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Happy Canada Day! It's great to be eh Canadian!

## MSS, WHS robotics teams build UV sterilization carts for Island health centres



FIRST Robotics Canada teams at Wikwemikong High School (First Nations STEM #5672, left) and Manitoulin Secondary School (Manitoulin Metal #6865, right) assembled UV sterilization carts for the front-line workers at some Island health providers. The Wikwemikong team delivered theirs to Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre and Wikwemikong Nursing Home while the Manitoulin Metal crew delivered theirs to the Manitoulin Central Family Health Team in Mindemoya and the Gore Bay Medical Clinic.

by Warren Schlote  
MANITOULIN—Island high school robotics teams have joined efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by assembling a quartet of ultraviolet (UV) sterilization carts for use in health settings on Manitoulin Island.

"It's just an extra precaution to have, even for things like phones where you don't know where they've been and can put them in the cart to clean them when you come in (to a clinic)," said Jocelyn Kuntsi, spokesperson for the Manitoulin Metal #6865 FIRST Robotics Canada (FRC) team at Manitoulin Secondary School.

"On the Island we haven't faced many cases yet and this will help us avoid even more," Jocelyn added.

Manitoulin Metal is joined by its elder sibling, First Nations STEM #5672 from Wikwemikong High School. Team mentor Chris Mara said the builds speak to the FRC guiding principle of 'co-operation.'

"It's building bridges and bonds between communities, giving the sense that we're all working together," said Mr. Mara. "All the teams are working together to bring out the best in each other and to up everybody's sense of

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## Island councils support municipal-owned broadband study

by Warren Schlote  
IRON BRIDGE—Following the withdrawal of Blue Sky Net (BSN)'s proposal to bring broadband internet to Manitoulin Island and the North Shore after the sole bidder did not meet its

criteria, a grassroots effort has emerged to cover the same area with a municipal-owned network led by Huron Shores Mayor Georges Bilodeau and the lone applicant to the original BSN request for proposals.

"The major providers are only going after 'good' areas and are leaving small, rural, remote areas off from service for internet and broadband. That didn't seem to be good for the small hamlets here in Huron Shores and a lot of oth-

ers," said Mayor Bilodeau, whose township spans an area west of Blind River to just west of the incorporated Town of Thessalon.

Mayor Bilodeau's initiative has reached Island townships and many have offered letters of support for undertaking a feasibility study, including Burpee and Mills, Gordon/Barrie Island, Gore Bay, the Northeast Town and Tehkummah.

**The original Manitoulin broadband proposal**  
BSN is a North Bay-based non-

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## Student volunteers can earn up to \$5,000

by Warren Schlote  
OTTAWA—The federal government launched the much-anticipated Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG) last Thursday, June 25, a program that partners post-secondary students with non-profits to earn a grant based on the number of hours each student volunteers at participating organizations this summer.

"It's really an amazing opportunity for students, not only within their own communities but because some experiences are virtual, they're able to help other communities across the country. That can help students broaden their scope," said Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth Bardish Chagger in a Friday interview with The Expositor.

The CSSG allows post-secondary students and recent grad-

uates to "pursue a variety of volunteer opportunities that put their interests and abilities to work for a not-for-profit cause this summer," reads a handout from the 'I Want To Help' portal, a web-

site created for the partnership between the Government of Canada and WE Charity.

Canada worked with WE to deliver this program because of

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## Wiky T-Birds United!

### Teams from 40 plus years ago reminisce

by Michael Erskine  
WIKWEMKOONG—The moves are a bit slower and there is the occasional creak that just might be coming from the strategically arranged chairs set out on Gordie Odjig's deck, but the camaraderie of the surviving members of the champion Wiky T-Birds (sometimes the Blues) remains as vital as ever.



Patch of champs.

Most of the sky blue and yellow-embled championship team jackets have inexplicably shrunk over the intervening years—well, except for Scan the Man Odjig's, which has somehow managed to survive the clutches of girlfriends past. The boys have a few conjectures as to how Stan managed to hang onto

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## Long-term care homes now open for safe visiting

by Michael Erskine  
LITTLE CURRENT—On June 11, Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced that family visits would be able to commence at long-term care homes, retirement homes and other residential care facilities on June 18, allowing for a week's delay to allow for guidelines to be sent to family members.

According to a release from the premier's office, "Long-term care homes will allow outdoor visits of one person per resident each week at a minimum. Retirement homes will resume indoor and outdoor visits in designated areas or resident suites when physical distanc-

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# Manitoulin Welcome Centre opens doors to travelling public

**LITTLE CURRENT**—The Manitoulin Welcome Centre, Manitoulin's largest tourist information centre, located just beyond the iconic swing bridge, opened its doors to the travelling public on Friday, June 26.

A municipal staff report for the Northeast Town council states, "the business community has requested that we send a clear message that we are open for business and that our community is prepared to welcome our seasonal residents and tourism-related traffic into our communities. For many of these businesses, their economic survival depends on driving sufficient business during the summer months to sustain their operations for the rest of the year."

Since the building was first opened in 1990, the building has been owned by the Northeast Town with operation costs shared by the Manitoulin municipalities. The day-to-day operations were maintained by the Manitoulin Tourism Association until the end of 2018.

Staff proposed to council that Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah operations extend to the welcome centre which would maximize summer student staffing and help the municipality promote its museum and the



The Welcome Centre, built to provide information for the travelling public, opened for business for the 2020 season last Friday and Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin, second from right, dropped by to visit the bright, newly painted centre and welcome two of the students, who will be part of the staff this summer, to their new important positions. They are, second from left, Regan Hutchinson and, at the right, Morgan Hall. Welcome Centre manager Lisa Hallaert is on the left. The Welcome Centre is located on Highway 6, the first stop on Manitoulin past the swing bridge. It will be staffed seven days a week, 10 am to 8 pm during the summer months.

Sheguiandah archaeological site, a joint partnership with Sheguiandah First Nation. The summer student employees will be supplemented with the help of volunteers. It is not expected that

this model will have any impact on the wage line of the budget.

"Under our existing agreements with the (Welcome Centre) Building Operations Committee we have a commitment from the

participating municipalities to fund the operation of the building," the report continues. "Under this proposal, there will not be any additional staffing or management costs to the municipi-

palities and their only financial contribution will remain their existing commitment to fund the operations of the building."

Building Operations Committee members had met for a virtual meeting hosted by Mayor Al MacNevin earlier this month. They were then taking the ask to continue to flow funds to the operation of the welcome centre back to their respective councils. (So far only Assiginack and Billings have agreed to continue to supply operational funds for the welcome centre.)

Councillor Dawn Orr asked what hours the welcome centre will be staffed. Mr. Williamson replied that the doors will be open from 10 am to 8 pm, seven days a week. He also explained that staff was in the process of being trained by museum curator Lisa Hallaert, who is also in charge of welcome centre operations this year.

"We will be using The Expositor's publication This is Manitoulin, which is an excellent resource, and are reaching out to the other municipalities for their materials," Mr. Williamson explained.

A motion to open the welcome centre was moved by Councillor Laurie Cook and seconded by Councillor Bill Koehler.



## An archaeological find

On Friday, June 16, the cast iron water pipe located along Meredith Street, near TLC Home for Seniors was exposed by a Belanger Construction crew during the project which will see the water main and sewer line removed and replaced. The water main is part of Little Current's original waterworks and dates from 1948 when the town's first municipal piped water system was installed. (The contractor was Baldasaro Construction of North Bay.) The project also includes repaving Meredith Street from Sim Street to Worthington Street, paving Manitowaning Road from Meredith Street to just beyond Gammie Street and repaving Worthington Street from Meredith Street to just past Howland Street. The overall project cost is \$3.1 million with just over \$2 million from the province under the Connecting Link Program. All the paving, except for the section from Worthington Street to the west hospital entrance on Meredith Street, will be paved by mid-July, with the last portion being paved by the end of August after the water and sewer lines are replaced.

## COVID-19 supportive care centre talks favour a centralized model

by Warren Schlote

**MANITOULIN**—The COVID-19 isolation and community-run supportive care centres' planning group on Manitoulin Island continues to explore the feasibility of having one centralized location rather than each community hosting their own, though all discussions remain preliminary at this point.

Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens told his council at a meeting last week that the Manitoulin COVID-19 Leadership Co-ordination Committee was set to discuss using the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current as a possible isolation centre for health care workers.

This would enable the workers dealing directly with COVID-19 patients to have a place to stay away from others at home.

That discussion was not to designate the hotel as such a site but rather to assess whether or not the leadership group should form partnerships with that hotel or others on the Island so they could be rapidly mobilized if an urgent need arises.

Hotel executives said it was the first they had heard of the renewed discussion when contacted by The Expositor.

"Nothing has been shared at the board level of concrete plans. There could potentially be a role for us but as it stands now, it's business as usual," said Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre general manager Corey Stacinski, adding that he had previously offered the hotel as a place for essential workers to stay during the rise of the virus in Canada earlier this year.

Supportive care centre committee member Derek Debassige told The Expositor that supportive care centre meetings were shifting to a less-frequent schedule because much of the exploratory discussions have already taken place.

"Realistically, I think there's a lot of facilities that could (support an isolation centre) whether they're Island lodges or cottages that aren't being utilized or are not too busy right now," said Mr. Debassige. "There's no real health support needed other than monitoring, getting food and having access to a phone ... just a safe place to hide out for 14 days."

Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre board chair Dean Roy reserved comment on the possibility of the hotel being used as potential supportive care centre, saying that those discussions have not yet begun initially.

The Township of Assiginack and M'Chigeeng First Nation have previously explored creating their own supportive care and isolation centres, which will run independently of Manitoulin Health Centre. The arena in Manitowaning is on standby for this purpose and discussions are continuing in M'Chigeeng.

## Rainbow Board and elementary teachers reach tentative agreement

**SUDBURY**—Rainbow District School Board and the federation representing over 600 permanent elementary teachers in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island have reached a tentative agreement at the local level.

Details of the agreement will be released once ratified by members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) Rainbow Local and approved by Rainbow District School Board trustees.

The new deal, if ratified and approved, will be in effect from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2022, aligning with the provincial settlement at the central bargaining table.

"We are pleased to reach a tentative agreement with the ETFO Rainbow Local," said Rainbow District School Board Chair Doreen Dewar. "Our elementary teachers responded to distance learning with creativity, care and compassion. We commend the bargaining teams from the Federation and the Board for their collective efforts. This is much welcome news in the last week of school."

## Turner Park will see age-friendly makeover, labyrinth

**LITTLE CURRENT**—Turner Park, located on the Campbell Street East bluff overlooking the Port of Little Current's pictur-

esque downtown core, will be getting an age-friendly makeover in the weeks to come.

At the June 23 meeting of coun-

cil, a staff report came before mayor and council suggesting that the \$25,000 capital project of a new washroom facility for the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah playground park be postponed with that money reallocated to turn Turner Park into an age-friendly community space.

CAO Dave Williamson noted that the museum park currently remains closed as per provincial orders and is functioning "quite well" with an enhanced porta-potty. Mr. Williamson then suggested to council that the \$25,000 be reallocated to perform work at Turner Park. Work would include raised beds, gardens, an accessible pathway, additional accessible seating, the creation of a meditation labyrinth, a gazebo for shade and a water fountain.

"It would be a place for seniors to go to enjoy the beauty of the Island and be highly accessible," Mr. Williamson said, adding that the Sheguiandah washroom project would be moved to next year.

Sheguiandah councillor Dawn Orr was the first to speak, raising concern that Sheguiandah was missing out once again.

"We have waited for that washroom in Sheguiandah for a long time," said Councillor Orr. "It's about time this project happened. I would like to see at least some of

### I'M YOUR NEIGHBOUR

## Elvis Simon builds community spirit at the Sheg. Trading Post

**SHEGUIANDAH**—Howdy! Walk into Sheguiandah's Manitoulin Trading Post and that's the first word you're likely to hear from the smiling face of assistant manager Elvis Simon.

**Elvis Simon**

Mr. Simon has been a Trading Post staple for 27 years come this fall, ever since he began working there at age 14. "We started out in a trailer and now we have this big build-

ing," Mr. Simon says, reflecting on his time at the trading post. He knows just about every regular customer by name and says he loves the peace and quiet of his community. Mr. Simon has remained busy on the front lines during the pandemic but that hasn't stopped him from spending time with his five daughters, including an eight-year-old set of triplets. What advice does he have for others trying to support their families in these trying times? "Just stay relaxed, be grateful for what you've got and stay humble," he says. Please remember that when you shop locally, you're supporting friends and neighbours like Elvis Simon.

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# One Manitowaning Road

opinion

**editorial**

## Canada is truly the best country in the world

Canadians are not given much to bragging—as a nation and a people we tend to be humble to a fault, being more often focused on our perceived (and too often imagined) shortfalls than our accomplishments (1972 being a notable exception—young'uns ask your parents/grandparents, it's a hockey thing). In fact, our national character is defined from the rest of the globe's perspective more for a tendency to apologize than possibly any other dominant cultural facet.

This odd national personality quirk has perhaps never been more evident than in the present context as we wrestle with systemic racism instilled in our institutions birthed in the cauldron of colonialism and the overt racism of a world-spanning empire that reverberates down through to the present. Black Lives Matter is an important phrase even in a country as diverse (and proud of it) as ours. We aspire to the concept of all lives mattering equally, but it is those whose skins are not White who continue to risk their lives simply because their skin is a different colour.

The revelations of the residential school system remain a dark stain on our national honour that refuses to fade—nor should it, as the recognition of the horrors it inflicted on so many who were forced from their homes, families, language and culture in a misguided imperial belief that British civilization was the epitome—and needs to be remembered.

We live with the continued reality of the disproportionate number of Indigenous women and girls who continue to be murdered and missing with each and every passing day—many of those unreported or investigated properly due to the aforementioned systemic (and outright overt) racism that exists in our police services.

