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Island health professionals exploring innovative response to COVID-19

First Island cases anticipated in April

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Island health professionals are taking a proactive approach to the possibility that the novel coronavirus COVID-19 could soon reach Manitoulin Island within a month and are canvassing clients as to their openness to being seen by their doctor through remote technology. The message coming out almost universally is that if you are suffering from symptoms that mirror those of the coronavirus, do not go to the emergency room if at all possible.

In the meantime, health organizations, emergency services and politicians are gathering to plot strategies for coping with the coronavirus when it makes its appearance in the North.

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin, along with a host of literally hundreds of representatives spanning the political, law enforcement, EMS, District Services Boards (DSB) and long-term care facilities across the region attended a meeting called by Public Health Sudbury and Districts and hosted by the City of Greater Sudbury at its Azilda training centre to come up with plans to deal with the potential impact of COVID-19 on the region.

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49th Little NHL will proceed as planned

Some far-North communities will not attend tournament because of COVID-19 fears

by Alicia McCutcheon
MISSISSAUGA—There has been much speculation as to whether the 49th edition of the Little NHL (Native Hockey League) will continue next week in Mississauga as reports of the COVID-19 virus continue to rise but Little NHL president Marian Jacko said the tournament will continue, albeit with a few less teams.

"Right now, the plan is to move ahead with the tournament," Ms. Jacko told The Expositor in a Monday afternoon interview.

Ms. Jacko, a Wiikwemkoong band member who also presently lives in Mississauga, noted that teams from Kashechewan, Fort Albany and Attawapiskat will not be coming to Little NHL amid concerns of their remoteness and availability of health care should COVID-19 reach their respective communities.

"We understand why they are

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TWO-HORSE OPEN SLEIGH—The Wiikwemkoong Board of Education hosted a successful Winter Fun Day last Friday that saw hundreds of students and their families taking part in wintertime activities, such as a ride on a horse-drawn sleigh, and teachings at Thunderbird Park. With music, food and fun to be had, the students couldn't have asked for a nicer way to celebrate the remaining days of winter. SEE MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 17.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Gore Bay theatre wins at QUONTA, will represent the North Theatre Ontario finals scheduled for May in Sault Ste. Marie

by Michael Erskine
ESPANOLA—The Gore Bay Theatre crew will be headed to Sault Ste. Marie for the Theatre Ontario Festival competition following their QUONTA Festival Outstanding Performance Award win.

West End man facing three arson charges

GORE BAY—On February 28 at approximately 7:37 pm, officers with the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), with the assistance of the Robinson Township Fire Department, responded to a structure fire on Highway 540 in Robinson Township, just west of Misery Bay.

Then, at 10:35 pm, the Manitoulin OPP, with the assistance of the Gore Bay Fire Department and the Billings Township Fire Department, responded to a second structure fire on Nelson Road in Gordon Township. The residences were unoccupied at the time of the fires. The OPP Forensic Identification Services (FIS), the Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit and the Office of the Fire Marshall (OFM) conducted the investigation.

As a result, 36-year-old Jesse Goulais of Robinson Township has been charged with two counts of arson, damage to property, contrary to section 434 of the Criminal Code. An additional charge of

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Rumours that the Theatre Ontario Festival was cancelled following the loss of provincial government funding have proven to be unfounded. "I don't know where that came from," QUONTA chair Andrea Emmerton said. "Sault Theatre Workshop is hosting the Theatre Ontario Festival."

In addition to the aforementioned Outstanding Performance Award, Gore Bay Theatre is hauling home top honours in the Outstanding Female in a Leading Role (Tara Bernatchez for her amazing lead role in 'Molly Sweeney'), Outstanding Visual Performance and the Richard

Howard Award for Outstanding Direction (Walter Maskel and Andrea Emmerton).

Both Will Smith (Mr. Rice) and John Robertson (Frank Sweeney) were nominated for the Outstanding Male in a Leading Role Award, but the award went to Warren Tilston of the Espanola Little Theatre (ELT) for the title role of Hedwig in 'Hedwig and the Angry Inch.'

ELT's 'Hedwig and the Angry Inch' also had an amazing showing at the QUONTA Awards luncheon held on Sunday in Espanola, taking home Outstanding Technical Presentation, as

well as nominations for Outstanding Production, Outstanding Direction (Warren Tilston), Outstanding Visual Presentation and Outstanding Female in a Leading Role (Tammy Sheppard for Yitshak).

'Molly Sweeney' was also nominated in the Outstanding Technical Presentation category.

Outstanding Male in a Supporting Role went to Richard A. Paterson (Dromio of Ephesus in 'The Comedy of Errors'), Outstanding Female in a Supporting Role went to Angelyka Sopchyshyn (Luciana and the Courtesan in

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Lots going on this March Break!

Roundup of Manitoulin-wide activities for kids

by Alicia McCutcheon
MANITOULIN—Having a staycation this March Break? Island communities have plenty of things to keep you occupied next week.

At the Little Current-Howland Recreation Centre, there will be public skating from Monday, March 16 to Friday, March 20 from noon to 1 pm each day.

Also at the rec centre, the Northeast Town will be hosting themed days from Monday to Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Monday's theme is 'It's Chilly Outside' and includes unstructured adventure outdoor play with Noojmowin Teg, and inside fun as well.



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Tuesday is 'All About Green Day,' Wednesday is 'Ahoy, It's Pirate Day,' Thursday's theme is 'Gone Fishing' and on Friday it's 'Carnival Fun.'

Each day's activities and snacks will reflect the theme.

Assignack has a host of activities lined up for kids on March Break. On Monday, March 16, kids are encouraged to come and make a gnome. Children must be signed up at the township office in advance as there are limited supplies. The cost is \$5 per child and children must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are asked to please bring a glue gun if possible. The craft will take place

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This transport truck driver got stopped by the first of the rolling blockades between noon and 12:15 pm on Saturday afternoon. He said the protestors were ignorant of how fossil fuels make modern life possible, though organizer Quinten Kaboni said that although fossil fuels are a modern reality, the world can move toward sustainable options.

photos by Warren Schlote

Solidarity protest slows highway traffic

by Warren Schlote

MCKERROW—Dozens of supporters joined the rolling road blockages in McKerrow this past Saturday afternoon for a peaceful solidarity protest in support of the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs who are opposed to a liquefied natural gas (LNG) pipeline on their traditional unceded territory, the closest solidarity protest to Manitoulin Island for this issue that has sparked disruptions nationwide.

"I'm here for the people, the water and the Earth. We need to take care of her; she needs our help right now," said Marjorie Beaudry, one of the organizers of the rally. She has previously joined Idle No More protests and organized a protest against children's aid societies after two of her grandchildren died within their care.

"I've been seeing a lot of negative remarks about blockades from a lot of different races and they're not fully understanding why we're standing up, why we're doing these protests. We're standing up for our rights, our land, our water, all of Mother Earth; we're not just standing up for our people, we're standing up for future generations to come," said 22-year-old Quinten Kaboni, who organized the rally.

He said he had seen numerous other communities in Canada and abroad staging solidarity events which is what motivated him.

The protest involved 15-minute traffic stoppages at

the top of the hour. Protestors came with signs and flags, led prayers, smudged and hosted a round dance. Spirit Bear and a women's group of hand drummers offered support.

Divided response from drivers

As might be expected, reactions from drivers and passengers was mixed. Although many offered supportive honks and waves, several others made a thumbs-down gesture from their passing cars or chose to extend a different finger.

When the protestors entered the intersection at noon, a van forced its way through a gap in the pylons. Ontario Provincial Police stopped traffic further away from the intersections before the protestors walked onto the road for future hours.

A transport truck driver caught in the blockade complained that fossil fuels are what power the developed world and that the protestors' clothes and cars would not be possible without the use of these energy sources.

Mr. Kaboni later responded to that by saying the use of fossil fuels is a modern reality that does not have to be the only way of running the world.

"Technology, gas, we didn't have that back in the day. Yeah, us Native people, we use cars, we use gas, we didn't all walk here," said Mr. Kaboni.

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Manitoulin Secondary School celebrates 50 years

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) is celebrating a golden milestone this year. Past and present students and staff and community members will gather on August 28 and 29 to take a walk down memory lane and catch a glimpse into the future.

"The school will look a lot different than alumni may remember," says Principal Jamie Mohamed. "It is being completely reimagined, from the entrance, to the halls, library, classrooms, cafeteria and gymnasium. With the end in sight, we look forward to sharing the dramatic transformation during our 50th anniversary celebration."

Nestled on the shore of West Bay, in the heart of the North Channel, MSS has the distinction of being the only provincially funded public secondary school on Manitoulin Island. Over the years, it has become the academic, athletic and artistic hub for secondary school students from Meldrum Bay to South Baymouth to Little Current. The school currently has 420 students in Grades 9 to 12.

Since its inception in 1969, MSS has remained true to its motto – "Nulli Secundus" or second to none – as well as its traditional gold and black team jerseys.

"We're living up to our school colours as we celebrate our pride for our school and its rich history," says Principal Mohamed.



This is the commemorative logo that was prepared for Manitoulin Secondary School's 50th anniversary celebration.

"Gold not only honours the passage of time, more importantly, it is a mark of excellence that continues to define the Mustangs to

this day."

The 50th anniversary weekend will not only be a time to rejoice in the promise of a bright future, it will also be a time to reflect on the past as alumni reconnect with classmates and community, renewing friendships in the process. A sunset cruise, vintage car show, golf social, volleyball game and live music are just some of the festivities being planned.

To learn more, visit <https://www.facebook.com/ManitoulinSSAlumni> where you can explore articles from the archives, including a history of the school crest which, in anticipation of the celebration, is featured on a 50th anniversary logo over a sea of glimmering gold.

Tehkummah taxes up 3.75 percent

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—Tehkummah council has approved a 0.11 percent mill rate increase on residential properties for 2020 which, when added to an increase in the assessed property values of the township, means the average tax bill in the municipality will be roughly 3.75 percent more expensive than last year.

At the March 3 council meeting when the final budget was passed, Councillor Michael McKenzie said he was concerned that there was a property in the township assessed at \$4,600, as well as a commercial property assessed at \$34,800 as indicated on the tax rate breakdown document, saying that no properties should be priced that low.

Deputy treasurer and tax collector Barb Deforge said those numbers came from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Councillors were pleased with clerk-administrator Silvio Berti's work to get the mill rate increase down compared to the first draft of the budget, which he accomplished through finding cost savings and optimizing revenue streams.

ETFO and province resume negotiations

OSSTF pauses withdrawals through March

by Warren Schlote

ONTARIO—Signs of progress have emerged in the negotiations stalemate between the Ontario government and the four public teachers' unions, with the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) putting a hold on its job action in anticipation of central negotiations today, Wednesday, March 11, while the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) has also announced the suspension of its own withdrawals of service until March 27.

ETFO had a media conference scheduled for Monday at which it was expected to announce its next round of rotating strike action, set to begin on March 23. Just before the start of that conference, the mediator contacted the union to call for a resumption of negotiations on the coming Wednesday.

"The minister now has an opportunity to avoid further disruption by reaching a fair deal with ETFO prior to March 23. If these talks are unsuccessful, ETFO will resume rotating strike action on the Monday following March break," said ETFO first vice president Karen Campbell.

The province announced some softening on its positions last week, though these are mainly aimed at the secondary school level. On Tuesday, March 3, Ontario released a statement outlining its plans to move class size average maximums in secondary schools to 23, up from the current 22 but not as high as the originally proposed 28.

It also stated it would replace the Local Priorities Fund with a new Supports for Students Fund,

maintained at the current level of the Local Priorities Fund (\$148 million), allowing school boards to use the cash to address individual learning needs such as special education, mental health and STEM education.

The province committed to maintaining the full-day Kindergarten model and offering "reasonable increases in wages and compensation," which likely refers to the one percent pay increase it has held to despite the unions calling for a two percent hike.

Ontario also said it would be implementing policies to allow parents to opt-out their children from mandatory online courses. This is notable for rural places such as Manitoulin Island which has poorer internet infrastructure, which could form a significant barrier to the effective implementation of these programs. The province will still be moving forward on building its online education service.

"If the unions reject this most recent student-centric offer, parents should rightly be asking what exactly are the priorities of the unions," said Education Minister Stephen Lecce in a statement.

As of this past Monday, March 9, OSSTF announced it would be expanding its limited withdrawal of administrative services in schools and worksites, which has been in effect since November 26.

OSSTF president Harvey Bischof dismissed Mr. Lecce's proposal of 23-student classes as "vague" and not helping what he called the problem of overcrowded classrooms and disappearing

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RDSB congratulates all the winners of Technological Skills Competition

SUDBURY—Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) held its 15th annual Technological Skills Competition at Cambrian College on February 26. Some 135 secondary school students tested their skills in 2D character animation, architectural technology design (CAD), auto-service technology, cabinet-making, carpentry team of two, coding, electrical installations, homebuilding team of four, mechanical CAD, photography, prepared speech, outdoor powered equipment, TV and video production and welding. Students were vying for the opportunity to compete at the Skills Ontario Competition in Toronto this May.

"Once again, our Technological Skills Competition was a success," said Dana Kinsella, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship program co-ordinator with RDSB. "The events provided students with the opportunity to explore viable career options in various trades."

"On behalf of RDSB, I would like to congratulate all students who participated in this year's competition," said Board Chair Doreen Dewar. "We wish all students competing at the provincial level continued success."

Rainbow District School Board salutes the many staff members who worked diligently to make this event possible. The Board also acknowledges the generosity of community partners who contribute financially for the local competitions, including new tools, materials and transportation for students to compete at the Skills Ontario Competition. Rainbow District School Board thanks

Vale for generously donating \$2,500 to support the Technology Skills Competition.

Manitoulin Secondary School winners in the competition are: auto-service technology, first place, Karlee Lentir, and second place, also of MSS, Chris Gillespie; and electrical installations, Taylor Smith.

Congratulations, Mustangs!



MSS student Karlee Lentir took first place in the auto service technology division of the RDSB Technological Skills Competition.

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opinion

editorial

Keep calm and please, please, please wash your hands

If there ever was a case of tremendously bad timing, the Ford government's decision to cut paid sick days in the province would be it. It would seem Doug Ford cannot catch a break from the universe considering current global concerns over the spread of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus.

One of the best defences against pandemic is isolation of the infected; in other words, if you are sick—stay home. The world will likely go on just fine without someone in the office coming in to share their virus largesse. But since one of the nasty aspects of this particular coronavirus is that it happily scatters its spores among us long before cough and fever trumpet its arrival in our system, that is somewhat moot.

One might be forgiven for having a strong sense of déjà vu when listening to health officials' near universal advice on how to protect against COVID-19. It should seem familiar, since it is the same sound advice given out on the advent of the arrival of every single influenza strain since we stopped blaming the influence of evil spirits or bad humours for the illnesses that plague mankind.

Keep calm and wash your hands, it's a meme currently making the social media rounds, but in a marked departure from the usual credibility of random things foisted upon us by the interweb this one is decidedly backed up by sound health science. It isn't a perfect panacea, but by all accounts it comes fairly close.

When trying to come to grips with the current hysteria surrounding the spread of this particular coronavirus ("novel" because it is a strain for which humans currently have no built up immunity) a bit of historical retrospection might be in order.

The Spanish Flu, making the rounds back when much of the human race seemed hell-bent on self-annihilation during the madness of the

First World War, infected some 500 million people worldwide, killing an estimated 20 million to 50 million victims—to put that in perspective, that sweep of the grim reaper's scythe took out more people than the first modern war managed even if you combined all of the soldiers and civilians killed during World War I.

So far, cases of COVID-19 across the globe have topped more than 109,000. Italy seems to be the most hard-hit in the West, but that number is likely to be the proverbial tip of the iceberg due to the poor reporting regimes and a lack of testing resources available in some jurisdictions. Even the massive techno giant to the south does not have the resources to adequately measure the extent of the outbreak within its borders.

Fallout from concerns about the potential pandemic has already devastated the tourism industry across the globe, bad news indeed for the Island's tourism-based businesses, but hopefully rural and remote regions will become more attractive thanks to the dangers now presented by more exotic locales.

There are two interesting dynamics that may come out of this current global crisis. One is that we may lose the complacency toward devastating infections that much of humanity has built up since the advent of antibiotics and thereby become more vigilant in our approach to our community health. But should the resources being arrayed against the crisis be averted and humanity be spared the worst impacts of a global pandemic, the social media pundits and conspiracy theorists will be quick to say it was all a government plot.

But to be on the safe side, let's all stick to the tried and true by keeping calm, washing our hands, coughing into our elbows and staying home when we are exhibiting the symptoms.

Be aware and don't share.

letters

Opinion pieces distress Little Current reader

I have rarely read such biased and prejudicial statements in the Expositor weekly paper

To the Expositor:

I was very surprised, and more than a little disappointed at the unsigned editorial 'Social media holds a mirror up to our nation's soul' and the letter 'People's, place and process and the madness of colonialism' written by Tim Vine. I will be the first to admit that everyone should be entitled to express their opinion, even if it "dares to offend," and these two pieces of journalism certainly do that.

I have rarely read such biased and prejudicial statements in the Expositor weekly paper. At least Tim Vine had the honesty and courage to sign his name. What the writer of the editorial, whomever that is, hoped to accomplish, other than make a lot of people more upset with the "unlawful actions off those protesting," I cannot imagine. This kind of "responsible journalism" accomplishes nothing.

Robert Paxton
Little Current

Opinion pieces delight Gore Bay reader

Let us hope and pray our leaders will make us proud to be Canadians

To the Expositor:

Thanks for an editorial and an accompanying letter from correspondent Tim Vine (March 4 edition) which both address directly the convoluted mess we face with respect to the results of patriarchy and colonialism here in Canada. The protests and disruptions we are now facing across the country should come as no surprise and our challenge now is to face up to our history and work co-operatively to face up to long-standing injustices and grievances which, for the sake of both First Nations and everyone else, must now be resolved. The path ahead is certain to be both long and difficult and will demand honesty, open minds and compromise if we are to move forward to viable and just solutions.

Meantime, we must be aware of the insidious effects of social media

platforms which allow closed minds to spew hatred, distortion and twisted conspiracy theories whilst hiding, like the cowards they are, behind the anonymity of the internet. We need to ask these folks to face the facts; for example, how they would have responded had their children been taken forcibly from them and adopted elsewhere, never to be seen again!

Let us hope and pray that our leaders will face up to the challenges directly and, together with the majority of fair-minded citizens make us proud to be Canadians. Once again, to repeat the obvious, the path ahead will be both long and, no doubt, torturous but – we can do it!

