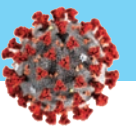




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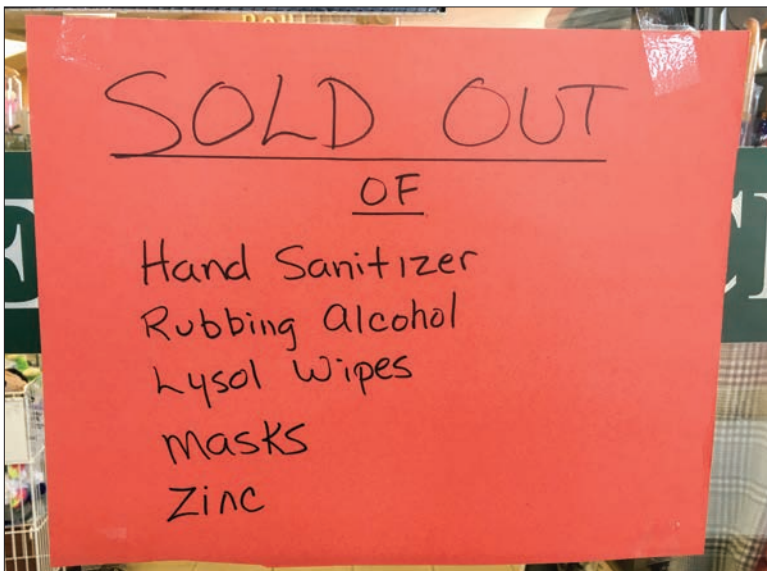
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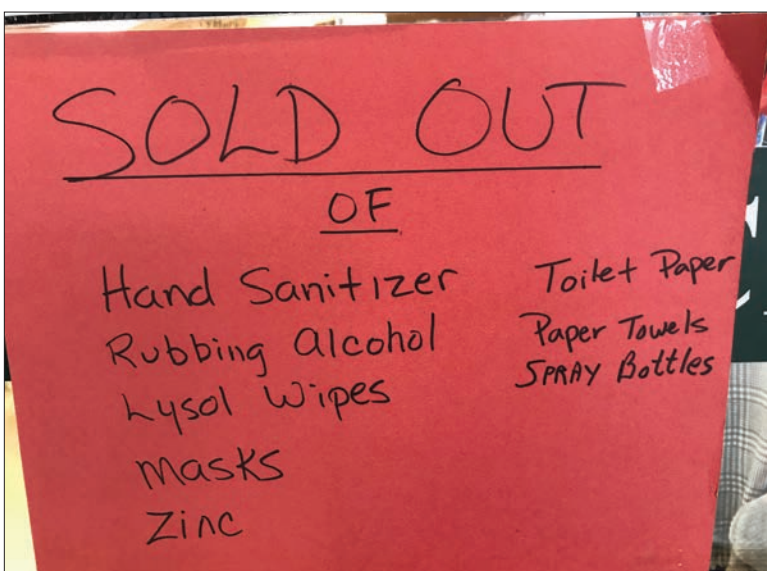
## Signs of the times



A Little Current store's sign posted on Thursday of last week was indicative of store shortages across Manitoulin. On Monday the Ontario Premier Doug Ford urged Ontarians to stop panic buying.



The sign by Saturday afternoon.



And then Monday afternoon.

## New Island transportation co-operative promises a bus on the road on June 1 to connect Manitoulin's communities

by Warren Schlote

MANITOWANING—Tehkummah resident Joahna Berti has been named as the executive director of United Manitoulin Islands Transit (UMIT) as of Monday, March 16, becoming the person who will see Manitoulin Island's most recent transit venture through to its launch in June 2020.

"In the future, transportation needs are going to be even more exigent than now. We're looking to build an organization for all cultures and deliver the service to people who need it," said Ms. Berti.

UMIT is set to launch in a preliminary capacity on June 1. It will offer two routes to start, both based in Little Current and operating from Monday to Friday.

A morning run will head to Mindemoya at 7 am, complete a small circuit there and return to Little Current for 8:30 am. At 8:45, the vehicle will head to

Manitowaning and return to Little Current at 10 am. An afternoon trip will follow the same order of stops, leaving Little Current at 3 pm and returning at 4:30, then heading to Manitowaning at 4:45 pm with a return at 6 pm.

For the first month of service, all trips will be free. The one-way fare to any of those locations, beginning in July, is expected to be four dollars.

"During the month of free rides, we're going to continue to gather information from our riders. We're actively involving the community in the design of our transit—it's unheard of," said UMIT president and board chair Guy Dumas. The first month of transit will cost the transit organization roughly \$12,000, which Mr. Dumas called "an invest-

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## Canada strives to slow COVID-19 pandemic

### Citizens abroad urged to come home immediately

by Michael Erskine

CANADA—A person could be forgiven for likening Canada's responses to the global COVID-19 novel coronavirus outbreak to an avalanche since the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic on March 11, two days after Canada listed its first

COVID-19-linked fatality. On Monday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that the country would be closing its borders to all non-citizens except those from the US (with whom the nation is inextricably entwined).

"As the virus has continued to spread, we are taking increasing-

ly aggressive steps to keep you and your family safe," he said, as he addressed the nation from the steps of Rideau Cottage in Ottawa. "I know that these measures are far-reaching," said the prime minister. "They are exceptional circumstances calling for exceptional measures."

The restrictions are to take effect today (Wednesday, March 18) but the prime minister added

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## Shopping pattern changes

### Island retailers comment on COVID-19 response

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Unease over COVID-19 has caused stores in some parts of the continent to run out of goods due to customers stockpiling food and household essentials in advance of possibly having to self-quarantine, and store owners and managers on Manitoulin Island have noted unique trends in the region based on a poll of several stores conducted last week by The Expositor.

"We've realized that Island people are not leaving the Island as much and are instead shopping locally, which is great for us. We hate to be getting the benefit of a bad situation but that's the word we're hearing from our shoppers. And our customer count and sales numbers indicate that's true," said Manitowaning Freshmart

owner Al Mattison.

As for the items that have been leaving the shelves in the highest numbers, Mr. Mattison's observations were matched by most stores on Manitoulin.

"We're getting an uptake in toi-

let paper sales but nothing too huge. Our hand sanitizer is gone and our wipes are depleted. All we can do is keep trying to order from our supplier," he said.

Hand sanitizer was sold out

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## 'Flattening the curve'

### The logic underlying Canada's response to COVID-19

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Ontario schools are closing for two weeks after March Break. Numerous businesses are switching to work-from-home protocol. Gatherings of more than 250 people are outlawed and groups of 50 or more are highly discouraged. People are being advised to not visit hospitals if they suspect they have the novel coronavirus COVID-19 and instead call hotlines and only visit dedicated testing sites. All people are encouraged to maintain a fair social distance from people they know.

Canada has taken all these measures, yet the virus is only impacting

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# Dr. Mike Bedard updates M'Chigeeng on COVID-19

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—The community centre in M'Chigeeng First Nation on March 10 was packed as Dr. Mike Bedard of the Assinac Health Family Team prepared to deliver a seminar on the impending COVID-19 pandemic, what people could expect and what people should do to protect themselves and their loved ones once the coronavirus begins to make its presence felt in the community.

M'Chigeeng Health Services manager Robert Beaudin began the evening by noting that the event was intended to get vital information out to M'Chigeeng residents and those of the neighbouring communities. He noted that the clinic managers and nursing staff were available in the back of the hall as supports as well.

Master of ceremonies for the evening, and the all candidates' meeting that was to follow the COVID-19 update, was former Aundeck Omni Kaning chief and (former Anishinabek Nation grand council chief) Pat Madahbee.

"There is obviously a lot of concern," said Mr. Madahbee. "Information is the key and there has been a great effort here tonight to provide that information." He noted that the information session would last approximately an hour, ending at 7 pm when the all candidates' meeting would take place.

Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige took to the podium to offer opening remarks for the information session, noting that she had had "an eye on this since September, watching credible reports out of Wuhan" and went on to provide a solid overview of what was known so far about the

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Dr. Mike Bedard of the Assinac Family Health Team spoke with M'Chigeeng First Nation about what they needed to know ahead of the potential spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Howard Debassige, a 57-year-old chef from M'Chigeeng First Nation, recently won a \$1 million Lotto MAX MAXMILLIONS bonus prize draw.

## M'Chigeeng resident wins \$1 million in Lotto MAX February 25 MAXMILLIONS bonus prize draw

M'CHIGEENG—Howie Debassige of M'Chigeeng can realize his dreams after winning a \$1 million MAXMILLIONS prize in the February 25 LOTTO MAX draw.

Mr. Debassige, a 57-year-old chef, discovered his win by using a ticket checker at a pharmacy. "I was very shocked," he shared while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to pick up his cheque.

Mr. Debassige plans to travel, pay bills and save the remainder of his win.

"It feels good to win the lottery," he concluded.

LOTTO MAX players in Ontario have won

over \$5.2 billion since 2009, including 68 jackpot wins and 595 MAXMILLIONS prizes, right across the province. LOTTO MAX is \$5 per play and draws take place on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The winning ticket was purchased at Barb's Kiosk on Centre Street in Espanola.

One lucky winner in Algoma-Manitoulin will also be \$1 million richer, too, following this past Saturday's Lotto 6/49 draw, according to the OLG. A ticket sold in the district is the winner of a guaranteed \$1 million bonus prize draw in that lottery.