But there is something in this steady barrage of negative perceptions in which to take heart. We not only regret the transgressions of the past (and of course apologize), but as a nation we recognize that those transgressions were (and continue to be) wrong and total anathema to a just and civil society based on the founding principles of peace, order and good government.

Those principles are the foundation of our nation, enshrined in our constitution and fundamental to our approach to the social ills that assail us.

We are a remarkably healthy social democracy (Facebook conspiracy theorists notwithstanding) and part of our cherished freedoms include the right of those who are being wronged (and their allies) to

stand up and be heard.

We are not dealing with our shortcomings quickly enough, there are plenty of voices who will quite fairly reinforce that point on any given day in any given city, but we can take heart in those young people (and older folks too) who stepped up, placard in hand and mask on face, to protest the continued discrimination against people of colour as part of the Black Lives Matter demonstration at the Little Current swing bridge recently.

Canada is the most multicultural nation in the world, a nation which celebrates its diversity and one which embraces the many cultures, not just the one or two whiter shades of pale that founded this nation. We are coming to grips, albeit still much too slowly, with the debt we owe those who were our allies in the early establishment of this nation—and whom we went on to treat shabbily once our need for their might of arms had passed.

We are much more than a country of massive girth, stretching between three oceans, holding the largest number (some three million) and largest (our own beloved Lake Huron) of the world's freshwater lakes. We boast (sorry for the word) grand mountain ranges, prairies that stretch to the sunset and beyond, pristine arctic tundras and a huge abundance of natural resources. We are a people who look more to the future than to

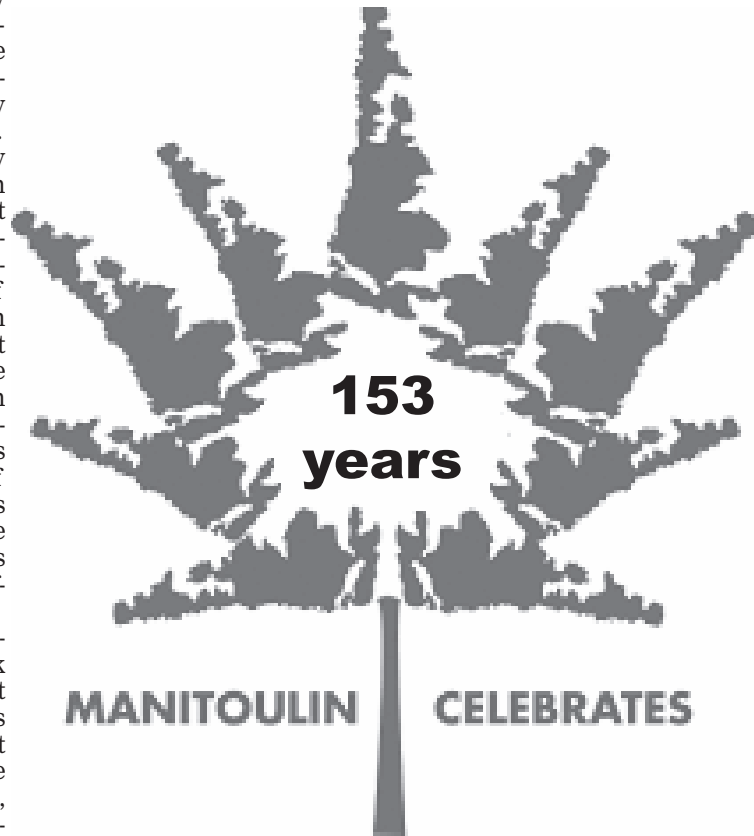
the past, whose culture provides opportunities for advancement for all (still working on the 'equally' part of that) with a society that seeks to provide a safety net for its most vulnerable.

Canada's social safety net and universal health care are reasons enough to take pride in our nation this Canada Day, but we have so many more.

It is a near universal aspect of our communities that we step up and care for those around us who have met with adverse calamity. Despite the spectre of large gatherings at some outdoor parks and beaches around the country, we are largely observing the efforts needed to contain the COVID-19 pandemic (evidenced better by the numbers contained in the published health system data than by anecdotal incidents of insane social practices) and we care about our neighbours.

This is who we are as a nation, bumps, lumps and stumbles notwithstanding, an essentially caring and compassionate society who aims to, and can do, better.

So sorry, not sorry, we are Canada and proud. Happy Canada Day.



**letters**

## A kind setting of the record straight

### *The Assiginack Horticultural Society was set up 55 years ago to maintain the gardens*

**To the Expositor:**

Thank you, Manitoulin Expositor for the article about Manitowaning Historical Milestones ("The year 2020 marks several Manitowaning historical milestones, Page 5). However, I would like to correct an error that I made in this article. I said that the Agricultural Society was formed to set up and maintain the museum gardens. This of course

should have been the Assiginack Horticultural Society that was formed 65 years ago. My apologies to the Horticultural Society. Both groups are important to the community.

Thanks,

David Smith  
 Manitowaning

## Some balancing of misleading John McWhorter quotations

### *The point is that more Blacks are killed proportionally than Whites*

**To the Expositor:**

I was visiting the Island and read a letter to the editor (A contrary viewpoint on Black Lives Matter) that badly interprets and selectively paraphrases John McWhorter's take on racism and Black Lives Matter (BLM) and I felt I had to respond. Shaun Desjardins of Mindemoya wrote that McWhorter's research shows that more Whites are killed by police than Blacks, as though he were undermining the BLM movement. But that's not McWhorter's point. Far from somehow arguing that systemic racism doesn't exist, the Columbia University linguistics professor also mentions that Blacks are killed more by police per capita than White people, that Blacks live disproportionately in poorer communities in the US (communities visited by cops more frequently) and

that Blacks are also stopped and searched much more frequently. McWhorter also wrote in The Atlantic that his personal research suggests that police, as badly trained as they are, don't literally start each day deliberately targeting Black people. But of course they don't. He describes the tragedy as a function of systemic racism.

The whole point of BLM is to shine a light on this. I saw a meme that said either you believe systemic racism exists, or you're part of the system, and I thought that was worth thinking about.

Thanks for considering this.

Gavin Adamson  
 Toronto

**Brian Sprack**

This British-born resident of Manitowaning has held numerous jobs and challenged many sports and hobbies in his life-long quest for adventure, including leaving his home as a young man and moving to Canada. In Britain, Brian Sprack joined the Merchant Navy for several years, before he immigrated to Canada and joined the Canadian Army as a paratrooper and wireless operator. He spent much of his service time in the Canadian North. He met Joyce (Hembruff), the love of his life, and they eventually settled down in her hometown of Manitowaning. He continues to seek out adventure. "One day, I still want to go gliding high above the earth and enjoy the feeling of such freedom."

His maternal great grandparents came from large working class families and were raised in the late Victorian era. When his grandmother Elizabeth was a child of three, her parents had to place her in an orphanage until



Brian in 1936.

they could afford to bring her home at the age of six. "My grandparents Arthur Everest and Elizabeth (Glaum) raised four children. My grandfather served and was wounded in the First World War. My mother Doris, their third child, married Percy Sprack in 1933. I was their only child, born in a small suburb of London on February 22, 1934."

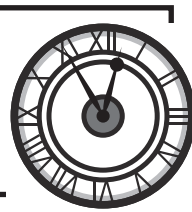
When Brian was five years old, his father entered the British Army at the beginning of the Second World War. Brian and his mother moved to the town of Dorking to stay with his maternal grandparents, who had a rented home. They lived above a small tea shop that they operated. His mother's only brother also enlisted for the war effort and he served in North Africa. "I remember that my grandfather wrote his son one letter a week, over 200 in all. We still have those letters. I learned a lot about the past Victorian era in England and was reminded about some incidents in my own childhood in these anecdotal scribes. 'Brian jumped off the bridge today and his front teeth went through his lip.' This was really the follow-through of a dare. These letters are a real treasure."

"My father was also stationed in North Africa, then Italy. He returned to Scotland, where after a brief rest he was to be redeployed to Germany. My mum and I spent some time with him while he was stationed in Dykehead, a small town near Sterling, Scotland. One evening the three of us went out to see the then-new movie 'Gone With the Wind.' My dad passed out during the film's intermission. He was diagnosed with malaria. We rented a small cottage, my mum got a part-time job cleaning and we spent all the time we could with my dad until he recovered. These are the earliest memories I have of my dad. I attended school while we lived there, one English kid and 16



**Now and Then**

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin  
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin  
By Petra Wall



Scots, but it all worked out."

Shortly after his dad returned home at the end of the Second World War, Brian happened to notice that his parents' wedding date was engraved on the mantle clock. "I was surprised to note that I was born six months after they were married. This was only discussed once. It really didn't matter because I knew they were great parents."

"In wartime, the food was rationed, coal was scarce, we carried gas masks and bombing runs were normal. I saw flights of many dozens of planes in formation, heading to the continent, about seven in the evening. They returned between midnight and three in the morning with some severely damaged stragglers following behind. One of my grandparents' friends from London came home to find an undetonated bomb on her doorstep. She left and stayed with us until it was safe for her to return."

"School was different now, with most of the regular teachers serving on the war front, and many retired teachers had been recalled. Their very 'Victorian ideology' did not sit well with me. I wanted to be outside, preferably fishing. One day, I threw my shoe and accidentally broke a window.



The couple's wedding day, April 7, 1956.

I feared getting the cane and I got it—six good smacks across the behind. On the plus side, I learned a lot about the value of self-discipline and following through with your plans. The war finally ended in 1945. Rationing continued but life slowly returned to normal."

"We stayed on in Dorking and



Brian and Joyce, March 1998, in Sudbury.

my Dad began delivering milk for the local dairy where my mom also worked." At age 11, Brian and a good friend sat for a naval exam. "We both passed but my friend was colour blind, and he was not admitted, so I declined too. I didn't want to go in alone." Brian delivered newspapers for a year, then applied to the British Merchant Navy School at Gravesend. "That was a three-month ordeal! At one point, I called my mum and asked her to come and get me. My dad stepped in and said, 'Son, you started this, now finish it.' I was angry and upset, however I am glad that he convinced me to stay."

Brian spent the next four years sailing with the Merchant Navy fleet on passenger and cargo ships. He saw various ports of call, including stops in Australia, New Zealand, Africa and the United States. "Everything went by boat then because shipping by plane was too costly." Late in 1953, Brian had saved enough to start a new life abroad. He applied to Canada House (the Consulate) near Trafalgar Square in London. "What do you do?" they asked me. "I'm a sailor." "Good, they need

sailors for the Great Lakes in Canada," they said."

"My mother was always supportive. She let me do most of the things I asked to do, so long as she felt I was capable and prepared for it. Her older sister had already immigrated to Canada, so I would be able to stay with her family to start. My mom sent her a letter and I went looking for passage with the local shipping company.



Brian in uniform during the winter of 1955.

They told me it would be two weeks, then they put me on waiting list for the next ship going to Canada. When I got home that night, I got a call to be at the Liverpool dock at 7:30 the next morning. I had to leave in an hour to get there on time, so no long good-byes. Mum got up from the dinner table and packed my bag. An hour later I was on the road, headed for another country on another continent, leaving my family far behind."

"I spent my first Sunday in Toronto on the streetcars. My aunt, who lived in the city's west side, had explained to me how the streetcar system worked. I got on at the Dundas line and just headed all the way east. Then I transferred to the north-south route without having to pay more. I saw much of Toronto that day for just 10 cents. I finally got off at Yonge Street where my footsteps echoed on the pavement. Businesses were closed and people were in church."



Barber School in Toronto, 1964.

"I soon found out that I was too young to be a dance instructor. Steam-fitting was not my forte, either. I had an appointment for a job, with a jewellery store owner downtown but he called to say that he would be delayed two hours for the interview." Brian decided to walk down Yonge Street, towards Lake Ontario. "The light was red when I got to Wellesley and Yonge, so I turned right. I stopped at a recruiting station to look at the posters in the window. A deep voice behind me said: 'You look like a likely candidate for the Canadian Army.' A rather tall authoritative-looking sergeant bid me inside and my fate was sealed."

"Three days later I was on my way to Kingston. I never got to the jewellery store interview." The Cold War of the 1950s had North Americans worried about a Russian invasion from the Arctic. Brian trained as a paratrooper and a wireless operator. He was assigned to training sessions at Fort Churchill on Hudson Bay with the Royal Canadian Princess Patricia Light Infantry. Six seven-member teams parachuted from planes to land in a vast circle on



A great catch in South Baymouth while living at Black Rock Lodge, September 1963.

the frozen tundra in November. They carried equipment and heavy batteries, slowly making their way to the central meeting point.

They slept in tents. "It was too cold to fight, in my opinion, but we did as we were instructed and got home for Christmas." Then in January it was back to Yellowknife, Churchill and Whitehorse for winter exercises. Wireless operators kept the war exercises umpires informed about how the two military teams were doing. "It was a good three years of my life," he reflects. "The focus was on the team, not on the individual. It is the other guy you look out for. You never want to let a buddy down."

Brian met Joyce Hembruff in December of 1954 in Georgetown, Ontario. The restaurant Joyce worked in closed at nine in the evening so she would walk to a nearby Chinese restaurant that stayed open until eleven to catch a

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# Holy Cross Church in Wiikwemkoong vandalized, forced to close temporarily

WIKWEMKOONG—The Holy Cross Church in Wiikwemkoong, founded and still run by Jesuits, was vandalized between Saturday, June 13 and the early hours of Sunday, June 14.

The perpetrator(s) broke windows and set fires inside the church, causing significant damage. The damage is substantial to the point of forcing the temporary closure of the building, the oldest Catholic church in Northern Ontario.

As soon as Father Paul Robson, SJ, pastor of the church, discovered what had happened, he called Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS). The local fire department was also contacted, and members of chief and council came to the church. The insurance company was also contacted. A police investigation is underway.