Sincerely,

Eric Balkind
Gore Bay

A challenge to a letter writer's climate change premise

The cost to individuals and families in Alberta is gut-wrenching

To the Expositor:

I write in response to a letter by Jan McQuay in the February 19, 2020 edition of this paper, 'Does the Liberal government want to appease Albertans at any cost?'

The letter expressed concern about the Teck oil sands project which has since been cancelled. My purpose in drawing attention to the article is twofold. First, the contention that climate related catastrophic damage is mounting and this because of an increase in the release of greenhouse gases. Both premises are false. First a simplified example to illustrate the point. Four hundred years ago there were no houses of any kind build on the flood plains of the Red River. Today there are and occasionally they are subject to flood damage. Zero loss then and significant loss now. By the McQuay logic, this is proof of greenhouse gases influencing the climate.

We have been through the history of extreme weather events and Jan McQuay and others have been unable to point to any evidence supporting increases in any extreme weather event. If they did it would be in direct opposition to results published by the IPCC.

Regarding the increase in damages due to extreme weather events. It

is a fundamental error to look at damages over time without factoring for increases in wealth as the above example illustrates. For this reason, responsible economists use losses as a percent of GNP to measure this factor. Roger A. Pielke, Jr. is a professor at the University of Colorado Boulder and has researched this issue in some detail. Here are a few facts from a 2018 paper by Pielke. Global weather losses as a percent of GNP have actually declined from an average of ~ 0.27 percent of GNP in 1990 to 0.19 percent by 2018. Overall losses as a percent of GNP have declined from ~ 0.31 percent to 0.25 percent for the same period.

The second issue I would like to take up is the cost to individuals and their families as a result of the fear mongering and the spread of misinformation by the chattering class.

There are over four million people living in the province of Alberta. Unemployment, at the moment, is north of nine percent. One in five people under 20 are unemployed. Suicide rates are up 30 percent. It's gut-wrenching!

Shane Desjardins
Mindemoya

The sad state of television lamented

The best button on the remote is mute

To the Expositor:

I am writing about our lousy television services. All reality shows are total garbage and they keep coming. How much more stupidity can they come up with? Now I see another piece of garbage on called Fridge Wars. Then we have dear old CTV with their idiot sayings (get into it). Well, CTV how about getting in decent programming? And now we get five minutes of crap shows and then surprise we get commercials over

and over 20 times a day. The new comedies are about as funny as having a severe case of diarrhea. The best button on my remote is the mute button. Thank the Lord for that. Reality television has totally ruined television and we pay \$102 a month to these idiots. Good Lord, give me the old shows that were worth paying for.

Jack Witty, a proud Islander
Bar River, Ontario

Jesuit lichen expert discusses Catholic ecological thought

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—Father John McCarthy, SJ. quietly bustles about in front of a computer projector as he readies a presentation at Wiikwemkoong's Holy Cross Catholic Church. Soft and engaging of demeanor, Fr. McCarthy has come to help bridge the gulf between Christianity and science when it comes to the environment and the language of ecology.

Like most things Christian, that bridge basically boils down to one very potent word: love.

When it comes to all things science, Fr. McCarthy has some serious chops—small surprise since he is a member of a religious order noted for its pursuit of knowledge both within the theological realm and the mundane. The Jesuit Order has founded numerous universities and colleges across the globe since the founding of their order—if a school has Loyola in its name, chances are better than even that the Jesuits have had a hand in it.

For his part, Fr. McCarthy is one of the world's leading authorities on lichen and even has a rare lichen named after him, *acarospora maccarthyi*, which he discovered in the north of his native Newfoundland and Labrador. He holds a bachelor's degree in forest tree biology from the University of New Brunswick, a master's degree in soil science from the University of Florida and a Ph.D. in boreal forest ecology from the University of British Columbia (UBC).

In 2002, Fr. McCarthy was the recipient of the Canadian Environment Awards' Gold Medal in the Lands and Forests category for his work in boreal forest conservation in Newfoundland.

As a theologian Fr. McCarthy also demonstrates some major credentials,



Rosemary Pitawanakwat presents Father John McCarthy, SJ. with two jars of maple syrup.

photo by Michael Erskine

including being the author of the provocatively titled 'Do Monkeys go to Heaven? Finding God in all Creation' and stints as chaplain and faculty member at St. Mark's College and is currently the socius (assistant) to the provincial of the Jesuits in English Canada and responsible for the training of young Jesuits.

"All creation is of God and has its own integrity and intrinsic value," he notes, adding, "Science is essential but never sufficient to address ecological issues in the long run."

Fr. McCarthy makes a strong argument that the language of science is not only inadequate to encompass our relationship with the environment, but as demonstrated by the current debate over climate change and the environment, counterproductive.

He points out that, as humans and emotional beings, we have difficulty "loving" the cold and calculated terminology to be

found in the scientific lexicon.

Fr. McCarthy deftly illustrated his point using a recent promotional video from the tourism council of Newfoundland titled 'Ancient Land.' The video focused on the vistas and imagery of Labrador's Torngat Mountains. "Everything has a spirit—you may find your own" is a tagline that led into the evening's topic of discussion, Pope Francis' environmental encyclical: 'Integral Ecology.' Pope Francis is on record as considering adding ecological sin to the catechism of the Catholic Church.

"Nature is not a backdrop to what we do, but integral to everything we do," noted Fr. McCarthy.

For much of modern history, humanity has largely only valued the environment for what we could get out of it—essentially placing value only on the economic side of the ledger. "If we can't make money on it, we don't value it," he said. "There is little discussion on what we could lose."

Fr. McCarthy noted that "we only protect that which we love," and suggested that a change in the language we use in conversation about the environment from that of science to the more evocative and emotion-based language of religion could prove a game-changer in our approach to Mother Earth.

"Pope Francis is asking for a whole different language," he said.

Fr. McCarthy noted that language and perception are relative and things can be explained in many ways.

"Why is there a fire in your backyard?" a neighbour might ask," he said. "There are many answers to that question depending on how you approach the question." He pointed to the scientific underpinnings of how a fire comes into being, the quip "because I put a match to it" and the expla-

nation that "my family and I are having a birthday party for my one-year-old."

"All are true," he said, "but we focus on the science when it comes to the environment."

Fr. McCarthy referenced a painting by M'Chigeeng artist Blake Debassige 'Tree of Life' that currently hangs in the Jesuit retreat at Anderson Lake. "All of creation are in it together," he noted. He pointed out that there is only a 1.2 percent difference in the genome of a chimpanzee and a human.

What is required in the discussion of the environment is a language of depth, a language that goes deeper and one that reflects how we actually relate to the rest of the world. That language, he posits, might be that of religion.

"Religion is a language that has the power to go deep," he said. "Science as a language can't really go deep. Political language simply doesn't go deep enough."

The key to engaging humanity in defence of the environment lies in the fundamental tenet of Christianity, noted Fr. McCarthy, that being "love." By engaging with the environment on an emotional level, rather than an economic and consumer-oriented level, we will be inspired to greater lengths in order to protect and preserve the ecology we all have in common.

Fr. McCarthy was invited to speak at Holy Cross by Rosemary Pitawanakwat and the group Christian Life Community—Walk in the Light. "We started the group three years ago," noted Ms. Pitawanakwat. "We are learning about what St. Ignatius taught."

The posters for the talk were designed by a youth in the community, Marcy Manitowabi, who Ms. Pitawanakwat recognized and thanked at the conclusion of the talk.

Mnaamodzawin responsible gambling conference encourages restraint

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—The temptations and connections to gambling are ever-present in modern society, from casinos and horse races to stock market investments or even the community bingo hall and while these activities can turn into addictions, speakers at Let's Deal With It, Mnaamodzawin Health Services' first-ever responsible gambling event, told the participants how they can be part of a healthy lifestyle if used in moderation.

"It's in our (Anishinaabe) culture, but people don't always have restraint," said Mnaamodzawin Health Services allied health manager Rebecca Milne, who organized the event.

The first speaker of the morning was Aaron Tyance, the aboriginal responsible gambling awareness co-ordinator at Ontario Native Women's Association in Thunder Bay. His home community is Gull Bay First Nation, a small community roughly two-and-a-half hours north of Thunder Bay by road.

"It's been proven that Anishinaabe people are two or three times more likely than other people to have a gambling problem," said Mr. Tyance.

Paradoxically, he said, gambling has been part of Anishinabek culture for years and has become a kind of ceremony or community celebration. Mr. Tyance is beginning his journey to become a healer and said the best way to deal with gambling is to treat it as a ceremony that deserves respect.

"We don't discourage it because it's a very social aspect for our people," said Mr. Tyance. "But gambling can get out of hand. You need to know your limits when you gamble."

Mr. Tyance said addictive behaviours arise in the process of trying to fill an unmet need or a void in one's life, something that has been prevalent in First Nations due to the effects of colonialism such as removing power from Indigenous matriarchs who previously offered a considerable amount of guidance and wisdom.

"The hardest part for people is living with the stigma of addiction, especially gambling addiction. They can feel

like dirt. When we get over that hump it'll be a lot easier to go forward," he said.

Problem gambling can ruin lives, such as a story he shared of a woman who was given \$20,000 from family members to do their Christmas shopping in Thunder Bay but ended up losing it all at the casino.

"The real trap is called 'chasing the dollar,' which is trying to win back what you've lost. That's what happened to her," he said.

Mr. Tyance passed out pieces of elk leather, sage, sweetgrass, tobacco and cedar for everyone to make small medicine pouch bundles that they could carry on their person and use for smudging.

"Bundles are very important to us because it's almost like a cell phone—it holds all of our information and all our gifts that we carry, and we're able to use it to call upon our Creator to help us during tough times," he said.

Representatives from Wiikwemkoong's Ngwaagan Gamig (Rainbow Lodge) Recovery Centre spoke about what their centre offers, which also align with Mr. Tyance's doctrine of harm reduction rather than abstinence.

Twice annually, Ngwaagan Gamig offers gambling education sessions with cultural teachings. Once annually it runs a residential treatment program during five days of March Break to increase participants' resiliency and strength for the future.

For the first time this year, Ngwaagan Gamig will partner with a credit consultation agency to offer assistance to problem gamblers who need financial guidance as part of their recovery.

The next speaker was Mark Forsythe of the clinical outpatient addictions and gambling service at Sudbury Mental Health and Addictions Centre. His presentation centred on things to be aware of when thinking of problem gambling.

"A lot of people get into situations where (gambling) can have a huge, drastic effect on their lives but they don't realize it at the time," he said.

A focus of his presentation was gambling in local com-

munities, such as bingo halls. A lot of individuals who attend these games regularly are going because they don't have enough money to get them through the week and they are hoping to win enough money to survive.

"Gambling is one of the more subtle addictions as far as outward appearance," said Mr. Forsythe. "There's a lot of stigma and people are suffering from gambling because they don't want to be lumped in with other addictions."

The final presenter of the day was Sheila Wahsquaonaikezhik, director of Indige-Spheres to Empowerment, also based in Thunder Bay. Through her 120-slide presentation she shared a story about gambling within Northern communities and the statistics associated with them.

"There's a co-morbidity between gambling and anxiety and depression," said Ms. Wahsquaonaikezhik, noting that "100 percent of the youth we're involved with have gambled."

Her organization was founded in 2016 and it devotes itself to empowerment and creating resilient youth through cultural teachings in an effort to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous peoples in Canada and the world.

"The tools we use address deeper issues like sexual abuse, violence and having to fly to cities to attend high schools," said Ms. Wahsquaonaikezhik. "We're very much positivity based; we have youth identify their gifts and teach them to use those to find resiliency."

The activities for these goals include theatre, songwriting and Afro-flow yoga, with instructors for the various programs coming from as far as New York and Boston.

Ms. Milne said she was happy that the event ran smoothly, but said she hoped the next round would bring out even more people to learn about this hidden problem and ways to address it.

"Keep an eye out for (Mnaamodzawin), because we advertise for all sorts of events," she said. "All our events are open to everyone, not just the First Nations we serve."

This event was made possible through a grant from the Anishinabek Nation.

another letter

Congratulations to the Manitoulin Amateur Radio Club

Thanks for providing a secure emergency communications backup system for Island communities

To the Expositor:

I would like to congratulate the Manitoulin Amateur Radio Club on taking the initiative to upgrade their equipment to provide the many communities on the Island with a back-up communications system.

Last fall, the president of the club, Al Boyd, solicited the many townships requesting they assist with the cost to upgrade the emergency communications coverage Island-

wide. My wife Sadie and I have been summer residents on Manitoulin for over 30 years and I have had the privilege of talking to many of the 'Hams' over this time and we certainly are aware of the work that they do for the residents. I know the old system drastically needs replacing as it is breaking down and the aerial was oriented in such a way as it only favoured Little Current and the highway to the north, with only marginal coverage to the west and south.

Hopefully, the new system will address these issues with the aerial orientation and the poor coverage for the Island and provide those municipalities the coverage needed for emergency back-up communications from South Baymouth to Meldrum Bay and hopefully Cockburn Island as well.

Paul and Sadie St. Onge
Milton, Ontario

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Paws for Thought* is penned by Dr. Janice Mitchell, a veterinarian with Island Animal Hospital and Little Current Veterinary Services.



PAWS FOR THOUGHT

Paws for Thought on corona: A 101 lesson in virology

by Dr. Janice Mitchell

With all the front pages of print and digital being of COVID-19, I am reminded of one lecture in vet school about viruses. It had to do with virulence, or the severity of harm caused by a virus on its host. The example had to do with a virus called myxoma, and its intended host the wild European rabbit introduced in Australia. Rabbits were an introduced species in Australia in the mid-1800s and they rapidly reproduced to astronomical numbers, causing ecological damage. In an attempt to curb their growth, the myxoma virus was introduced in the 1950s and initially, as it was a new disease to these Aussie bunnies, it was very successful in knocking down the rabbit population. However, as time went on, the virus became less virulent. In other words, less mortality occurred. The reasons for this are multi-fold. Some bunnies' immune systems rallied as they produced antibodies to this virus, and the myxoma strain altered as it would not be able to continue to divide and conquer if it killed its host. The myxoma virus had thereby caused a massive epidemic among these rabbits that had no previous exposure to it. Both populations experienced genetic changes in their populations while adapting to each other: rabbits that survived had increased resistance and surviving virus strains had decreased virulence.

So, what does this lesson have to do with our current corona outbreak? First, a quick lecture on this virus. Coronaviruses occur in virtually every species of animal, including humans, and are commonly associated with unapparent or transient intestinal and respiratory infections. They tend to be very species specific and cross-species transmission is uncommon. But occasionally a coronavirus mutates and can pass from animals to humans and then from human to human, as was the case with the SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) epidemic in the early 2000s. The more recently humanized strains of coronavirus, MERS, SARS and Wuhan (COVID-19) have jumped over from the coronaviruses of bats, possibly by intermediate infection of other animals such as camels and civet cats. Investigators found traces of the virus in 22 stalls and a garbage truck at the Huanan Seafood Market in Wuhan, which also sold live animals. The market was shut down in early January as it was connected to many of the early cases. Interestingly, MERS and SARS coronaviruses did not quite make the jump from bats to humans and died out. However, the Wuhan coronavirus appears to have successfully adapted to humans (i.e. it has become humanized) and is therefore looming as an even more severe disease problem than MERS and SARS.

So, considering our initial lesson in the myxoma virus, this current COVID-19 virus is new for humans, and of course, our immune systems are therefore adjusting to it, and for those already infected, antibodies will be produced. The virus is also going to have to adjust and become less virulent. In fact, the current stats on this virus from the World Health Organization is that 81 percent develop mild symptoms; 14 percent develop severe

symptoms; and five percent become critically ill. The proportion dying from the disease appears low (between one and two percent).

How can you protect yourself? Wash your hands—soap or hand gel can kill the virus. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, ideally with a tissue, and wash your hands afterwards to prevent the virus spreading. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. If your hands touch a surface contaminated by the virus, this could transfer it into your body. This virus is spread in large droplets by coughing and sneezing. All the surfaces where these droplets land are infectious for about a week on average. And of course, the best ways to boost our immune systems are to eat healthy, reduce stress and be rested. And by the way, you cannot give or receive coronavirus from your pet.

Meanwhile, you might be wondering: Why aren't the bats themselves affected by the viruses? It turns out that the answer to that question has to do with the bat's status as the world's only flying mammal. During flight, a bat's body temperature spikes to over 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Its heart rate can surge to more than 1,000 beats per minute. Bats have developed special immune systems to deal with the stress of flying. They roost in huge, crowded colonies together. Members of different bat species share caves and hollowed out trees in groups up to the millions, where viruses can pass easily between them through close contact with each other. Their bodies make molecules that other mammals don't have, which help repair cell damage. And their systems don't overreact to infections, which keeps them from falling ill from the many viruses they carry. They have co-evolved with these viruses to the point where they do not cause harm. Though bats may be the source of viruses that affect humans, they could also be the source of potential therapies if we study their immune systems.

Until next time, here's wishing you good health—take your vitamin C and get your zzzzz's so that you don't get diseased.

Sagamok First Nation withdraws from the Anishinabek Nation

by Michael Erskine

SAGAMOK—Sagamok First Nation has made good on a decision to withdraw their membership from the Anishinabek Nation first announced last year. In a notice to community members chief and council said there were two reasons they made the decision to withdraw.

The first reason cited is that Sagamok has its own political authority to deal with the Crown through the Huron-Superior Treaty of 1850 and the band leadership say they "don't need a middle man to handle their affairs."

The notice to band members goes on to point out that the original function of the Anishinabek Nation (originally known as the Union of Ontario Indians) was as a means to further political advocacy. Chief and council now suggest that the organization has morphed into just another layer of bureaucracy that "siphons off funding for First Nations."

The withdrawal comes as the First Nations that comprise the Anishinabek Nation are in the midst of a ratification vote on the First Nations Land Management Act, cited by its proponents as the first step in moving First Nation communities out from under the patriarchal auspices of the Indian Act and a full assertion of sovereignty rights.

Sagamok council asserts that there is no need to follow the FNLMA course because self-governance is enshrined in the Huron-Superior Treaty.

"It is their choice," said a philosophical Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare. "It surprised me too," he continued. "We had received a letter from them just before Christmas. They basically said that they just want to go in another direction."

Grand Council Chief Hare said he held no rancour towards the band and its leadership in regards to the announcement.

"I wish them well," he said. "We are still friends and if they need help, I hope they know that we will still be there for them and will do whatever we can for them."