## Catholic teachers are first to reach tentative agreement

by Warren Schlote

ONTARIO—The Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) announced last Thursday that it has reached a tentative agreement with the province, becoming the first of four publicly funded school boards in the province to potentially conclude its job action.

"Details of the agreement remain confidential pending ratification. In accordance with the association's ratification procedures, should the OECTA provincial executive and local unit presidents recommend approval, Catholic teachers will participate in a province-wide vote on April 7 and 8," read a statement from OECTA president Liz Stuart issued on March 12.

Because of the pending ratification process, the union has suspended all its strike action.

"Our government achieved our foremost priority—landing a good deal with a teachers' union that advances the priorities of students and parents," said Ontario Education Minister Stephen Lecce in a statement.

Members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), which represents educators in Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) schools, have begun negotiating with the province as well. L'association des enseignantes et enseignants francosantariens (AEFO), which represents French-language schools, is also engaged in discussions.

There are no updates about ETFO since last week's story about that union also resuming negotiations with the province.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) is the lone board that has not resumed talks. It has, however, paused its rotating strikes but increased its limited withdrawal of administrative services (since that union represents school administration workers in other settings such as elementary schools). The high school union has also indefinitely postponed its annual meeting of its provincial assembly due to concerns over the novel coronavirus.

COVID-19 has also disrupted classes in Ontario, with the province announcing on March 12 that it would be closing all publicly-funded schools for two weeks following March Break, which is this current week. Classes are set to resume April 6.

Alberta has taken a stronger approach and has announced its schools will be closed indefinitely.

Minister Lecce said he was encouraged by the OECTA tentative deal and hoped that the other unions would soon follow suit.

"The time is now to drive deals with all remaining union partners as parents expect action, not delays. We agree and will remain a positive and driving force at the bargaining table, advancing the priorities of parents and students," he said in the statement.

## UCCM Police Service to limit all non-emergency office visits

M'CHIGEENG—The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service is aware of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) and will be following the recommendations and guidelines of public health officials. "We are taking proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our civilian staff, officers and the communities we serve," said UCCM Police Chief Faron Whiteye.

Effective immediately and until further notice, the UCCM Police office is closed to the public except for emergency situations, necessary visitation and deliveries. The office will remain open during regular operating hours from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday.

The UCCM Police will also be limiting the processing of routine criminal reference checks/vulnerable sector checks. Checks will only be conducted if necessary and for special or emergency circumstances.

"Thank you for your co-operation as we navigate through these next few weeks," said Police Chief Whiteye. "Stay safe."

## Manitoulin Health Centre restricts 'non-essential visits' to the hospital

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is restricting non-essential visits to the two hospital sites. Only 'essential' visitors will be allowed on the hospital sites. Essential visitors are those defined as close family visiting patients who are dying or "very ill" and the parents or guardians of an ill child or youth.

"We recognize these measures may be an adjustment from your regular routine, however they will be critical to manage the spread of COVID-19 on Manitoulin Island over the coming weeks and protecting our most vulnerable populations," a press release from the MHC states. "The majority of patients with COVID-19 experience mild illness. It is therefore vital that people who are sick remain home to prevent the spread of illness to others."

Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe and include fever, cough and difficulty breathing (shortness of breath).

If you suspect you have symptoms of COVID-19, call your primary care provider or COVID-19 Updates Canada at 1-833-784-4397 (www.covid-19canada.com) or Public Health Sudbury and Districts at 705-522-9200 (toll-free 1-

866-522-9200).

Be sure to mention your symptoms and your travel history, including the countries you recently visited.

If you are coming to the MHC Emergency Department with respiratory issues, please call ahead to 705-368-2300 (Little Current site) or 705-377-5311 (Mindemoya site).

If you need immediate medical attention, call 911 and mention your travel history and symptoms.

Patients entering MHC will be actively screened by a staff member upon entry. Patients must wear a mask while waiting for or receiving treatment to prevent the spread of illness.

"At this time, the virus is not circulating locally," the press release continues. "However, this is a rapidly changing situation requiring that our organizations, communities and individuals be prepared for the potential wider spread of the infection."

Island nursing homes are also limiting visitors.

Visit [www.phsd.ca/COVID-19](http://www.phsd.ca/COVID-19) for information about how you can prepare for the spread of COVID-19, how to monitor your health and what to do if you think you are sick.

## Expositor Correction

There were three errors contained in a March 11 Page 6 story 'Sagamok First Nation withdraws from the Anishinabek Nation.' The Union of Ontario Indians is the secretariat for the Anishinabek Nation and not, as the story indicates, the former title of the Anishinabek Nation. The story references the First Nations Land Management Act; it should have instead referenced the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement, which is also not a full assertion of sovereignty as it only removes First Nations from two specific sections of the Indian Act, in citizenship and leadership selection. Finally, self-governance is not enshrined in treaty. That is cited as to why the UOI negotiated the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement for 25 years in the first place. It was a Sagamok Anishinabek chief, Angus Toulouse, who carried the first resolution at Grand Council Assembly forward. A March 4 Page 3 story 'Unofficial Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement results: eight Nations vote yes' also incorrectly referenced the First Nations Land Management Act instead of the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement. The Expositor regrets the errors.

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## editorial

### Time for all Canadians to come to the aid of their country

On March 11 Canadians woke up to witness a national mobilization the likes of which has not been seen in this nation since the outbreak of the Second World War. As the World Health Organization formally announced the global COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, a cascade of sports event cancellations, public and business office closures and a lockdown of most other gatherings swept across the nation—culminating in Monday's announcement by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that Canada would be closing its borders to most international travellers, exempting only Canadian citizens, permanent residents and their immediate families, diplomats and US citizens (due to the close bonds between our nations)—and even then those travellers will be expected to self-isolate.

Across Manitoulin Island closures came like falling dominoes, even extending to some restaurants and food outlets. Despite some incidents of panic buying behaviour that left many people scratching their heads (the great toilet paper panic of 2020 comes swiftly to mind), Canadians can take great pride in the swift reaction of our leaders at all levels in taking action to help slow the impact of this new and pernicious coronavirus. Compared to much of the globe, things here have been moving at a speed that almost outpaces that of rumours—almost.

If there has ever been a moment in the digital age that highlights the importance of having reliable and credible sources of information it would be now.

A perusal of any social media platform will unearth a veritable cornucopia of rumour and conjecture masquerading as fact. In times such as this misinformation can prove to be, quite literally, fatal.

The Expositor, the Recorder and our collegial Ontario Community Newspapers Association publications go to great efforts to verify the facts before we go to print, as do most other traditional media outlets—this despite the tremendous pressure to be first to the fore with any breaking story.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Agency advises the public to take to

heart the veritable bywords by which newspapers such as The Expositor live by: verify, verify, verify.

As our nation sets itself on a war footing to combat this invisible invader that has come to our shores there is much that we, as individual citizens, can do to support our friends and neighbours, especially the most vulnerable among us.

Take a moment out of your somewhat expanded free time in the coming weeks and (likely) months to check in on your neighbours and find out if they are in need. Call the sick and elderly, especially those without families (or perhaps even friends) on the Island to make sure they are okay, or perhaps even to help alleviate some of the isolating impacts of today's social distancing.

There are plenty of ways we can assist those around us without even appreciably reducing our own security and health—if there was ever a time to step up to the plate, this would be it. To paraphrase that famous political rallying cry: now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their country.

This is a battle that Canadians are well-suited to and one that we can and will win. It is not those of us who are hale and hearty that are at risk, such as is the case in most wars, but rather those who are weakest and most vulnerable.

Islanders are famed for stepping up to help those individuals and families in our community who have been devastated by those all-too-common tragedies of fire and illness. This particular charging horse-man should not find us wanting.

Rather than falling victim to panic and rioting over items that are far from danger of becoming scarce, let us tap into that deep well of good will and nature that truly defines us as a nation and a community.

Our response to this crisis will come to define our generation for those who follow, let us ensure that as we face the challenges of the COVID-19, it is our humanity that defines us.

## letters

### A clarification of a councillor's heartfelt apology letter

*A lack of clarity has caused more confusion and unnecessary attention*

**To the Expositor:**

The following is in response to the March 4 letter to the editor by Central Manitoulin Councillor Dale Scott, 'The damages of Councillors working outside the chain of command.'

I, as well as many others, have read the heartfelt apology from Dale Scott that was addressed to myself, George Strain, and we all seem to have the same questions: Just what was the letter for, what was it addressing and why did it come to be?

In my opinion, the letter dances around the issue without ever actually accepting any responsibility or acknowledging the wrong that was done. Neither was the actual reason for the letter ever addressed.

The letter by Mr. Scott was originally addressed in council at my request. Since Mr. Scott is an elected official of the municipality and took local gossip and coffee talk as a trusted account of events, it was important his error be addressed. Mr. Scott was given two options by myself: Either write a public apology or a grievance would have to be addressed by the Integrity Commissioner. The apology was to have two items within it: The affected employee's name and what the apology was specifically addressing.

In response to Mr. Scott's letter, I feel nothing needed to be de-escalated by a municipal councillor. The issue between a local business owner and paying customer (and not a municipal employee) did not need to be turned into an inflammatory issue for public concern. I questioned Mr. Scott about the informers and his source of interpretation of the events in question. He declined my requests. I repeatedly heard second-hand stories that Mr. Scott was actively investigating the event. It seems that he wants to bring the story to the public. Mr. Scott repeatedly misrepresented the issue using the guise of de-escalating the situation as a municipal councillor.

Without going into details or using names, the incident in question had nothing to do with my position as an employee of the municipality. The incident in question occurred on my own time and was my own personal business. I was not even aware that I had upset the employee of the business in question and personally spoke to her and offered an apology.