"We are grateful that flames did not consume the building," stated Fr Gerry McDougall, SJ, superior of the region and former pas-



Wikwemikong Fire Department members attend the June 14 scene of arson and vandalism at Holy Cross Church.

tor in Wiikwemkoong. "We pray for the people of Wiikwemkoong, who cherish their church of Holy Cross, and also for the unknown perpetrator(s) and for the restoration of the church building."

Please contact WTPS Constable Joseph Naok-

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



## Law & Order

### Injured hiker rescued in Killarney Provincial Park

On June 22 at 12 pm, members of the Nipissing West (Sudbury) detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of an injured hiker in Killarney Provincial Park in the Municipality of Killarney.

Investigation revealed a group of three people had hiked approximately 40 kilometres on the Silhouette Trail in the last three days when one of the individuals suffered an ankle injury. With a weak cell signal, they managed to place a call to the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre (JRCC) which then contacted OPP.

With the assistance of OPP Aviation Services and park rangers from Ontario Parks, the group was located at 5:55 pm and extracted from the area.

The 26-year-old injured party, from North Bay, was treated by paramedics with Killarney Emergency Medical Services.

### Three driving complaints lead to impaired driver arrest

On June 19 at approximately 9:49 pm, members from the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to three traffic complaints on Highway 6, north of Little Current.

Police located the vehicle in Espanola and conducted a traffic stop. It was determined the individual had been consuming alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

As a result of the investigation Karl Bubalo, 62 years old of Nickle Centre, was charged with operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs and failure or refusal to comply with demand.

The accused was released on an undertaking to appear and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on August 10, 2020.

### Safety equipment lives and reduces injuries

With summer now in full swing, the OPP is sharing important facts and data about safety equipment that saves lives and reduces injuries on and off the road.

A personal flotation device (PFD) is inarguably the most under-utilized piece of safety equipment in seasonal outdoor recreation. More than 80 percent of people who die on OPP-patrolled waterways are found not wearing a PFD.

It does not suffice to have a PFD close by. With falling overboard and capsized vessels the leading causes in boating deaths, the only safe PFD is the one you are wearing. Seven of the eight boating fatality victims this year were found not wearing a PFD. Half of the victims were in canoes—an important reminder that paddlers are at risk as much as other boaters.

Of the six fatal off-road vehicle (ORV) incidents investigated by the OPP this year, three of the deceased were found not wearing a helmet. With losing control a top contributing factor in ORV fatalities, wearing a helmet can provide crucial protection if you crash, tip over or fall off your ORV.

A helmet is equally important for cyclists. Every cyclist under the age of 18 must wear an approved helmet. For youths and children under 16 years of age, a parent or guardian must ensure their child wears a helmet every time they ride their bicycle.

Lack of seatbelt use has been linked to 20 OPP-investigated road fatalities so far this year. Drivers and passengers are reminded that preventing ejection is not the only way a seatbelt can save your life during a collision.

A seatbelt holds you in the position where you receive the greatest benefit from your airbag. Wearing a seatbelt also reduces the risk that you'll be thrown around in the vehicle and injure yourself by colliding with hard objects. You also risk colliding with other occupants and endangering their lives, even those who did do the right thing by buckling up.

During Canada Day Week (June 27 - July 5), the OPP is conducting a traffic safety campaign aimed at ensuring people using our roads, waterways and trails are making full use of lifesaving equipment and keeping themselves safe through other positive behaviours.

Throughout the campaign, the OPP will also target alcohol/drug-impaired drivers, inattentive and aggressive drivers on and off the road throughout the province.

# Bridal Veil remains closed

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

On Friday, June 26, MECG provided the following updates:

### Bridal Veil Falls and Kagawong River Trails

Bridal Veil Falls and the stairs to access them remain closed. "The level of non-compliance has been disappointing and we will be increasing our monitoring of the area in an effort to reverse this trend before a complete closure becomes necessary," a press release from MECG states.

### Kagawong Market

The first Kagawong Market of the summer will be held Wednesday, July 1 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Old Church on the Hill grounds (turn left at the Fire Hall onto Carter Crescent, then turn right at the Dog Park). The market will run weekly on Wednesdays for the remainder of July and August.

### Kagawong landfill

Starting July 5, the Kagawong landfill Sunday hours will change to 10 am to 4 pm. This extends the Sunday hours by two hours and opens the landfill earlier for those seasonal residents heading back home on Sunday mornings.

### State of Emergency

The province has extended its state of emergency until July 15. The declared state of emergency within the township remains in place at this time.

### Visits to Manitoulin Health Centre sites

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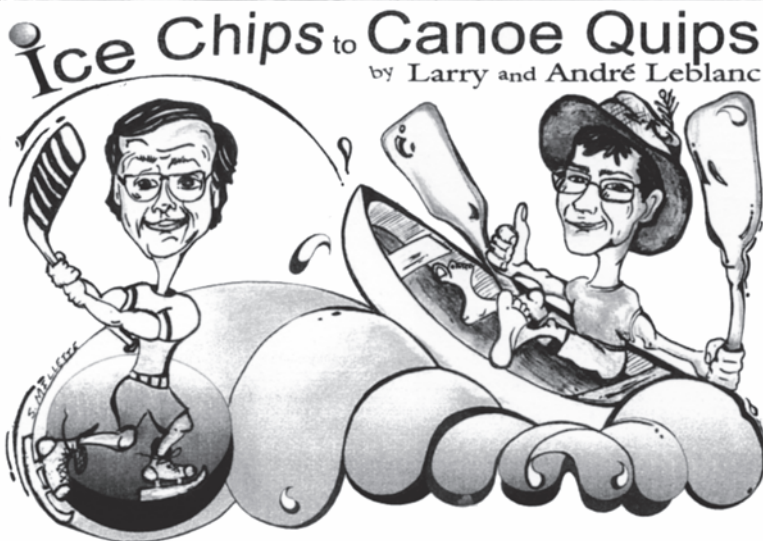
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## Manitoulin Sporting Life



**Rainbow Ridge record wrecked!**  
 Congratulations to Aundeck Omni Kaning's **Scott Madahbee** who started off his summer in fine fashion. On June 21 he broke the course record at Rainbow Ridge in Manitowaning by shooting a 65. Still lots of summer to break your record now, Scotty!



Scott Madahbee

### Sport spotlights!

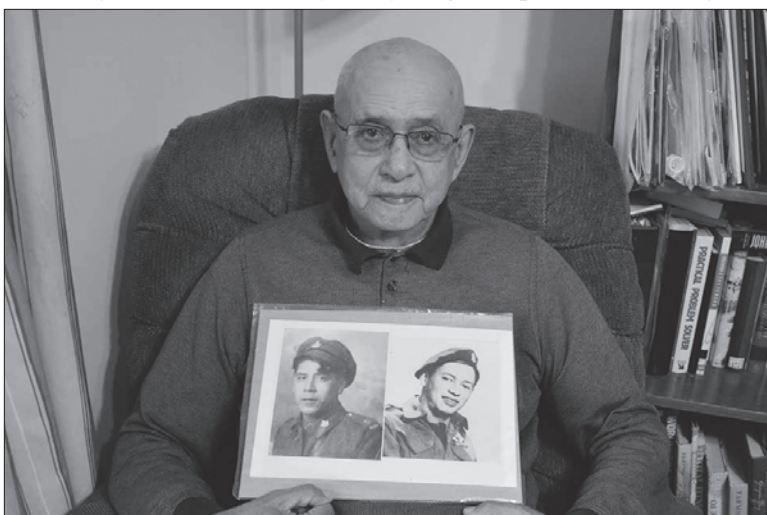
How many out there know that Wiikwemkoong **Ogimaa Duke Peltier** was an NHL prospect long before he entered politics? As a young man, he patrolled the defense position with the Jr A Weyburn Red Wings of the SIJHL. Following his Weyburn career he advanced to the CWAA with the University of Saskatchewan for two years where he was an important cog in the play of the defensive crew. Duke was a smooth-skating, accurate shooter who decided to come home rather than play minor pro. In Northern Ontario he was well-known as a go-to recruit. Now, as ogimaa of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory he is leading in a much more important role. Hats off to Ogimaa Peltier.

Just a note here to recognize a great teacher and fitness role model, **Jon Balfe**. A product of North Bay, and from a large family of athletes, he now teaches at our Manitoulin Secondary School where he has established a fitness program of a very high caliber. He and his wife **Tina** makes sure that their children get involved in as many sports as possible.

The Balfe family has been a regular at the Mindemoya Classic triathlon (Run, Paddle, Pedal) since **Annie** was a baby and ripped through the bumpy bike trail in a trailer (Annie just graduated Grade 8!) Mr Balfe also gives back in as he coaches a number of sports teams. Jon is a huge advocate of personal improvement and thus has reformed the focus of track and field day at Central Manitoulin Public School, involving his math students in authentic learning opportunities.

He comes by his athleticism honestly as his father, **Tom**, who now lives in Tehkummah, is a university graduate from Kent State University in Ohio where he was a regular with the varsity football team. Tom was also one of the elite basketball players at Scollard Hall in the 60s and 70s. Kudos to a top-notch athletic family.

Congratulations to another local sports legend **Don "Scotty" Odjig**. The Grey Coach turned 94 years young this past week. Scotty was



Don "Scotty" Odjig turned 94 last week.

known across Ontario as a winning, hard-working hockey coach with the Wiikwemkoong Hawks. He coached his team to many tournament victories against higher level teams as well as winning NOHA and regional Silver Stick titles.

Don is a real fitness proponent and many continue to follow his example in Wiiky. He has won many age division titles, particularly 10K runs. Don is also an avid and excellent golfer beating many a younger, up-and-coming challenger.

For years he was the recreation director where he also coached softball. The gentleman also was a great curler often playing with then local legends **Denzil Spence** and **Father Felix S.J.** He once told my Dad that he then thought living past 70 wasn't one of his goals. He said that on the occasion of his 59th birthday. But here we are 44 years later! What a guy, keep going Scotty.

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### Indigenous Peoples Day on Wiiky Bay

Wiikwemkoong resident Rosetta Toulouse sparked this gathering in Smith (Wiiky) Bay for National Indigenous Peoples Day. Community members and businesses teamed up to offer canoe rentals, snacks and drinks for the 21-person flotilla who gathered to mark the holiday. Plans are in the works for another outing in the future.

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### Joke of the week!

Last summer I was shingling the kitchen roof when a friend drops by and offers me a hand. I asked him to do a clean-up of old shingles and throw them in the truck. My wife came out and put some pops and juices in the shade. About 45 minutes later my friend says he's all done, and I reminded him of the drinks in the shade and told him I'll be down in a

minute. From the roof I could see him walking towards the shade and I said 'if you'd rather have something instead of what's there just knock on the window and tell Lori.' He said 'I'm not going to do that' and I said 'I wouldn't either, but I'd like to hear her reaction.'

Dave Draper  
 Little Current

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# ...Wiky T-Birds United! Teams from 40 plus years ago reminisce at Gordie's Beach in Wiikwemkoong

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his. "Don't write that down," laughs Gordie, the organizer and impresario of the get-together being held at Gordie's Beach. That particular admonition will be repeated several times throughout the evening, along with the accompanying "true story, write that down."

Between the roars of laughter and interjections of forgotten T-Bird lore, Gordie is valiantly trying to keep the chronological order of the storied hockey team's history straight. "Hold on, I'll get to that," he says, as his buddy Sonny recalls a humorous incident involving something called "the dungeon."

Gordie started his chronology by paying homage to the original hockey players from the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories, one of whom was his own father Dominique Odjig. He picks up a framed photograph from the table of a group of decidedly tough looking young men gathered around his father. "That's Eli McDougal, the guy with the cigarette and Charlie Minogue," he said; "it's the 1950s and they are getting ready to hitch the horses to travel across the ice to Killarney to play the Killarney Northmen."

It was these early pioneers of hockey who provided the inspiration for those who followed. "There are what I call four generations," explains Gordie. "The guys from the 1920s, they kinda started it all, then there were the guys from the 1950s, early 60s, they were the first generation of T-Birds."

"The second generation, those were the guys from 1968, 69, 70, guys like Johnny Jackson, he was a great goalie," said Gordie. "I wasn't allowed to be a T-Bird yet, we were young guys still in high school."

The Wiky T-Birds were a senior league team, back when the Island had a senior league and hockey was a major draw. Fans would travel to the games by the school bus load, sometimes for a particularly important Island championship game the fans would arrive four buses strong. "There wasn't enough room in the arena," laughs Sonny. "Standing room only," agrees Gordie.

There were tryouts for the team in those days and the competition was tough. "If you didn't make the team you went to play for the Odawas," says Sonny. "I played for them too."

The Odawa team ranks were made up of those who wanted to play for the Wiky T-Birds but didn't make the cut yet, along with older players who weren't up to the grade anymore. "You had to be committed," said Gordie. "If you worked out of town, or you couldn't make the games, or if you slacked off on your effort, you could get cut." It was serious business. But there was that time the Odawas got the last laugh, beating the lauded T-Birds in a tournament game. "That's another story," laughs Gordie. "We'll get to that."

Gordie digresses to explain how the team name came about. "Somebody came back from a game in West Bay, that's M'Chigeeng now, and they liked the name of the West Bay team,



The Wiky T-Bird reunion's old warriors gather for a social distancing group photo.

Thunderbirds. So our team became the Wikwemikong Thunderbirds. That caused quite a bit of controversy," he said. "So the team became the Wiky T-Birds. That's a story I never knew until recently. But it's a true story, write that down."

Although his brother Scotty was the team coach, Gordie was 16 before he first got to join the roster.

The third generation started around 1973-74.

"The arena burnt down in 74," recalled Gordie. "It's still a mystery how it happened, April Fool's Day. There were lots of stories going around, you know how it is. But we will get to that later."