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Law & Order

Manitoulin OPP responds to domestic dispute

On March 5 at approximately 8:37 am, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a domestic dispute in Sandfield Township.

As a result of the investigation, a 28-year-old from Cambridge has been charged with uttering threats - damage to property and criminal harassment - repeatedly communicate.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay.



This vacant Sheguiandah First Nation home was the scene of a fire on February 28 that was later pronounced as arson.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Sheguiandah First Nation man charged with arson in February 28 fire

In the early hours of the February 28, the Northeast Town Fire Department responded to a house fire in Sheguiandah First Nation. Deemed suspicious by the fire chief, it was called in to the UCCM Anishnaabe Police who attended the scene.

There was extensive smoke damage to the building, which was vacant at the time.

Following a short investigation, a male subject was arrested for arson and has been released on an undertaking to appear on April 29.

At this point, this fire is being viewed as an isolated incident and UCCM Police are not pursuing any other connections.

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Local curling club represents!

This past Saturday, two teams from the Providence Bay Junior Curling program participated in an U15 Bonspiel at the Idylwyld Curling Club in Sudbury. The team of **Parker Johnston, Sarah Joyce, John McLean and Cordelia McLean** (ages 6-8) took part in the "Little Rocks" division of the event. They played two three-end, half-sheet games. They won one and lost one. The team of **Spencer Johnston, Eric Wahl, David Joyce and Liam McLean** (ages 9-10) participated in the one-day, full-sheet division of the event. They played four four-end games and ended up with a record of 1-1-2. This was the first bonspiel for many of these curlers and they displayed true sportsmanship and were wonderful representatives of their club. Congratulations as well to all of the tireless work that coach **Angela Johnston**.

MMHA Playoffs

The Manitoulin Minor Hockey playoffs are mostly finished but here is one early update on a few battles. In novice, the Little Current Flyers hosted a wonderful MMHA playoff tournament event. Taking home the A championship were the M'Chigeeng Thunderbirds with father/son coaching combo **Jim and James Panamick** at the helm. The coaches said the tournament result was a true team effort. They fully believe player development at the novice age requires the whole team embracing small area play and individual skill development. The host, Little Current Flyers, kept the B championship the title at home after a series of competitive games over the weekend. In early bantam playoff news, both semi-final series went the five-game distance. Little Current and Mindemoya were set to go to battle to decide who is the best of the MMHAA. A lot of credit should be given to the MMHA and the Island associations for their hard work in making hockey happen for the kids on Manitoulin.

Island Lady Wolf impressive

After finishing three points out of the playoffs in their hyper competitive LLFHL (Lower Lakes Female Hockey League) Bantam AA Central division, Mindemoya's **Delaney Bridgeman** and her Sudbury Lady Wolves AA Tier 1 teammates faced the North Bay Ice Boltz for the right to represent Northern Ontario in the provincial playdowns. In game one of a 'three game, first to four points' playdown format, the SLW girls found themselves leading 2-1 well into the third period when an undisciplined head contact penalty behind the play left them short-handed for four minutes. North Bay evened the game just eight seconds into the first two minutes. The Sudbury side managed to kill the subsequent two minutes and the game wound down to a 2-2 tie.

In game two, the SLW side again jumped to a 1-0 lead, only to have NB fight back to tie it as a coaching mix-up left the girls with only four skaters on the ice in an even strength situation. In the 3rd, NB capitalized on Sudbury's undisciplined play and went ahead by one with a power play marker. Inside five minutes the girls had to kill yet another penalty, and as time wound down the Sudbury girls were applying pressure and pulled their goalie for the extra attacker. A deft pass found one of SLW's better shooters right in the slot when a mystery whistle halted play. Sudbury was deemed to have sent the extra attacker on before the referee felt the goalie was within a reasonable distance from the bench, the scoring chance was negated and the faceoff moved to centre. Regaining control and removing the goalie, legally this time, ate up the remaining time and the SLW side was fell 2-1.

AAA update

Greyson Brewer-Case and Kohyn Eshkawkogan's Minor Peeewe AAA Nickel City Sons began the first round of playoffs against the North Bay Trappers this past weekend. After a 4-1 win in game 1, they took a 2-0 series lead with a 5-2 win.

Rogers Hometown Hockey

Although adopted to Manitoulin, **Reggie Leach** made the trek back home to Manitoba to help showcase the Peguis First Nation on Roger's Hometown Hockey recently. Reggie and his son **Jamie** are the only Indigenous father/son duo to both win the Stanley Cup. Reggie still holds a NHL record of 19 goals in the playoffs and is one of only five individuals to win the Conn Smythe (the NHL's MVP of the Stanley Cup playoffs) trophy on a losing team. Of the five winners, he is the only non-goaltender!

Over the years, Reggie and Jamie have held Shoot to Score hockey camps and an NHL alumni game Manitoulin. Their commitment to helping grow the game is to be applauded.

Reggie states he is very proud of his NHL career but states he is even more proud of the work he does today with Indigenous communities and their young hockey players.

Belated NOSSA note!

Congratulations to the Manitoulin Secondary Mustangs' junior girls who finished third at NOSSA. Co-coach **Neil Debassige** describes their push to be the best volleyball team of Northern Ontario. "They fought hard in their first match losing a close one 2-1 to Franco-Cite (Nipissing). Being a little deflated after that tough loss they battled a strong College Norte-Dame from Sudbury but lost two straight. However, even though they lost their first set of the final match against Notre-Dame-du-Sault and were down seven points in the second set they composed themselves and got to work to dig themselves out of a hole to win the next two sets finishing 3rd overall at NOSSA. They had a great year and are looking forward to preparing in the off season.

The team featured: **Chloe Peltier, Whittier Gauthier, Autumn Deschenes, Sophie Hietkamp, Darci Debassige, Madison Skippen, Jordan Bailey, Aysia Francis-Debassige, Noel Noakwegijig, Mikayla Cafferty, Katie Chapman, Sabrina Shames, Nicole Cress, Jasmin Colwell** and coaches **Neil Debassige and Steve Doane**.

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Peeewe B Panthers take Iroquois Falls Tournament of Champions

by Alicia McCutcheon
IROQUOIS FALLS—The Manitoulin Panthers peeewe B rep team is hot off a Tournament of Champions win. The team had three wins and one tie going into championship play Sunday, clinching the trophy in a win over Cochrane.

There were five teams in the Northern Ontario Hockey Association tournament from around the North: Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, West Nipissing, North Bay and, of course, Manitoulin, coach **Scot Hughson** told The Expositor.

"It was round-robin play and we had three wins and one tie going into Sunday," Mr. Hughson said. "We played Iroquois Falls again Sunday morning, beating them 4-2. We then played Cochrane in the championship game with a 3-0 win."

The Panthers had an impressive 29 goals and nine against in the tournament.

"The kids were amazing," Coach Hughson said. "This (tournament) is a stepping stone for the end of the month and our playoff tournament. Thanks to Iroquois Falls minor hockey for hosting an awesome tourna-

ment. We all enjoyed ourselves tremendously, and the NOHA for all their efforts."

Mr. Hughson also praised the family and friends who cheered them on from afar. "These (messages) were very special to us all."

"Our season overall is going fantastic," the coach added, noting their final regular season game is this week.

The end-of-month tournament



The Manitoulin Panthers peeewe B rep team won a Tournament of Champions in Iroquois Falls this past weekend. They are, back row, from left, coaching staff **Jason Hughson, Clayton Best, Scot Hughson, Travis Orford, Daylin Orford**, third row, **Keannu Bisschops, Zach Seguin, Ryland Priddle, Jack Carter, Liam Lariviere, Kyle Nodecker, William McComb, Mya Balfe, Zee Toulouse**, second row, **Gage Hughson, Caleb Lockeyer, Noah Grenier, Corbin Best, Greyson Orford, Rylan Carrick**, and front row, **Kalli Jones and Izzy Hughson**.

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Manitoulin Secondary School hockey seasons draw to a close

by Warren Schlote
M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs hockey teams have ended their seasons early, earning different levels of success in the rankings but each gaining a sense of accomplishment and a drive to perform even stronger next year.
 “We made it into the first round of the playoffs and we didn’t fare well, but we came out with one win out of the best of three. We forced the third game which was, I think, good on their part,” said Mustangs boys’ team coach Craig Abotossaway.
 From the outset, Mr. Abotossaway described this season as being focused on

rebuilding, owing to the fairly young team. They ended up fourth in the B division and had to face down the first-place contenders, St. Benedict, in the first round of the playoffs. They fell 7-1 in the first game but answered back with a 5-4 victory in game two, with Trent Bell earning a hat trick and Lukas Abotossaway tipping the game-winning goal with 8:54 remaining in overtime to force game three.
 Unfortunately, the momentum did not continue as strongly in the third game when St. Ben’s secured an 8-2 victory over the Mustangs. Their numbers were down into those games, with a handful of

players off due to suspensions and injuries. MSS ended up in fourth at the end of the competition.
 Mr. Abotossaway said the biggest challenge for the team was adjusting to a field of players that are much older than themselves. Many are used to house league teams where all the players are within two years of one another, but there is a five-year age span from Grade 9 to Victory Lap (Grade 12 + 1) which can be intimidating.
 “They were competitive and played past their fears,” he said. “They became seasoned players; they played with some grit and some heart.”
 The boys also learned to overcome adversity in the earlier portion of the season when a weeks-long string of losses could have disheartened a team with weaker resolve.
 “I think there were a lot of good learning moments to grow as players, both mentally and physically on the ice, and I think they’ve done that,” said Mr. Abotossaway. “We’re hoping for bigger and better things next year.”
 Since the team is so young, only a few will be

aging out this year and some have already expressed their excitement at the coming season. MSS has a history of Victory Lap players on its teams, but there were none for this year.
 On the girls’ side, coach Mike Meeker said he was very pleased with the girls and their performances all season long.
 “It was a really weird year,” he told this reporter. “I was so happy and proud of how they played. But we got put into Division 1 and in the end we didn’t make the playoffs. It was really frustrating to go out with a whimper after the year we had.”
 The girls finished in sixth place out of all the Division 1 teams, one place shy of the playoffs cut-off. However, with the stacked teams making up the rest of Division 1, Mr. Meeker said playing the first-place Lo Ellen would have been a difficult task.
 In fact, based on the points situation, the team knew it wouldn’t be making the playoffs before their last game of the season.
 “It was very typical. We went into the game, even

though it didn’t mean anything, and we played hard, played well and didn’t get discouraged. They’ve been that way all year. They go hard on the ice but when the game’s over, it’s over. They don’t dwell on it,” said Mr. Meeker.
 In that final game, former goaltender Gabby Corbiere, a Victory Lap student, wanted to sit between the pipes for one last time. Mr. Meeker said yes and the scheduled goaltender, Macie Settingington, said she wanted to try playing out.
 “I asked, are you any good? ‘Really good.’ When’s the last time you played? ‘My novice year.’ I begrudgingly said yeah. We gave it a shot and they both did really well,” said Mr. Meeker.
 He said giving feedback

can be challenging because everyone parts ways rather quickly after games, so he called for a meeting at the end of the second period when they were down by two goals.
 “I said I wanted to thank them for their great year. It was typical for this team because the game was still going on and they said, ‘what, are you writing us off already? The game’s not over yet!’ I said I never wrote you off all year and I just wanted to tell you that while I had the chance,” said Mr. Meeker.
 The team went out for a celebratory dinner after their final game and were already growing their dreams for next year. They had figured out that they had two solid lines already

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Tyke Jamboree

The action might not have been fast-paced at the Tyke Jamboree held at the Wiikwemkoong Thunderdome Saturday, but it sure was cute! Tyke teams from across Manitoulin gathered to show of their newfound skills in a friendly half-ice competition. In photo, the Wiikwemkoong Hawks rush the miniature net of the M’Chigeeng Thunderbirds.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon



Thunderbirds take Midget A trophy

The M’Chigeeng Thunderbirds are the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association midget champions, beating the Gore Bay Bruins in a three-game sweep. The Thunderbirds are, back row, from left, assistant coach Dean Hare, trainer Jeff Panamick, coach Sundance Hare, manager Janice Sweeney, middle row, Noah Hare, Gabe Hare, Carter Abotossaway, Lukas Abotossaway, Nyron Panamick, Cierra Anwhatin-Lewis, Randi Lynn Lovelace, Harmony Kaiser-Fox, front row, Hudson Hare, Kacey Debassige, Shannon Debassige and Tyran Armstrong. Missing from photo are assistant trainer Justin Sweeney and assistant manager Mitchell Payette.



Cops for a cause

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police held its annual curling funspiel on March 5. A total of \$1,585 was raised for the Manitoulin Centennial Manor fundraising committee. A great big thanks to Orr’s Valu Mart and the Little Current Curling Club for their generosity. It was really nice to see lots of retirees, current members and community members mix and mingle for a great cause! From left, funspiel champs PC Haner, PC Dedman, Special Constable Wilkin present the money to Tamara Beam of the Centennial Manor.



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Laura Orford is one Mustang who isn’t afraid to try something new. Laura is a Grade 10 student who enjoys snowboarding, snow machining, swimming and playing piano when she isn’t busy with class work and sports practices.

During her years at Central Manitoulin Public School, Laura participated in basketball, soccer and track and field. When she got to high school, she continued playing sports. In Grade 9, she joined the girls’ Mustangs hockey team, and played as defense. This year, Laura was on the hockey team again and also started training in gymnastics. With her hockey team, the Mustangs were able to win the Canlan Toronto tournament. Since she started playing hockey, Laura has also played with Mindemoya Thunder and Gore Bay Bruins. She was able to make it to B finals. Also outside of school, she used to figure skate and train in gymnastics with the Sudbury GymZone. Next year, Laura is looking forward to participating in hockey and gymnastics again.

Laura’s favourite sport is snowboarding because she is completely in control and she loves the rush. She enjoys playing sports in general because they allow her to get exercise. She is able to forget about everything else and just focus on the sport she is playing. Throughout her sports season, Laura is ambitious and won’t back down from a situation that might seem difficult. Her outgoing attitude helps her to get along with a variety of people.

Laura’s talents expand to her academics as well. In school, her favourite subject is science because it involves math, and also because she likes to understand how things work. After she graduates, she plans to go to university possibly for nursing, and she also wants to travel Europe. Laura is one of many talented Mustangs, and with her ambition, inclusivity and outgoing attitude, she is sure to make MSS proud. Let’s go, Laura, let’s go!

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On behalf of the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association, I would like to extend a thank you to all involved in hockey this season.

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To the officials: hockey on the Island couldn’t take place without you. You have the hardest job and we appreciate all that you do.

To the parents and fans: thank you for cheering with etiquette and enthusiasm throughout the season.

To the associations that are made up of so many volunteers: thank you for all the time and work you put into Island hockey to ensure the players had a great season.

*Rob Dearing, president
 Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association*

...Island health professionals exploring innovative response to COVID-19

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"There were a lot of folks from across the Island there," said Mayor MacNevin. "Everything from hospitals, health teams, Noojmwon Teg, DSB, EMS and representatives of municipalities seem to have sent someone."

Mayor MacNevin said that both the DSB and EMS "offered a lot of good ideas for helping out."

One of the major concerns being expressed by health centre representatives and doctors generally is the potential for emergency rooms to be overwhelmed by an influx of cases.

"A challenge is that up until now, the 911 service has been telling people who have the symptoms to go to emerg," said Mayor MacNevin.

A key concern for municipal officials is how to protect their own forces in the event of a pandemic. "If they are sending our firefighters to a residence to help people get down staircases and out of basements, how do we protect them?" asked Mayor MacNevin. "A struggle for me personally is that we, as municipal leaders, have been out of the loop on a lot of the health planning. What can work in places like Sudbury, where they have control over their nursing homes and EMS doesn't necessarily fit somewhere like Manitoulin Island. I can't go online and say 'don't worry, we have everything under control' and step on the toes of the other municipalities and organizations. It isn't one-size fits all."

"There were some interesting ideas, like adopting a Korean model where people are self-isolated in their cars to be checked," he said. Like a drive-in health checkup? "Yeah, something like that. There can be checkpoints where people are checked for symptoms in their vehicles. The EMS people were talking about units that they can take to people's homes where they can be checked out remotely."

Manitoulin has a distinct advantage in its two-site hospital as well in that one site can be designated for treating those with serious COVID-19 symptoms while the other maintains a regular emergency services.

"The challenge there is that we only have something like 19 beds available

in our hospitals," said Mayor MacNevin.

One of the areas where local municipal authorities can play an integral part in the response to a larger pandemic is the provision of alternate care sites, such as recreation centres and community halls. "That's a place where we may be able to play a part," he said.

"It might be a month until we see significant issues here," suggested Dr. Stephen Cooper, a member of the Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team and chief of staff at the Manitoulin Health Centre. There is so much interaction between southern Ontario (where known cases had risen to 34 by press time Monday) and Manitoulin that it would be foolish to assume any sort of immunity, he added. "It is only rational to take some precautions."

Dr. Cooper noted that health professionals are currently asking patients exhibiting symptoms if they have travelled to high risk areas, but they may soon move to assuming everyone exhibiting symptoms is potentially exposed and react accordingly.

Should the virus move into a serious pandemic situation locally, Island health professionals may soon find themselves working remotely in order to protect both their clients and themselves.

Although the number of cases in Ontario is still rising, provincial Health Minister Christine Elliott is not ready to put a ban on large-scale public gatherings.

"I think it's really important that we respond to the situation that's happening in Ontario and not move according to what other countries have been doing, because they have their own particular circumstances," said Minister Elliott. "We do have a plan in place and we will escalate as and when we see the need to do so."

Currently, the cases appearing in Ontario are still linked to recent travel or limited to those who have been in close contact with those who were infected while travelling abroad. Ontario's latest cases include a man in his 50s recently returned from Germany, a man in his 80s and a woman in her 70s who were both recently in Iran—all four of those patients have been released into self-isolation.

The Wikwemikong Health Centre (Naandwechige-Gamig) has responded to the coronavirus COVID-19 health situation by incorporating a temporary voice message (emphasis on temporary) that is "activated automatically when someone calls our main health centre phone line."

That message is described as "a preventative measure aimed at reminding callers about the virus, symptoms and how to get medical or information assistance."

An announcement from the Wikwemikong Health Centre goes on to note that the message is only about one minute in length and, once the message is complete, the call will continue on to a receptionist as normal. "So please, do not hang up if you are calling the health centre."

The economic fallout from the "not yet a pandemic" has been severe and is being blamed for a massive stock market sell-off, a decline that marked the largest one-day point loss for the Dow on record and the largest single-session percentage hit since the recession of 2008. The Standard and Poor 500 plummeted more than seven percent, also the most since December 2008. The stock losses were led by stunning declines in the energy and financial sectors.