Mr. Scott assumed it happened in my professional role so pursued the investigation against me. He approached the business owner and asked if they wanted to fill out a formal complaint against me as a municipal employee, but the owner declined. When I later spoke to the business owner, he indicated it felt like a "witch hunt" to him. I later found out that Mr. Scott was questioning my fellow employees regarding my duties and confronted me in the municipal parking lot about my future employment plans.

The apology letter was requested by myself and agreed upon by the mayor and the clerk after a meeting with the mayor, Mr. Scott and me. The letter was to be presented at council as an acknowledgement of a wrongdoing that had taken place. Mr. Scott used his position as a councillor and involved himself in something that did not concern him or the municipality. This behaviour should not be tolerated in any workplace and should serve as an example, especially in a government atmosphere. An employee should not fear any repercussions when bringing forward these types of concerns.

I feel that Mr. Scott was unclear in what his apology was addressing and, in the end, caused more confusion and drew unnecessary attention to a non-municipal issue.

Thank you,

George Strain  
Providence Bay

### Congratulations and a bit of added Island hockey history

*Stories like these are inspiring for our youth*

**To the Expositor:**

I liked your March 4 story on the Copper Cliff Reds 'Sudbury hockey team made up of almost-all Wiikwemkoong crew.' Good for these kids from back home in Wiiky.

I played for the Copper Cliff Redmen AA as a peewee many years ago and went back home to Wiikwemkoong around November of that season as our reserve team was already playing in AA and AAA tournaments around the North Shore.

A few years later, in our last year of midget hockey, my friend (and next door neighbor) Cliff Bondy, my uncle Timothy Peltier and I went and played for the Burgess Powertrain Major Midgets AAA.

Three Wiikwemkoong boys ended up playing in the 1987 Air Canada Cup against former Washington Capitals alumnus goaltender Olaf Kolzig and other notables—future National Hockey League players Rod Brind'Amour, Scott Pellerin, Reggie Savage, Olaf Kölzig and Stephane

Fiset.

After midget hockey, a few of our former teammates went on to colleges and university hockey, Junior A, B and even the OHL.

With a lot of hard work and determination, I went on to a three-year stint on Junior B hockey in southern Ontario where I developed into a leader of the team I was with.

Stories like these are so inspiring for our youth and hockey is such a great networking sport that can open doors to so many opportunities for young people in life. It's not all about making the NHL.

Anyway, off to the rink, my daughter is in her house league hockey playdowns here in Ottawa (last) weekend.

As they say... hockey is life.

Miigwetch,

Kirk Peltier  
Ottawa

# Dairymen and Ducks Unlimited partner on farm ecology survey

by Michael Erskine

**LITTLE CURRENT**—The Manitoulin-West Sudbury Dairy Producers annual meeting tends to be a font of knowledge from which dairy operators can draw upon to improve their operations. The meeting is also an opportunity for the Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) to canvas their members on how they feel about what is happening and the policies governing their industry. This year, the meeting also hosted a presentation by Guelph University doctoral student Jeffery Reichheld who is conducting a study on biodiversity on dairy farms jointly funded by the DFO and Ducks Unlimited.

“There is a lot of awareness of issues in the environment that are not being taken up,” noted Mr. Reichheld. “The DFO was very very interested in being involved in the study.”

Mr. Reichheld lives on a farm himself and is very aware of the way he interacts with the environment on his own farm. “But I have been watching my community turning from rural to urban,” he said, noting that piece-by-piece the rural landscape in his region is being gobbled up by urban residences.”

That may be an inevitable progression, but it is important that “we take responsibility” for how that unfolds.

There are many environmental services and programs out there to assist in land stewardship, but the uptake has not been great.

“Why are these programs not being engaged with?” he asked. That is one of the questions that his study is looking into. There is one thing that he is now pretty certain is not at the heart of the issue. “Of all the farms I have talked to,



Jeff Reichheld is a doctoral student from the University of Guelph who presented at the annual Manitoulin-West Sudbury Dairy Producers meeting. He is seeking input on farmers' perceptions of programs aimed at improving the ecology on farms.

photo by Michael Erskine

not one has talked about money. They are not interested in money, not in it for the money.”

The major issues relate more to a landowner's “ability to

decide what is going on at your farm.”

A common response has been “I have been doing this for years, I know how to raise my cows.”

The common perception is that environmental programs run by “the government” inevitably devolve into more rules and regulations that are not compatible or productive and wind up handcuffing the farmer and dictating to them how and what they must do with their property.

Another issue is that a lot of respondents “don't see the need for it.”

“Two weeks ago I was talking to a farmer who has spent 40 years on his land and he has seen an increase in the wildlife,” said Mr. Reichheld. “That to him says that this is not important.”

One of the hoped-for outcomes of his study will be the compilation of a list of programs that are available to assist farmers on the farm in Canada and lead to the creation of programs that assist without involving a heavy hand.

“There is potential, my goal is to get it to you,” he said.

“My research focuses on rural identity and what rural living is perceived to offer,” notes the doctoral student. “It will contribute to stronger communities by strengthening the planning process with information about real expectations and desires about those communities and their inhabitants.”

Mr. Reichheld can be contacted for input and discussion on his program by email at jreichhe@uoguelph.ca.

## more letters

## Canada, the railroads and colonialism

### *A response to the March 4 Tim Vine letter*

**To the Expositor:**

In the fall of 2019, as I was checking into a small hotel in Kincardine, I found myself in conversation with the girl working the desk. She had an interesting accent which I couldn't place so I asked her about it. “I'm from Brazil,” she stated. I then asked her about the small and delicate maple leaf tattoo on her wrist. She responded that she had it done on the same day that she, her husband and their infant daughter received their Canadian citizenship. Her animated response spoke for itself as she said how lucky they were to be able to bring their child to Canada and to be able to offer her a better life. At the end of our conversation I told her that it is Canada that lucked out.

Now compare this individual, full of enthusiasm for Canada with the self-loathing and destructive thinking of Tim Vine. Another attempt at the rewrite of history with the “let's burn it all down” approach that is the calling card of the extinction rebellion zealots (March 4, ‘Peoples, place and process and the madness of colonialism’).

Regarding the railroad, John A. MacDonald had the vision to understand that a railroad was necessary for Canada and he had the drive to get it done. He also knew that the railroad would get built one way or another. Across Ontario and west from Thunder Bay was one way. North from the Dakotas and then west was another.

This exchange of course is the result of the events surrounding the Coastal GasLink pipeline. The events are somewhat confusing and it is difficult to determine with certainty what the actual situation is so I will simply use statements from various Wet'suwet'en people in an attempt to shine some light on the issues.

Extinction Rebellion (ER) has been called out on several occasions for protests not sanctioned by any Indigenous authority. Beecher Bay First Nation objected to ER passing through Indigenous lands to protest at the home of the BC Premier. “It is disturbing that you would ignore our rights and titles, you have come into our territory without permission, putting yourselves above our traditional protocols and have insulted our community and terrorized a private citizen in our neighbouring community.” The K'omoles First Nation disavowed an ER blockade of Highway 19 on Feb 10 saying that the nation was not involved. Ellis Ross, a BC member of the legislature and former chief councillor of the Haisla Nation said there is ignorance over rights and title. “Nobody actually understands the facts—how we got a permitted pipeline in the first place, I think a lot of First Nations are starting to get frustrated with these groups speaking on behalf of First Nations interests.”

The most interesting and perhaps informative comments came from Theresa Tait-Day. She and two other women, Gloria George and Darlene Glain are founders of the Wet'suwet'en Matrilineal Coalition. All three were hereditary chiefs who supported the pipeline and were stripped of their titles because of this stance. Here is some of what Tait-Day had to say during testimony before the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs on March 10 in Ottawa.

“The hereditary chiefs were being supported by environmentalists who were disrespecting the rest of the community.” Regarding the negotiations with the federal government: “The decision to meet with the current hereditary

chiefs was a mistake. The government has legitimized the meeting with the five chiefs and left out the entire community. We cannot be dictated to by a group of five guys.” She had this to say about support in the community: “The vast majority of the people in Wet'suwet'en territory want the project to go ahead, over 80 percent of the people said they wanted LNG to proceed. The project has the support of elected band council chiefs. Bennett met with only people who oppose the project when there were so many people in support of the pipeline.”

And the benefits for the community: “The community needs economic prosperity to build a more sustainable community.”

What does she think of ER? “We feel like we've been hijacked by the protesters who have their own agenda on this, they have used our people. There is a feedback system between the protesters and the hereditary chiefs—the protesters have their own agenda and the chiefs have used those protesters to prop themselves up. The protest organizers are conveniently hiding beneath our blanket as Indigenous people, while forcing their policy goals at our expense.”

Interesting and stressful times for the Wet'suwet'en people. I wish them well in the struggle to get this sorted out and a solution will come from them and not the likes of Tim Vine. The girl from Brazil and the likes of Tait-Day are the type of people that will continue to make Canada the wonderful county that it is.

Shane Desjardins  
Mindemoya

## Friends of the Old School have not given up the fight to preserve history

### *“The stars” are not responsible for this heritage building being on the chopping block*

**To the Expositor:**

Rumours are circulating that everyone has given up trying to prevent the destruction of the 99-year-old Old School, a solid brick-and-stone building in Mindemoya. The rumours are greatly exaggerated. In fact, a new group, Friends of the Old School, has arisen from the ashes of the Old School Repurposing Committee. Supporters are welcome!