In this third generation of the team a new challenge arose. "We started the Wiky Drum Committee," said Gordie. "We would lose half the team when there was a big powwow down in Detroit or someplace. We would get back and ask how they did and the answer weren't there." It was a coach's nightmare. "The coach would get real mad at us," laughed Gordie.

In 1974 there was a brand new arena, the Thunderdome, but it was a bit nip and tuck.

"They put the name Wiky Band down in the general ledger for the building, but when the parts arrived the band didn't have the money," recalled Gordie. "Scotty Fisher (Odjig) was in charge. Scotty said 'get those steel beams together, they won't be able to take it back.' It helped that some of the work team were ironworkers."

"The old T-Birds built that arena," asserted Gordie.

"I worked there for a while," said Sonny.

The inaugural game was a major community event. "The Creighton Gold Miners were invited to play the T-Birds," recalled Gordie. "It was a good game." "We beat them 6-3," offered Sonny.

"It was around then that the Manitoulin Senior League really got started," said Gordie. "Even Sheg had a team—the Sheg Bears."

It was good hockey, there was body checking back then, good hockey, rough hockey," said Gordie. "Wiky won their share of championships in those years, 1974, 75, 76. More hockey players came on."

Tryouts were now in September and October. "We had artificial ice by then," said Gordie. "Before it was water and hoses. Now the seasons started a lot earlier."

When those tryouts ended, the team would have

three solid lines of five each and a goalie plus a spare.

When the Wiky T-Birds secured the Island Championship, Ogimaa Ron Wakegijig declared a band holiday and everyone retired to the community centre, with some partying on until daylight.

As the '80s drew on, a lot of the players moved south to Toronto to find work, and found hockey there as well. "I played on the Toronto Firebirds," recalls Sonny. "It was mostly Wiky guys."

As the games went on through the '80s, the games were tough as nails. Every community had a team, and a lot of them were made up of big tough farm boys. "There were a lot of fisticuffs," admitted Gordie, "but it was all in fun. We were all friends."

"But there was a little racism, like society as it is," said Gordie.

A number of the players were on the travelling team, the Juvenile hockey club (a step before the Senior League category), the Wiky Bruins, and Sonny recalled one game when the opposing fans were chanting "Wiky on the warpath, oom-uh." "The were trying to be racial," said Gordie. "But the Wiky fans picked it up and went with it." From then on the intended slight became a bonding chant for the Wikwemkoong team and its fans.

The Island non-Native teams got teased right back. "Those Tehkummah Tycoons (Sportsman League), the Mindemoya boys, they were like ZZ Top guys, all big beards, big tough farm boys. My good high school friend Gordie McCallister."

The Wikwemikong Thunderbirds represented Manitoulin and the North Shore at the All-Ontario Indian Hockey Tournament and secured the championship with three straight wins.

It wasn't a cakewalk, but the Wiky T-Birds downed their arch-rivals Moose Factory Scrappers thanks in good part to the goaltending of Tony Roy, Mike Wabegijig (Monster), Alex Shigwadja (Joe Alick) and Jim Robinson of Little Current.

"Those guys are moose-eaters," said Gordie of their Moose Factory rivals. "Football player big," agreed Sonny.

The penultimate win for the team had to be the Challenge Cup, however, and although the Sudbury Braves took the final amid some controversy, the T-Birds took it in good grace.

"That was the end of our era," said Gordie, "the

third generation."

In 1984 the team name changed to the Wiky Blues. "It was still the T-Birds, but we were under the wire," laughed Gordie. "We won that Challenge Cup."

The Senior League faded away, giving ground to the

photo by Michael Erskine

Sportsman era. "It was too rough, I guess," said Gordie of the demise of the heavy hitting, rough and tumble Senior League, "but it was really good hockey."

The camaraderie of those days created lifelong friendships between the players

among both the T-Birds and their opponents. "We used to say 'don't be scared' when we left the dressing room," recalled Sonny. The famous Peak Manitowabi, the team's on-ice goon/policeman coined the phrase "kill or be killed."

"He was the Marty McSorley of the Wiky T-Birds," explains Gordie.

"Billie and Howie Webkamigad, Junior Assinewai, Bob Corbiere, Donald Jacko, Ron and Jeff Trudeau, Zootah and Agilius Ominika, Ron Davies, Mr. Cheechoo, Cliff Chicks and Henry George, Marvin Assinewai, Alex Fox, Donny Trudeau, Melvin Lewis, Louie Naokwegijig, Paul Williams and our trainers Stan Peltier and Merve Pitawanakwat, so many great hockey players, I know I there are more," said Gordie.

Glory days.



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# ...Island councils support municipal-owned broadband study

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profit mandated to improve internet and technology services in Northeastern Ontario. It is one of five such organizations funded by FedNor.

It issued an RFP in search of telecoms to bring broadband to Manitoulin Island, with plans of having the bidder pay for 30 percent of the costs while funding from federal and provincial governments would ideally cover the remaining 70 percent through broadband improvement funds.

It received a single submission—a proposal by Ottawa-based Rock Networks for a community-owned internet model based mostly on fibre optic technology. It promised download speeds up to one gigabit per second (Gbps), the equivalent of 1,000 megabits per second (Mbps).

Current services are much slower. In Little Current, which has some of the fastest internet on Manitoulin, residential connections top out around 20 Mbps. In rural areas, some connections may barely reach 2 Mbps and other areas cannot get coverage at all.

The public infrastructure model was incompatible with BSN's goals because the non-profit did not wish to put any funding burden on municipalities. BSN executive director Susan Church told The Expositor that the geographic realities of Northern Ontario made a publicly owned model more challenging, which was why it avoided that model for its Manitoulin RFP.

"Municipalities in Northern Ontario are very different in terms of population density," said Ms. Church. "Where the model of municipalities owning infrastructure comes into play, which this submission was, it could work where you have much greater population density in a large, expansive land area. But in Northern Ontario you could have 100 acres with only one household."

Ms. Church did not wish to confirm that Rock Networks was the bidder on its Manitoulin proposal, though executives from the company and Mayor Bilodeau later corroborated this.

She added that BSN had offered its support to the unsuccessful bidder for any

future projects they may undertake in the region, such as assistance with demographic data, detailed mapping and other tools they might require in order to submit a funding application.

BSN continues to host talks with the Manitoulin Municipal Association and United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising and Ms. Church said the non-profit has not abandoned its goals to bring better internet to Manitoulin.

## A parallel project

Around the same time last fall, Huron North Community Economic Alliance (HNCEA) formed a taskforce to examine expanding broadband within its service area from east of Sault Ste. Marie to Spanish. It had partnered with the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre for guidance in a role similar to that of BSN.

Two companies ultimately submitted proposals by the January deadline, one being Rock Networks. The final proposal had to be submitted by March but the HNCEA executive decided the scope of the project was beyond its abilities and abandoned the proposal.

"There was a misunderstanding," said Edith Orr, chair of HNCEA. "It was the board of directors who said, 'we don't have the time to do a quality job of looking at this and our communities deserve a quality application going forward.' The board's decision was to learn from the process and make corrections going forward."

Mayor Bilodeau said there were many unanswered questions that would have been resolved if the group had met with Rock Networks to better explain its model.

With the taskforce effectively sidelined, Mayor Bilodeau, two councillors and a volunteer (the mayor's wife Helen) who were working on the internet proposal decided to strike out on their own. Their vision is to partner with Rock Networks for what they call a community-owned fibre infrastructure (COFI) network that would reach communities throughout the North Shore and Manitoulin Island.

"There is approximately \$30 million a year that leaves the area (in residential internet bills to corporate internet service

providers [ISPs]). If we're able to turn this around and create a COFI, the majority would remain in the communities," said Mayor Bilodeau.

## What could a community-owned network look like?

Rock Networks president and CEO Joe Hickey told The Expositor that even though his company's model is billed as 'community owned,' that does not necessarily have to mean 100 percent community ownership.

Communities can act as sponsors of the network which prescribe the specifications and third-party funders offer the capital costs. Public-partnerships lie in the middle of the spectrum and fully community-owned networks are at the far end.

Fibre lines are a present standard for internet connections because of their high speed potential and good signal quality over relatively long distances. Running these lines, however, can be costly.

Each kilometre of fibre cables can cost between \$38,000 and \$45,000, with higher costs resulting due to a region's topography (which tends to be rather challenging in this area).

Running fibre for 51 kilometres from Highway 17 along Highway 6 to the Little Current Swing Bridge, for instance, could cost well over \$2 million. Extending the cable network to service the rest of Manitoulin would be a massive undertaking.

Although this network will be predominantly fibre-based, there are options of connecting low-density areas with wireless technology. This is cheaper, but the technology's longevity is less than a decade as opposed to the 30-or-more-year lifespan of a fibre network.

Once the network is built, ISPs could service customers using that infrastructure, potentially offering more choice from providers and leading to price competition.

Rural internet plans in 2018, according to Statistics Canada, averaged about \$88 per month. Over a year, this would amount to roughly \$1,050.

Mayor Bilodeau and the Rock Networks executives say roughly 31,000 homes exist in the region. Over a year, if every household

would subscribe, that would bring in \$32.6 million. With a more conservative estimate of a 60 percent subscriber rate, annual subscriber income would be about \$19.5 million.

This would be broken up to pay the ISP (such as Rogers or Eastlink) as well as cover the costs of managing and upgrading the physical infrastructure.

## Is community-owned internet viable?

Municipal-owned internet has proven successful in other areas. Lakeland Networks in Muskoka offers gigabit fibre internet to home customers with no usage caps at a monthly price of \$75.

Rock Networks is presently working on a community-owned network in Pictou County, Nova Scotia. It has faced some funding challenges from upper governments, but the project continues to advance.

Community support for the North Shore proposal has been strong. Roughly 75 percent of area municipal councils have signed letters of support for the concept, representing more than 80 percent of the homes in the region.

The next phase, says Mayor Bilodeau, will be to secure funding to undertake a detailed business case study of the feasibility of implementing a community-owned network in this

region, as well as examining possible funding models ranging from full municipal ownership to being entirely backed by investors.

Communities will then get to decide which option they prefer.

"What we have to do to bring broadband to this area is to rebuild the entire telecom infrastructure. That's not for the faint of heart but communities that embrace it will have a much brighter future in my mind, rather than waiting for service to be delivered to them that they may never get," said Michael Groh, senior consultant at Rock Networks.



**More greens in Sheguiandah**

Local Food Manitoulin ran a pop-up market in Sheguiandah First Nation this past Friday, June 26, offering a donation-based opportunity for residents to get fresh greens grown by Richard Lathwell, left. Joining him are Local Food Manitoulin's Courtney Kurek and Kristin Bickell and happy shoppers Linda Tessier McCarthy and Daniel McCarthy of Assiginack.

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## ...Student volunteers can earn up to \$5,000

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its past working relationship, WE's reach to 2.4 million young Canadians and connections to 7,000 schools. WE will be processing the applications and helping to match students with opportunities.

Manitoulin Secondary School is a WE School and teacher Yana Bauer became a volunteer manager at WE's request.

"When I got the call from Me to WE to help out, I thought 'this is a win-win in all directions.' It's an opportunity and something for the kids in our community who are passionate or underemployed who need extra help with post-secondary," said Ms. Bauer. "As educators, we know that youth will reach higher levels of achievement if they are supported."

Ms. Bauer's role includes creating awareness of the program and supporting students from finding placements to periodic check-ins and facilitating training opportunities. She is also working with local non-profits to create eligible volunteer opportunities.

Interest has been strong. In the first five hours of the platform's launch, 3,000 Canadians applied to take advantage of some 23,000 opportunities posted there. By the end of the next day, 15,000 students had applied.

Ms. Bauer has been speaking with former students who have further spread the program to their friends. She has been inundated with requests from students she knows and others she has never taught but said it isn't in her nature to turn anyone away.

The program addresses two present needs. Students are lacking things to do during the summer months when many seasonal jobs have disappeared during the COVID-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, many not-for-profit groups are transitioning their offerings to virtual delivery, a task that may be aided by younger individuals who tend to be most familiar with modern technology.

### How the CSSG works

Volunteers register through the I Want To Help portal (IWantToHelp.org). High schools that are part of the WE Schools program may have a school contact to help co-ordinate this process.

All eligible youth must be 30 years old or younger by the end of 2020 and must have attended post-secondary school in 2020 or be preparing to start in the fall. Those who graduated in December 2019 or later

are welcome to apply but foreign students studying in Canada are ineligible. Applications close on August 21.

Anyone who has claimed the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) is ineligible for the CSSG but students getting the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) can join the volunteer program. Volunteer hours completed between June 15 and October 31 this year are considered valid for the grant.

The grant works in a threshold scale up to \$5,000, which will be paid directly to the volunteer. For every 100 hours volunteered at eligible placements, a student will earn \$1,000. CSSG earnings are taxable.

The volunteer hours are rewarded in multiples of 100 and are rounded down to the last-reached milestone. For instance, if a student were to complete 180 volunteer hours by the end of the program, they would only be eligible for the 100-hour \$1,000 payout.

### Island initiatives part of CSSG

Many of the volunteer opportunities as part of the CSSG can be completed online from home. This lets participants observe physical distancing measures and follow public health best practices.

Not all opportunities require internet access and participants can take part in more than one opportunity to increase their hours earning potential.

Opportunities range from tutoring younger students to helping with technological support to interviewing people about their COVID-19 experience and chronicling those realities of the pandemic.

Increasing numbers of non-profits have stepped forward to become service partners with WE, including local groups such as the Providence Bay Agricultural Society.

"We're hoping we can take advantage of their time and knowledge of technology and be able to share it with the other generations that might not have the same skills. At the same time, we're hoping the young people can glean a little history as well," said the society's secretary-treasurer Dawn Dawson.

The 136-year-old Providence Bay Fair will be hosted virtually for the first time ever this summer. CSSG volunteers will travel to capture photos of exhibit hall competition entries and other efforts include compiling a video of historic fair photos for social media.