The associated drop in crude oil prices, in part sparked by a strategic price war launched by OPEC, will hammer the Canadian economy drastically and likely prove disastrous for the Alberta government which recently released a drastically slashed budget predicting oil prices would only fall to double where they had landed by Monday—a multi-billion dollar day nightmare the embattled Alberta economy could well do without.

Closer to home, Ontario Finance Minister Rod Phillips is set to deliver Ontario's latest budget on March 25. Minister Phillips said while COVID-19 is "clearly having economic impacts in Ontario," it is too soon to predict exactly how it will impact the province's finances.

"Economic forecasts that the budgets are based on are over a month old and we're in a very dynamic environment," said Minister Phillips. "One of the

reasons that we've put in place the balanced, prudent plan we have is so that we could make adjustments if they were necessary."

Manitoulin Island has an emergency preparedness plan in place, but that plan is geared more to catastrophic incidents such as airline crashes in the region and it has been many years since the plan was formulated. Municipal officials privately admit that it is probably time to revisit and overhaul the plan to reflect the realities presented by pandemics.

In other local reactions to the global virus crisis, Manitoulin Secondary School has cancelled a student trip to Europe this spring.

Despite a call by M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige to reconsider the massive annual Little NHL tournament scheduled to take place in southern Ontario during March Break, a sentiment wholeheartedly shared by Manitowaning's Dr. Mike Bedard, organizers confirm that (although some Northern teams have chosen to pull out) the tournament will go on as planned. Symptoms of the COVID-19 virus range from mild, much like the flu and other common respiratory infections, to severe and can include: fever, cough and difficulty breathing.

Complications from the 2019 novel coronavirus can also include serious conditions such as pneumonia or kidney failure, and in some cases, death. As of press time Monday, no deaths had been reported in Ontario, although Vancouver had reported a death in a long-term care home.

There are no specific treatments for coronaviruses and although teams are working towards it, there is no vaccine that protects against coron-

aviruses. That being said, the vast majority of people will recover on their own.

Advisories to protect against the virus will sound very familiar to those who have visited a health professional for help in dealing with a cold or flu. Health services advise that those suffering flu-like symptoms should drink plenty of fluids, get rest and sleep as much as possible, try a

humidifier or a hot shower to help with a sore throat or cough and, if you need immediate medical attention, you should call 911 and mention your travel history and symptoms. Whatever you do, avoid the emergency room if you believe you may have COVID-19.

Coronaviruses are spread mainly from person to person through close contact, for example, in a household,

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...ETFO, province resume talks

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courses.

To recap, OSSTF's job action means its members will not take part in EQAO, not complete ministry reports, not take part in professional development, not take part in many types of meetings, only provide marks and learning skills on report cards, not take part in curriculum or course writing or any part of school or board improvement plans, and a long list of other duties as listed on the OSSTF website.

Phase seven of ETFO job action was set to come into place this past Monday, March 9. It moves to a crowdsourced approach to the protest which involves teachers picketing outside of their workplace for a minimum of 20 minutes at least one day per week, and also asking parents to join them in their efforts, either on the picket lines or by staging a walk-in rally, by calling a Progressive Conservative MPP to discuss edu-

cation, sending a form letter and creating dialogue on social media.

"Educators and parents want fair agreements that value each and every elementary student, respect educators and support our schools appropriately," said Ms. Campbell.

Mr. Lecce said his proposals last week reflect the province's commitment to keeping students in the classroom and investing in their potential.

"This is a balanced plan that reflects the priorities of students and parents, maintaining class sizes, investing in students' unique learning needs and holds the line on the reasonable increase in wages and compensation we are offering," he said in a statement.

ETFO will continue its phase seven strike protocol during the discussion period.



Protest co-organizer Marjorie Beaudry stares down a minivan attempting to pass through the blockade while the demonstrators were setting up their traffic barrels. The van ultimately squeezed through the zone and rapidly accelerated west on Highway 17.

...solidarity protest in McKerrow

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He added that he has well wishes for those expressing negative remarks, such as those advocating for violence in online comment sections.

"I pray for those people too and their negative comments and their remarks, that they realize what they said is wrong ... they'll be happier for their children, and their children's children."

Some of the protesters were not members of area First Nations.

"A lot of us immigrants, we are Indigenous peoples ourselves and our struggles connect with the struggles of people on Turtle Island. Especially with resource extraction, exploitation of our lands, people seizing and taking away our lands, that's what is displacing a lot of us. It's really important for me to stand with Indigenous people here and show that we will always support them," said Farah Mint Aqit, who now lives in Northern Ontario and is a supporter of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Canada. Her heritage is from the Sahel region of Africa.

Progress in negotiations

Members of the British Columbian, Canadian and Wet'suwet'en governments met and reached a tentative agreement on March 1, a deal that is reported to address some of the key questions about governance on their unceded territory. The full details of the text have not been made public so Wet'suwet'en people can review it and decide whether or not to accept the proposal.

Wiikwemkoong chief and council issued a letter in the week before the protest stating that it was in support of the peaceful assembly of its members. The Expositor contacted Ogimaa Duke Peltier for comment in the days following the protest but he was unable to offer comment by press time Monday.

What's behind the disruptions?

Many people in the Wet'suwet'en nation are supportive of the Coastal GasLink pipeline and have consented to its construction in exchange for benefits agreements. At the same time, many members

of the nation are strongly opposed to it.

A vast majority of on-reserve band councils support the project while hereditary chiefs—a pre-colonial governance structure that has existed for centuries on these lands—are largely opposed. The elected band councils represent the Indian Act-designated reserves while the hereditary chiefs have jurisdiction over the remaining Wet'suwet'en unceded territory, a much larger area.

Key to the issue at hand is who should hold decision-making power in these circumstances. A 1997 Supreme Court of Canada case recognized the existence of hereditary chiefs and that they should have certain powers over their lands, but until now the details about the balance of power between the two systems have never been officially set.

Some observers argue that this is the true heart of the dispute, which reflects the reported nature of the proposed agreement between the Canadian and BC governments and Wet'suwet'en people.

On the matter of the pipeline itself, many Wet'suwet'en members are in favour of the project because of the millions of dollars in economic benefits it will deliver to the communities in its construction, as well as ongoing benefits agreements after it is built.

People on both sides of the dispute have raised concerns that the protests have gone away from their original intent, with some claiming that non-Indigenous anti-pipeline activists have become a dominant voice over the individuals who will be directly impacted by the pipeline.

Pipeline proponents often use the argument that natural gas is far cleaner than coal, and these fuels will reduce China's reliance on coal for power generation (China is expected to be a key customer of Coastal GasLink).

While LNG does burn cleaner, the LNG that will flow through this pipeline will be extracted from the earth using hydraulic fracturing (fracking). Fracking results in mass amounts of methane emissions during its production and methane is at least 25 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

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...Gore Bay theatre wins at QUONTA, will represent the North

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‘The Comedy of Errors’.

In the special adjudicator awards, the Gore Bay Theatre troupe took Excellence in Ensemble Acting (Tara Bernatchez, John Robertson and Will Smith) and Excellence in Musical Composition (Mary Anderson).

In other Adjudicator Awards, Excellence in Costuming was presented to ‘The Comedy of Errors’

(Kim Carpenter), Excellence in Sound Design went to ‘Angel’s River’ (Michael Cuthbertson) and the Excellence in Performance by a Youth Award went to ‘Angel’s River’ (Calista Jones for Carrie Lynn).

If you missed the opportunity to see a performance of ‘Molly Sweeney’ this past month don’t despair, the production will be part of Gore Bay Theatre’s summer repertoire performances.

The 2020 Theatre Ontario Festival takes place Wednesday, May 13 to Sunday, May 17 and will be adjudicated by Terry Tweed and performances will take place at the Korah Collegiate and Vocational School at 636 Goulais Ave, Sault Ste. Marie. Curtain is at 7:30 pm and the after show adjudications will

take place at the Delta Hotel by Marriott the following morning. Tickets are \$30 for individuals, \$35 for brunch and a full pass package is \$135 (includes four shows and the brunch). Tickets can be ordered by calling Sandra Hamilton at 705-946-4081 or by emailing sandramhousen@gmail.com.



Co-directors Walter Maskel and Andrea Emmerton join Will Smith, Tara Bernatchez, QUONTA adjudicator Annette Procnier and Will Smith following the presentation of the Outstanding Production Award.

photo by Michael Erskine

...annual Little NHL will proceed as planned

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pulling out and we respect their positions,” Ms. Jacko said. “Essentially, we respect people’s decisions to withdraw, and to continue to attend and we understand the rationale for those teams that pull out.”

Ms. Jacko said she had seen the letter from M’Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige that called on the Little NHL executive to postpone this year’s tournament that was circulated widely on social media this past weekend.

“It is our concern that continuing to host this tournament will allow for our First Nations participants to unknowingly increase the speed of the transmission of this virus to our communities,” the ogimaa-kwe writes. “As you are aware, coronavirus can be deadly to our elderly, our youth and those with respiratory concerns. Further, we have also received concerns from our elders and our community with respect to the transmission of this virus. We have seen what this virus is doing in China, Italy, Iran and the United States—this would not be a good thing in our

communities.”

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige noted the hard work, time and money that has been invested in preparation of the tournament but suggested the executive put the participants’ health first.

“On a personal note,” Ogimaa-kwe Debassige concludes, “as a descendent of one of our (the Little NHL’s) founding fathers, I can say that I firmly believe that they would never choose to do something that may jeopardize the health and safety of our communities.”

Ms. Jacko said that, to date, she has not received any indication from M’Chigeeng that they would be pulling out of the Little NHL.

As of press time, 214 teams will be attending the tournament, down from 227 last year.

Ms. Jacko said the executive has been in contact with both the Ontario Hockey Association, Ontario Women’s Hockey Association and Peel Health about the tournament and the safety precautions being undertaken to keep players and fans healthy.

Family and friends are

being reminded to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer, fist bump or elbow touch instead of shaking hands, and not share water bottles or towels.

Ms. Jacko said she has heard of several First Nations that are preparing special player care packages that include individual hand sanitizer bottles.

“A lot of the communities are not planning to attend as many social activities outside of the tournament as they may have used to,” Ms. Jacko said, noting that players and families are also being encouraged to steer clear of the arena lobbies too.

“This information is all being shared with the teams,” the president added. “The more awareness, the better.”

This year’s host community is Nipissing First Nation and Ms. Jacko said the Nipissing team has created a great week of events that were to be posted on the Little NHL website by publication day, as well as on Facebook and Twitter.

The opening ceremonies will kick off with a Little NHL alumni versus NHL alumni game at 5:30 pm on

Sunday, March 15. Islanders Nyron Panamick-Hare of M’Chigeeng, Collin-James Newbury of Wiikwemkoong and Samuel Assinewai of Aundeck Omni Kaning will play for the Little NHL alumni team while Reggie Leach of Aundeck Omni Kaning, son Jamie Leach and Hawk Recollet of Whitefish River First Nation will play for the NHL alumni.

“We’re really looking forward to seeing everybody and the kids on the ice, smiling,” Ms. Jacko said.

“We’re a volunteer group that works very hard all year long,” the president added, thanking Nipissing First Nation for their time and effort with this year’s Little NHL.

“The volunteer board, we do it for the kids and the kids’ smiles are what makes it all worthwhile,” Ms. Jacko concluded.

For more information, visit lnhl.ca.

...innovative response to COVID-19

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workplace or health care centre. Everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs known to cause respiratory illnesses include washing your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer; only sneeze and cough into your sleeve; avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth; avoid contact with people who are sick; stay home if you are sick.

Further, if you are travelling to an area known to have cases of coronavirus, be sure to avoid high-risk areas such as farms,

live animal markets and areas where animals may be slaughtered contact with animals (alive or dead), including pigs, chickens, ducks and wild birds and surfaces with animal droppings or secretions on them.

M’Chigeeng had a community information session set for Tuesday, March 10 and Wiikwemkoong has an information session scheduled for 4 pm Thursday, March 12, upstairs at the Wikwemikong Arena.

...MSS hockey seasons draw to a close

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and knew of at least two strong Grade 8 players coming up who wanted to join the team.

Mr. Meeker said he wanted the girls to ensure they got into great shape over the summer so they could focus on their team plays and scoring goals—which was their biggest downfall this year.

“We just missed too many chances. So I’m telling them to get off their asses, go home, get a board, wax it and shoot pucks in the summer. I don’t care if their parents get mad at them for banging up the garage door, just shoot those pucks,” said Mr. Meeker with a laugh.

The fact is that, compared to other Division 1 teams, the Mustangs simply cannot compete with the on-ice time of other teams. A few teams are stacked with strong contingents of Sudbury Lady Wolves players who clock upwards of 60 games per season—the Mustangs get 14.

“I wasn’t expecting at the beginning of the year that we’d be in Division 1. But here’s the thing: the girls deserve to be in Division 1. That’s where they belong because even though we ended up in sixth

place, they were never out in any game they played,” said Mr. Meeker.

If they had been in Division 2, however, although they would have had a fairly straight shot at the championship title they would have played against a handful of teams that are far below their skill level and would have been a chore to play.

Mr. Meeker said he was most proud of the girls for never quitting and for being a great group of people who got along and hung together with none of the infighting and drama that often takes over high school teams.

Based on his predictions, the future looks bright for the girl Mustangs.

“We had five Grade 9s this year who were all really good players, including two goalies that were really solid, which speaks well for the next 3-4 years because they’re just going to get better,” Mr. Meeker said. “We’ve got a real solid core of Grade 9s and 10s, and a couple of 11s, so we’re all excited already for next year.”

“Even though we went out with a whimper, that’s not how I look at it. They played real well, had a lot of fun and you could just tell,” said Mr. Meeker.



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Nutrition Program

...demonstrators protest against pipelines, in support of traditional governance

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Protest impacts

Ms. Beaudry said environment-focused protests, which became one of the main themes of this solidarity rally, would have multi-generational impacts.

"I'm probably saving your life. You need water, everybody needs air. That is such basic science ... I'm doing this for you, too," said Ms. Beaudry. "That's the reason why we're here is because of the pipeline."

Mr. Kaboni said the current political climate, in his view, was reminiscent of historical treatment of Indigenous peoples.

"They're trying to kill off the Indian all over again. This happened 100 years ago and it's happening all over again. Us as Native people, we all see this so we (protest) to show we're not going anywhere," said Mr. Kaboni.

Although solidarity protests have highlighted the divides that exist across Canada, at their core they are demonstrative of the split that exists within the Wet'suwet'en Nation itself. Because the core issue at hand surrounds their internal governance structure and the proposed federal and provincial agreement is about that very topic, several members of the Wet'suwet'en Nation are calling for a pause in these solidarity protests, saying they are harming the negotiation abilities of those directly involved in the debate.

There are no further disruptions in the Manitoulin Island area scheduled at this time.



Protesters stood at corners of the Highway 6 and 17 intersection in McKerrow between the hourly traffic stops.



This is the first protest that 22-year-old Quinten Kaboni has mobilized. He said he appreciated all the support from Wiikwemkoong and others who stood in solidarity on Saturday afternoon.



A women's hand drum group took up the singing duties during the first hourly blockage and continued to provide support for the hours that followed.



The Ontario Provincial Police helped to manage traffic flow during the event. Protest organizers co-ordinated with the force's provincial liaison team to ensure safety during the afternoon.



Spirit Bear singers brought a drum for the event to offer healing songs and facilitate round dances.



Members of Redrum Motorcycle Club's Spirit Island chapter were at the protest in support of Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs.



David Migwans arrived at the protest in his regalia. During the hourly traffic stoppages he circulated the group to offer smudges.

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5:00 p.m. Irish Beef Stew Dinner at Trinity Manitoulin United Church.

Wednesday March 18

12:00 p.m. Sheila McDermid Tole Painting Class Mindemoya Hall

Friday March 20

All day Harry Potter Dress Up Day. Mindemoya Library

Saturday March 21st

11:30 a.m. Craft Making Stations with Who's Crafty Canada. Providence Bay Arena

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Friday Sponge Puck sponsored by Kellers Garage & Driving Forward Auto Group

Clarence William Cook's Great War medals and history returned home

Generous donor ensures that local history is saved

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—Sergeant Clarence William Cook's Great War medals, and a treasure trove of the Little Current man's military history, including photos, telegrams, postcards and more, has arrived back to his place of birth thanks to a generous donation from Bill Rolston, a nephew through marriage of Sergeant Cook's sister (Mrs. Leland) Anne Trotter.

The Expositor had the pleasure of being witness to some members of the Rolston family and their friends as they opened the parcel containing Sergeant Cook's war past which includes accounts of the late veteran's remarkable acts of bravery. The articles were spread atop a table and gently and lovingly looked through with plenty of exclamations of delight at the things they found. While neither Mr. Rolston nor his sister Linda Lee recalled Sergeant Cook, Ms. Lee does remember their beloved Aunt Anne Trotter talking about her brave brothers who went off to defend king and country in the First World War. Anne's brother Edwin was killed at Passchendaele and his name is etched on the cenotaph in Little Current's Soldier Park.

The Cook medals were being sold on eBay from a Winnipeg coin dealer for



Sergeant Clarence William Cook's war medals and a treasure trove of other memorabilia were purchased from eBay by Bill Rolston to be donated to the Centennial Museum of Sheguianadah.

\$4,600, more than has had to be raised for any other Manitoulin war medals discovered online by Dave Thomson, war buff and eBay detective, who contacted this newspaper last month about his latest find with connections to Manitoulin.

Mr. Rolston said he read the article in The Expositor, which called for donations to see Sergeant Cook's military medals returned home and the Sudbury lawyer immediately wanted to step up. He had no idea, until the day the paper came out, that his favourite Aunt Anne was Sergeant Cook's sister. He agreed to purchase the war medals and donate them to the Centennial Museum of

Sheguianadah with Ms. Lee and friend Susie McGrath acting as the go-betweens.

One telegram included in the collection, titled 'details of action,' explains why Sergeant Cook was to receive a Bar to Military Medal. "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. During the capture of the village Visen-Artois, when his Platoon Officer had become a casualty, this N.O. took charge of the Platoon and captured two enemy strong points. He kept his Platoon well together and carried them forward to their final objective with light casualty. His example of bravery and coolness greatly encouraged the men. The

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Ray Fox curates 'homecoming' art exhibit at Ojibwe Cultural Foundation

by Warren Schlote
M'CHIGEENG—Deba-jehmujig Storytellers' visual artist in residence Ray Fox has an art installation on display at Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in M'Chigeeng First Nation, a show that the artist considers very sentimental.

