetry. I see the girls on their walk through the village each morning. Makes me envious, they stride along. I just shuffle? I found a whole box of VHS movies this morning, some of mine were in there. How long have they been waiting for me to check them out?

Sympathy to the sisters

and brother of Allan McCulligh and, of course, all the family as well. Sherry just called and said Linda had posted it. He had been in a nursing home in Sudbury for quite a while now.

Just picked up my mail, cute "hug" card Pat, and Caroline thanks for the pens. I'm always out of ink it seems.

I'm a mother! My cucumber seeds showed up this day, like magic.

My afternoon nap gave an awful night. Afternoon mare! Complete with real pain.

Ruth was digging for garden seeds when I called her place for a minute or two. She also has the loveliest fabric store, what a lot of choices. I think it's called the "The Quilt Shop?" The view from the backyard is spectacular, panoramic (top of the hill) and all dressed in the new garb of spring. Oh yeah, she has the most amazing "hearts" in the yard and the apple tree was blossoming. What a beautiful spot.

I saw the first swallowtail butterfly today. I also made chicken soup, it was fairly good!

May your blessing far outweigh all of your troubles!

A half ton truck drives by with lamb babies' cries coming from the general area?

Day 74: Did you know dawn is starting to crack at 10 after 5 am. Bird alarm much earlier. That's the time I got back to resting after my bath.

Tara dug a hole for a new black raspberry plant that really doesn't look like it will make it? I puddled around in the yard with regular rests between, pulled a mess of wild garlic. It's overcast. My seeds I planted Sunday are up already.

Day 75: The lilacs opened overnight with the help of the rain. It's good they hurried as the swallowtail butterflies were flying a few days ago and I saw a small hummingbird moth. The sweet rocket attracts them, and it has pretty well died out around here.

My slice of fresh homemade bread that Tara gave me was almost dried out. I only had a couple of

bites when the phone rang. I had to run (ha!) for the land line, hydro was out. Kim and Kathy were calling from Meaford. We always have a lot to say. Kim the gardener, Kathy the family/girl stuff. The hydro came on while we were talking but by that time I had cleared a chair and was sitting.

"Peace begins with a smile!"

-Mother Theresa
Possibly one of the most scenic drives is from the 10th Sideroad bridge towards Tehkummah if you are interested in skies, especially with thunderheads. It was truly spectacular. I shopped for my takeout supper at Carol's and Earl's and sat at the little harbour. Saw the family of three adult geese and I think I count-

ed 10 young, far on the other side, three police ducks were diving, and the swallows, one guy in a boat. South Bay Resorts lawns

were nicely manicured. Ready for customers?

A chatty phone visit with Laura W. Scot. She

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Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library

Are You Interested in Our Community Library?

The Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library Board has a Vacancy.

Qualified individuals (Canadian citizens who are at least 18 years old and reside in the municipality and not employed by the Library or by the municipality) should make written application to the Clerk, Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. A summary of prior experience, unique abilities and interests in furthering the library's service to a small community would assist the Town in assessing applications received. Young, eligible adults are especially encouraged to apply.

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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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH
ROADS REHABILITATION - 2020

The Township intends to resurface 15th Sideroad, 10th Sideroad and 6th. Concession Road between June 1st and August 31st. The work consists of road grading and resurfacing. During construction of the works there will be some disruption of traffic and access to adjacent properties.

Thank you for your cooperation

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

All claims against the Estate of Ted James Mandigo, late of the Town of Gore Bay, in the Province of Ontario must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 30th day of June 2020, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Administrator then shall have notice.

Dated at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, this 15th day of May 2020.

Mary Victoria Mandigo
Estate Trustee of the Estate of Ted James Mandigo, by their solicitor
Samantha Ramage,
Ramage Law Office Professional Corporation
P.O. Box 349 Little Current, ON POP 1K0



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The Manitoulin Health Centre requires Registered Nursing Students at its Little Current and Mindemoya sites.

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with a resume
or email to barneys@manitoulin.net.

...Tehkummah Talk and Times

...continued from page 24 always sounds upbeat.

Day 76: Susan usually starts, or she used to, reminding me of her birthday upcoming on June 12. I think it's sad if she's got to that age where she has forgotten or doesn't want to celebrate!

Derek and Jodi called, they have been renovating their place out there. They are down to the final room. They had to put Kenzie (cat) to sleep (in his 20s), so sad. I was crying for them!