Virtual restructuring has been so successful for the small fair that the Canadian Association of Festivals and Exhibitions has turned the Providence Bay Agricultural Society into a model for others to follow across the country. Ms. Dawson said she has been approached by fairs from as far afield as Nova Scotia.

The CSSG program has supports available for the non-profits hosting youth volunteers. They can apply for funds of between \$10 and \$25 thousand to cover personal protective equipment and other needed supplies to accommodate volunteers.

Youth who register for CSSG will also receive up to 25 hours of access to LinkedIn Learning, an online training portal that includes modules on personal, professional and technical skills development. This training time can be logged as part of a student's volunteer hours.

### Program faces attainability questions

Critics such as the Canadian Federation of Students and opposition parties have slagged the program for excluding foreign students and those older than 30, as well as for the two-month delay between its announcement and its launch and that students are unlikely to be able to earn the full grant.

To complete 500 hours at 40 hours per week would take 12-and-a-half weeks, or just over three months. Students may be able to put in that level of time over the summer months but as classes resume in some format this fall, opportunities to spend time volunteering will be curtailed.

Assuming a student began volunteering this week at 40 hours per week, they would only amass about 300 hours by September, leaving them far short of securing the full grant.

Minister Chagger acknowledged that logging 500 hours by the deadline would be a considerable undertaking but said the new models of virtual education coming in the fall may make it easier to make time for volunteerism.

"Is it possible to get 500 hours? Very much so, but it'll be challenging for sure. But the CSSG is part of a suite of programs we're offering to youth; if a student is eligible for the CESB then they can also receive the CSSG—it's a stackable program," she said.

As to the two-month delay between the program's announcement and

its launch, Minister Chagger said the government took time to make sure the program would be safe and meaningful for young Canadians.

The program has been built to be bilingual and accessible to Canadians with disabilities, something Ms. Bauer said was an important aspect to have from an educator's perspective.

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**Doing their part**

Monique Lumley poses with her socially distant front lawn characters just outside of Little Current, a friendly reminder that we all need to continue to do our part! photo by Joe Shorthouse

# ...Long-term care homes now open for safe visiting

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ing can be maintained. Other residential care settings will be able to allow outdoor visits of two people at time. Physical distancing will be required for all visits. This approach will ensure the health and safety of residents, staff and visitors.”

“Thanks to the hard work of our front-line workers and the collective efforts of everyone in stopping the spread, we can now allow families to reunite with their loved ones safely and in person with strict public health measures to protect residents, visitors and staff,” said Premier Ford in the release. “But I ask everyone to be cautious and act responsibly as the battle to contain COVID-19 is not over and the risk to our loved ones still remains.”

In addition to visitors meeting the criteria outlined on the screening forms, long-term care and retirement homes, as well as other residential care settings, must themselves meet the following conditions before they welcome visitors: homes must not be in outbreak; homes must have an established process for communicating visitor protocol and the associated safety procedures; and homes must maintain the highest infection prevention and control standards.

For retirement homes, visitor admissions will vary from home to home depending upon their individual circumstances.

The Expositor reached out to Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current for information on visiting that long-term care home. Keith Clement, regional director, Extendicare responded.

“Thank you for reaching out. We are so glad that we are able to reunite our community’s families with outdoor visits. While strict COVID-19 measures were in place for everyone’s safety, the distance over the past several weeks was extremely hard.

“There are still a number of rules that we and visiting family members have to follow to make sure we can continue to protect our residents. Our families have taken these measures in stride each step of the way. We are so grateful to have their support and co-operation so that we can safely reunite loved ones while

this virus remains a threat to our seniors’ health.”

The Manor also sent copies of the screening form and protocol sheet, as well as a copy of the letter that was sent to family members of the residents of the Manor.

The screening form questions will likely be familiar to many this far into the pandemic. The self-screener form asks if the visitor has a fever of 37.8° or greater, and if they are experienc-

and family members.

The letter goes on to outline protocols that include visits being outside mealtimes, limited to 30 minutes and allowed if the home is not in a current COVID outbreak. There is an exception for visits to a resident who is near end of life.

Visits are limited to a single visitor a week and families are advised to arrange among themselves who will visit the resident

brought, requests the visitor to “minimize jewellery, accessories (you may wish to leave your coat in the car), cell phones may be

wiped down with disinfectant, to avoid touching your face or adjusting your glasses during your visit and finally, to ensure long hair is

tied back.”

The handout also included instructions on the proper way to rub hands with disinfectant.



Visitors are now welcome back to outbreak-free homes, but must follow stringent protocols.

Expositor file photo

ing any of the following: new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose or sneezing, nasal congestion, hoarse voice, difficulty swallowing, new smell or taste disorder(s), nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, unexplained fatigue/malaise, chills or headache. The form also asks if the prospective visitor has travelled or had close contact with anyone who has travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days, whether the visitor has had close contact with anyone with respiratory illness of a confirmed or possible case of COVID-19 and, if so, they must check a box confirming that they have tested negative for COVID-19 within the previous two weeks and have not tested positive since. If any of the answers are “yes” or the visitor cannot confirm a negative COVID-19 test result, they are asked to contact the home to reschedule their “outdoor” visit.

The letter to families from Manor administrator Tara Beam confirms the Government of Ontario directive on visitation to long-term care homes and notes that the first phase involves allowing outside visits between residents

for that week. The aforementioned form must be complete and given to the staff upon each visit. The letter notes that the Manor is not responsible for providing the testing.

In addition, visitors must comply with infection, prevention and control protocols that include proper use of face or surgical procedure masks and the use of hand sanitizer before and after the visit. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the home but visitors must provide their own masks. Only service animals may accompany a visit.

Those wishing to visit the Manor are requested to contact the home at 705-368-2710 to discuss the details of their visit and to receive answers to any questions the visitor may have.

A handout given to the visitor adds a request to respect the guidelines, answer questions on the form honestly, limit the visit to only your own loved one and to be considerate and respectful when interacting with individuals as “this is a very stressful time for everyone.”

The handout also advised the visitor to check with the home regarding gifts or items that may be

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# ...MSS, WHS robotics teams build UV sterilization carts for Island health centres

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The teams built the four UV sterilization carts using four of a total of 50 kits arranged by North Bay FRC team #1305, a long-standing and well-respected FRC affiliate. That team of high school students developed two prototypes of home-made carts that are now

Truong.

The funds covered the cost of 50 cart parts kits. The team issued a call to any other FRC teams that might wish to use one of their kits to help out their communities.

As fellow Northern Ontario FRC teams, both Manitoulin Metal and First Nations STEM were quick to hear of the opportunity

because they could place their personal effects inside for a sterilization cycle on their way in and out of the clinic to help minimize the spread of COVID-19.

After that drop-off, the students headed to the Gore Bay Medical Centre to drop off their second unit. First Nations STEM delivered their units to Naandwechige-Gamig Wik-

this light radiates to the whole interior.

The units take about 20 to 30 minutes to sterilize their loads. Jocelyn described the construction process, using the materials that were already the right size and all together in a handy package, as “not difficult, but meaningful.”

Manitoulin Metal continues to meet virtually every week during the pandemic.

The team attended one competition this year—fewer than the usual two but still more than teams that missed all of their competitions due to the lockdown.

“It’s different because we can’t do any hands-on work on our project but it’s great to stay connected,” Jocelyn said. “It’s almost a blessing in disguise though because now we’re really thinking about the process rather

than just doing it.”

The team continues to plan a possible youth camp for later in the year and Jocelyn said she was starting work on the presentation for next year’s chairman’s award competition. That award is the most prestigious for an FRC team to win and First Nations STEM took it home on the provincial level last year.



Manitoulin Metal #6865 team members, from left, mentor Yana Bauer, Jaemie Moor, Ben Willis, Rhys Allison, Lindsay Sheppard and Jocelyn Kuntsi deliver the second UV sterilizer cart to Dr. Chantelle Wilson of the Gore Bay Medical Centre.

used at the North Bay hospital.

Team #1305 partnered with mining giant Vale as part of the latter’s COVID-19 challenge—Vale tasked innovators with developing solutions for the pandemic and encouraged grassroots groups to devise low- or no-cost solutions that could be assembled in a matter of days.

Two Canada-oriented projects were greenlit for funding, a wearable medical sensor producer and FRC team #1305’s sterilization carts.

“By being able to sterilize and reuse masks we will be able to continue protecting our community, and with the help from Vale, others will now be able to help their community,” said FRC team #1305 student Fionna

and request two kits each. The MSS team met up on Monday, June 22 for the build and later that day had both carts ready to deliver.

The team gave the first cart (named Gary) to the Manitoulin Central Family Health Team in Mindemoya where it was received by an excited Lori Oswald, executive director of the clinic.

“I couldn’t be more proud that they’ve been able to participate in a very positive way to support what’s happening in this pandemic,” said Ms. Oswald. “The innovation and the fact that they’ve done it here on the Island is amazing. I’m so happy we could be the recipient of it and support innovation at that level.”

Ms. Oswald said clinic workers would benefit

wemikong Health Centre and Wikwemikong Nursing Home for their front-line staff.

Although Manitoulin’s robotics teams built their units from kits, these carts can be easily replicated with hardware store items. A metal wire rack cart is covered by a surrounding sheath of fabric with a reflective interior surface. A UV-C sterilization light is installed near the top and



### What a pike!

While visiting Manitoulin recently, six-year-old Griffen McPhee landed a 46” pike on Campbell Bay at the bridge. “The fish gave a great fight and there were a lot of smiles after. Catch and release and off to a great start to our vacation,” said proud dad Nathan, who is seen with his children Grace, Wyatt and, the fisherman, Griffen.



### Mama merganser

A merganser duck and her brace of ducklings stop their day’s paddling for a rest on a sunny rock near Bay Estates.

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# Manitoulin's connection to a famous brand

## Part II of a series: Evinrude family, Island friends react to discontinuation news

by Warren Schlote

**LITTLE CURRENT**—The discontinuation of the Evinrude brand of outboard motors was disheartening news for the Evinrude family and their friends alike, though the inventor's great-grandson said the product quality was still top-notch despite his opinion that the brand's new owner, Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP), had moved away from his forefathers' values.

"I was shocked as can be when I heard the news. It didn't sit well with me and I immediately called up some of the guys who got laid off," said Chris (Slater) Evinrude, great-grandson of outboard motor pioneer Ole Evinrude. The Expositor spoke with Chris Evinrude over the phone from his Florida home a couple of weeks after the announcement.

BRP has faced criticism for the way it told its employees that they would be laid off due to the Evinrude discontinuation and other company restructuring that ultimately ended some 650 jobs. Reports from people who received the notice said they were only told a few minutes before the public announcement by a recorded phone message.

BRP spokesperson Elaine Arsenault said the company would have preferred and normally elected to tell its employees this

news in person, but with pandemic plant closures the company opted for a solution to inform the workforce at the same time. She acknowledged the phone call was not ideal and thanked the workers

Evinrude himself placed an order for a new ETEC G2 outboard earlier this year.

"People are jumping on trying to get the last inventory because they can't get it anymore and (BRP is)

earliest-produced outboards and he now owns one of the last units in the century-old lineup.

BRP listed COVID-19 as a lead factor in the discontinuation but Mr. Turner argued other brands are facing the same issues.

Both Mr. Turner and Chris Evinrude cited market changes and departures from the original spirit of the Evinrudes as factors leading to the brand's demise. Chris

Evinrude ended his 14-year career with Evinrude in 1989 after his grandfather Ralph Evinrude died and he disagreed with the new direction of the company.

Chris Evinrude was involved in the testing centre in Florida and said there were about 65 employees, including 20 boat drivers, working in two shifts there to develop new products. By the time the brand was mothballed, he estimates there were

only 10 people left there.

"That's kind of been the way it was. When Bombardier took over from OMC right before Christmas (2000) they just told people to pack up their stuff that day. They didn't have a lot of tact when dealing with employees, just 'see you later,' even if they had been working there for 30 years," said Chris Evinrude, adding that the Florida testing

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Ralph Evinrude on the cover of The Shoal Magazine.

for their understanding.

Little Current's Jib Turner, a long-time friend of the Evinrude family, said he and Chris Evinrude spoke after the news broke and agreed that Ole Evinrude "would be rolling over in his grave."

Evinrude aficionados, however, have moved quickly to purchase the remaining inventory. Chris

going to still honour the warranty. I've got seven years on this one and motors bought last March have 10-year warranties. That's nuts," said Chris Evinrude. Industry standard outboard warranties last about three years.

His recent purchase neatly bookends the family story—Chris Evinrude owns one of his family's

## ...Turner Park will see age-friendly makeover

...continued from page 3 the work done in Sheguiandah. Let's at least get it started this year. I definitely won't be supporting this; this money should stay in Sheguiandah."

Councillors Michael Erskine, Barb Baker, Bill Koehler and Laurie Cook all said they were in favour of the Turner Park project.

Councillor Orr requested a recorded vote with her nay the lone dissenting vote. A motion was passed for the reallocation of funds.

The project began late last week.



Turner Park is marked out and ready for work as it undergoes a makeover in the weeks to come.

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# (Re)-Visiting Ontario's Island Retreat?

## Our big backyard beckons – Rediscover Manitoulin

by Isobel Harry

Manitoulin's glorious summer is upon us—it's finally time to get outside and indulge in favourite warm weather pastimes. After months of isolation and with all the usual attractions, events, fairs, community picnics, cultural festivals and pow-

wows being cancelled until next year, we must ask ourselves: is there anything nicer, really, than going for a drive, a bike ride, a walk or a hike in the Island's fresh air, under magnificent big blue skies?

We all crave an occasional break from the relentlessness of the pandemic, and

we're extraordinarily fortunate: we can relax right here, without leaving home, by getting out to explore the wondrous nooks and crannies of the world's largest freshwater island, Manitoulin, the Island of the Great Spirit.