"This is really special to me because I grew up in M'Chigeeng and this is my first time having an exhibition there. I left the Island for school and travelled around for a bit, so this is kind of my homecoming exhibition," said Mr. Fox.

The installation is called 'Enje'baa'yaang Do'mak-wendaan,' or 'Collection of memories: Where I am from.' It features a selection of drawings, paintings and a lithograph that have been produced within the past three years.

'Enje'baa'yaang Do'mak-wendaan' is a look through Mr. Fox's earlier life and his quests to figure out who he was, which involved leaving smaller communities behind in pursuit of the big city—a story well-known by Islanders.

"I went to OCAD University for drawing and painting but I didn't finish. I found it hard to establish my aesthetics, how I wanted to portray myself as an artist. I was kind of struggling, I guess, with my identity, in terms of the art I was creating," said Mr. Fox.

The cost of living in Toronto was another barrier, and Mr. Fox had to give up his art for a period of six years until he moved back north to Sault Ste. Marie

five years ago.

"All of this style of artwork that I've started producing since then is very relevant to Northern Ontario, which is kind of interesting because I left Northern Ontario to find myself and it wasn't until I came back that I was producing stuff that was meaningful to me," he said.

The artwork incorporates Anishinaabe life, childhood memories, old family photos, creation stories with wildlife, and animals of the North and how both Northerners and Anishinabek relate to them. His main messaging behind this collection is to look at the smaller, sometimes mundane parts of life and find meaning there.

"There was one drawing I finished recently of the coffee can. I wanted to include it so I stayed up all night to



Visual artist Ray Fox, right, delivers a presentation at the opening evening of his art exhibit at Ojibwe Cultural Foundation.

finish it before the installation day," said Mr. Fox.

He started going to ceremonies with his family as a boy and he and his father would often work as door-men outside of a lodge, ensuring that everyone who entered had smudged. When not serving as door-men they would tend the sacred fire.

"We were very serious about the jobs. Nobody got through that door unless they'd smudged and we would put all the medicines in this coffee can—we'd use whatever was at hand, often something recycled—that was fitted with a long wire handle," he said. "It's that childhood memory of cultural identity and spirituality, of purpose, and also being included within ceremonies and having family around at the same time."

Although it has reached

new heights of sentimentality, this is far from the first exhibition featuring Mr. Fox's works. He has hosted nearly 25 since he was in high school back in 2002 and said they have all been unique in their own ways.

The day after the opening event, Mr. Fox hosted a life drawing workshop for more than a dozen people. This is the first time an opening event for his work has hosted such a workshop, though as the visual artist in residence at Debaj he is no stranger to hosting community arts-based workshops and presentations.

"I had made some charcoal using local materials for the workshop itself. I was telling people, it's really something else in terms of storytelling and creating an image using local materials as your drawing utensil," said Mr. Fox. He used grape vines, driftwood and willow wood to make the charcoal.

"I find it to be a very Anishinaabe process to use the land to tell your story, so we had a lot of fun with that," he said.

The workshop was a positive addition for Mr. Fox, who said it created a better experience for the people within the art community that could create art alongside an artist working in a particular style.

'Enje'baa'yaang Do'mak-wendaan' is on display at Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, just south of the intersection of Highways 540 and 551 in M'Chigeeng First Nation, until April 6.



Ray Fox's pieces are inspired from his early years of growing up immersed in his Anishinaabe culture. The day after the opening gala he hosted an interactive workshop focused on life drawing. Mr. Fox's exhibit is on at OCF until April 6.

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...Clarence William Cook's medals

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 success of the Platoon was directly due to his courage and leadership."

The package even contains telegrams sent to Sergeant Cook's parents, informing them that their son had been injured and was recovering in hospital—on three different occasions.

"It's amazing," Mr. Rolston said of the collection, beaming as he looked through Sergeant Cook's things alongside his sister. The pair couldn't believe just how much information there was on the war hero—someone had painstakingly kept it all together for many years—and the family couldn't help but wonder how it ended up for sale online.

Mr. Rolston was incredibly pleased to have been able to help, he told The Expositor, and was glad to do something that also honoured their aunt's memory.

The article also caused a flood of donations to come in to the Manitoulin Genealogy Club and president Norma Hughson. They have all since been returned, save one. Ms. Hughson said she received



Clockwise, Bill Rolston, Linda Lee and Susie McGragh open parcels containing Sergeant Clarence William Cook's war history, catching a glimpse of the items for the first time since they arrived home on Manitoulin.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

an envelope with a cash donation in it, simply signed 'Jim.'

"So if you know who Jim is, ask him to give me a call," Ms. Hughson chuckled.

"It's great that they're home and it's fantastic that the family paid for it, otherwise we might not have got them back," she added. "It's going to be a fantastic donation to the museum."

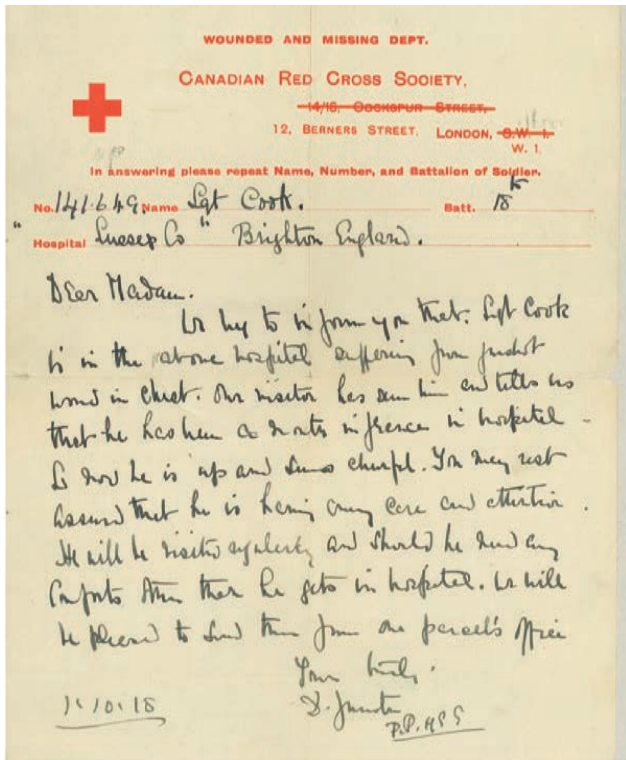
"Thank you to the Rolston family for bringing a peice of history home,"

said Ms. Hughson.


The Rolston family will make a special presentation to the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah of the Sergeant Cook collection in the weeks to come.



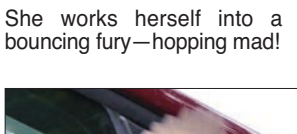
Presumably one of the men in this photo is Sergeant Clarence William Cook. This photo is one of many included in the memorabilia purchased from eBay.




A telegram, one of a few in the collection, shares the news of the sergeant's chest wound with his family—one of three wounds he would sustain the Great War.



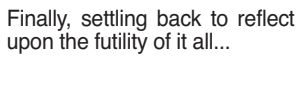
A female cardinal spots her rival




She works herself into a bouncing fury—hopping mad!



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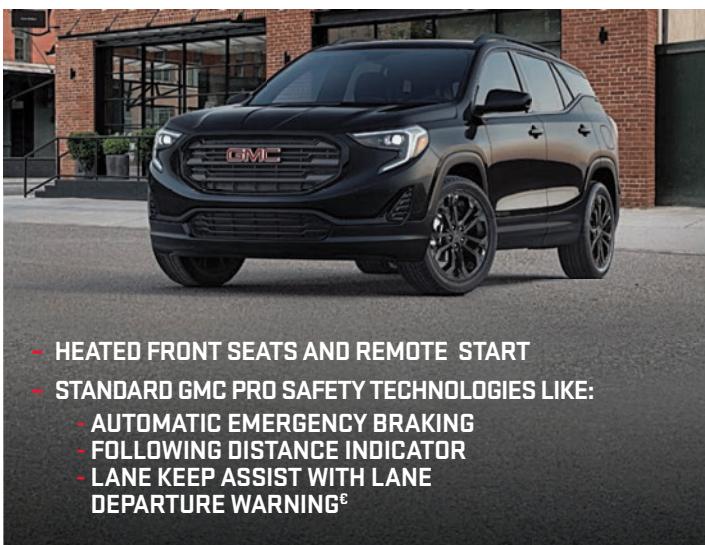
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Winter fun in Wiikwemkoong



Road hockey was a popular event available to Wiikwemkoong students at the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education's Winter Fun Day. Students enjoyed a warm Friday filled with fresh air, exercise and plenty of laughs and smiles.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon



All their might! This tug of war team proved they had what it took to put up a good fight against their challengers at the far end of the cable.



It's all smiles during the relay race event as the little ones raced back and forth on a track. Even the ones providing the muscle seemed to be having a good time.

Introduction to the Petroglyphs

Friday, March 20th, 5:30pm

Debajehmujig Creation Centre

43 Queen St, Manitowaning

Join us for an evening of ancient Odawa Midewin teachings with Wiikwemkoong's David "Sunny" Osawabine. These teachings are based off of the petroglyphs found at Stoney Lake, Ontario. The focus will be on the 6 foundation petroglyphs. Admission by donation.



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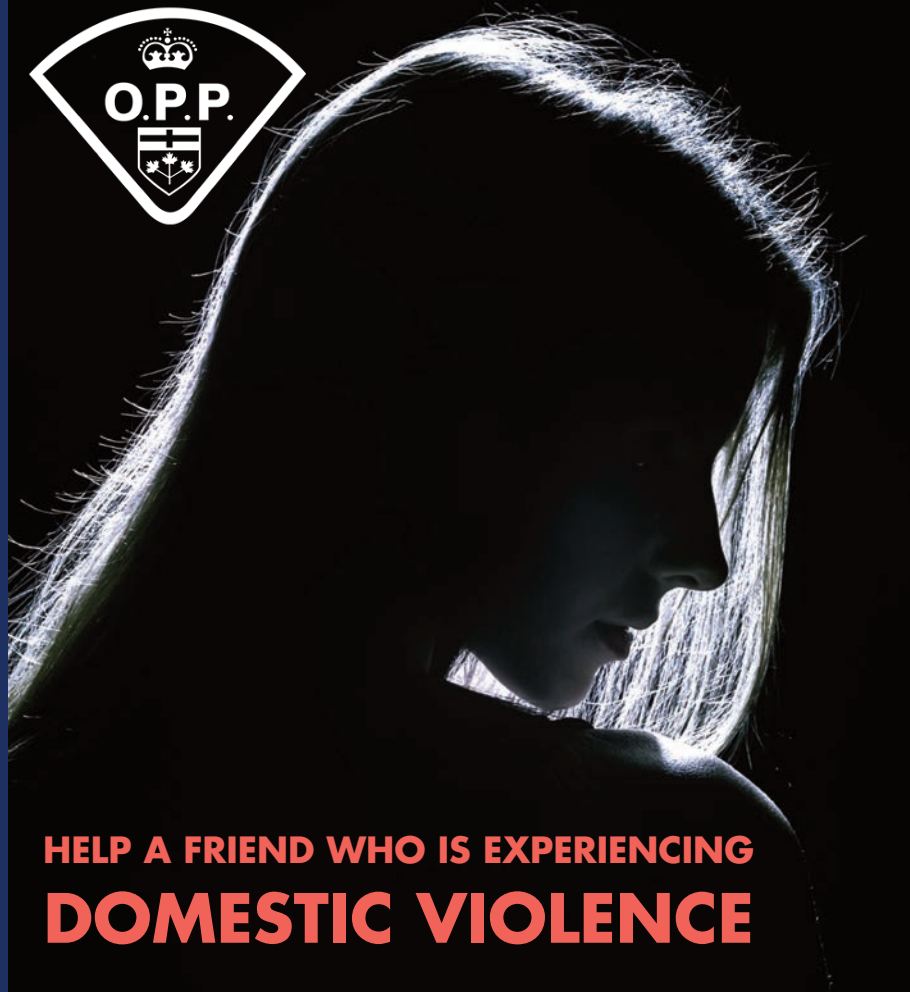
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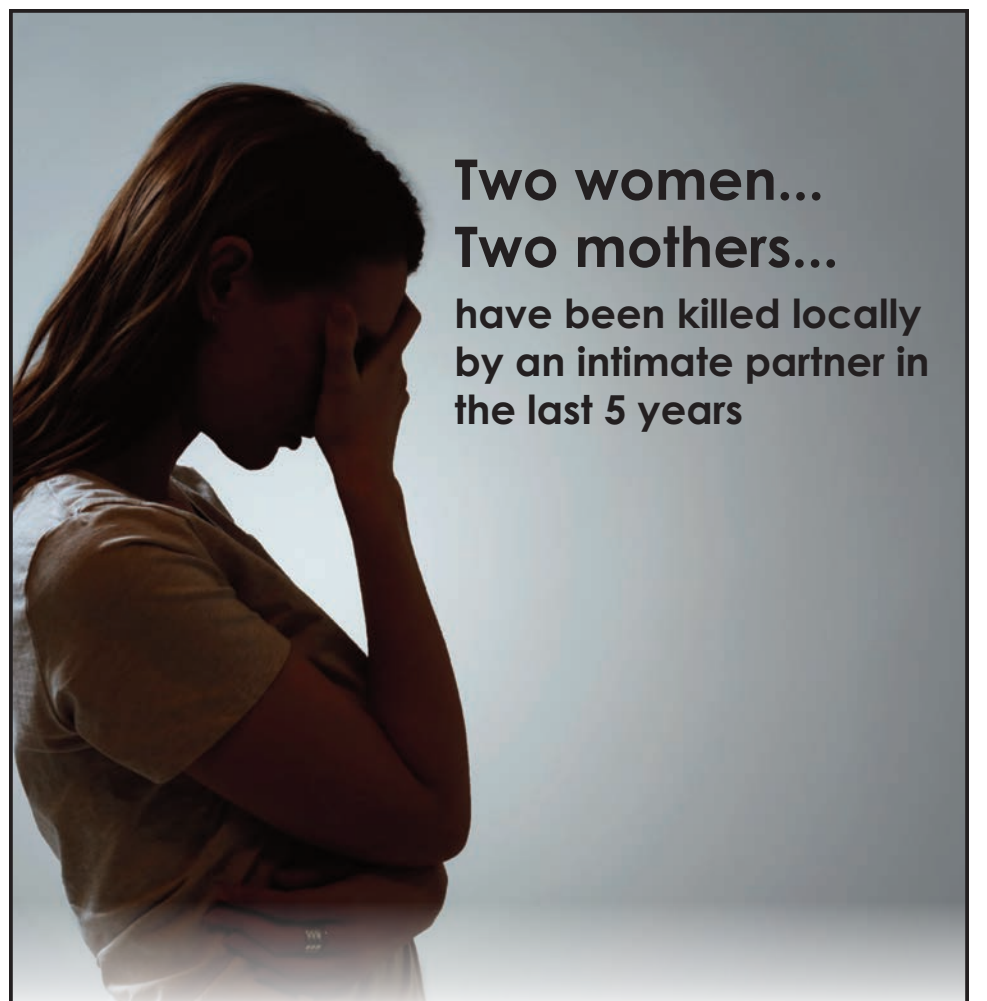
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...Lots to do! A roundup of Manitoulin-wide March Break activities for kids

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 pm at the Assiginack Arena.

Tuesday, March 17 is Tech Day in Assiginack from 1 to 2:30 pm. There's no need to register and kids can come to the maker space at the Assiginack Library to play with the green screen and other tech toys for free! Kids seven and under will require adult supervision.

On Wednesday, March 18, kids can learn to make a duct tape wallet or create a picture frame and door stopper with Delmer Fields. Both events take place at 6:30 pm at the Assiginack Arena. Children must pre-register at the township office. The cost for either of the workshops is \$5 per child and adult accompaniment is a must.

On Thursday, March 19 children will have the opportunity to learn embroidery and create an animal from 1 to 2:30 pm. Children seven and under must have adult accompaniment. This event will take place at the Assiginack Library for just \$5. Please pre-register at the municipal office by calling 705-859-3219.

Please also note that the ice can be rented for \$50 an hour anytime (except when previously booked) but if the ice is open, it is yours to

book!

March Break will have the following dates available for public skating and sponge puck hockey: March 14, public skating from 1-3 pm sponsored by Manitowaning Minor Hockey; March 16, drop-in sponge puck hockey from 12 to 1 pm sponsored by Brenda Reid; March 16, public skating from 1 to 3 pm; March 18, public skating from 10 am to 12 pm sponsored by Assiginack Family Health Team; March 18, drop-in sponge puck hockey from 12 to 1 pm; March 20, public skating from 7:30 to 9 pm; March 21, public skating from 1 to 3 pm.

Also in Manitowaning, an interesting family event is being hosted by the Debajehmujig Storytellers on Friday, March 20 at their home base Creation Centre at 43 Queen Street.

David (Sunny) Osawabine will discuss the teachings inscribed in rocks at the famous petroglyphs, near Stony Lake in the Kawartha area. The focus will be on the six "foundation" petroglyphs. The event begins at 5:30 pm and admission is by donation.

In Central Manitoulin, the Central Manitoulin Lions Club Snow Sculpture Contest will start on Friday, March 13 at noon and end

on Sunday, March 22 at 8 am. The Lions are offering \$325 in prizes! See the Central Manitoulin Lions Club Facebook page for details or email cmlionsevents@gmail.com. Sculptures must be registered by Friday, March 13 at noon. During March Break, the Mindemoya Library will be offering all-day movies and board games from Tuesday, March 17 to Saturday, March 21. The library is open from 10 am to 5 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and Thursday from 1 to 8 pm. Tuesday is Princess Dress Up Day and Harry Potter Dress Up Day is Friday.

On Saturday, March 14 there will be a Cooking with Kidz demonstration from noon to 3 pm where kid chefs Scarlet (10) and Annie (13) will teach hands-on cooking to other kids including how to make meatballs, Caesar salad, garlic bread and a classic chocolate chip cookie. Ages 8-12. Registration is required through Marcus Mohr by calling (705) 377-5726 or emailing centralecdev@amtelecom.net. Sponsored by the Municipality of Central Manitoulin.

On Saturday, March 15, head to the Mindemoya Arena complex for a free session on fire making and cooking by Flint and Flora from 2 to 4 pm (outside of course). Kids will learn to build fires using flint and steel and a bow drill and the art of outdoor cooking over an open fire. Materials supplied. All ages. Contact flintandflora@gmail.com or call 705-210-0422. Sponsored by the Municipality of Central Manitoulin.