Wild strawberries in full blossom and all those lovely flowering trees on the roadsides and in yards now.

"I do the best I know how. The very best I can, and I mean to keep on doing it until the end."

-Abraham Lincoln
It's almost like Cleo

✚ in memoriam

SLOSS—In loving memory of my husband Willard, who passed away June 6, 2016. Although the world keeps turning

And the sun comes up each day,
Life has never been the same

Since that day God called you home to Heaven.

In my heart you are always there,
I have such beautiful memories

Of our many years together.
Till we meet again in Heaven,

Never to part again.
Love you always, Marie

xoxo

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knows, both her and I are living on borrowed time. She is tired too. We seem to rest a lot?

I'm always finding something interesting. I read a letter today and was impressed by the formality. Mrs. McCauley from Mrs. Hans of Timberlane Camp, 1961. Mother had already been cooking up there and Mrs. Hans was in the process of hiring Hazel Arnold as pastry cook. Another letter, 1963, reminded me that I worked up there spring-cleaning cabins. I drove Mum to all

her jobs over the years! Mollie was also working there at that time and Mamie Ann Bowerman too. It was such a pretty spot, but the house/lodge had ghosts, really. Does it still or maybe it's been torn down? It's been years since I was there. The rocking chair rocked all by itself (Barb and Sherry remember?) and people walked around upstairs. I filled in a time or two as cook when Mum had time off, rarely. She was hospitalized with a spider bite once and got struck by

lightning while cooking breakfast. The storm stuck the fork under the burner (unretrievable) and split her nylon stockings wide open. I'm laughing, but I don't think it was funny.

Let's get on our knees and pray for reason and peace in the States. How sad to see what the death of one man could do and where is COVID-19 in this scene? If there wasn't enough sadness already and trouble. The real problem in these cases is that the people who are paying have no responsibility and

wouldn't harm anyone and are not racist.

I don't watch news but now I see unrest here in our country too. As I said, let's get on our knees and pray for reason and peace! Maybe the "dragon" can see what's ailing us all?

I sang 'Amazing Grace' in the form of prayer. Then two hours of Three's Company was good to unstress my mind.

I'm finding stuff, my bedtime reading was the story of Reader's Digest years ago of Doug Hutchinson's traumatic/dramatic

episode of the broken leg and how he saved himself, October 2002 edition, unbelievable.

Day 77: 10 weeks. Well, I shouldn't have watched the news. I may have dozed off a bit, but I watched morning arise and I have a flashing lights migraine.

Perhaps at the end of the day things were looking up.

Hello, all my friends, I send a hug.

Five degrees, Monday morning, Ray says.

✚ in memoriam

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

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

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AUSTIN—In loving memory of David L. Austin, June 8, 2017.

Dave, you left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
Although we cannot see you,
You're always at our side.

Love forever, Jean and family

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Death Notices

SHELVA HARTLEY



Shelva Hartley of Toronto, and formerly of Spring Bay, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Etobicoke General Hospital in her 74th year. Beloved sister of Mary (Rick) Block, Helen (David) Kew, Gayle Dion, Ivan Hartley and Patty Watson. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Albert and Stella (Lewis) Hartley, her sisters Donna Hartley and Shirley Hartley. Interment at Grimesthorpe Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

ROBERT "ALLAN" MCCULLIGH

April 24, 1949 - May 26, 2020



In loving memory of Robert "Allan" McCulligh, a resident of Sudbury, who passed peacefully on May 26, 2020 with his family by his side, in his 72nd year. Allan, son of Milfred and Patsy (McCauley) McCulligh (both predeceased), was born and raised on Manitoulin Island. He is survived by siblings Steven, Linda (Randy)

Waugh and Lois Ann (John) Lanktree. Sadly missed by his nieces and nephews Jeff, Michael, Craig, Phil, Lori, Lisa and Dakota. Allan had worked as a miner at Inco, but spent much of his time on Manitoulin Island with deer hunting being the highlight of his year. His last years included a difficult journey with dementia, and his family is deeply grateful to the care provided by Finlandia Nursing Home. A private family graveside burial will be held at Hilly Grove Cemetery with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Hoivakoti Nursing Home, Finlandia Village, either online at FinlandiaVillage.ca or by mailing a cheque to Finlandia Village, 233 Fourth Ave, Sudbury, Ontario P3B 4C3. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralhome.ca.