A very pleasant journey of discovery can be enjoyed around the tiny hamlet of Poplar, 16 kms south of Gore Bay on Poplar Road, or west on Union Road from Hwy 542 between Spring Bay and Gore Bay. Or, from the west, take Union Road from Evansville. Poplar lies at the intersection of Union and Poplar Roads.

For this trip, we take Poplar Road (marked 'Bike Route' by the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates), past the Gordon Cemetery whose monuments date back to settler days, down through dips in the Niagara Escarpment bluffs, hills rolling through marshes, forests and fields blanketed in brilliant white daisies and yellow buttercups.



Ted Smith (left) of Gypsy Family Farm hosts a farm gate market of produce, plants and preserves on Saturdays and Sundays in Poplar.

photo by Isobel Harry

About halfway down, we leave Gordon/Barrie Island township and enter Burpee/Mills, soon approaching Poplar, settled around 1867 with a post office opening in 1884.

Right at the northeast

corner of the intersection is a diminutive and beautiful war memorial honouring the soldiers of World War I from this area, fallen and returned. Erected in 1924, the little angel of mossy white stone flanked by two artillery guns was built to recognize Poplar's large contribution of local men to the war effort, more per capita than any other community in Canada.

Margo Little, journalist, photographer and educator, wrote 'Pilgrims at Poplar Corners: Reflections on a Manitoulin Childhood,' a memoir of her family's years in the farming community, exploring "the culture as yet untouched by technology" of the late 1940s and 50s. In 'An Angel Watches Over Us: An Enduring Monument at Poplar Corners,' Ms Little writes affectionately of the lifelong "touchstone of solace" the angel has been for her, and also notes that "the Poplar Women's Institute worked for three years to see the memorial erected." The names inscribed are of local families—Orford, Dinsmore, Wright, Robinson and others.

A left turn here onto Union Road (also a signed Bike Route) immediately brings another surprise: signs proclaiming 'Fresh Baking' and 'Pure Honey' planted before a little cedar shed with its door wide open in welcome. On the shelves inside are butter tarts, coffee cake,

radishes, preserves, lettuce, bread and sometimes there's summer sausage and eggs. A small bucket holds money and change; the Amish family that moved here a couple of years ago is away today, it says on a note pinned to the wall. The shop is open Fridays and Saturdays in summer and fall when the signs are up.

A few metres up the road on the same side is the old school, sitting proudly as an historical marker now in its grassy school field. School Section No. 1 Mills started its life in education as a log building in 1883, having moved here from a temporary shanty. In 1907, the present school building was built for just under \$1,000 by W.E. George. Across the road is the former Mills United Church, built in 1892 as a Presbyterian church on a donated quarter acre; it is now a private residence.

If it's Saturday or Sunday, there will be more signs on the road just ahead. This is Ted Smith's Gypsy Family Farm market, with his caravan and tables laden with plants, fresh produce and preserves. Today, Richard Anger is under an awning heating up his Manitoulin Pizza Company slices. There's social distancing as a few people mill about the yard; Ted's happy in his new location, on his own farm property, adding that people seem to appreciate "being out where the food comes from." He hopes more vendors will join him

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# Island pleasures on the Union Road and Poplar

there this season.

We turn around then and head back west, still on Union Road, past Poplar Corners. There are many

Amish families in this area now, moving from southern Ontario and settling on large, productive farms, fitting right in with Mani-

toulin's old-fashioned country ways in their horse-drawn buggies and invigorating the agricultural sector. Just west of Poplar, the Kuepfer family has a farm gate stand out front—there are petunias in pots and fresh garlic from the acres of bulbs cultivated on their property, and behind the extensive construction works around the house is a large sawmill operation. Sawmills have been active in Mills Township since 1886. The Kuepfers will also sell their quilts once construction settles down a bit, shyly explain two young Amish women at the farmhouse door, and that they're "not supposed to" pose for photos. Today, you could call that refreshing.

Further along, the Burpee-Mills cemetery reflects the lives lived here since settlement, situated in the sandbanks of the ancient Lake Nipissing shoreline of 10,000 years

ago; the community centre is the epicentre of community life, and has a large hall and gym. The road is lovely here, winding, gently hilly and heavily treed with maples; the turn to Indian Point Road is in the zone of the Manitoulin Conservatory for Creation and Performance. In the bush somewhere nearby is the state-of-the-art performance studio of John Turner (formerly of the iconic clown duo Mump and Smoot) and Julia Winder, home to an internationally renowned 'clown school' for "research, training, creation and performance in all areas of the performing arts." Every year, classes of clown students from the world over graduate with a red rubber nose right out here in the middle of nowhere! (ManitoulinConservatory.com)

Watch for the right turn to Hwy 540—straight ahead is Campbell Road—and

head back east along the highway out of Evansville. GG's Diner, a favourite for home-cooked food by local celebrity chef Joyce Benoit, might be open then; the adjacent well-stocked live bait and supply store, Game On, is currently open on Fridays and Saturdays.

Be safe, take care, and equally importantly, get out there!

Margo Little's books are available at the Expositor Bookstore, Little Current, and at the IDA pharmacy, Gore Bay.



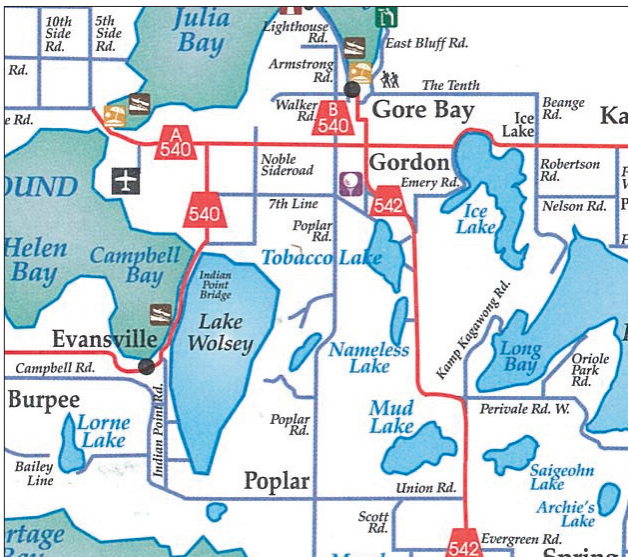
The Poplar war memorial, an angel of mossy white stone flanked by two artillery guns, was erected in 1924 to recognize Poplar's large contribution of local men, fallen and returned, to the efforts of World War I, more per capita than any other community in Canada.

photo by Isobel Harry



GG's Diner in Evansville, a favourite for home-cooked food by local celebrity chef Joyce Benoit, pictured, has been closed since mid-March because of the pandemic. She keeps her 136-seat restaurant ship-shape while awaiting reopening.

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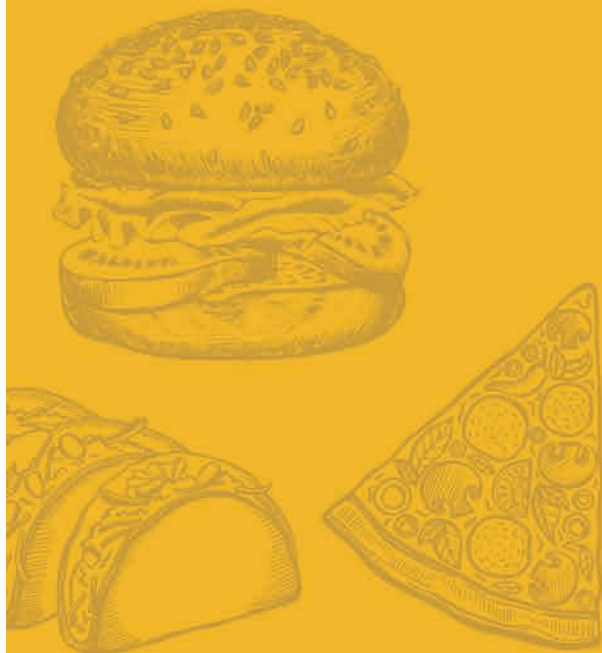
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# ..Evinrude family, Island friends react to discontinuation news

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facility is now for sale.

Regardless of its internal policies, Evinrude was known worldwide for making a well-built, long-lasting outboard motor, including after the BRP takeover. Ralph Evinrude used to say that the mark of a true craftsman was being able to put one's own name on a product.

"The ETEC line BRP came up with is an extremely good product; it's a reliable and very efficient two-stroke," he said.

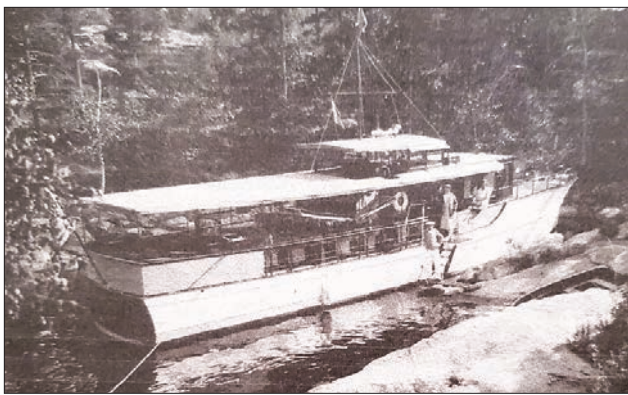
In Mr. Turner's view, Evinrude lost a lot of exposure after leaving the race circuit. He also believed

there in the development centre, I don't see why someone couldn't take over and keep manufacturing the current motors," said Chris Evinrude, adding that he hoped another manufacturer would continue the Evinrude name.

BRP has previously stated it intends to hold onto the Evinrude trademark.

The faith in the Evinrude brand and his personal relationship with the family led Mr. Turner's father to become the official Evinrude dealer in Little Current. That lasted until 1972 when the Ferguson family took over that title.

Stan Ferguson, retired



Bess Emily III was the first Evinrude boat to ply Manitoulin waters, before the famed Chanticleer.

the company had focused on an already-saturated horsepower range in its motors that did not reflect the future trends of the industry, and that the ETECs were perhaps not marketed as well as they should have been.

The Evinrude name still carried prestige, however, as it had for more than a century. The company was known for having a strong dealer support network, friendly and knowledgeable technicians and one of the best parts distribution systems among competitors.

"Ralph said to me one time that you could get parts for his outboards in the desert. As well, the fact was that it was a very good, reliable product because they did concentrate most of their efforts on endurance whereas other big players like Mercury were more focused on racing," said Mr. Turner.

"There's millions of tools and parts sitting

owner of Harbor Vue Marina in Little Current (an official Evinrude dealer for decades) said the brand was sought-after in the Manitoulin area both because of the family connection as well as the product itself.

"It sold well because it was a good motor, but it didn't hurt that they were up here. Mr. (Ralph) Evinrude was very social and hands-on, so no doubt his presence certainly helped," said Mr. Ferguson.

The similar reactions to the discontinuation from the Evinrude family to their friends on Manitoulin Island are a testament to the strong connections the family has formed with locals during their summer visits northward over four generations.

In the next edition of this series, The Expositor will explore some of the personal connections between the family and the Manitoulin area.



LEFT: Jib and Debby Turner of Little Current join Chris Evinrude and family at the OMC testing facility in Florida.



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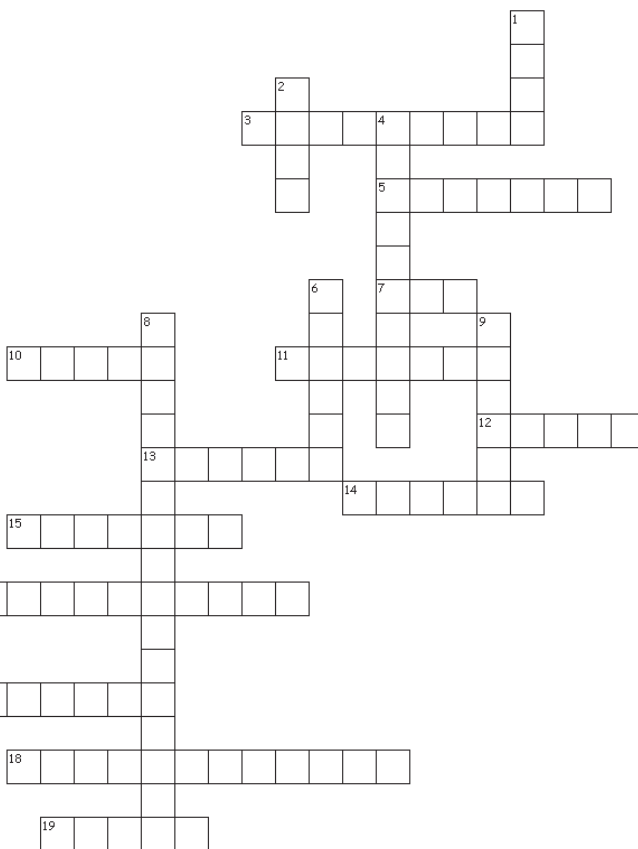
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- 3. The Undertaker's finishing move.
- 5. One of Mick Foley's alter egos.
- 7. Monday Night \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10. His finisher move was the Leg Drop. He is Hulk \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11. After winning his matches, he would stuff money into his opponent's mouth. He is Ted Dibiase "The \_\_\_\_\_ Dollar Man."
- 12. He wrestled Tobey Maguire's Spiderman as Bonesaw McGraw. Randy Savage is also known as The \_\_\_\_\_ Man.
- 13. Ronda \_\_\_\_\_ was a UFC fighter before becoming a wrestler.
- 14. A match that starts with 30 wrestlers in the ring at the same time, Battle \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15. Hulk Hogan referred to his arms as the 24 inch \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16. One of wrestling's legendary icons, he had a record streak of 21 & 0 at Wrestlemania.
- 17. The wrestling ring is often call the 'Squared \_\_\_\_\_'.
- 18. Referred to as the "showcase of the immortals," this is WWE's biggest event of the year.
- 19. The only WWE wrestler to ever win an Olympic Gold Medal (last name).