On Monday, March 16 two hip hop dance classes will be offered at the Mindemoya hall with instructor Collin Corbiere. The first, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, for kids ages 5-8 and the second, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, for kids ages 9-12. The cost is \$15 and no registration is required. Walk-ins are welcome.

On Wednesday, March 18, Sheila McDermid will teach budding young artists to paint from noon to 4 pm at the Mindemoya hall. The cost is \$25 per person and open to chil-

dren ages 10 and up. Materials will be supplied. Register with Ms. McDermid by emailing sheilamcdermid@gmail.com or by calling 705-919-5216. Sponsored in part by the Municipality of Central Manitoulin.

Head to the Providence Bay Arena on Saturday, March 21 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm for crafting with Who's Crafty Canada. Ages five and up with colouring station for ages five and under. The cost is \$20/person with all materials supplied. All ages. Contact Who's Crafty Canada at info@whoscraftery.com or visit their Facebook page. Sponsored in part by the Municipality of Central Manitoulin.

There are also plenty of skating/sponge puck opportunities with community businesses and organizations sponsoring times. Check out events at CentralManitoulin.ca or type Municipality of Central Manitoulin on Facebook for more details.

The Wiikwemkoong community of South Bay has a Family Cultural Immersion Camp from March 16 to 19 at the South Bay Community Centre. There will be Anishinaabemowin fun and games each day from 9 am to 3 pm. Activities include skinning demonstrations, cooking, ribbon skirt making, crafts, shake/rattle making and singing, storytelling, snowshoeing, ice fishing and more. The event is open to all families. Please dress for the outdoors. All activities will be immersed 100 percent in Anishinaabemowin and

parents and guardians must accompany their children. To register, please contact Brian Peltier at 705-859-2385.

The Gore Bay arena has plenty in store for March Break too, including a hockey clinic where players will be coached on power skating, shooting, passing, stick handling and goalie on-ice training.

The clinic will begin on Saturday, March 14 from 9 to 10 am with the Little Skates (ages four to six) at a cost of \$10. The Intermediate clinic is next, from 10 am to 11:30 am (ages seven to nine) with a registration fee of \$15, followed by the Advanced hockey clinic (ages 10 to 13) from 11:30 am to 1 pm, also \$15.

On Sunday, March 15, the hockey clinic continues in the morning with a free family fun skate from 1 to 3 pm.

Monday March 16 will see a sponge puck game (helmet, stick and gloves

required) for kids ages four to nine from 10 to 11 am. Youth shinny, with full equipment, will take place from 11 am to noon for players 10 to 14 with a free family fun skate from noon to 2 pm.

Tuesday, March 17 will see another free family fun skate from 10 am to noon with a family shinny hockey game from 5:30 to 6:20 pm for all ages. Don't forget your helmet, stick and gloves.

The final free family fun skate of the year will take place on Wednesday, March 18 from 2 to 4 pm followed by everyone's favourite 'paint the ice' event from 6:30 to 8 pm. The cost is \$5 a paint brush and using a special ice paint on an ice canvas of 175 feet by 75 feet, people of all ages can choose from six different colours and create works with the theme of 'goodbye winter, hello spring.' All proceeds will support Gore Bay recreation programs.

Little Current, Sheg water rates will rise by four percent

by Alicia McCutcheon
 NORTHEAST TOWN—Residents of both Little Current and Sheguiandah who are part of the water treatment plan systems in their respective communities will see a hike of four percent on their quarterly water bills moving forward.

"We're recommending a four percent increase across the board," said Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson, noting that the municipality's contractor, Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), has passed a yearly increase of about 10 percent on top of the maintenance costs involved in running two aging water treatment plants.

In Little Current, this will mean a new annual rate of \$463.37 (an increase of \$17.82) and in Sheguiandah, \$1,371.77 a year, or an increase of \$52.76.

"You can't really go full cost recovery over 87 units," Mr. Williamson

said as to why Sheguiandah's rate is that much higher.

"Basically, there's only so many times you can go to the well," Councillor Michael Erskine quipped.

"I don't want to water it down, but yes," Mr. Williamson retorted.

Both the Little Current and Sheguiandah plants will see capital projects this year.

When the motion to accept the rates was called, Sheguiandah councillor Dawn Orr said, "I see these people looking at me and it's such a lot of money for senior citizens on a fixed income, and it really hurts them."

The motion to raise the water (and sewer in the case of Little Current) rates was carried.


...three arson charges

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 arson, damage to property, was laid against the accused, stemming from a vehicle fire at an abandoned gravel pit in Robinson Township which was reported to the Manitoulin OPP on September 10, 2019.

The Robinson Township home that burned almost to the ground was the residence of the accused.

Mr. Goulais has been remanded into custody pending a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on March 18.

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Dr. Stephen Cooper will host an open and informal discussion on **Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia** on Wednesday, March 18 at 7 pm at the Little Current United Church Hall
 A question and answer session will follow.

All are welcome.
 Refreshments

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Whitefish through the ice

When I think of fish and chips on a warm summer evening, I invariably think of the most sought-after tasty fish that swims through our waters, the whitefish.

When I talk to anglers about fishing and bring up these tasty creatures, I typically get one of two responses.

Either they love fishing for them or hate it. Now, if you have ever caught one and witnessed the whitefish's pure power and incredible fighting ability, you would be hooked. The hate comes from their finicky nature—whitefish is not your 'drop a baited hook down the hole and wait for a bite' type of fish. As a friend of mine so eloquently put it over the past weekend, whitefish are jerks. They will race in, carefully examine what you are offering, and just as they look



like they will bite, they turn their nose up at your lure and casually swim away. It can be frustrating.

However, like any fish through the ice, whitefish are predictable and generally follow the same pattern day in and out. Once you know what to look for and how they feed the mystery of catching them soon falls by the wayside.

The first thing you must learn is what they are eating. The whitefish locally have developed a taste for gobies. Several of the fish I cleaned on Sunday had a belly full of the

invasive fish. Along with the goby, they feast on a variety of bugs, minnows and during the March ling spawn, ling eggs. If you can find spawning ling, the whitefish will not be far away; they go hand in hand.

Look for a shoreline that drops to deeper water. I find the fish tend to be in 30 to 45 feet of water and will patrol the sandy, silt bottoms looking for their next meal. Whitefish are transient and will never stay in the same place long, so don't worry when they disappear. Be patient, and another school will be passing through the area.

I employ one primary technique to ice these great fighters. Bounce your lure off the bottom. Seldom if ever will I bring my bait more than a few inches off the bottom, and if fish are in the area, I will merely turn the lure over in the sand. Consistently move your bait in the sand/silt. Stirring up a cloud of debris in the area will often send the fish into a feeding frenzy.

For my choice of lures, I will put on a dark coloured Vibrato (black back with a silver belly is my favourite), Meegs or tungsten microjig. The Meegs and microjigs both

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Kids in the Halls

Rachael Orford

I hope everyone has begun to adjust to the time change that happened this past weekend. On the brighter side of things, a little more daylight in the evening isn't such a bad thing.

On Wednesday, February 26, some MSS students participated in the Technological Skills Competition at Cambrian College. Three MSS students placed in the top three of their categories. In Auto-Service Technology, Karlee Lentir placed first and Chris Gillespie placed second. In Electrical Installations, Taylor Smith placed second overall. Karlee will be competing in the Ontario Provincial Skills Competition in May in Toronto. Congratulations, Mustangs!

From Friday, March 6 to Sunday, March 8, the Manitoulin Metal robotics team competed at Georgian College in Barrie. The team and their robot "L.Y.N" impressed the judges and other teams upon arrival. The team came home with some impressive results from their matches. Great job, Mustangs! The team's next competition is in North Bay at Nipissing University from March 27 to March 29.

The MSS gymnastics team travelled to the Sudbury Gym Zone on Sunday, March 8 to get some practice in on the spring floors and other gymnastics equipment. Both of the competitions the team had been planning on attending this season have been cancelled.

This Saturday is March 14, and you know what that means! It's Pi day! Pi day is held on March 14 or 3.14 to celebrate all the circle has to offer. A pie joke for you:

Several experts were all posed the following question: "What is pi?" The engineer said: "It is approximately 3 and 1/7" The physicist said: "It is 3.14159" The mathematician thought a bit, and replied "It is equal to pi." A nutritionist: "Pie is a healthy and delicious dessert!"

March Break is from Monday, March 16 to Friday, March

20. Students will be back to school on Monday, March 23.

Badminton season has begun at MSS! Tryouts for the team are taking place in the gym on Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Speak to a gym teacher or Mr. Tallman for more information.

On Saturday, March 28, from 10 am to 2 pm there is going to be a career fair in the main hall at the NEMI Rec Centre. Check it out if you are looking for a job or are interested in learning some new skills. Local representatives from several organizations will be there for you to talk with.

The newly renovated front foyer at MSS has been opened up to students and staff to access. However, construction is still going on in the new student lounge, common room and student success rooms at the front of the school. The main entrance and the stairwell on the east side is still closed off.

Joke of the week: I was walking home late one night when I saw dozens of giant cupcakes and pies everywhere. It was kind of scary. The streets were oddly deserted.

Upcoming events include the March Break, parent-teacher interviews, North Bay robotics competition, and much more! Enjoy your March Break!

Until next time, "Dream and Believe. Learn and Achieve!"



Using a vibrato lure is a sure-fire way to ice a whitefish.

require a soft plastic tail, so when choosing your plastic, keep in mind what they are feeding on in the area and match the hatch.

A helpful little pointer is to double down on your presentation. With a Vibrato or Meegs on the bottom continually stirring up a debris cloud, run a micro tungsten jig with a soft plastic tail up about 12" on your line. The jig will appear as a bug that has been stirred up in the debris, becoming impossible for the whitefish to resist.

Get outside while the ice lasts, try your hand at these "jerks" and hold on tight, the battle is fantastic, and the dinner value is even better.

Tight lines,
Dave

Recipes

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from
Rose's Kitchen
by Rose Diebolt
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These are the perfect grab-and-go breakfast, on-the-run snack or post-workout snack. This recipe makes a lot of large cookies so freeze the extra, if they don't disappear all at once! I really like this recipe because there is no "regular" sugar being used and they are not sweet.

Protein Power Cookies

I used sunflower seeds instead of the sesame and added dried fruit. If you don't want to use white sugar check the ingredient list on the dried fruit. Most of the dried fruit has added sugar except for raisins and dates. I added organic, dried mangoes with no added sugar. If you don't need the cookies to be gluten-free, use regular large flake oats and switch the quinoa flour to spelt.

- 2 cups gluten-free rolled oats
- 3/4 cup almond flour
- 1/2 cup quinoa flour
- 1/4 cup ground flaxseed
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup hemp hearts
- 1/2 cup raw sesame seeds
- 1/2 cup raw pumpkin seeds
- 1/2 cup toasted unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1 cup dried fruit (optional)
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup melted coconut oil
- 1/4 cup coconut milk or any other unsweetened non-dairy milk
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 325°F. Line baking tray with parchment paper. In large bowl, whisk together oats, almond flour, quinoa flour, ground flaxseed, cinnamon, baking soda, salt, hemp hearts, sesame seeds, pumpkin seeds and toasted coconut.

In another bowl, whisk together applesauce, maple syrup, coconut oil, milk and vanilla extract until well combined.

Add wet mixture to dry mixture and stir to combine.

Place 1/4 cup balls of cookie dough onto prepared cookie sheet and with a fork or with your wet hands, press down to flatten slightly. Cookies will not spread while baking so there's no need to leave much room between each one. Bake until lightly browned, 18 to 20 minutes.

Allow to cool completely before transferring them to an airtight container.

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Eight tables at cribbage: high hand, Shirley Burton, 24; first, Pat and Cal, 949; second, Gib and Florence, 929; third, Nancy and Glen, 926; low, Donna and Hugh, 848; door prizes, Gib, Dorothy A. and Marilyn Holmes. Today we did month end: highest score of the month, Ruth and Bill, 961; highest average, Gib and Florence, 933; second, Brad and Dorothy, 916; third, Yogi and Bobbi Jo, 914; skunks, Keith, Judi and Ken, 4. I averaged the three highest scores, but I counted all the skunks despite the change in partners. Today we had coconuts donated to

Tehkummah Talk and Times

give for the skunks!
 Bid euchre Thursday, 3 ¼ tables: first, Pat Nelder, 216; second, Dave James, 176; third, Laurene, 175; low, John Novak; 50/50, Hugh Corbett.
 I am so frustrated with things in this life that don't work, me included! The stupid pens are always out of ink or skip over the silly paper or note card. I heard the other day of a guy who still uses a fountain pen and real ink, saves filling the

dump with no good plastic pens. So, the add ink blot was good for reading!
 Hello, Caroline Boone and Shirley Dicker, re-reading your notes. Thank you all for your thoughts and kind words and Lyle your early morning laughter cheers me up.
 International Women's Day! Means? Don't you think we should have more than one? There have always been lots of inspirational women out there.

Changing our lives and changing the world!
 It is so difficult to refuse a free meal. Destination North was having a luncheon at the Hall at noon today. I had to refuse the invitation as I was heading to church, and it doesn't get over till 12:30 pm. But, we did meet for a social time at Carol's and Earl's after Pauline and Wayne, Martin and Lynda, Mary Yett traveled with me today, and Sparky of course.

This evening down to Sherry and Dave's for a delicious roast beef dinner. Skylar made a cherry cheesecake for dessert, yummy! Kim called and tracked me down there.
 What do you do when your oven door falls apart? It was a second hand \$200 stove. But, then I heard of a \$1,000-dollar new stove came damaged inside and out and Tara's new washing machine is broken again.
 Did you see that moon on

Sunday evening? Was it showing earlier or was that the time change?
 Congratulations to Leslie and Jeff Pennie who, over the past week holidaying in a tropical climate, tied the knot. They both just recovered from the flu, so the holiday celebration and recuperation. All the best. I think Susan was the pets and plants sitter.
 Happy birthday, Wayne Martin, March 10.
 A meeting of our cemetery board on Monday morning. Was sure interesting.
 A partridge walks across my yard.

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
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
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Eight Ball Pool Tournament at the Little Current Legion Wednesday nights starting at 7 pm. Entry fee is \$5. Maximum 10 players. Rules based on Legion and V.N.E.A regulations. For information contact co-ordinator, Norris Valiquette, 705-368-1717.

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St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew at the Little Current Legion on Tuesday, March 17. 5 pm to 7 pm. \$12 per person; five years and under free. Serving beef stew, salad, dessert, coffee and tea. Come out and support your Legion so we can support your community.

43p

 **coming events**

St. Patrick's euchre tournament and supper at Tehkummah Seniors' Hall, Sunday, March 15. Euchre tournament at 1:30 pm, first, second and third prizes plus 50/50 draw. Supper starts at 5 pm, beef or chicken stew with homemade breads and buns plus beverage and dessert. Cost: cards and supper, \$20; cards only, \$5; supper only, \$15. Supper open to the public, everyone welcome. For further information contact, Marg Case, 705-859-1375.

42-43c


Dr. Stephen Cooper will host an open and informal discussion on Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia on Wednesday, March 18 at 7 pm at the Little Current United Church Hall. A question and answer session will follow. All are welcome. Refreshments. Brought to you by Little Current Medical Associates and The Manitoulin Expositor.

42-44p

Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary, Little Current's 75th anniversary casserole dinner. March 13 at the Little Current United Church at 5 Robinson Street at 6 pm. Come and enjoy some wonderful casseroles and desserts prepared just for you! Only \$12. For tickets call Marilee Hore, 705-368-2547; June McConnell, 705-368-3654; or see Doug at Doug's Barber Shop. Advance tickets only.

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
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 **Sea Cadet Events**

Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps weekly parade is now at the Manitoulin Secondary School gymnasium on Monday nights, beginning at 6 pm. All youth 12 to 18 are welcome to join. For enquiries, please contact 705-805-0350.

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

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St. Patrick's Day Menu March 17th
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CHINESE DINNER MARCH 21ST
Live Music by Peter Nelson
Starter- Abalone and Pea Soup
Appetizer- Your choice of spring roll or egg roll and Crispy Ribs with Honey Garlic Sauce
Main- Pork and Mushroom Stir Fry & Shrimp Singapore Noodles
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
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Hey! Kids **ASSIGINACK MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES**

March 14 Free Public Skating 1-3 pm | Sponsored by Manitowaning MHA

March 16 Free Drop in Sponge Puck 12-1 pm | Sponsored by Brenda Reid
Free Public Skating 1-3 pm
Make a Gnome 6:30 pm

March 17 Tech Day 1-2:30 pm for kids
Walking in the Arena atrium 11:30am -1 pm

March 18 Free Public Skating 10 am – 12 pm | Sponsored by Assiginack Family Health Team
Free Drop In Sponge Puck 12-1 pm
Make a Duct Tape Wallet 6:30 pm for kids
Delmer Fields fun craft 6:30 pm for kids

March 19 Animal Embroidery 1-2:30 pm for kids
Walking in the Arena atrium 11:30am -1 pm

March 20 Free Public Skating 7:30-9 pm

March 21 Free Public Skating 1-3 pm

*****You can rent the ice for \$50 an hour from March 1st to 21st.**
705 859 3219
Registration info: Assiginack.ca
Snowshoes and walking poles available to borrow at the municipal office.
info@assiginack.ca 705 859-3196

Please join us as we say goodbye and

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This **FRIDAY, March 13,**
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER
Full Time- 6 Month Contract
(to cover medical leave)

The Personal Support Worker is responsible for providing care that contributes to the quality of life of individuals who live at home by promoting their independence; dignity; social; emotional and physical well-being; mobility; personal appearance; comfort and safety so that they may remain and participate within their community.

The successful applicant must be willing to work flexible hours (possible evenings and/or weekends) and may provide services to all five First Nation communities.
(Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing)

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide personal support services based on the client personal care or home management needs.
2. Provide assistance to the Long-Term Care Program with the provision of regular Diners' Club and Meals On Wheels program, Adult Day programming and may assist/provide generic transportation services for own client caseload; friendly visits and social safety.
3. Provide respite services working flexible hours.
4. Works collaboratively with health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
5. Submission of timely required documentation based on scheduled basis to immediate supervisor.
6. May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
- A Personal Support Worker Certificate from a recognized college with a minimum of (2) years community work experience.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Current and Clear CPIC
- Valid 'G' driver's license and a vehicle.
- Anishinaabemowin is a strong asset.