EDWARD JAMES KOZEYAH

December 5, 1939 - May 25, 2020

In loving memory of Edward James Kozeyah, born in Aundeck Omni Kaning. Edward passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre on Monday, May 25, 2020. Husband to Lorina Kozeyah (predeceased). Father of Jim, Darlene (Ben), Darren, Wayne (Laurie), Patti (Jim), Jackie and Celena. Grandfather of 19 grandchildren, great-grandfather of 37 great-grandchildren, great-great-grandfather of 5 great-great-grandchildren. Survived by his loving pets Thumper, Suzie and Tweety.

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

And that is what our dad showed us, unconditional love.

Our Dad,

He was a man of strength and compassion. A devoted father and grandfather. He loved his grandchildren fiercely. Family gatherings were important to him. He had a way of making each person he knew feel special and important. He loved his friends and community and cherished the Fridays he spent with them. He always looked for the good in everyone. He was loving with a generous heart. His heart was full and he was grateful. Thank You Dad, for giving us the kind of love that made all the difference in all of our lives.

Burial Notice

MARTIN A.H. AHLBORN

1925 - 2009

ELISABETH DORA AHLBORN

(nee Weisig)

1932 - 2019



Martin was born in Germany, Elisabeth born in Poland. They met after WWII, while both learning trades of Seamstress and Tailor. Seeking opportunities, they immigrated to Canada, where they settled many years in Caledon East, ON. There they raised six children. Martin worked at Dehavilland to McDonald Douglas in aircraft manufacturing. Elisabeth provided housecare and childcare for the early years while raising their first son. As the family grew, Elisabeth cared full time for her own home, husband and children. As the family grew up, Elisabeth settled into working as a Commercial Cook. Then the children needed to leave the "nest". Elisabeth and Martin deliberated for several years about settling on a smaller piece of land, which brought them to Tehkummah. Martin quickly established gardens, Elisabeth embraced social gatherings of the small town and became a member of the Tehkummah Triangle Senior Citizens' Club. Their children and grandchildren visited often. They lived through joy and sorrow and all the life between. Residents of Tehkummah since 1984 and will continue to be there; Martin and Elisabeth are being laid to rest at the Hilly Grove Cemetery, Assiginack, Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 3 pm. As for all family events, the family will gather again. With grief and loss in our hearts, only the immediate family will be able to gather at the cemetery. The rest of family will gather in spirit. We know the extended family and community feels the loss also. Please take a few moments to reflect, and say good bye and good rest. To the family and community who have been there to share lives, thank you.

CORA BELLE FINCH

July 7, 1936 - January 24, 2020



In loving memory of Cora Belle Finch who passed away January 24, 2020. Cora Belle was laid to rest on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 with a graveside service held at Green Bay Cemetery with Reverend Faye Stevens officiating. Cora Belle had passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre at the age of 83. Dear daughter of Pearl and Maurice Finch (both predeceased). Beloved sister of Nelda Horn and Roy Finch. She will be missed by many cousins and friends. Cora Belle was a very hard worker. She worked for 31 years at Standard Products in Georgetown. She enjoyed going to plays, travelling and was an avid reader. She dedicated her time to care for her Mom until her passing in January 1999. Cora Belle was a very private person who enjoyed her time gardening and had many people admire it. Arrangements entrusted to Island Funeral Home.

spirituality

THE TRUTH ABOUT LYING

PROV.6:16-19 "These six things doth the Lord hate: Yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that deceiveth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaks lies and he that sows discord among brethren."

Of these seven abominations, the second one is a lying tongue and the sixth one is a false witness that speaks lies. Because two of them deal with lying, lying seems to be the most abominable thing in God's sight. Most people realize that one of the ten commandments are: "thou shalt not bear false witness." I have been in court numerous times and after swearing to tell the truth I have seen many witnesses tell lies. And these witnesses completely ignore what the Bible says about lying. REV.21:8 says: "and all liars shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire" (will be cast into Hell.) REV.20:10 "and the Devil that deceiveth them shall be cast into the Lake of Fire and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever." JOHN 8:44 tells us that Satan is the father of lies. In other words, all lies find their origin in Satan. And everyone who tells a lie rejects God and joins Satan. Everyone who tells a lie is deceived by Satan and will join Satan in the lake of fire and be tormented forever and ever. Now God does not want anyone to perish (be cast into hell). But, He wants everyone to come to repentance, 2PET. 3:9. The only way for a liar (sinner) to escape hell is by confessing his sins and repent, and this confession needs to be made before his physical death. And as nobody knows the moment of his death beforehand, it is never too early to confess his sins and repent. When a person accepts one of Satan's lies, he gives Satan control over part of his mind, starts thinking wrong and will start making wrong decisions. That is what happened with Eve, the first sinner, see GEN.3. And it is the case with everyone who accepts a lie of Satan (rejects the word of God or any part of it).