We do not agree with Central Manitoulin Councillor Dale Scott, that “the stars” are responsible for this heritage building being on the chopping block (letter to the editor: “The stars have not aligned on the fate of the Old School”, February 12). The truth is that in 2017, council decided the municipality had too many buildings and they could lower operating expenditures by getting rid of some. The Old School in Mindemoya was a prime target, so they cancelled the last tenant and voted to have it destroyed. That's when some of us first stepped up to save it, and we haven't given up.

The Friends of the Old School is working to save this heritage building for several reasons. Perhaps most importantly, it exists. As a solid brick building right in the village it is a valuable resource. The structure is already there, it just needs to be modified to accommodate whatever purpose is best. If nothing else, they could even put it on the market, with the proviso that the buyer can't demolish it. For example, the whole Island needs more affordable, low-income housing. Why tear down a building when it could become apartments for people in need?

We also recognize the historical value of the Old School,

the character that it lends to our community, its solid construction and meticulous brickwork. Believe me, if it was a ramshackle, derelict, shoddy building, I would be the first to let it go. Look closely at its multi-hued brick exterior: It's extraordinarily well-built by today's standards, and it embodies the determination of the community to seek progress through education.

There is another good reason that is especially relevant in the 21st century. If you are looking for the greenest building, the experts say start with one that already exists. For the past 50 years society has been mesmerized with new construction. Some builders don't want to refurbish buildings. They prefer to dump materials in landfill sites and start from scratch. We have become a wasteful society, and our environmental impact is enormous. We are even changing the climate so fast that the United Nations warns we must reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by half by 2030.

Now consider the Old School's brick exterior. Clay brick is inert, naturally fireproof, it emits no gases, needs no maintenance and is impervious to chemical leaching. It lasts almost forever, and that means it has a very low environmental cost over its life-cycle. Brick buildings in Europe are hundreds, even thousands of years old.

Bricks are a wonderful building material, and they take a lot of energy to make. To calculate roughly how much energy is embodied just in the Old School's bricks, I estimated there are at least 12,000 bricks, and given that the energy to make a brick is around 1.7 kilowatt-hours, that means it would take 20.4 Megawatt-hours to replace those

bricks. It's about the same amount of energy needed to smelt 2,800 pounds of aluminum.

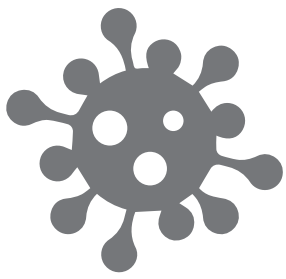
Those are important reasons to fight for the Old School.

What began as an effort to reduce the municipality's operating costs seems to have morphed. Council now wants to build a large “multi-plex,” and Councillor Scott claims the cost of the multi-plex is “approximately the same as the five-year operational and capital cost that we will otherwise need to invest in upgrading the Providence Bay Arena, Mindemoya Arena and the Memorial Community Centre.” I asked where the five-year comparison came from, but the documents provided, the business case support document and a ‘capital and operating plan for multi-plex’ prepared by BDO do not make any such claim. The Recreation Centre Feasibility Report last June (on the municipal website) said that it would take 30 years, not five, for the operational and capital costs to be approximately equal. As an aside, the BDO document also says incorrectly that the Old School is only 79 years old.

It seems the motivation has shifted away from operational cost reductions but the Old School is still on the chopping block. The municipality doesn't have to choose between being a landlord (at the Old School) or invest in recreation and social activities. It's a false choice. There are many needs on Manitoulin that the Old School could fulfill, and we have now found some architects to help us envision a new future for it.

Jan McQuay  
Mindemoya

## Need-to-Know Info



# COVID-19 Coronavirus

# TIMELINE

## March 18, 2020

### March 17

- Assiginack cancels evening council meeting

### March 16

- Main Street Cafe in Kagawong closes
- Three Cows and a Cone in Little Current switches to takeout-only options
- All activities cancelled at Silver Water community hall; situation to be reassessed March 30
- Death Cafe at GG's Diner in Evansville cancelled
- Sunday worship at St. Andrew's United Church, Silver Water, cancelled
- Manitoulin Community Fitness Centre in Little Current closes for three weeks, at which time the situation will be reassessed
- Bare Naked Beauty in Kagawong closed until further notice
- Main Street Café in Kagawong closes its door until further notice
- Billings dump is closed until further notice
- Casson Dentistry in Little Current closes its doors until early April
- Little Current and Mindemoya Dental Centres end all non-emergency and routine procedures
- All Contact North offices on Manitoulin closed
- Billings council and committee meetings cancelled and Park Centre and Kagawong Fitness Centre closed until at least April 6
- All library programming at the NEMI Library cancelled until further notice. Library hours will remain unchanged
- Tehkummah Township announces the closure of its hall, public library (including social club) and scheduled meetings until further notice. The municipal office remains open with controlled access
- The NEMI Rec Centre is closed to the public until further notice and all March Break activities are cancelled
- NEMI cancels Thursday, March 19 council meeting

### March 15

- Public Health Sudbury and Districts announces a second case of COVID-19—a woman in her 60s from Sudbury who is known to the first case
- The Island Jar in Little Current announces its storefront closure but will continue to take phone orders and make home deliveries
- Assiginack hosts COVID-19 community awareness session and Facebook Live stream

### March 14

- Manitoulin nursing homes cancel all non-essential visits by provincial order
- All Anglican Churches on Manitoulin closed until further notice, bible studies cancelled
- Grace Bible Church in Little Current

- cancels March 15 and March 22 services as well as all other church activities
- Manitoulin Health Centre cancels all non-essential visitations two both hospital sites

### March 13

- The province announces that all publicly funded Ontario schools will be closed for two weeks following March Break, until Monday, April 6, as well as childcare centres located in schools
- St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Little Current closes until further notice
- Effective immediately, all community use-of-school bookings are cancelled until Monday, April 6
- Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team walk-in clinics change to same-day appointments. Please call the clinic at 705-368-2450 to book a same-day appointment. Limited slots available
- Aundeck Omni Kaning community gym is closed until March 31
- All of Aundeck Omni Kaning's Four Directions Complex programs stopped until the end of March
- Central Manitoulin Lions Club cancels St. Patrick's Day dance scheduled for Saturday, March 14
- Mnidoo Mnising Coalition/Ontario Provincial Police domestic violence symposium scheduled for March 25 and 26 has been postponed
- NOJHL announces cancellation for remainder of the 2019-20 season
- Open mic night at the Little Current United Church is cancelled
- UCCM Anishnaabe Police closes its office to the public
- Central Manitoulin cancels all public gatherings in all its municipal facilities, including March Break activities
- MHC Auxiliary Casserole Dinner cancelled
- Assiginack cancels all events at municipal facilities, including the arena and library
- Town of Gore Bay cancels all municipal events and activities
- Cambrian College in Little Current has cancelled upgrading classes. Students are encouraged to work from home. Assignments can be handed in at the office as per usual. Employment services will continue as normal, for the time being
- Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands cancels Career Fair
- Contact North closes its Wiikwemkoong and M'Chigeeng offices
- Manitoulin 3 on 3 hockey tournament slated for April 4 and 5 in Little Current is cancelled
- All Manitoulin Island Catholic churches cancel all masses and Sunday Liturgies of the Word

### March 12

- Whitefish River First Nation pulls out of Little NHL

- Waubetek closes its doors until Monday, March 23
- Dr. Cooper dementia talk slated for March 18 cancelled
- AOK cancels all off-Island March Break activities
- Little NHL cancelled
- Expositor announces COVID-19 Facebook Live event on Wednesday, March 18 featuring Dr. Mike Bedard
- Wiikwemkoong hosts COVID-19 community awareness session
- Manitoulin nursing homes begin to screen visitors, employers, contractors, volunteers before allowing entry
- Province announces the closure of all Ontario publicly funded schools for two weeks following March Break
- Weengushk Film Institute postpones all film production
- M'Chigeeng community gym closed until further noticed
- Manitoulin Panthers hockey season ends following a decree from the Ontario Minor Hockey Association to cancel all games
- Sheguiandah First Nation cancels all community-based programming, gathering, activities and staff travel until April. The community also asks that people refrain from entering band buildings during this time

### March 11

- Manitoulin Family Resources Thrift Store in Mindemoya closes until further notice.
- Lakeview School cancels all gymnasium events.
- M'Chigeeng Toy Library cancelled.
- Manitoulin Central Family Health Team cancels walk-in clinics
- Assiginack Family Health Team stops labwork unless deemed 'essential'

### March 10

- First regional case of COVID-19 announced by Public Health Sudbury and Districts
- M'Chigeeng hosts COVID-19 community awareness session
- Manitoulin Secondary School postpones March 26 Parent/Guardian Night

### March 6

- M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige sends the Little NHL executive a letter, asking for the cancellation of the tournament

### Early February

- Assiginack Family Health Team cancels walk-in clinics

Timeline available online at [manitoulin.ca/covid-19-timeline](http://manitoulin.ca/covid-19-timeline)



Have a closure or cancellation that we should know about?  
Email [editor@manitoulin.ca](mailto:editor@manitoulin.ca) to be added to the Manitoulin timeline.

# Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

## COVID-19 and sports

The novel coronavirus is importantly the top topic of conversation these last couple of weeks and will be impacting our lives for the foreseeable future. The virus, of course, will have a huge bearing on sports and their fans. We can joke about sports fans' withdrawal symptoms, no-hockey pools, no Raptors repeat, etc but perhaps we can put up with this inconvenience if we put things into perspective that we are being proactive. Better not to underreact, because once the horses are out of the barn!?