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

A cover letter, resume, two work related reference letters and a criminal reference check (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' must be submitted via fax, email or in person to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
hr@mnaamodzawin.com
Fax: 705-368-2229

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 13, 2020 at 12:00pm
Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Park Development Coordinator
One Year Contract
SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Park Development Coordinator will be responsible for implementing key objectives in the Point Grondine Park Eco Resort and Campground Business Plan including; Phase 1 Construction, Operational Planning and Marketing/Branding. The successful candidate will be responsible for the day to day backcountry Park operations. This position will prepare the candidate for potential transition into Park Management in 2021.

DUTIES:

- To work with the planning team to implement the business plan including but not limited to; tendering, permitting and sourcing suppliers during the construction phase.
- Initiate Marketing Plan and Branding for the Eco Resort and Campground.
- Coordinate 2020 Park Operations including; operational planning, employee recruitment/training and supervision of park staff.
- To network with Wikwemikong Tourism on packaging and delivering Park programming for schools, motor coach and travel trade.
- To strengthen online presence of PG Park through website and social media
- To administer Park bookings and visitor orientations.
- Network and strengthen key partnerships with industry and government
- Responsible for community engagement on Park initiatives
- Attend industry training, conferences and workshop as required.
- To assist with other Park initiatives and perform other assigned duties as required.

QAULIFICATIONS:

- Preference given to Business, Marketing, Hospitality/Tourism and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Graduates
- Combined Education and work experience will be considered.
- Minimum three years Supervisory experience.
- Valid Ontario driver license, access to vehicle and ability to travel
- Excellent analytical, problem-solving, communication and networking skills.
- Ability to organize and set priorities; work independently and contribute to the team dynamics.
- Must be bondable

Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume & three letters of reference to:

Luke Wassegijig, Tourism Manager
c/o Enaadmaagehjik
2102 Wikwemikong Way
Wikwemikong, Ontario
POP 2J0
lwassegijig@wikydevcom.ca

Deadline: March 27, 2020



PIERSIDE RESTAURANT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for motivated and friendly individuals to join our expanding team here at Pierside Restaurant! Experience is preferred, yet not required as we offer training preparation for all positions. We are located at 6 Water St, South Baymouth.

Part-time and full-time available positions for:

- Servers
- Bartenders
- Kitchen Help

To apply, please submit your resume via email at Ly.Pierside@Gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!



NEMI Public Library Summer Student Employment

NEMI Public Library is looking for a Student Library Assistant. Employment will begin in July. Hours will be 25 or 30 per week contingent on funding.

Eligible students will be 15 years or older and have been in full-time attendance since September and will be returning to full-time studies in the fall.

- Must have good computer skills.
- Must have strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Must be able to work well both independently and with a team.
- Must be available to work Saturdays until 4pm and evenings until 8pm.

Only students who have been selected for interviews will be contacted.

Please submit resume and references to the following:
NEMI Public Library
Box 790
50 Meredith Street West
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Or email to nemilibceo@vianet.ca



MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN JOB OPPORTUNITIES SUMMER STUDENTS

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin has the following positions available for the summer of 2020:

- (1) Labourer (8-week term)
- (1) Labourer (15-week term. University or College level student required)
- (1) Summer Fun Program Leader – Providence Bay (8-week term. University or College level student preferred)
- (1) Summer Fun Program Assistant – Providence Bay (8-week term)
- (1) Museum Curator (14-week term. University student required)
- (2) Information Booth/Museum Attendant (9-week term)
- (1) Swimming Instructor (7-week term)
- (1) Assistant Swimming Instructor (7-week term)
- (3) Discovery Centre Hosts (10-week term. University or College level student required)

Eligible students must be planning to return to school full time in the fall, be eligible to work in Canada as well as be at least 15 years of age upon commencement of employment. Further details are available at the Municipal Office. Deadline for receiving applications is **12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020.**

Please direct all inquiries and applications to:
Tina Davidson
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
P.O. Box 187
Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0
Phone: 705-377-5726
Fax: 705-377-5585
Email: centralaa@amtelecom.net
Only those persons invited for an interview will be contacted.



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services Location: Manitoulin

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Career Opportunity

We invite applications consisting of a resume detailing education, work experience, cultural participation and volunteerism for the position of:

FINANCE CLERK (2) PERMANENT, FULL TIME POSITIONS LOCATION: MANITOULIN

The Finance Clerk(s) reports to the Finance Supervisor; and, is responsible for providing financial, administrative and clerical services. This includes processing and monitoring payments and expenditures, processing and monitoring receipts and revenues, and preparing and monitoring the payroll system. Providing these services in an effective and efficient manner will ensure that agency finances are accurate and up to date, that staff are paid in a timely and appropriate manner and that vendors and suppliers are paid within established time limits. All Employees are part of a multi-functional team where members are expected to possess knowledge, respect, and sensitivity of the Anishinaabe culture and be committed to helping First Nation families strengthen and achieve a healthy level of well-being.

Education:

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Two (2) year Accounting Diploma from a recognized, accredited post-secondary institute.

Experience:

- Must have at least two (2) years of recent and successful employment experience within an office administration environment with significant exposure to financial processes and procedures

Knowledge & Skills

- Knowledge of office administration coupled with basic bookkeeping procedures.
- Knowledge of accounts payable, accounts receivable and maintaining general ledgers.
- Knowledge of payroll functions and procedures.
- Ability to maintain a high level of accuracy in preparing and entering financial and payroll information.
- Confidentiality concerning financial and employee files.
- Awareness of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Employment Standards Act (2000).
- Awareness of Aboriginal Child Welfare sector is preferred.
- Knowledge to the application of policies.
- Excellent interpersonal, team building, bookkeeping, analytical, time management and problem solving skills
- Effective verbal and listening, communications, organizational, and computer skills.
- Ability to operate computerized accounting, spreadsheet and word processing programs, and email at a highly proficient level.
- Superior financial calculation understanding, knowledge and skills.
- Understanding and awareness of First Nation communities as well as the local customs and tradition.
- Ability to work well with other managers from a wide range of department areas.

Deadline: Open recruitment until position filled

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcf.org/employment to review the full job description. KGCFs offers competitive wages, a generous benefit package and OMERS pension plan.

Please submit your application marked "Confidential –Finance Clerk - Manitoulin". Include in your application a cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers. ** Please also detail within your application; the skills and background you possess which meet the above Job Posting Qualifications.

Applications are accepted on an on-going basis until position is filled via regular mail, in person or email at:

Human Resources
Finance Clerk – Manitoulin
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue,
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Email: hr@kgcf.org

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YOUTH IN TRANSITION WORKER Sudbury location

Reporting to the Service Supervisor, the Youth in Transition Worker (YITW) is responsible for supporting youth in their successful transition out of the child welfare system into adulthood. The YITW will help youth to develop and pursue their goals by supporting them through identify, access, and navigate adult service systems relevant to their specific needs. The YITW also supports youth with connecting to existing supports and resources within their communities including, housing supports, education resources, employment counselling, life skills training as appropriate (e.g. financial management, household management, health and mental health services, along with relevant legal services).

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum two-year accredited college diploma in the Social Services field, or related diploma deemed appropriate.
- Direct experience with at-risk youth for a minimum of 2 years.
- Direct experience working in Child Welfare.

Other qualifications preferred for these positions include:

- Knowledge of at-risk youth-related issues ranging from addictions, sexual orientation/identity, peer/social culture, human development, violence, teen pregnancy, gangs, human trafficking,
- Knowledge and understanding of flexible, diverse, traditional and non-traditional support, advocacy and intervention processes.
- Experience in an Aboriginal social service agency is an asset.
- Must be willing to participate in the activities, events and circles for the acquisition of cultural competence.
- Ability to interpret, apply and blend a wide range of Social Work practices and principles and Anishinaabe methods to help children/youth/families achieve a healthier lifestyle.
- Active participation in the Anishinaabe communities with building knowledge of the teachings from the medicine wheel acquired through personal learning journey will be of significant consideration.
- Ability to speak Anishinaabemowin is a definite asset.

DEADLINE: Open recruitment until position filled

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcf.org/employment to review the full job description.

Please submit your application marked "Confidential –Youth In Transition Worker: Sudbury". Include in your application a cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers. ** Please also detail within your application; the skills and background you possess which meet the above Job Posting Qualifications.

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Busy spot

Little Current United Church's Assembly Hall was filled with 'Pop-Up Market' vendors and shoppers Sat March 7. The monthly events are designed to replace the weekly Farmers' Market during the winter months, giving vendors a place to promote and sell their baking, crafts, plants and various other goods. The next market is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 10 am to 3 pm. For information, if you would like to be involved, contact (705) 272-8688.





Manitoulin-Sudbury
District Services Board

210 boul Mead Blvd
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9
Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850
Fax/Télécopieur: (705) 862-7805
<http://www.msdsb.net>

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is a municipal service management organization created by the provincial government to oversee the local planning, coordination and delivery of a range of services and programs divested to the municipal order of government. The specific programs our DSB is responsible for are: Ontario Works, Social Housing, Paramedic Services (Land Ambulance), and Early Learning and Child Care services.

The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

Finance Supervisor – Espanola

Permanent Full-Time


Competition #2020-01-AD

Closing date: March 27, 2020

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

While all responses are appreciated, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.





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HOUSING SUPPORT WORKER
Sudbury

Reporting to the Service Supervisor, the Housing Support Worker (HSW) is primarily responsible for providing housing support to youth by locating and sustaining long term housing for youth aged 16 to 17 years of age who are in a Voluntary Services Agreement (VYSA) and other care agreements. The Housing Support Worker will participate in case planning and wrap around service delivery to youth in transition. The Housing Support Worker will work in a professionally and culturally appropriate manner that is consistent and cognizant of the KGCFs philosophy and local Anishinabek customs and traditions.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have a minimum accredited college diploma in the Social Services field, or related diploma deemed appropriate.
- Must have two (2) years work experience in the delivery of social service programming targeting youth and families, preferably within an Anishinaabe community and/or organization.
- Proven work experience with vulnerable persons, youth in particular, and knowledge of victim's issues surrounding and relating to housing.
- Demonstrated experience in client advocacy with providing services to Anishinabek Youth and communities.
- Traditionally earned learning through hands on experience about Indigenous cultural beliefs, values, customs, traditions, healing ways, ceremonies, and protocols.
- Life experience and knowledge of and sensitivity to values, beliefs, and needs of the Anishinaabe community.

KNOWLEDGE:

- Working knowledge of community resources, programs and services (Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program, Post-Secondary School Programs) along with the application and referral processes.
- Knowledge of at-risk youth-related issues, such as addictions, human trafficking, sexual orientation/identity, peer/social culture, human development, violence, teen pregnancy and gangs.
- Knowledge and understanding of flexible, diverse, traditional and non-traditional support, advocacy and intervention processes.
- Knowledge and understanding of harm reduction philosophy and working strategies.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017, the Mental Health Act and other relevant legislation.
- Must be able to work flexible hours, possess own vehicle, valid class G driver's license, proof of vehicle insurance and travel as required.
- Ability to speak Anishinaabemowin is a definite asset.

DEADLINE: Open recruitment until position filled

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcf.org/employment to review the full job description.

Please submit your application marked "Confidential –Housing Support Worker - Sudbury". Include in your application a cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers. ** Please also detail within your application; the skills and background you possess which meet the above Job Posting Qualifications & Knowledge Requirements.


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Employment Opportunity - Sudbury Location

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
SERVICE SUPERVISOR
FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION
SUDBURY POSITION

OVERVIEW:
The Service Supervisor, the incumbent is responsible for providing clinical supervision, administrative management, guidance, and leadership of assigned staff. The position provides progressive leadership in all aspects of case management, including management and administration, along with supervisory case collaboration with agency and community stakeholders. The Service Supervisor will provide supervisory coverage and manage the staffing of the Service team to ensure the safety and well-being of children and provide clinical supervision and manage cases in accordance with member First Nations community-based models, Agency policies and Ministry of Child and Youth Services standards and regulations.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience

- Bachelor of Social Work Degree or Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline deemed appropriate.
- At least three (3) years of successful employment experience within a child welfare environment with progressive levels of responsibility, including two (2) years in front-line service delivery of Child Welfare Services.
- Experience in the delivery of First Nation Child and Family Services is preferred.
- Comprehensive experience in Child Welfare Frontline Case Management systems and Child Welfare recordings.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Commitment to providing service in the Anishinaabe context of extended family and community involvement.
- Excellent supervisory, planning and organization, problem-solving, decision-making, interpersonal, and leadership skills.
- Ability to work within a multi-disciplinary Traditional Child Welfare Management Team.
- Working knowledge of group dynamics supported with working knowledge in consultation and conflict resolution techniques.
- Expert knowledge of Indigenous history, legislative rights, First Nation community models and holistic and indigenous models of healing and wellness.
- Expert knowledge of Child Welfare legislation, Child Protection Standards, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. Regulations, Guidelines and Policy Directives, Case Management and Supervision requirements particularly in relation to the delivery of Child and Family Services.
- Expert knowledge of Customary Care and the philosophy of service development and delivery; and, the communities and family structure specifically in relation to local First Nation customs and traditions.
- Sound working knowledge of the standards for children in care including recording timelines, reporting practices including Serious Occurrences, along with new legislative amendments relative to protection services.
- Good knowledge of the provincial Outside Placement Resources through OARTY and group home systems including specialized treatment placement admission processes and specialized rate agreements.
- Working knowledge of the administrative structure and operations of the Agency including the service delivery model, policies, procedures and guidelines related to protection services.
- Working knowledge of youth justice and mental health services and other community resources available for youth in care and for youth support.
- Knowledge of the structure and operations including the member First Nations, external services and service agencies in the area.
- Demonstrated ability to prepare comprehensive narrative and statistical reports regarding First Nation Child and Family Services delivery.
- Demonstrated ability to influence and facilitate community group decision-making processes through knowledge, ideas, and service delivery experience; and, extensive experience in designing, planning and delivering training workshops.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND QUALIFICATIONS ON OUR WEBSITE
www.kgcf.org/employment

DEADLINE: THIS POSITION IS OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcf.org/employment to review the full job description.

Please submit your application marked "Confidential: Service Supervisor - Sudbury". Application must include a cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers. ** Please also detail within your application; the skills and background you possess which meet the above Job Posting Qualifications.

Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience, cultural participation and volunteerism. Applications are accepted on an on-going basis via regular mail, in person or email at:

Human Resources
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue,
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

Email: hr@kgcf.org

KGCFs services is based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe candidates (please self-identify). Miigwech for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidates will be required to submit the following: satisfactory Criminal Reference Check (within 3 months of deadline date), Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY 3rd Posting
FULL TIME – OFFICE MANAGER
 Salary: \$40,000 - \$55,000 / year
 (depending on education and experience)

The **Office Manager** will organize and coordinate the administration staff duties and office procedures. The Office Manager will create and maintain a pleasant, respectful work environment, ensure a high level of organizational effectiveness, communication and safety within the administration. In addition, will ensure the smooth running of the administration office and help improve organization policies, procedures and day to day operations of WRFN.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Review and assess current processes and procedures within WRFN, identify gaps and opportunities for improvement; design and implement workflow changes to increase operational efficiency and consistency across the First Nation departments;
- Develop strong rapport and relationships with Managers, Supervisors and employees, allowing for open and constructive communication and achievement of WRFN goals and objectives;
- Take responsibility for leading administration - departmental planning with program managers;
- Implement performance management and improvement systems;
- Oversee employee and community communications content;
- Represent the First Nation and foster a culture that supports the First Nation's vision, mission, values, and objectives;
- Assign, monitor clerical, administrative and reception responsibilities and tasks amongst administration staff;
- Coordinate all furniture and equipment purchasing, including computers, photocopiers, printers, and handheld devices for all staff;
- Assist HR in establishing and monitoring the time management system;
- Participate in the health and safety committee; and
- Other duties as assigned.

KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES:

- The Office Manager will be able to identify and analyze issues and problems in administration areas, recommend and implement solutions and/or changes;
- Able to manage office functions economically and efficiently, organize work, establish priorities and maintain good interpersonal relations and communications with staff and program managers; and
- Display excellent supervisory and leadership skills. Demonstrate the willingness and ability to delegate.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Undergraduate Degree or Community College Diploma in Business Administration or equivalent experience;
- 3-5 years' experience as an Office Manager, Administrative Assistant or Project Manager;
- Knowledge of Human Resource practices and procedures;
- Knowledge of Band Manager responsibilities, systems and procedures;
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook);
- Hands on experience with office machines (e.g. fax machines and printers);
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Strong organizational and planning skills in a fast-paced environment; and
- A creative mind with an ability to suggest improvements.

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

CONFIDENTIAL:

Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Manager
 Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; P.O. Box 188; Birch Island; ON POP1A0
 Email: andream@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705)285-4532
 Applications must be submitted by **March 18, 2020** by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following:
 Cover letter, current resume, and 3 reference names (with contact information).

Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to employment. We thank all who apply, however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



Employment Opportunity:
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

\$18 - \$20 per hour (Depending on Experience)
***Terms of Employment: * 25 hours per week average**

The main task of the Rebound Editor is to gather, edit and create content for the WRFN monthly newsletters. The Editor would also create new ideas and themes for articles, interviews and features relevant to our community and membership to keep the newsletter interesting, engaging and current. In addition, will determine guidelines and expectations for authors and reviewers. In some cases, newsletter publications will have themes that are advertised well in advance to encourage employees to write particular sorts of pieces.

Specific Areas of Responsibility:

Newsletter Production:

- Communicate with all Managers about monthly submissions and deadlines
- Communicate with printing company about deadlines, production concerns
- Communicate closely with Supervisor on all content or any concerns regarding the newsletter
- Plan, organize, edit and edit parts (if necessary) of the content of each month's newsletter
- Final edit on newsletter
- Gather and choose possible photos, images for newsletter
- Take photos of WRFN's events for newsletter: School events, community events and etc.
- Work on content, layout, colors, photos
- Manage WRFN's Social Media and membership - constant contact communication

*It is also understood that the Newsletter Editor will be available when possible to work on other special events and coverage (editions) that may require their assistance. At times this may include evening or weekend work.