When a person tells a lie, it is evidence that Satan is in control over part of his mind or in other words, that he is in spiritual bondage, JOHN 8:31-44. There is not one subject where the N.T. spends more space on then on warning against Satan and his lies, his deceptions and false doctrines. All false doctrines will keep a person out of the Kingdom of God, GAL.5:19-21.

It is for your mental, emotional, spiritual, physical and eternal well-being of the utmost importance that what you believe is the truth. With over 36,000 denominations, cults and sects in Christianity, there are a lot of false doctrines around. When I realized the danger of believing false doctrines I started Search for Truth Biblical Ministries almost 40 years ago. Because I love people I don't want them to believe Satan's lies and go to hell. Please ask yourself this one question: "How important is it to you that what you believe is the truth?" Hank Reckman, Prophet of Manitoulin, Search for Truth Biblical Ministries, Box 210, M'Chigeeng, Ontario, P0P 1G0

Federal cruise ship bans extended in Canadian waters until October 31

CANADA—The Government of Canada continues to monitor the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts it is having on the marine and tourism sectors. Keeping Canadians and transportation workers safe during the COVID-19 pandemic is Transport Canada's top priority.

On March 29, the minister of Transport, the Honourable Marc Garneau, announced updated measures pertaining to cruise ships and passenger vessels in Canadian waters.

Cruise ships with overnight accommodations allowed to carry more than 100 persons are prohibited from operating in Canadian waters until October 31, 2020.

As of July 1, 2020, all other passenger vessels must follow provincial, territorial, local and regional health authority requirements for timelines and processes to resume operations.

Beginning July 1, 2020, passenger vessels will be allowed to operate in inland rivers and lakes in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon.

Essential passenger vessels, such as ferries and water taxis, should continue to operate using mitigation measures. These could include reducing the number of passengers or using alternative practices such as keeping people in their vehicles, when safe to do so, or enhanced cleaning and hygiene measures to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

"I am announcing updated measures for cruise ships and other passenger vessels in Canada, which includes prohibiting larger cruise ships from operating in Canadian waters until October 31, 2020. Our government continues to work with other levels of government, transportation industry stakeholders, and Indigenous peoples to re-examine

measures and to ensure Canada's transportation system remains safe and secure during this time," stated Minister Garneau.

The Expositor learned in early May that Transport Canada would be extending the cruise ship restrictions into the fall, based on internal correspondence from the ministry this newspaper obtained.

A spokesperson for the transport ministry would not confirm that the cruise ship season would be further delayed, as was indicated in the internal communication.



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DAWSON TOWNSHIP bush camp, 24 x 32 ft., on pretty, surveyed, one acre w/direct access from Hwy540. Well built & finished portable schoolroom building all wired, ready to be connected to hydro already on site. Extras include a buffer from the road & a couple of rustic cabins. \$49,000 (1463) (MLS 2077148)

LAKE MINDEMOYA WATERFRONT of 150 ft. w/easterly exposure. Hardwood covered 1.2 ac. w/hydro & telephone available. Year round access via Monument Road at the back of the lot. \$99,000 (1191) (MLS 2083784)

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GORE BAY 3.21 ACRES of variable terrain for an estate home, market garden operation or lot development. Mostly open good land w/town water & sewer available. Doc Strain Dr. frontage 87.19 ft. & Park St. frontage 45.26 ft. \$42,000 (1453) (MLS 2083985)

ICE LAKE 13.21 ACRES w/192 ft. of shoreline w/road kept open year round. Long rectangular acreage & easterly exposure to the water. \$39,000 (1475) (Exclusive)

LAKE HURON WATERFRONT 100 by 420 ft. w/access driveway in place. Includes a small A-frame sleep camp & a licensed travel trailer. Accessed via Little Lake Huron & Pebble Roads. \$55,000 (1484) (MLS 2083357)