Below I have a bunch of info to report on from before this pandemic put an end to many recreational activities and thus, this column will be hard-pressed to report on the amazing things that our local athletes accomplish. However, I have always tried to recognize the efforts of individuals to stay active and healthy. With the idea of "social distancing" being batted around, what a better time to point out these individuals?

Part of our fight against this virus (not to mention the additive factors of colds and flus) is to keep our bodies and minds strong. This can be accomplished in many ways but it doesn't have to be in a gym, rink or a court. If you or someone you know exemplifies being healthy and active please pass on some details, please! Stay safe, active and healthy, everyone!

## March Break activity still on!

Although most of the planned recreational opportunities for this March Break have been cancelled Central Manitoulin does still have one energetic family-based activity. The Central Manitoulin Lions' annual snow sculpture contest has already begun and has even been extended because of snow conditions. You can now register your family's efforts right up until this Sunday morning, March 22 at 8 am. Please call or text **Marcus Mohr** at 249-878-1659.

## Panther Points!

The Panther atom team was peaking and poised to take serious runs for the championships in both their TOCs in Iroquois Falls last weekend, and at the divisional playoffs, planned to take place in two weeks. The fast skating squad knocked off the 1st place NC Coyotes in a 3-2 nail-biter a week ago Sunday to end a 9-2-1 2020 with a red hot 5-1-1 run in their last seven games. The stellar result saw them ending the 2019-2020 season 15-6-2, good for second place in their division. There will be an empty spot on the NEMI banner rail as Hockey Canada cancelled seasonal play Thursday, a measure to address the COVID-19 pandemic, nixing the TOCs hours before they were to commence. Chins up kids, you'll get it done next year. Congratulations to **Easton Assinewai, Jonah Balfe, Brynn Best, Jack Bridgeman, Ryan Carter, Spencer Cortes, Roen Deschenes, Maximus King, Liam Leclair, J.C. Paquette, Koda Peltier, Cohen Rajotte, Lincoln Rancourt, Bryden Romaniuk, Liam Stephens and Chase Taylor**. This is not how anyone envisioned the season ending, but we're all in uncharted waters now. Awesome season team, stay healthy!

The Panther peewees had a win, win, win and tie round-robin at their Tournament of Champions up in Iroquois Falls recently. The tie was against the Cochrane squad who they ended up playing with in the finals. The Panthers fired in a goal 10 minutes in the first but ref called it off to finish the opening stanza 0-0. Undaunted, the Panthers score two in the second and then **Zachary Seguin** gets the win on an empty netter. Hats off to team staff: **Scot Hughson, Jason Hughson, Travis Orford, Jaqueline Carter and Daylin Orford**. The team roster consists of **Clayton Best, Keannu Bisschops, Zach Seguin, Ryland Priddle, Jack Carter, Liam Lariviere, Kyle Nodecker, William McComb, Mya Balfe, Zee Toulouse, Gage Hughson, Caleb Lockyer, Noah Grenier, Corbin Best, Greyson Orford, Rylan Carrick, Kalli Jones and Izzy Hughson**.

Congratulations to the 2019/20 Bantam Manitoulin Panthers, who worked hard and finished their season by bringing home the NDMHL Bev McIver Bantam II Division Trophy! Congrats to: **Lucas W., Jorja P., Brett M., Ali L., Cole H., Annie B., Camryn R., Aiden C., Elijah L., Brodie P., Brooke G., Steven W., Davin D., Jordan C., John-Michael T., Marcus B. and Jake P.**

## Local AAA players

Mindemoya's **Liam Bridgeman** and **Carson Shawanda** of Wiikwemkoong finished up their Sudbury Wolves Minor Midget AAA season in the Great Northern Midget League with a pair of losses to the first-place Major Midget Soo Greyhounds in Sault Ste. Marie last weekend. These games were indicative of a hard season, which saw the boys and their exclusively 2004 born teammates in uphill battles against teams made up of 2004, 2003 and 2002 born AAA players.

A good example of how this season played out was seen in Copper Cliff the Friday night prior when the boys faced the Timmins Majors. After an even first period saw them trailing 1-0, only outshot 10-9, the Timmins side shortened their bench to give their bigger, older players more ice and these older boys quickly took over the game. It was 5-0 before the second was out, and ended a disappointing 7-0, the shots a one-sided 40-22. Chins up, boys, this year may have been a tough row to hoe, but you and your teammates battled hard all season long and your individual games grew immensely. Best of luck to you both, wherever next season finds you.

## AA local Lady Wolf

**Delaney Bridgeman** and her Sudbury Lady Wolves Bantam AA Tier 1 team had the final game in their best of three series for the Northern provincial playdowns on March 5 against the North Bay Ice Boltz. With the Boltz entering the match up three points to one, and only needing a tie to attain the four points needed to advance, a nervous Lady Wolves side gifted NB a power play and a near immediate 1-0 lead. Into the second, the Ice Boltz cemented that lead, scoring as the Lady Wolves again proved their own worst enemy, another bad penalty leading to the second power play goal. As time wound down in the third the Lady Wolves found themselves in deep, down 2-0, with imminent elimination now forcing desperation. With the goalie out and Delaney triple shifted to try and produce some much needed offense, the Sudbury side surrendered an empty netter to make it a 3-0 final. Eliminated from provincial play, their season now has only an Easter tournament in Brampton remaining. Good luck at the tourney and congrats on a great season girls!

After finishing three points out of the playoffs in their hyper competitive LFLHL Bantam AA Central division, Delaney Bridgeman and

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# Manitoulin Secondary School takes physical education outside for Indigenous games day

by Warren Schlote

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) recently hosted an inaugural Indigenous games event which invited all physical education students at the high school to take part in a day of outdoor sporting events and indoor workshops connected to traditional cultures at Aundeck Omni Kaning's Four Directions Complex as part of a grant from the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB).

"We wanted to put this on to get the kids outside and exposed to the cultures on the Island. I did the Indigenous games training through Kenjgewin Teg last year and I'm happy to pass on what I learned. We're hoping to do this annually," said Jordan Smith, one of the organizing teachers.

MSS has been undergoing extensive renovations as of late to modernize the school as it celebrates its 50th anniversary year. Because of the disruptions RDSB offered some funding to the school to foster outdoor education offerings for its students.

"Since the kids can't use the gym, and it's not their fault, why not provide them with some dollars to facilitate an event for themselves? We thought it was imperative that if we're going to take away an opportunity, we're going to provide an opportunity as well," said RDSB director of education Norm Blaseg.

The students had an offer to travel to Sudbury to enjoy the new bubble dome, opened on February



Teacher Frank Gurney heartily cheers on the students as they fight to shove each other in the pole push challenge. This was just one of many games available at the Manitoulin Secondary School Indigenous games day.

14, a structure that would provide a new experience for many students within the board. Although MSS decided to stay local this time, Mr. Blaseg said the offer is certainly on the table for future use.

The many activities at the one-day event included a land-based teaching and snowshoe exercise with Noojmowin Teg healthy living children's co-ordinator Nelson Wood, ice hockey, stickball, pole push, skating, beading, dreamcatcher making, medicine pouch creation and hide skinning

and stretching with Noojmowin Teg facilitators Kristin Bickell and Courtney Kurek.

Older members of the MSS Three Fires Confederacy group Thomas Trudeau, Rebecka Abotossaway Madahbee and Justin Francis provided support and expertise for their teachings.

One of the organizing teachers, Frank Gurney, said the school's administration was key to getting this event off the ground.

"I appreciate the support of our principal, Jamie Mohamed, and

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# ...MSS takes physical education outside for Indigenous games day

...continued from page 7 we hope to turn this into an annual event," said Mr. Gurney.

A similar event to this took place in the same location almost exactly 11 months prior, when elementary schools from Manitoulin and the North Shore (as well as a small coalition team from MSS and Kenjgewin Teg) met for a day of traditional Indigenous games. The winners of that event took home hand-welded trophies made by a Kenjgewin Teg class but this MSS event was purely for fun.

Mr. Blaseg noted that the Indigenous focus of this event aligns with RDSB's



The MSS physical education students square off in a fierce skirmish for the ball during the stickball event, letting the snow fly on this warm afternoon.

photos by Warren Schlote

## Little NHL 2020 cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns

**NIPISSING FIRST NATION**—At 9:30 am last Thursday, March 12, a conference call was held between the Little NHL (LNHL) executive and host committee members from Nipissing First Nation to discuss the rapidly changing circumstances related to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in urban centres.

"The health and safety of LNHL participants and their families is paramount to the tournament organizers," a press release from the LNHL states. "We have been relying on daily information from various public health officials, including the World Health Organization, Health Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Health, who continue to assess the risk as low in the Region of Peel. Having said that, we realize that Health Canada and other health authorities do not always base their health risk assessments with First Nation conditions in

mind." "The situation changed drastically overnight and we have no reason to believe that it will get better or be less concerning over the coming days and weeks," the press release continues. "Serious concerns about the health and safety of LNHL participants and families, coupled with the cancellation of

other major events, including the remainder of the NBA season, prompted the decision by Nipissing First Nation and the Little NHL Executive Committee to cancel the 2020 Little NHL tournament."

"This decision is regrettable, but unavoidable in light of the serious health risks associated with large public gatherings and the

speed at which the coronavirus is spreading," said Chief Scott McLeod. "The last thing we want is to see this virus spread to any First Nation communities, especially those that have limited access to health facilities and already face pre-existing socio-economic challenges."