**Down**

- 1. True or False: a championship belt can only be won by pinfall or submission, not by count out or disqualification.
- 2. "If you smell what the \_\_\_\_\_ is cookin'."
- 4. Often referred to as the hottest event of the summer.
- 6. The number of wrestlers who compete in the Royal Rumble.
- 8. The Native American Tatanka faced Shawn Michaels at Wrestlemania IX, for the \_\_\_\_\_ Championship belt.
- 9. Famous for his green tongue and eating the turnbuckles, he is George "The \_\_\_\_\_" Steele.

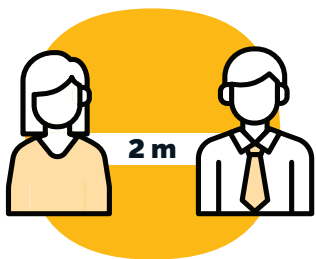
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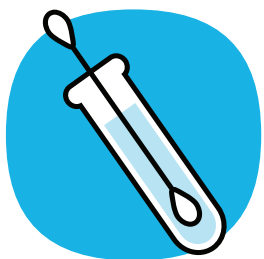
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# ...Now and Then: Brian Sprack

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ride home with a friend. One night, Brian came in and struck up a conversation with Joyce. Their friendship bloomed and they saw each other during weekend passes each month until they were married on April 7, 1956. Brian got leave on Friday afternoon, hitchhiked to Georgetown and next morning got dressed for the wedding.

“We had a small reception, then it was off to Niagara Falls. It was snowing hard, so we stopped at a motel and had to be out of our room by 10 the next morning. We woke at 11, packed quickly and headed out. The roads were strangely empty, as was the restaurant we picked for lunch. The owner wondered why we wanted a western sandwich at seven in the morning.” They both laughed as they realized that Brian’s watch had stopped. The newlyweds had one great day at the Falls and then it was back to Kingston for the groom. Joyce continued to work at the restaurant in Georgetown.

“Three years in the Army taught me a lot about Canada. Things we take for granted, like how we talk to each other, what we eat and how we dress; a whole new set of customs and habits have to be learned.” After retiring from the Army in September of 1956, the couple spent six months abroad in England visiting Brian’s family in Dorking. Brian took a job as a bus conductor and Joyce did house-keeping. It was an opportunity to meet that side of the family and the couple was glad they had made this decision. After returning to Canada, Brian found that there were plenty of jobs available. Eventually he became a grocery store clerk. By the fall of 1958



The happy couple’s 40th anniversary in April 1996.

they had two children, a rented apartment and were buying a car on 45 dollars a week.

They visited Manitoulin to meet more of Joyce’s family and have a fishing holiday. They stayed at Black Rock Lodge. The owner was in a predicament with no staff, so they helped him out for a few days. This led to a job offer for the summer of 1962. That spring, the family rented a small house in Joyce’s hometown of Manitowaning. The resort needed a lot of work as the water tank and piping had been destroyed by ice. Docks had to be mended, cabins scoured and so much more.

“One memorable guest at Black Rock in the spring of 1962 was a mink farmer who had an artificial leg and drove a Rolls-Royce. He took a cabin for a week and spent every minute he wasn’t eating or sleeping, on the water, fishing. He

always caught his limit of bass until the eighth day when he was one fish short. He left the next day.” Brian tried to mimic his fishing techniques by using the same bait, drifting the boat in a similar fashion, but to no avail.

Another rather heavy-set guest had been starved as a prisoner of war and he was determined never to be hungry again. He ate 10 fish fillets at each dinner. “One of our younger guests, a newlywed, caught a huge 16-pound pike which he barbecued for the whole resort. Unfortunately, it was still raw by our estimation and we had a hard time eating it. I managed to hide and dispose of my portion. We ran the lodge for two summers until it was sold in the fall of 1963. We would have liked to buy it ourselves, but we just didn’t know much about loans and business back then.”

Brian and Joyce ran a

series of small businesses over the next 50 years. There was a bakery, a barbershop/poolroom, a dairy bar, three restaurants, a dress shop and a Stedman’s store. The barbershop and poolroom were an 11-year stint. Brian recalls one day as he was cutting a customer’s hair, he heard whining under the shop floorboards. To the dismay of the customer, Brian began ripping up the floor—and there was the family dog, Trixie who had gone missing over the weekend. Everyone in town had been searching or on the lookout

for her. The family were so happy to have their beloved pet back. “She had climbed into a crawl space under the building to get out of the pouring rain and had become stuck in the mud that built up around her as water found its way in. She should have been renamed, ‘Lucky.’”

The couple raised a foster daughter and six children. Debbie operates the Assinack Public Library; Michael works locally for Eastlink Communications; Anne, a nurse, works in mental health and addic-

children and 12 great grandchildren. It’s pretty loud when we all get together.”

Sadly, Joyce’s health has declined over the last six years with Alzheimer’s. “I didn’t understand this disease. We had a long-standing rule that the last one up in the morning, usually me, made the bed. One day Joyce made the bed when it was my turn. She insisted that it was her job. Whenever I was out of her sight for long, she became upset. I convinced her one day to come with me for a ride. She liked it so much that



From left back row, Brian, Joyce, Mike, Debbie; middle row, Scott and Marc with Shari and Anne in front in September 2000.

tions in Sudbury; Shari is an educator for Manitoulin Transport out of Sudbury; Marc is a superintendent with the Toronto District School Board; Scott has his own company in the industrial field and Stacey works for Walmart in the United States. “We have 12 grand-

she wanted to go several times a day after that. The Wiky Nursing Home has become her home and she is safe and very well cared-for there. We have had a wonderful marriage and that continues. When I visit her at the nursing home, I still

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# ...Now and Then: Brian Sprack

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see that twinkle in her eyes.”

“I went to Newfoundland with my three sons two years ago, and we had a ball! This March my daughter Anne and I went to Mexico. Our flight home was one of the last planes out due to the COVID-19 virus. As we were preparing to leave, the resort personnel began closing because borders were shutting down all over. It was sad to see that beautiful beach bare and empty. I isolated with my daughter at her home in Sudbury for 17 days before returning home to Manitoulin. It has been a difficult time for everyone. We are a big family and we love getting together which is not allowed right now. Recently, however, our family got together using Zoom technology. We were celebrating my son's birthday. It was fun and we were all safe.”

“I have often wondered how our life

would have been shaped if we had stayed in England in 1956, but I am happy that we decided to return to Canada where there were more opportunities for our children. My parents moved to Canada in the fall of 1958, leaving all their worldly goods behind in England so that they would be closer to their grandchildren. They never regretted their decision.”

“My strengths? I'm chatty, and I like to meet new people. I have done many different jobs and enjoyed them. I dabble at painting and carve ornaments from beach-gathered driftwood. I traded my 26-foot sailboat for a 16-foot sailboat and cutty that I still own. I have flown many model planes and kites, crashing a few. I can still do Morse code from my wireless army days and I often find myself tapping out messages on a flat surface. I always loved deciphering codes. What do I still want to do? Ride a sky glider, with an instructor along. I would like to feel

that rush of exhilaration. What am I afraid of? Not getting it all done before I leave this Earth. Mrs. K.B. Mastin had a very sharp mind well into her most senior years. I once asked her what it was like to get older. She responded, ‘I feel the same as I felt at twenty, but my body just didn't keep up.’”

“Wherever we live we tend to lose sight of the beauty around us until we leave it. Our gaze becomes more objective upon returning. This Island's splendour is then displayed in a new light and we realize how uniquely beautiful it is here. I love to see the snow blowing in the winter, the trees coming back to life in the spring, producing their full crown in summer. I have been to many places and other countries and I have enjoyed my time there. However, Manitoulin is home and that's always the best place to be.”



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

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

### coming events

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

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## Frontline Shelter Worker

### Posting - Casual

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

#### The successful candidate will have

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

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

Please forward applications to:

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

# Tehkummah Talk and Times

Day 92: So far, it's been a very interesting day where everything has changed again. Now what? Sherry brought me a piece of smoked fish, Cal brought me dessert.

Debbie just called to say early deadline this week. I'm writing it here as a reminder for me!

Day 93: 4:30 am. I have my head stuck out the door and am smelling wet earth. It is pouring down. I do hope it lasts. Boy, our gardens need it! A nice rainy, balmy, overcast, humid growing day.

"Work that is cheerfully done is usually well done."

(Jokes) "One of the ducks you were hunting last weekend called and left her number."

"My wife is a plastic surgeon. Give her a couple of credit cards and watch her operate."

"Fortunately, modern medicine has come up with dozens of cures for wealth."

I've been laughing this morning. Lyle Dewar loaned me two scrapbooks full of jokes and cartoons! I hope he doesn't mind me

borrowing these for you to enjoy.

Forgot all about Pennie's birthday last week. Happy belated, niece.

Rick you talked of Ideals magazines. I use them for inspiration and/or stories for our Sr. U.C.W. meetings, which at this point in time seems a thing of the past. I think they still print them. I have one I got at Jim Little's sale. It was still in the original envelope. Lots of beautiful pictures and poetry.

Seven cents American postage and a Mother's Day post cancellation. From Mrs. Gallagher, Arlington, Washington to Mrs. Mary Ann Little, volume No. 3 (May 3, 1948). Envelope says volume 3 but magazine is volume No. 2.

Day 94: I got up early this morning and made lemon cupcakes and banana muffins. But now I'm done. It sure doesn't take much. Ray was checking the mushrooms in the rain. I gave him a few "muffcakes" (Tristian called them that when he was small). I delivered a few around and saw

four cute black/grey kittens scooting away from Ron and Justine's doorstep, tails over their backs.

A nice bouquet of orangey flowers sitting nearby as Sis Susan came in bringing gifts. Then both Lori and Pauline called before she left.

I do notice lots of spelling mistakes, so sorry, my handwriting must be getting worse or my spelling.

Saddened to read of Duncan Robbie's death in the paper, also Marie Love. Sympathy to the families.

Congratulations "Women of Inspiration" Expositor front page.

Well from day to day you just never know. Then a call from Sunnybrook and I dropped the phone to have the message repeated (press 5), and so it cut out! But I'm OK, I think!

Heard a kitty crying this afternoon, I thought was on TV but it was a little black kitten at the door. Cold from the rain, ran and hid. I gave it some too-rich food for a kitten, a starving kitten at that. But Skye caught it and

right now at least it's warm at the neighbours (now for the rest of them?).

"Few people get dizzy from doing too many good turns."

Day 95: Thursday, June 25. Did you know International Joke Day is July 1.

A lot of us really need something to laugh about. A whole night of "no" sleep. There is no happy medium with me. I finally got some in daylight.

It's two and I just woke, it's time, maybe?

Tara and Skylar brought the little one in this morning, what a rack of bones, cute.

It's time to get this week's news faxed out, early deadline.

Tomorrow morning I'll be busy doing pre-op by phone.

Love ya!

### O' To Any Daddy

There are little eyes upon you,  
And they're watching night and day.  
There are little ears that quickly,

Take in every word you say.

There are little hands all eager,

To do anything you do.

And a little boy who's dreaming,

Of the day he'll be like you.

You're the little fellow's idol,

You're the wisest of the wise.

In his little mind about you,

No suspicions ever rise.

He believes in you devoutly,

Holds that all you say and do.

He will say and do in your way,

When he's grown up like you.

There's a wide-eyed little fellow,

Who believes you're always right.

And his ears are always open,

And he watches day and night.

You are setting an example,

Every day in all you do.

For the little boy who's

waiting,  
To grow up, to be like you.

- Author unknown  
1948 Ideals, Volume No. 2

In honour of Dads and Grandfathers everywhere!

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

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**Application for CONSENT**  
**Under Section 53 of the Planning Act**  
**To be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020**  
**at 7:00pm at the Waterfront Artisan Incubator and Technology Centre**

File No. : Con 2020-02  
Applicant: Chris Roszel  
Legal Description: Howland, Concession 5, Lot 1  
Official Plan: Residential  
Zoning: Rural

**PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION**  
The purpose of this application is to create a new lot.

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

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

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

**Dated: June 30th, 2020**  
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands  
14 Water St. E.; P.O. Box 608  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0  
Ph: (705)368-3500

**Manitoulin Family Resources**

**Cordially invites you to attend their Virtual Annual General Meeting 2020**

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- △ Violence Against Women Prevention
- △ Food Bank & Thrift Store

**Date:** Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 **Time:** 6:00pm – Presentation by KPMG

Please contact Denise Leblanc to register your attendance at [dleblanc@mfresources.net](mailto:dleblanc@mfresources.net) or call 705-368-3400 ext. 243

**Application for CONSENT**  
**Under Section 53 of the Planning Act**  
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File No. : Zoning 2020-01  
Applicant: Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands  
Location: Entirety of Municipality

**PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION**  
The purpose of this application is to correct anomalies in Zoning By-law 2018-41 by amending wording in definitions and to remove Dwelling Unit below Grade from the General Provisions section to more clearly reflect the intent of the Town when the Comprehensive Zoning By-law was adopted.

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# Services Board shortfalls likely to fall within operational reserves capacity

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—The Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) has experienced its first operating deficit in memory, but that deficit is likely to be significantly lower than what was first feared when the pandemic hit and staff anticipate that the DSB will be able to draw from its healthy operating reserves to shield municipalities from a drastic increase in their levies.

A shortfall of \$54,725 to provide support to child care providers based on Ministry of Education directives is one example of funding challenges. The ministry has indicated since the last DSB meeting that federal early learning and child care funds could be used to support the retroactive costs. As a result, the staff do not anticipate funding pressures from the closure period.

“Based on no funding from the government we were looking at \$500,000;

we assumed that we would have \$200,000,” noted CAO Fern Dominelli. “If we get all the money from the Ministry of Housing, we are down to \$100,000.”

He pointed out that the working capital reserves currently standing in excess of \$1.3 million could absorb that hit. “That would be my recommendation to the board if we do have a deficit,” he said. “After all, that is what the reserves are for (to deal with unanticipated and large expenses).”