LAKE KAGAWONG waterfront w/easterly exposure overlooking the water & east shore. Seasonal access via ADA Road & Zullich Drive w/direct access to the dock. Situated on a slope to a spacious, flat building site requiring very little preparation work. Even power line available. Very expensive hookup. New cottages on both sides. A very rare find on the second largest lake on Manitoulin. \$99,500 (1468)

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SOUTH BAYMOUTH - Beautiful 2300 sqft home on almost 10 acres of land for sale. Great potential for B&B or other business. Very reasonably priced at \$374,000. MLS#2085238



IMPRESSIVE VIEWS - 3.50 acre terraced building lot w/driveway. Mature trees. Natural pond w/stream. Seller is willing to hold mortgage. Available @ \$79,000. MLS#2079101



LITTLE CURRENT WATER VIEW LOT - Residential double lot, across from Spider Bay Marina, 134 ft. frontage, municipal water & sewer. Asking \$125,000. Single lot 67.32 ft. frontage - Asking \$67,000. MLS#2083639



WHITE'S POINT WATERFRONT LOT - Residential lot, driveway access started, telephone & hydro service available. Year round road. School bus route. Asking \$88,000. MLS#2074129

EVANSVILLE COUNTRY CHARMER - 4 Bedrooms/Large fenced lot/New Roof and Propane Furnace. Mortgage would be cheaper than rent! Priced at \$133,900. MLS#2085413



BAY OF ISLANDS - Fantastic 2.85 acre site w/ White Pine forest in a pristine natural environment! 2 bedroom Main Cottage, two separate guest cottages, sauna building, workshop, etc. Short boat ride to landing in Whitefish Falls. Great Buy at only \$299,000. MLS#2085057



GET AWAY FROM IT ALL WITH THIS WEST END BEAUTY!! - This Meldrum Bay property is offering 105 ACRES, with a stunning 4000 ft frontage of waterfront on Lake Huron. Absolute privacy, boat access & fairly good access via private road most of the year. LOTS OF DEER! Extremely good hunt property with Heavy timber bush. Perfect escape for the Fishing/Hunting enthusiast. Truck or ATV recommended for viewing. Call for more details. MLS#2085415

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925 sq. ft. recreational retreat, North Channel views, well treed 2.5 acre lot, 260 ft frontage, sandy shallow beach, large detached garage. Asking \$299,900. MLS#2084487



LITTLE CURRENT LAKE VIEW HOME - Very attractive 3 bdrm home located on Robinson St. with a view of the North Channel from one of the communities best locations. Very well maintained & upgraded dwelling with spacious room sizes, low maintenance, front & rear porch's, paved drive to car port, 1.5 baths, huge country kitchen & very good overall appeal. Great price at only \$229,900! MLS#2085307



NORTH CHANNEL WATERFRONT COTTAGE - Outstanding recreational retreat. 201 feet sandy shoreline, exceptional lake, mountain and sunset views! Attractive Price. MLS#2084711



EXCEPTIONAL APPEAL ON LAKE MINDEMOYA - Stunning west facing lakefront property. Very private Central Manitoulin location w/existing small cottage as added bonus. MLS#2084956



AFFORDABLE WATERFRONT HOME!! - South Facing Two Bedroom Four Season Waterfront Cottage or Home on South Bay Only 15 Minutes from the Ferry!!! The cottage comes turn-key. Asking \$299,000. MLS#2077447



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WHITE'S POINT PRIME LOCATION! Spacious home, large deck, attached garage, gas fireplace and several outbuildings, lovely landscaped property and great year-round location. MLS#2084076



EXCEPTIONAL PRICE - Spacious waterfront cottage, solid construction, interior finishing required. Great Price @ only \$149,900. MLS#2084872



IMMACULATE HOME IN MINDEMOYA!! - Water view, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, huge master bedroom, sauna, garage and is located in the town of Mindemoya. Listed at \$400,000. MLS#2085240



SOUTHBAY WATERFRONT LOT - East facing, great view, tree covered, hydro nearby. Great location for a summer getaway or a permanent home. Only \$85,000. MLS#2075664



RURAL LIVING ON 99 ACRES - Two bedroom home w/detached garage. Very private, heavily treed site with excellent trail system and a perfect location to get away from it all. Attractively priced at \$265,000. MLS#2084061



LAKE MANITOU COTTAGE/HOME - Mature hardwood forest setting on one of the finest lots in the area. 2 bedroom dwelling low maintenance, detached garage, sauna and small harbor. MLS#2084161