### A Thunderous win for Mindemoya Bantams

The Mindemoya Thunder came out victorious over the Little Current Flyers in the Bantam A championship held in Little Current last Thursday night. It was a nail-biter of a game, going into double overtime for a final score of 4-3. The Thunder are Landon Hare, Nevaeh Harper, Landen Smith, Brayden Phelps, Chase Becks, Zachary Gibbons, Jack Pennie, Sadie Bridgeman, Abbie Heins, Tessa Prior and Garret Sheppard. Congratulations, Mindemoya Thunder!

## ...Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

...continued from page 7 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 play-down format in Coniston, 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 2 at Memorial Gardens in North Bay, 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 Sudbury girls with only four skaters on the ice in an even strength situation. In the third, NB capitalized on Sudbury's undisciplined play yet again, and went ahead by one with a power play marker. With five minutes to go, now down 2-1, and after the girls killed still another penalty, SLW had the goalie out for an extra attacker and were applying pressure. Just as a

deft pass found one of SLWs better shooters, wide-open in the high slot, 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.

The final match-up, with North Bay up three points to one and only needing a tie to advance, took place in Coniston March 5. North Bay quickly jumped out to a 1-0 lead then cemented that lead with another in the second, both power play markers. A desperate SLW side down 2-0, again

with the goalie out and this time triple shifting Delaney, gave up an empty netter to drop the decision 3-0 and were thus eliminated from provincial play. Congrats on a great season, Delaney and teammates!

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commitment to action plan, a document prepared in consultation with elders that was launched at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

"Any time we can facilitate some cultural understanding and new experiences, we're very open to it," he said. "We should be championing it because it brings our community together."

Every student currently enrolled in one of the five physical education classes at MSS took part in this event, including Peter Tallman's outdoor education class. The students spanned from Grades 9 to 12.

"This year went real smooth and the students seemed to enjoy it. I think we might look at the option of opening it up to more students next year; I don't

see why it couldn't be an all-school competition," said Mr. Smith.

His visions extend beyond the walls of MSS.

"When I did the Indigenous Games training at Kenj, I did it with Lakeview School teachers as well, so maybe there's opportunities to get the Grades 7s and 8s involved and help us to better understand each others' cultures," said Mr. Smith.


He made sure to extend his gratitude for the support that helped to make the event possible.

"Thank you to Mr. Mohamed for allowing us to do this and for the RDSB for providing us with the opportunity to get outside a bit and gather knowledge of the cultures on Manitoulin Island," said Mr. Smith.

Manitoulin Secondary School


## PLAYER PROFILE

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



**JARED TOOPE**

**CONGRATULATIONS, JARED!**



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Jared Toope is one MSS athlete who doesn't let anything hold him back. Jared is a Grade 9 student and when he isn't busy doing school work or practicing for sports, he likes to play Xbox and work out.

Playing sports is something Jared has done from a young age. While he attended Little Current Public School, he participated in soccer, basketball, volleyball, baseball, flag football and cross country. He also started playing hockey when he was 6 years old. When he was 9 he started playing with the Manitoulin Panthers until last year. Within these years Jared was able to win the championships 3 years in a row with his Panthers team. He continued playing sports when he got to Grade 9 including volleyball as a power hitter, and basketball as shooting guard. He made it to NSSSA for both sports. Outside of school, he is also currently playing hockey with the Little Current Flyers. He is looking forward to playing the same 3 sports next year.

Jared enjoys playing sports because they are fun and they're a good way to get exercise. His favourite sport is hockey because he's been playing it for 11 years. Jared's determination has aided him with his success in sports and he plans to continue with them for the rest of his high school career.

Jared is just as book smart as he is game smart. In school, his favourite subject is gym because it's an opportunity for him to play sports. He can continue to learn how to improve his skills.


Jared is one of many talented Mustangs, and with his intelligence, determination and athleticism, he is sure to make MSS proud. Let's go, Jared, let's go



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# ...transportation co-operative promises a bus on the road on June 1

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ment to public transit on Manitoulin Island.”

“This is definitely going to take all Islanders and guests to make public transit sustainable for years to come,” he said.

He told The Expositor that the initial vehicle will have space for 14 passengers, have bike racks on the front and back and also a place for small watercraft such as canoes and kayaks on the roof.

Mr. Dumas stressed that this routing was just a start and that he was not trying to exclude Gore Bay and Western Manitoulin. The ultimate goal is to have a figure-eight pattern of routes with two off-shoots, one to Meldrum Bay and the other into Wiik-wemkoong.

Ms. Berti said a challenge in keeping the service sustainable will be getting people used to its presence.

“I work with a lot of young people and when we had the Ontario Northland bus service, they were just starting to use it more when they shut it down,” she said.

This transit service will be more important than ever in the future, she said, because of the high birth rate of First Nations individuals as well as the Island’s aging population. When young people enter

the workforce as young as 15, they cannot drive, and the costs for a young person to own a car can be prohibitive.

“Both ends of our population are disadvantaged. They can be held back because they get stuck in their communities and have to rely on family and friends for rides. There’s a big quality of life impact to being still able to manage their lives and their own transportation,” said Ms. Berti.

The transit company is registered as a co-op, but Mr. Dumas said it is best defined as a social enterprise—a business that aims to achieve social, cultural, and community-based economic or environmental outcomes and also earn revenue.

Ms. Berti was chosen because of her high risk tolerance and experience in social enterprises and non-profits, said Mr. Dumas. Her background is in arts and culture and community-based work, with a focus on forming partnerships to advance the goals of an organization. This includes work with the Manitowaning-based Debajehmujig Storytellers group.

Ms. Berti said she was inspired by the 97 calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to create initiatives that



UMIT president and board chair Guy Dumas, right, introduces Joahna Berti as the new executive director of the transit collective. With no formal office space, he has been working steadily out of Loco Banz in Manitowaning for the past month.

photo by Warren Schlote

include people from all backgrounds. She has already been given specific directives to advance UMIT which will take at least six months to complete.

Mr. Dumas said UMIT was designed in an anti-colonial manner compared to other businesses.

“I’m intentionally helping to create UMIT in such a way that it recognizes that it’s humanity, it’s people who create systems,” he said. “I’m very happy Joahna has accepted this offer.”

Mr. Dumas emphasized that this is an egalitarian operation. He said while many people have tried to

run transit operations on Manitoulin Island in past decades, the difference with UMIT was that communities have been involved in the planning, execution and management of the service. He gave much credit to the founding board members, Sandy Cook, Christine Sarbu, Rose Shawanda and Betty Bardswich, for their dedication to the cause and said they would still be very much needed going forward.

UMIT will be the only transit co-operative in Ontario. There are just four across Canada. Mr. Dumas said the other co-ops do not release their

financial details so he could not provide an estimate about their sustainability, though he noted that public transit is not a viable business model and subsidies are universal across public transit systems, even in large centres such as Toronto.

In April 2019, the Municipality of Central Manitoulin received up to \$500,000 in Ontario Community Transportation Grant funding, to be funneled to UMIT.

The transit group is seeking individuals and organizations to become members of the collective. There are three annually-paid tiers—supporters, for \$100, which includes for-profit and non-profit businesses as well as individuals; employees, for \$10, for people who work for UMIT; and riders, for \$1 per year.

In addition to getting a vote on transit matters, membership perks include periodic draws for month-long free transit passes.

There will also be advertising space inside the vehicles for the member businesses.

“With good public transportation, which we’ll phase in over time, we’re giving people opportunities to get places, because cars are very expensive, and giving more opportunities for people to get to school and work,” said Ms. Berti.

UMIT is supported by Kenjegin Teg, March of Dimes, the Transit Consulting Network and the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, as well as the transportation service provider which has been previously mentioned as AJ Bus Lines. UMIT has also worked with area First Nations, LAMBAC and hospitals.

Ms. Berti said she was confident that UMIT’s model would meet the needs of Islanders and become a sustainable transportation option into the future, when it will be needed even more.

# ...Canada strives to slow COVID-19 pandemic

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that exceptions would be made for air crews, diplomats, immediate family members of Canadian citizens and US citizens. Prime Minister Trudeau said that air operators will be formally empowered to ban anyone who is showing symptoms of the virus from getting on a plane. The government will set up a support program to assist asymptomatic Canadians seeking to return home. “Our government will not leave you unsupported,” he assured those abroad.

“Let me be clear: If you’re abroad, it’s time for you to come home,” he said. But once home, it is clear that travellers must still isolate themselves for 14 days.

The government is also restricting overseas flights to just four airports: Pearson International Airport in Toronto, Vancouver International Airport,

Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport and Calgary International Airport and mandating airlines to screen passengers for symptoms of the virus before allowing anyone to board a plane.

The restrictions announced on Monday will not apply to commerce or trade.

The federal government has earmarked \$1 billion as contingency for dealing with the COVID-19 fallout, including \$500 million for the provincial health services’ warchests. Ontario has ponied up a \$50 million fund. Economists suggest these financial commitments will likely increase over time as the battle to limit the impact on the economy heats up.

Among the host of new precautions that have unfolded over the last few days are event cancellations (including sports such as the NHL, NBA and a host

of concerts and other mass entertainment productions—even bingo), and enhanced school closures at all levels. All on a backdrop that includes an ever-escalating list of reported confirmed cases, including Prime Minister Trudeau’s wife Sophie Gregoire (the prime minister himself went into social isolation, working from home, but has not tested positive).

There is no question that this pandemic is being taken seriously, far more seriously and rapidly than the reactions to the swine flu, SARS and MERS before it.