One concern looming on the horizon, however, is the ongoing audit issue with the Chapleau Employment Ontario operations.

“The first six audits conducted by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development were minor in nature and the reports were no more than two pages long,” reported Director of Integrated Social Services Donna Stewart. “The last two were more intense in

nature and entailed reports of 13 and 21 pages.”

“Based on the monitoring visit findings and a review of compliance requirements in our Employment Services agreement, the ministry identified that our service delivery site is not meeting key compliance and accountability measures,” she continued. “At this point, the DSB has been placed under official review.”

Ms. Stewart said that the DSB has submitted an action plan indicating milestones and timelines identifying strategies to remedy the issues outlined in the audit report. “The ministry did not inform us of any adjustments required for approval.”

As a result of DSB actions, the ministry indicated after a follow up review of files that the DSB service delivery site compliance has improved.

The service delivery site is required to update the

action plan indicating milestones and timelines by July 10. “Our action plan has identified strategies to remedy the issues outlined in the report,” said Ms. Stewart. “The ministry will review the action plan and either approve it or ask for further clarification.”

The kicker came next, “If, six months after the implementation of the revised action plan, the ministry determines that our organization has not completed the approved action plan and/or is not in compliance with Employment Services, Youth Job Connection and Youth Job Connection Summer Agreements, the ministry may terminate or not offer our organization new agreements upon expiry of the current agreements.”

A lot of the problems indicated in the audit stem from outstanding administrative notes. Ms. Stewart pointed out that the DSB does not get credited with

a number of referrals, despite having done the work.

The programs had been operating relatively smoothly over the past four years, until recently.

DSB board member and Chapleau mayor Michael Levesque asked if some of the issues may arise from new ministry staff doing the audit and being unfamiliar with previous systems.

There were new ministry representatives conducting the audit, confirmed Ms. Stewart, but she declined to lay the issues on that factor.

DSB chair Les Gamble noted that he had brought his concerns to staff prior to the meeting. “I am scared something is going to happen,” he said.

Ms. Stewart noted that they are committed to working with the ministry over the coming months to ensure the DSB is compliant with the action plan, but that the staff “need to have some conversation

with ministry representative to understand a few observations items outlined in the action plan.”

## thank you

**The Indian Taco Fundraiser** for Aline, Jack and Allen Stephens was an overwhelming success. Thank you to the following super volunteers: Billie Abotosaway, Bill Cassidy, Lucy Sagle, Ruth Eadie, Kari Bourque, Norris Valiquette and Linda Bowerman who worked hard, laughed and enjoyed helping one of our community's family who recently had a fire. A special “thank you” to DD Tessier pf G.G.'s Foodland who not only donated \$100 of product toward this event, but delivered on short notice supplies that were needed during this event. Oh, how we appreciate your assistance. The organizers were happy to present a total of \$1,370 to Aline, Jack and Allen.

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## Death Notices

### REVEREND CANON J.BAIN PEEVER

January 28, 1937 – June 23, 2020



It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Reverend Canon J. Bain Peever on June 23, 2020 at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor at the age of 83. He is survived by his second wife Lynda Peever, son Bruce (Julie), daughter-in-law Morag Maskery (Stephen), stepchildren Brenda Kankaanpaa (Kari) and Keith Finnilla (Taylor). Bain will be sadly missed by his grandchildren Erica, Kate, Liam, Jacob, Thomas, Brendan and Sara, as well as his sister Dawn Clarke, niece Marina Clarke (Andrew) and great-nephew Reece Northcutt. Predeceased by his first wife Clara Dale (Clermont), son Dr. Alan Peever and his parents Johnston (Johnny) and Olga (Parcher) Peever. Bain was the child of a devoutly Anglican family and dreamed of becoming a priest at an early age. He graduated from Concordia University and McGill University and was made a priest in 1963. This month Bain would have celebrated the 57th anniversary of his priestly ordination, a calling he lived out faithfully and with great devotion to those he served. Bain needed no fixed pulpit to preach God's word, he used every opportunity in a respectful, kind way to spread The Word. His first parish was The Mission of Mindemoya and Kagawong, in Algoma Diocese in 1963. Then he became curate at St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie. In 1969 he became Director of Christian Education & Youth Ministry and support worker for clergy in the Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador. In 1975 he returned to Ontario, with his wife Dale and two sons Bruce and Alan, to the Diocese of Ontario. He first became a Canon at St. George's Cathedral. In 1980 Bain became the incumbent at Trinity Anglican Church in Cornwall and is remembered for asking Queen Elizabeth II to come to Cornwall in 1984 to help the church celebrate its 200th Anniversary, which she did. In 1988 he moved on to St. John the Evangelist in London, Ontario and then retired and moved back to Manitoulin Island where he and his first wife had transformed their summer cottage into a year-round home. Bain was asked to come out of retirement and take over Great Spirit Island Parish from 1998 to 2013. Bain was an extrovert, a great leader, his presence was “larger than life” energy with a lively sense of humour. Bain's personality was such that people were drawn to him and who could say “no” to one of his requests. He loved to party whether he was hosting or organizing one. He was a dedicated mentor to many priests in training. He will be remembered for his love of people, especially with young people at Camp Manitou, organizing canoeing trips in Algonquin Park and conducting Folk Masses at St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie, as well as being the number one fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Cremation has taken place. Interment, Mindemoya Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Church, Camp Manitou or the Alzheimer's Society.

### LUCY MARJORIE FRANCIS (nee Baibomkowi)

March 3, 1959 – June 18, 2020



In loving memory of Lucy Marjorie Francis who passed away peacefully at Health Sciences North on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at the age of 61. Beloved daughter of Martin (predeceased) and Theresa Francis. Best friend and life partner of Dennis Cormack. Cherished mother of Jennifer Bennett. Doting grandma of Javier Waasnoode Moreno. Sister to siblings Bernadine Francis, Mark (Roselynda) Francis, Verna Pashe-Francis, Clara Cheechoo (predeceased), Alan Francis and Angela (Dwayne) Dokum. Special godmother to Nadia Cheechoo, Caleb Dokum, Deanna Pashe and Marty Francis. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. While she was young, Lucy was academically gifted and had strong, athletic prowess. She could always be found with her nose in a book. But she excelled at many sports like basketball, volleyball and running. She carried a great love for her grandparents and honoured their memory by sharing the cultural teachings they taught her with the rest of her family. Outside of work, she was a bon vivant, enjoying the finer things in life, making special trips for a five-star meal and a fine bottle of wine. She enjoyed the great outdoors while playing golf. She was known for teaching the game to novice players. And, she had a huge love for animals. Lucy was very humble about her diligent fight for her community's well-being. She was best known to the people of Wiikwemkoong for her work in the social assistance department at Ontario Works. Her passionate advocacy for her people touched the lives of many, young and old. She always went the additional mile for any Band member in need. To honour her memory, she would want you to exemplify her favorite motto: “Do what's right, do what's good. Be kind and help others.” The family will host a mass and a feast in her memory in Summer 2021. Visitation began Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 4:30 pm at the Rabbit Island Centre. Funeral Service was Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 11 am at the Rabbit Island Centre. Cremation followed.

### ROBERT (ROB) RAYMOND WILLIAM NORRIS

October 16, 1965 – June 19, 2020



In loving memory of Robert (Rob) Norris who passed away June 19, 2020 in Hamilton, Ontario. Son of Robert and Lynne (predeceased) Norris. Survived by son Robbie and friend Lori. Will be missed by sisters Candy (Dan), Tracy (Scott) and Sherry (Gerald). Rob will also be missed by many nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. Rob will be buried with his Mom at Queen's Lawn Cemetery in Grimsby. Rest in peace Rob!

### WILLIAM GEORGE (BILL) ROCK

January 31, 1943 - June 25, 2020



William George (Bill) Rock, age 77, of Barrie Island, passed away on June 25, 2020 at the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay, Ontario where he had resided for the past six years. He is survived by his loving wife Carolyn Lane-Rock and his two sons Christopher Harold (Trusha Luthra) and Jeffrey Thomas both of Toronto, as well as his brother Bruce Neagle (Sandra), sisters-in-law Gloria Tuck (Bruce) and Grace Turner (Bryan), brothers-in-law Ted Lane (Lorraine) and Rudy Hillman (Beverly) and many nieces and nephews. Bill was born on January 31, 1943 in Galt, Ontario to Earnest and Margaret Rock (predeceased). Bill was also predeceased by his sisters Marian McKay (Cecil), Dorothy Murphy (Tom), brother Ralph (Beatrice) and his sister-in-law Julia Lane Hillman. Bill went to High School at St. Jerome's in Kitchener. Later, he briefly attended Catholic Seminary in Guelph and then Loyola College in Montreal, graduating in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He worked for Imperial Oil as a Lubrication Engineer and Sales Associate, finishing his career as an Accounts Executive in Sudbury calling on the woodlands and mines across Northern Ontario. Bill and Carolyn married in 1980 and made their home in Sudbury. He was always a gentle, kind and supportive husband and a loving and present father to his two sons Chris and Jeff. Bill was an avid stamp collector, as well as a serious art collector. He especially enjoyed the family cottage on Barrie Island where he loved to fish, read, play cards and entertain the neighbours. He served as a Scout Leader and Presbytery Representative at St. Peter's United Church. He also served in the Sudbury Arts Council for several years. Bill served on Municipal Council for The Township of Barrie Island. In his retirement, Bill and Carolyn spent time in Florida, at the cottage, as well as travelling extensively throughout the world. The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to Dr. Wilson and the staff of Manitoulin Lodge, who cared for him with compassion and concern during the six years that he journeyed through his Alzheimer's experience. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay. A private graveside ceremony was held at the Gordon/Barrie Island Cemetery and a public service on zoom will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lyons Memorial United Church, Manitoulin Lodge, Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto or The Northeastern Ontario Cancer Treatment Centre.

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

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**ALLAN TOWNSHIP 200 ACRES** between Kagawong & Gore Bay via Scotland Road. Forested acreage in Manitoulin deer country w/large marsh in north east sector. Boundaries marked & trails across to various hunting locations. \$149,500 (1269) (Exclusive)

**GORE BAY RURAL** 3 acres w/hydro, municipal water, sewer & year round access via Smith & Fraser Streets w/panoramic view in all directions. Mostly cleared arable land, on west side of Town, for mini farm, market garden & other rural uses. Two separate lots to accommodate two residences for the larger family. \$43,500 plus tax (1420) (MLS 2062357)

**BLACKSMITH CENTRE** on corner of Main & Meredith Streets w/4320 sq. ft. over 2 floors. Concrete building 36x60 ft. on fully serviced 39x127.6 ft. lot zoned core commercial. First floor garage plus business space & second level 4 & 1 bedroom apartments. \$119,000 plus HST (1432) (MLS 2084336)

**COOKS BAY WATERFRONT** w/980.46 ft. of frontage & 5.87 ac. of tree covered terraced land. Direct access to the dock and boat ramp. Excellent seasonal access. No other services. \$99,000 (1479) (MLS 2081814)

**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)

**MELDRUM BAY** cottage plus camp on Hill Street a very short walk to the marina. Cottage 875 sq. ft. & camp 750 sq. ft. each w/hydro, drilled wells & steel roofs. Cottage is served by septic system. With some work, several possibilities \$89,500 (1462) (MLS 2077147)

**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)

**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)

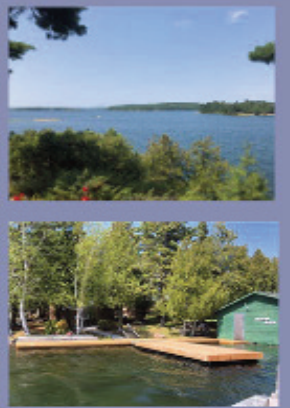
**LAKE KAGAWONG** 4.1 ac. of mostly hardwoods w/291 ft. westerly facing frontage. Remote, off the grid forest w/seasonal access via Mud Creek Road w/elevated sunset view the full length of the lake. Four terraces to water. \$79,000 (1408) (206462)

**STONE'S LAKE LEVEL 4.9 ACRES** w/1550 ft. water frontage & direct road access about 3300 ft. to a Lake Wolsley natural boat launch, Hydro available w/one or two poles. Good legal access to a surveyed pretty lot on a small inland lake. Take Poplar Road to Thompson Slomke via Coburn Road. \$79,900 (1490) (MLS 2085945)





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



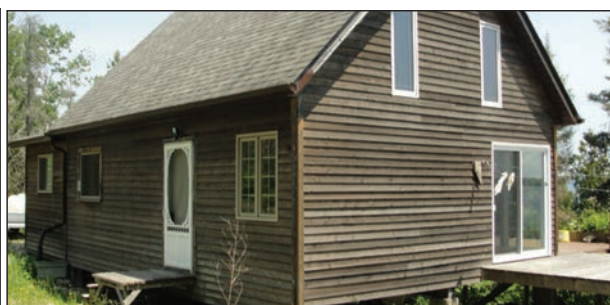
**950 SQ. FT. 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!!** - This Lake Mindemoya cottage is fully insulated with water drawn from the lake and a septic system located in a park setting at the north end of the lake. The cottage is on the first street just a short walk to the nice sand bottom waterfront access which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



**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

**11.2 ACRE WATERFRONT OFF-GRID COTTAGE ON SOUTH BAY!!**

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



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



**NEWLY RENOVATED KAGAWONG AREA HOME!** - This 960 sq. ft. 2 + 2 bedroom and 2 bathroom home is situated between Kagawong and Mindemoya on a 2 acre lot. This home comes with an attached garage as well as a detached garage and large workshop that could easily be converted to a rental unit. The house has a fully finished basement and the workshop comes with a full basement as well. Amenities such as shopping, golf, fishing and hospital are all close by. Asking \$339,000.00!!! MLS#2085942



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



**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



**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



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