Qualifications:

- Grade 12 Highschool Graduate; Minimum 1 year experience with editorial newsletters;
- Writing and editing experience;
- High level of organization skills, with the ability to multi-task and work with hard deadlines
- Able to manage a monthly project from start to completion
- Able to work with other employees to communicate expectations, goals, deadlines, etc.
- Attention to detail, especially in editing, proofing
- Proficient computer skills in Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud, Social Media

Interested and qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to the attention of:

Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Manager

Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; PO Box 188; Birch Island, ON POP 1A0
 Email: andream@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705) 285-4532

Applications must be submitted by **March 13, 2020** by 4:30 pm and must include the following: Three (3) current work related reference letters

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Tour Coordinator-2nd Posting
One Year Contract
PENDING FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Wikwemikong Tourism is seeking a highly motivated individual to fill the Tour Coordinator position. The Tour Coordinator is responsible for coordinating all Group, FIT and Cruise itineraries. The successful candidate will be responsible for the day to day summer operations at the Tourism Information Center.

DUTIES:

- To coordinate and deliver Group, FIT and Cruise itineraries with tour operators and suppliers
- To work with travel trade and industry partners to distribute Wikwemikong Tourism packages
- Responsible for Tour guide recruitment and training
- To research, produce and evaluate Experiential Tour Products and Packages
- To assist with content development and updating of online profiles with industry partners.
- Responsible for day to day operations at the Tourism Information Center including retail services.
- Assist in strengthening business, industry and government partnerships
- Assist in planning Tourism events as required in work plan
- Perform administrative duties as required
- Prepare Tourism Information Centre reports
- Perform other assigned duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-Secondary Degree or Diploma in Business, Marketing and or Hospitality/Tourism preferred.
- Combined work experience and Education in Hospitality/Tourism will be considered.
- Must be flexible and adaptable to scheduling and have the ability to work in a fast pace environment
- Must be able to work evenings and weekends
- Must be familiar with Microsoft office
- Must be outgoing with excellent public speaking skills with the ability to communicate effectively in large groups
- Excellent analytical, problem-solving, communication and networking skills.
- Ability to organize and set priorities; work independently and contribute to the team dynamics
- Must have a valid Ontario Driver's Licence with access to a vehicle and the ability to travel.

Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, three letters of reference to:

Luke Wassegijig, Tourism Manager
 c/o Enaadmaagehjik
 2102 Wikwemikong Way
 Wikwemikong, Ontario
 POP 2J0
 lwassegijig@wikydevcom.ca

Deadline: March 25, 2020

**MANITOULIN CENTRAL
 FAMILY HEALTH TEAM**

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) NOTICE

In consideration of the health and welfare of our patients, staff and health care providers the Manitoulin Central Family Health Team has made the following changes to our office procedures.

We continue to provide primary healthcare to our patients during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Until further notice and subject to change as updates become available:

- All walk-in clinics have been cancelled.
- Those urgent appointment times can now be booked by calling on Monday and Wednesday mornings.
- All patients will be screened prior to on site-health care appointments.

If you are experiencing any of the following NEW symptoms:

- **Fever**
- **Cough**
- **Shortness of breath**

Please call the clinic to discuss your health care needs if your symptoms are mild. If your symptoms are severe, then you should be assessed at the hospital.

Manitoulin Central Family Health Team
705-377-5371

Assiginack Public Library Feature

by Debbie Robinson

“We are all one energy, one soul, one song and one drum,” is a quote from the late Canadian Indigenous author Richard Wagamese, a First Nation writer from Northwestern Ontario who is considered one of Canada’s leading authors and storytellers. I had the pleasure of attending one of his workshops at a conference several years ago – he was a gentle, softspoken man who could mesmerize with his storytelling! Sadly he passed away in 2017. ‘One Drum: Stories and Ceremonies for a Planet’ is his final manuscript and the book that attests the writer’s stories, truths and rituals that he accepted, followed and took energy and life force from. Here are the teachings of Ojibway heritage. Lessons in humbleness, esteem, brav-

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TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK



From March 1st to March 21st, the ice surface of the arena will be available for rental at \$50/hour anytime outside of regularly scheduled rentals.

Any groups, teams or individuals from across the Island may rent.

To book the ice call 705 859 3219.

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Free food cupboard. If you could use some help with groceries, you are invited to stop by the Gore Bay United Church to pick up some supplies. The Food Cupboard is open on Thursdays from 12 noon to 3 pm or 6 pm to 8 pm. All are welcome. No means test required. If you have questions, please call 705-282-2011.

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in memoriam

BROWN—In memory of Goldwin Brown (Goldy), July 28, 1934 to March 12, 2010. Ten years have passed us by. Since you left our family ties. It feels like it was yesterday. That we said our goodbyes. Still wrapped in sorrow and longing. We carry out our deeds of living. We miss your smile, good humor and your presence, But we are still left with the precious Memories of you which will carry us Through until we meet once more. Love you always, Dad. Love, Garfield, Nancy, Peggy, Ken, Rob and families

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY LAW AMENDMENT BY THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT FOR BY-LAW 2018-41

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on the 7th day of April, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Waterfront Artisan Incubator and Technology Center, to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act. The purpose of this Zoning By-law Amendment is to correct anomalies in Zoning By-law 2018-41 by amending the wording in the Definitions and General Provisions sections to more clearly reflect the intent of the Town when the Comprehensive Zoning By-law was adopted. This By law applies to lands throughout the Town and no Key Map is included in this Notice. ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendments. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to the Town at the address below. If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so. **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: April 7th, 2020
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
14 Water St. E.; P.O. Box 608
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Ph: (705)368-3500



TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS Request for Tender Little Current Connecting Link & Watermain Replacement Contract 2020-02

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the Town of NEMI Offices until

Wednesday, April 1st, 2020 at 11:30 am

Tender includes the road rehabilitation of 960m of Manitowaning Road, 677m of Worthington Street and 437m of Meredith Street. Also included is road reconstruction of 244m of Meredith Street, with rural to urban upgrading between Walcot Street and Sim Street. Tender also includes provisional watermain replacement for 245m of Worthington Street between Blake Street and Meredith Street, and provisional watermain and sanitary replacement on Meredith Street from Worthington Street to 137m east of the Meredith/Worthington intersection. The work includes labour, material and equipment for the complete construction of the works. Contract specifications and tender forms are available electronically from the Bidding website. Hard copies of tender documents can also be obtained by contacting the Greer Galloway Group. Documents will be made available for pick-up at the Greer Galloway Belleville Office or shipped via courier within Ontario upon receipt of a NON-REFUNDABLE fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) payable to the Greer Galloway Group Inc. Documents will be available on or after Wednesday March 11th, 2020. The tender must be accompanied by an Agreement to Bond and a tender deposit in the form of a Certified Cheque or Bid Bond made payable to the Town of NEMI, in an amount not less than that specified in the Tender Documents. The submitted tenders will be opened publicly at the Town of NEMI Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current, Ontario immediately following the closing. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. If you require additional information, please contact:

Adele Voldock, Project Manager The Greer Galloway Group Inc. 1620 Wallbridge-Loyalist Road Belleville, ON K8N 4Z5 T: (613) 966-3068 ext. 388	or	Dave Williamson, CAO Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands 14 Water Street East, P.O. Box 608 Little Current, ON P0P 1K0 T: (705) 368-3500 ext. 224
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Death Notices

GLEN ANDREW CHRISTOPHER DEBASSIGE February 26, 1956 - March 5, 2020



In Loving Memory of Glen Andrew Christopher Debassige Kungfu, Yawbeh, Daddy Doodie, Critter D., Mannix, Christopher Almighty, Our Father, Old Chrissy. Chris passed away peacefully at the age of 64 in his home, surrounded by family and friends. Known for his easy-going nature and great sense of humour. Chris worked for the past 24 years at Casino Rama, but in his spare time he enjoyed traveling, woodworking, sketching, golfing, fishing and spending good times on Manitoulin Island with family and friends. He will be sadly missed by wife Amelia “Millie” Gilbert and ex-wife Barbara Finan. Proud Daddy Doodie of Autumn and Bethany, and step-dad to William, Sabrina and Catherine. Chris will be especially missed by his cat, Oreo and his 11 grandchildren. Dearly loved son of the late Andrew and Eva “Rose” Debassige. Beloved brother of Helen (Ivan predeceased) Crawford, Noel (Mary) Debassige, Bertha (Ludger Leblanc) Saikkonen, Justin (Jean) Debassige, Levina (Jack) Young (predeceased), Edward (Tammy) Debassige, Timothy (predeceased) (Eleanor) Debassige, Tommy Beam, Nellie (predeceased) Debassige, Elaine Debassige, Earl (Debbie) Debassige, Sally (Glen) Hare, and Christy (Ivan) Taibossigai. He will be sadly missed by countless nephews, nieces, co-workers and friends. Family and Friends gathered for visitation at the M’Chigeeng Community Complex Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 5 pm. Funeral Service was at Immaculate Conception Church, Monday, March 9, 2020 at 11 am. Donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice. Miigwech to Southlake Regional Health Centre Cancer Care in Newmarket and the Local Health Integration Network in Barrie.

SMACKY A.K.A. EUGENE ALEX MANITOWABI July 2, 1948 - March 3, 2020

Smacky began his journey to the spirit world on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the age of 71. Beloved son of David Bondy (predeceased) (wife Beatrice) and Victoria Mishibinjima (nee Manitowabi) (predeceased) (husband David predeceased). Smacky leaves behind wife Noreen, son John (wife Mary Agnes), daughter Corilla and son Bedahbun (Nolan predeceased). Loving brother to 19 brothers and sisters of the Manitowabi, Mishibinjima and Bondy families. Loving grandfather to Pierce (friend Naomi) and Ayden. Uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. He will be missed by many other family and friends. Early on in his life, he worked as a forest harvester at Camp 12 in Ramsay, then as a labourer in making various log buildings for Garden River First Nation and here in Wiky. He then worked as a general labourer on various housing projects in Wiky. One to never leave you without a story, visit or quick response that no other could do, he will be truly missed for these moments. Also for the days during the summer when he would be enjoying the day go by while sitting outside his apartment along Wiky Way. Smacky enjoyed watching the Toronto Blue Jays and Murdoch Mysteries (where many were told to leave if you had stopped by during these busy times). The rest of the day would be listening to Classic Country. In his leisure time he enjoyed playing for the Murray Hill Slabs hockey and baseball teams. As per his wishes, there will be no wake or funeral. He was adamant that if someone wanted to visit him, they should have while he was alive, not when he had passed. He wished to be cremated shortly after leaving this world. The family will be honouring his life with a memorial service at a later date this spring. Baamaa Pii Smacks “Yeah Right”.

DAVID WENDELL CRITCHLEY June 15, 1967 - March 4, 2020



With great sadness the family of David Wendell Critchley announces his sudden passing at home on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the age of 52. Son of Jacob (predeceased) and Nelda (nee. Stevens) Critchley of Cambridge. Son-in-law of Jack and Ann Sargent of New Hamburg. David leaves behind his better half Cathy Sargent. Loving father of Kylie Higgins of Guelph and step-dad of Brandon Sargent of New Hamburg. Will be forever missed by his fur baby Loki. Beloved grandpa of Grey Elias Aldo Deaken. Survived by his sister Lyla (Jeff) Schoen of Kitchener. Will be missed by his niece Makayla Schoen. Will be missed by many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. David always said that he was a Hespeler, Ontario boy living on the Island. At David’s request, cremation has taken place. Memorial donations may be made in David’s honour to the Manitoulin Pet Rescue.

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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by Debbie Robinson

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ery and recovery. A message of belief and hope obtained by bonding with the sacred and spiritual traditions of his people. Wagamese truly believed that when we share ceremonies, “we truly become one song and one drum beating together in a common purpose – and we are healed.” The publisher in the book’s forward writes: “In this book, Richard Wagamese gives us four small ceremonies, ceremonies for people of all cultures and beliefs – and it was his hope that in following them, readers would be inspired to connect with the rest of humanity and every other living thing on the planet, and life itself as a ceremony.” This is a book you won’t soon forget. “A ceremony is not complete until it is shared.” - Richard Wagamese (1955-2017)

‘Influenza: The Hundred-Year Hunt to Cure the Deadliest Disease in History’ is by Dr. Jeremy Brown. The book demonstrates the still actual and current risk and danger of influenza. It also defines the extent of control and the constraints

faced by present-day medical science. This book is an engaging read about an invasive and often stealthy adversary. This author has done his homework, talking with leading authorities in epidemiology, policy makers and several research teams. This book will answer a lot of your questions about influenza – the history, the present and the possible future.

Writer Janet Evanovich’s character Stephanie Plum is a favourite with mystery readers. The latest book, No. 26 in this often hilarious series is entitled ‘Twisted Twenty-Six.’ It finds our heroine caught up in a hasty, improbable family wedding, in search of a missing set of keys that are badly wanted by

some shady characters and the continued craziness of her life as a bounty-hunter for bail jumpers. These are always a fun, engaging and full of local adventure!

Another 26th volume is from Canadian/British writer, Peter Robinson. ‘Many Rivers to Cross’ continues the intrepid Inspector Banks series. This case in this novel is a riveting and graphic story of mur-

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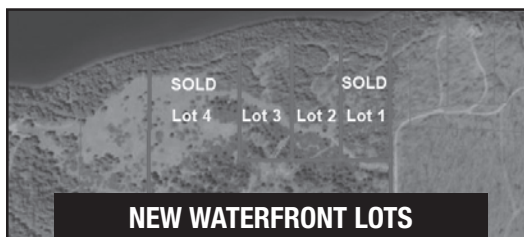
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Barney Deforge opening Little Current candy and toy store

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—This year is going to be a period of major growth for Island entrepreneur Rodney “Barney” Deforge who shared his organization’s plans for 2020 with The Expositor, beginning with the long-vacant storefront in the middle of downtown Little Current which will soon hold a boutique candy and toy store.

“That building’s been empty for a while,” said Mr. Deforge. “I think this is going to be a big asset in the downtown to complement the rest of the businesses. Especially when we do our events for things like Country Fest or Haweater Weekend when they shut downtown down, it’s going to be great to have a candy store with things like freshly made cotton candy and popcorn.”

The downtown storefront has not had a permanent tenant for a few years now. Mr. Deforge purchased the building and is presently working on revitalizing the space.

“This is something new for us. It’s not going to be the same as the Bargain Barn—we’re going to have a lot of imported candy and nostalgic candy,” said Mr. Deforge, noting that the offerings will be more



The former English Pantry building in downtown Little Current will soon be the home of The Mercantile, a candy and toy store run by Rodney Deforge of Barney’s Bargain Barn fame.

photo by Warren Schlote

exotic than the domestic candies available at convenience stores.

The building itself has a vintage appearance, including tin ceilings, that worked well with the nostalgia component of his offerings. Because of the old-timey feel, Mr. Deforge said he plans to call the business The Mercantile.

“That means, basically, a country store in a sparsely populated area. That’s what the old stores used to be years ago,” he said. “We wanted to run with that so the inside will be rustic and nostalgic.”

Mr. Deforge said his toy offerings would complement the candy side of the operation to create a very

kid-friendly operation.

“We’re going to make the town a lot more fun and make a place for kids to have on the main street,” he said.

The Mercantile is expected to open for the May long weekend this year. When it opens, it will create four full-time jobs for the community. Although Mr. Deforge said he had all the equipment to sell ice cream as well, that won’t be in the works for the opening.

Many changes are also underway up at the flagship Barney’s Bargain Barn location. Until late December of 2019, Mr. Deforge did not own the land on which his business was situated—it was still held by the former tenant, Little Current RONA Building Supply, and leased to Barney’s. That ownership change has opened new possibilities for the operation.

“We’re going to be putting in a chip truck on the main grounds at the store,” said Mr. Deforge. “It’s not the typical chip truck—it’s a 70-foot-long mobile kitchen.”

The eatery will feature standard chip truck fare with an important difference—a strong emphasis on fresh, in-house-made foods, such as fresh-baked

buns, uniquely shaped hamburger patties and peameal bacon sandwiches.

“We’re going to have a healthy component as well, so you can substitute your fries for a salad of the day. And it’s not just a standard tossed salad, we’re going to do all homemade dressings and it’ll be very fresh,” said Mr. Deforge. “You won’t have to settle for a typical grease fix.”

This fall, Mr. Deforge said he wanted to start up a meals-on-wheels service out of this kitchen facility. That plan would give the building use in the off-season when chip stand businesses grinds to a halt.

“We help a lot of seniors out here already, but we thought it would be nice to do a hot meal once a week. We used to do it before in Manitowaning, where we would do 150 meals a week—and we don’t charge for it,” said Mr. Deforge. “Our meals on wheels were free and paid for by our store. It’s going to be the same when we open up again; we won’t have a charge. That way, shut-ins and others in need can be guaranteed a hot meal. All our drivers are volunteers.”

This newspaper also reported last year about the forthcoming video

game bus that Mr. Deforge is working on as another child-focused offering. He has purchased the bus and it is licenced and nearly ready to go, but Mr. Deforge had some health concerns and had to pause that project. However, it is also expected to launch this year alongside the two other initiatives.

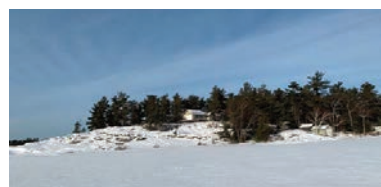
“It’s absolutely coming and it’s just sitting there, waiting to go. I have a funny feeling that it’ll make a nice attachment to the chip truck; it’ll be parked there as well,” he said.

With the new storefront, the chip truck and gaming bus on the horizon, Mr. Deforge said as many as 12 full-time (37 hours on average) positions will be coming available in May, with pay set at a living wage for the area.

“In the end, Little Current is actually a really good investment community. It really is. We’ve had a really good response from the town and an amazing response from the community. When you look at the growth in smaller areas next to how Little Current welcomes businesses, it tells me a lot. Any business has a risk but I think this town is worth the risk,” said Mr. Deforge.



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PRIME LOCATION - Hwy 6 (Manitowaning Rd) and Vankoughnet Street in Little Current. C1 Commercial zoning allows multiple uses, plus By-Law permits 3 residential units. Excellent location for your business, with great income stream potential - high demand for rental units with very low vacancy rate. Over 2200 square ft, separate hydro metering for each unit. \$231,000. MLS#2084442



GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY! This turn key Restaurant sits along the Blue Jay Creek and is ready for a new family. All restaurant furniture & fixtures included, seating for 80. 16 Acres of land. Successfully operated for 27+ years! \$329,900. MLS#2064232



BASS LAKE - Beautiful setting on Manitowling Island this 106 acres of mixed bush & tillable land with frontage on Bass Lake currently being used as pasture for cattle. The 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home is in excellent condition & shows pride of ownership with 2 wood stoves & forced air oil heat. Water from dug well on the property with gravity feed to the home. \$399,000. MLS# 2077610



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