The Canadian government has announced that the Public Health Agency of Canada “is working with provinces, territories and international partners, including the World Health Organization, to actively monitor the situation. Global efforts are focused on containment of the outbreak and the pre-

vention of further spread.” (See ‘Flattening the curve’ on Page 1.)

According to the Canadian government’s COVID-19 website, the nation’s chief public health officer is in close contact with their provincial and territorial counterparts to “ensure that any cases of COVID-19 occurring in Canada continue to be rapidly identified and managed in order to protect the health of

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# ...Shopping pattern changes: Island retailers comment on COVID-19 response

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nearly universally across Manitoulin Island when The Expositor polled several stores this past Wednesday and Thursday. The only store that had any left was Carl's Trading Post in South Baymouth, but their remaining stock of four travel-sized hand sanitizer units was gone by press time Monday.

"We do have lots of toilet paper," said Carl's Trading Post store clerk Barbara McMurray. She noted that one of the last customers to buy hand sanitizer had travelled to several towns before finally finding success in South Baymouth. Ward's General Store co-owner Susan Ward, also in Tehkummah, noted some hand sanitizer tourists had visited her store, though she was sold out completely.

Consumers across North America and in other parts of the world have shopped for toilet paper in mass quantities, leading many stores in urban centres to run completely dry of paper products. That does not seem to be a widespread problem on Manitoulin for the time being.

"Our toilet paper is getting a little low and we got an email from our Loblaw's supplier this morning saying these items, like toilet paper and hand sanitizer and such,

are in such high demand that they're having trouble keeping up with the supply," said M'Chigeeng Freshmart manager Kim Tucker.

She said sales spiked on the day of M'Chigeeng's coronavirus information meeting, but said she didn't think the sales rushes were as bad as those in bigger centres on the mainland.

At Dean's Valu-Mart in Gore Bay, owner Dean Moss said the store was well-stocked with all manner of paper products and that it had been selling a higher amount of canned goods than average.

Mindemoya Foodland owner Carol Patterson described the state of her store as "business as usual."

Owner Dianne Tessier at G.G.'s Foodland in Little Current said an extra skid of toilet paper was soon to arrive. The only major difference in sales at her location has been hand sanitizer, though she has seen in emails from southern Ontario stores that they are feeling the effects much more strongly.

Across the street at Orr's Valu-Mart, owner Andrew Orr said the store had ordered extra toilet paper and hand sanitizer, though the main brands were sold out and he had to

opt for a natural organic lemon and peppermint variety. Disinfectant wipes were sold out and canned food and water had been selling at steady rates.

Andy's in Wiikwemkoong has not experienced major sales pushes, though hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes have been popular items. Owner and manager James Manitowabi said the store was taking precautions in case the virus should arrive.

Nearby at Your Dollar Store With More in Wiikwemkoong, manager Jason Oshkabewisens said the main push he experienced was during last weekend's hockey initiation jamboree. Many customers had been in to search for hand sanitizer but otherwise sales had been fairly close to normal.

"People have been asking for aloe vera gel to make their own hand sanitizer, but other than that there haven't been any specific items that have sold a lot," said Mr. Oshkabewisens.

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Canadians." At the national level, Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory is performing diagnostic testing for the virus that causes COVID-19, working in close collaboration with provincial and territorial public health laboratories, which are now able to test for COVID-19.

There were 771 confirmed cases listed on the national COVID-19 website (although that website cautions that its numbers lag behind those of provincial and territorial websites and advise those seeking more accurate information to consult those sources) and according to media reports all provinces have now reported cases within their borders. As of Monday, none of the territories has confirmed a case.

The Government of Canada is advising Canadians to avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada until further notice.

Canadians abroad are urged to register with the Registration of Canadians Abroad service.

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The federal government has announced a \$1 billion COVID-19 Response Fund that will go

toward support for employers and workers through the Work-Sharing program. It is waiving the one-week waiting period for Employment Insurance sickness benefits.

"No employer should feel like they have to lay off a worker because of the virus, and no one should have to worry about their job if they have to be quarantined," notes a report on the [TradeCommissioner.gc.ca](http://TradeCommissioner.gc.ca) site.

Closer to home, there are two confirmed cases in Sudbury, neither of whom are listed as having been locally infected. One case involved a man who had attended a large mining conference and the second is a woman in her 60s who was in close contact with the first case.

"While this is unfortunate, it is not unexpected. This person was a close contact of the first confirmed COVID-19 case in our area," said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe in a release Monday morning. "The individual has followed the directions of Public Health and remains in self-isolation at home where she has been isolated since being tested at the Health Sciences North emergency department on Wednesday, March 11."

The press release goes on to note that at this time that there is no evidence that the virus is circulating locally. However, the release states that "this is a rapidly changing situation requir-

ing that our agency, community and individuals be prepared to prevent spread. Public Health Sudbury and Districts is closely monitoring the situation as it evolves at the local, provincial, and federal levels and will routinely communicate information and what it means for our community."

"While everyone's concerns about their health and safety is top of mind, the last thing we need is anyone worrying about job security as the COVID-19 situation evolves," said Ontario Premier Doug Ford in an address taking place at the same time as the scheduled announcement by the prime minister. "That's why I directed the minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development to draft legislation that will protect workers and their families during this difficult period."

"We are facing rough waters ahead," said Premier Ford, as he noted that Ontario Finance Minister Rod Phillips would be announcing economic measures to protect Ontario workers.

"Mothers and fathers who need to care for children or dependants shouldn't have to worry about losing their job," said Monte McNaughton, minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. "The same goes for people who receive medical or public health advice and are required to take precautions as a result. They

shouldn't have to worry about losing their job. In this time of uncertainty, we need to support employees who must isolate or quarantine themselves, or who need to care for a loved one."

The minister went on to assure Ontarians that the province would work to ensure that everyone received all of the federal support they are entitled to.

Across Ontario, as of press time Monday, there were 10,178 patients approved for testing, of which 8,464 showed negative results, 1,537 cases are currently under investigation and 172 have been confirmed as positive, while five are listed as resolved.

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# Little Current business supports Island community during COVID-19 worries

**by Warren Schlote**  
LITTLE CURRENT—In late February after the Canadian government encouraged its citizens to stock up on household supplies and food in case they contract COVID-19 and have to self-isolate, many people bought up mass amounts of goods in a rush that has left many stores in large population centres with barren shelves.

That meant many people were unable to gather supplies for themselves, and if they did the prices were often marked up several times above what the few remaining items would normally be worth. This, in addition to low-income earners or those on fixed incomes such as retirees, meant many people could not get adequately prepared.

A Little Current business, however, is taking a very different approach and is instead offering sales on certain items in-store and giving away tens of thousands of canned goods in its free centre. But for the people who work at Barney's Bargain Barn, it's just another day at the office, albeit an unseasonably busy day at the office.

"We've seen across-the-board increases in the store but the one thing that's really up is our free centre. We're having a bit of a hard time to keep up with it; we've seen exponential growth," said Rodney 'Barney' Deforge, owner of Barney's Bargain Barn and a pastor.

"Folks just want to stock up but they can't afford it," he said.

Barney's Bargain Barn is a discount store that sells close-to-code or otherwise discounted merchandise, in addition to running a free food giveaway centre. It

first opened in Manitowaning and ran free food giveaways out of the Assinack Curling Club, then moved to the former Manitoulin Lodge Resort property, a building in east Little Current and finally its present location at the corner of Worthington St. and Vankoughnet St. in Little Current.

In the winter glut around February and March, Mr. Deforge said he normally facilitates one truck per week for items in the free centre. Recently, however, he has been bringing in three trucks per week, a rate that is normally reserved for the peak weeks of summer.

In the last two weeks alone, Barney has given out more than 50,000 pounds of free canned goods, with more trucks arriving to the free centre regularly.

"The stuff we're bringing in is vegetables, canned pastas, pork and beans," said Mr. Deforge. "We're not in a panic ourselves but we understand some people are."

On the day The Expositor spoke with Mr. Deforge, he was also welcoming a shipment of 40,000 pounds of frozen food.

"If people are going to be quarantined for two weeks, the average person doesn't have that much food in their house. Us solid farm folks, we do, but the average family doesn't anymore. That's why we decided to go heavier on canned and dry goods to help in the best way we can," said Mr. Deforge.

More than 1,200 people visited the free centre on Saturday, March 7 alone, a figure he called "astronomical" for this time of year. Free centre customers have come in from as far as Wawa.

The store portion of Barney's Bargain Barn, which carries discounted goods, has taken a different approach than companies that have marked up high-demand items like hand sanitizer (although the store does not carry that in-demand product).

"We've also cut prices in our store too, so people can have the option of getting more stuff that's not in the free area. We're running a lot more sales now for people that want to purchase a little bit of extra stuff too, but most families are getting what they need from the free area," said Mr. Deforge.

Why not capitalize on an easy situation, when shoppers are desperate and more willing to pay exorbitant amounts for needed items? For Mr. Deforge, who is also a pastor, his business has always been based around giving families the support they need to lead healthy lives.

"At the end of the day, if there's peace in the home then the home is happy. That's our number one goal, as long as the kids are getting fed," he said.

Since there is no means test in place, many people who go through the free centre are not at risk of going hungry, a fact Mr. Deforge recognized. He said that fact does not bother him and referenced a statistic that perhaps one in 10 customers is truly in need. However, if the focus is on the nine then the one customer truly in need of support may go hungry.

"You have to concentrate on the greater good—you go in knowing some folks will take advantage, but if you're helping a couple of families at the end of the day who wouldn't have food and now get to eat, it's


worth it all," said Mr. Deforge.