BREATHTAKING VIEW!! - offering gorgeous views of Lake Huron, Gore Bay and the Gore Bay Marina. Stunning log home w/stone fireplace, Jacuzzi double car garage, sauna and exercise room. Asking \$799,000. MLS#2077446

SUNSITE ESTATES BUILDING LOT - Residential / recreational lot, 75 ft. driveway, telephone & hydro service is available, water levy amount owing is \$2343.30, access to water, monthly water usage applies. Asking \$12,000. MLS#2067191
HUNTING ACRES SPRING BAY - 100 acre +/- lake, off grid, seasonal road access, wooded Evergreen Drive. Asking \$1,000,000. MLS#2062727

BASS LAKE LOT - Beautiful Terraced Lakefront Lot 149 x 323. Renown lake for Muskie, Pickerel & Bass, only 8 km from hospitals & shopping. Building permits available. Asking \$99,000. MLS#2085459

INCREDIBLE VISTA - One of a kind building lot on municipal water overlooking Strawberry Channel. 315.55 ft frontage with south east exposure on a year round road. 8 km from Little Current. Call for details. MLS#2077530

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

FANTASTIC BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!!

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



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



4 BED WATERFRONT!! - This property is a park setting on a beautiful lot of land. A new level of luxury. This home is used year-round and has plenty of sand beach shoreline along the waterfront. Lake Mindemoya has great year round fishing for walleye, perch, whitefish and pike. Amenities such as hospital, golf course, grocery stores and restaurants are close by. Rent is much cheaper than taxes. Asking \$219,000 !!! MLS#2084865



2.77 ACRE VACANT LOT ON LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - This estate size waterfront lot comes with a beautiful sand beach, great for swimming on a lake that has very good fishing for walleye, bass, perch and whitefish. The lot is located only 10 minutes from the Town of Mindemoya which consists of such amenities as Manitoulin's largest grocery store, a hospital, hardware stores, etc. asking \$123,000! MLS#2060675



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



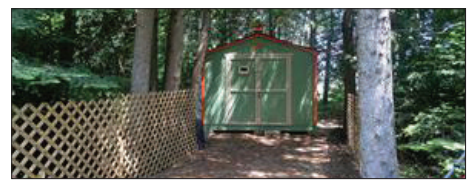
ELEVATED SUNRISE VIEW OVER BEAUTIFUL LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - Large 2 1/2 acre lot with almost 150 ft of shoreline, a dock & a (grandfathered-in) boathouse. A quick flight of stairs brings you from the dock & fantastic deep water shoreline to the top of the flat bluff where you find a 3 bdrm cottage with an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



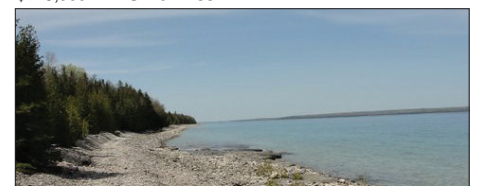
LACLOCHE MOUNTAIN RESORT ON CHARLTON LAKE IN WHITEFISH FALLS!! - Settled in the Majestic Mountain Range of white quartz of Willisville where they filmed the series Rainbow Country, these spectacular mountains and waterways were made famous in paintings by the group of seven. This resort known as Bearskin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



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



DOUBLE LOT FOR SALE IN PROVIDENCE BAY - Walking distance to Providence Bay Beach this double lot already comes with a well, driveway, shed, trailer and cleared building site. Both lots have separate entrances, lots of trees in between which allows for privacy. The trailer on one lot is in good condition, all inspected and used in the summer of 2019 and the roof was triple painted with a rubber sealant. There is a new 10 x 10 shed on one the other lot allowing for extra storage. Providence bay is a family oriented community known for its superb dining, gorgeous sand beach and boardwalk. Build your get-away on this beautiful property. Asking \$65,000. MLS#2082178



LARGE WATERFRONT ACREAGE!! - Approximately 133 Acres of mixed forest with some small meadows and about a half mile of shoreline along the Mississagi Strait of Lake Huron located at the west end of Manitoulin close to the town of Meldrum Bay. The property is accessible by truck and the beautiful shoreline has many great building sites. There are atv trails on the property with lots of mature trees as well as many deer and small game. The lake itself has great fishing for most fresh water species, especially salmon, rainbow, lake trout, and musky. Asking \$199,000. MLS#2083525