"I do know we have about 10 families in the Little Current area that eat exclusively from the free area because they can't afford anything else right now. If we stopped doing it, what are all these kids going to do? That's why we've upped our game and are going strong, at least until the end of the flu season at the end of April," he said.

Mr. Deforge, who celebrated a birthday in the midst of the COVID-19 rush, said eating good food was important for health and that he was happy to help people in need within the community.

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wises.

Island pharmacies have noticed similar trends in people attempting to make their own hand sanitizer after the pre-made stocks ran out.

"We've never run out of aloe vera gel before now, and you can't buy rubbing alcohol any more," said Robertson's IDA Drug Store front store manager Tammy Robinson. The Gore Bay store has been selling plenty of masks, Tylenol and cold and flu medicines in addition to the regular heavy-sale items.

"Hopefully everybody relaxes a bit and we'll get through this," she said.

Ashley Taylor, the front store manager for the Mindemoya and Manitowaning Guardian Pharmacies said even the companies that make hand sanitizer have had trouble getting ingredients for the production process. She has also seen pushes on rubber gloves (only size small was remaining when she spoke with The Expositor), and was sold out of masks and hand sanitizer. The central warehouse was also empty of those products.

"We just need to follow what the Ministry (of Health) is saying; keep your hands clean, if you're sick stay away from others, those normal things," said Ms. Taylor.

Stores are also implementing measures to reduce any possible infection rates within their walls. M'Chigeeng Freshmart employees have to wear gloves when they're on the floor and Orr's Valu-Mart has implemented thrice-daily wipe-downs on its check-out pinpads, cart handles and door handles.

Notable in The Expositor's survey was



Hand sanitizer is one of the most sought after and hard to find items on store shelves these days.

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that most stores seemed to have a healthy supply of soap on their shelves. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends soap as a much more effective tool than hand sanitizer to stop the spread of coronaviruses like COVID-19.

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roughly 0.0012 percent of the population. Why have Canada, Ontario, municipal governments and private businesses gone to such lengths to mitigate the spread of the virus?

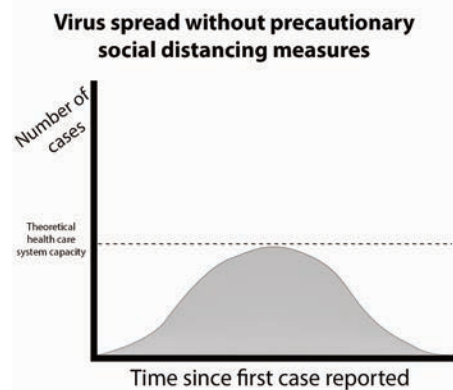
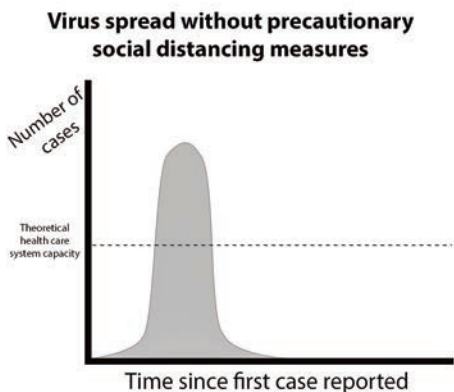
It's a strategy known as 'flattening the curve,' and it's currently the best way to ensure that the Canadian health care system will be able to keep up to the demand as more and more people inevitably fall ill across the country. But what is flattening the curve, anyway?

The health care system's capacity to handle cases of the virus lies somewhere on the Y axis, and this level is different depending on factors such as doctors per capita, rate of spread in an area and total population.

Generally, the health system's capacity is somewhere well below the peak of a typical pandemic spread rate, meaning health care providers will be overwhelmed by the disease and unable to treat people who need the support. As you might imagine, this is a major problem.

However, after watching the virus spread in other parts of the world before it came to Canada as well as following health best practices, mankind has developed a list of protective measures which include some of the things mentioned at the start of this story like reducing mass gatherings and encouraging social distancing between individuals.

Here's what the impact of those actions can look like if they work according to plan:



The above graphic shows the estimated rate of cases of a pandemic such as COVID-19. As more people get in contact with one another, the case rate rises exponentially. The rate then drops off as people gradually stop living with the virus.

The vertical Y axis of the graph indicates the number of people infected while the horizontal X axis indicates the time that has passed since the virus has begun to spread.

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Questions related to this RFP may be directed to: David Williamson at (705) 368-3500 ext. 224 or via email at [dwilliamson@townofnemi.on.ca](mailto:dwilliamson@townofnemi.on.ca).

All proposals must be submitted to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands **no later than 12:00pm (Noon) on April 3, 2020.**

**Please submit your sealed proposal, in a clearly marked envelope to:**

Town of NEMI Municipal Service Delivery Review RFP  
c/o David Williamson, CAO  
Town of NEMI  
P.O. Box 608  
14 Water Street East  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

*The municipality will not necessarily accept the lowest price or any proposal. Should the Town of NEMI not receive any bid satisfactory in its sole and absolute discretion, the Town reserves the right to re-issue an RFP.*

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### SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Are you a Student (16 years and older) looking for meaningful summer employment? The Town of NEMI is seeking Summer Students to work in the following departments:

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- Downtown Docks & Spider Bay Marina
- Municipal Office

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Pam Cress, Municipal Clerk  
Email: [pcress@townofnemi.on.ca](mailto:pcress@townofnemi.on.ca)  
14 Water Street East  
P.O. Box 608, Little Current, ON POP 1K0

### MY TOWN

Don't forget to visit our MY TOWN Site. This site will allow you to go online and look at your account, pay bills or find comparable properties at your convenience.

To sign up you will need your tax bill or call the Town Office and staff will be happy to help you.

**705-368-3500**

# CAREER FAIR

## CANCELLED

Are you looking for employees, a better candidate? Looking for employees for the day's selection of places to volunteer?

Join us at the NEMI Rec Centre on **Saturday, March 28th from 10 to 4pm.**

For more information or to register your business/organization contact Lisa at 705-368-2825

**Watch next week's paper for a listing of participating companies.**

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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 POP 1K0  
Ph: (705)368-3500

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on upcoming events [www.townofnemi.on.ca](http://www.townofnemi.on.ca)**

### Knox United looks forward to 2020 charity golf tournament

ASSIGINACK—The sixth annual Knox United Church charity golf tournament is already in the planning stages and will take place at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course on Tuesday, July 7 with a 10:30 am check in and an 11 am shotgun start.

Tickets are \$110 which includes green fees, shared cart, participation in all contests, box lunch, water and goodie bag followed by the popular chicken and rib dinner served at the curling club hall. Tickets purchased by June 3 will receive a \$20 discount. A \$20 discount will be applied for members of Rainbow Ridge. Participants paying by July 1 will be entered into a draw for one of four free tickets for the 2021 tournament. And finally, each player receives a \$25 charitable donation receipt. There are three hole-in-one prizes including a new

car from McQuarrie Motors, a Kawasaki side-by-side from Allen's Automotive and \$10,000 cash from McDougall Fuels. Chances of winning this year are better than ever!

To date, over \$58,500 has been raised and shared equally between the Knox building fund and many of the local charitable and non-profit organizations in the Manitoulin community. Larry Karn and Tom Carrick from the Manitowaning Mill Home Building Centre have again agreed to be the title sponsors for this significant community fundraising event. For further information, contact Al Mattison, co-ordinator of the golf committee (705-282-7784), Reverend Martin Garniss (705-348-2674) or any committee member.



*Jacklin Cup comes home*

The 39th Jacklin Cup Curling competition between Little Current and Espanola resulted in Little Current winning by a margin of five points. The victory was made more special as the group celebrated retiring trustee Helen Gordon of Little Current for her 30 years of service. In the photo she is accepting the Jacklin Cup from Evelyn Tallon of the Espanola Curling Club.

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# Skate Canada Manitoulin's year-end ice show an excellent offering

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—A solid contingent of fans, family members and friends came out to support Skate Canada Manitoulin's young athletes at its year-end ice show called 'The Year of the Dragon,' held recently at the Little Current-Howland Recreation Centre in Little Current, which saw the young skaters showing off their newfound and growing skills during an entertaining story about a stolen dragon's egg written by the organizer.

"The skaters did very well; it was a lot of fun," said organizer and skate coach Abbie Drolet. "The kids had a lot of fun, they loved their costumes, got to skate with their friends and show off their skills."

Dozens of young skaters took to the ice for the evening's program which opened with a darkened arena and laser lights setting the mood for the story to follow. Under a shroud of fog, the fire dragon, portrayed by Nikki Boyle, skated in from the north entrance and performed a short solo routine.

Next out was Jasmine Clark as the ice dragon as the lighting effects did their best recreation of the northern lights. The final solo dragon to appear was the forest dragon, Shaylee Taylor, followed by a routine when the golden egg arrived in the arena, lowered from the ceiling onto a protective bed under the watch of the egg guardians of CanSkate's green group (David Cooper, Harmony Pitawanakwat, John McLean, Lourdes Taukei, Maria Ense-Cheechoo, Michael Taukei, Nova Debassige, Nyala O'Connor, Safiyah Esquimaux, Taidym Gonawabi and Taiya Gonawabi).

In the next scene, though, the egg was left unguarded and four fairies (Brooklynn Ferguson, Kirsten Bowerman, Morgan Dedman and Violet Sutherland) come and steal it away. The three dragons then arrived and found the egg to be stolen. The red fairy and a team of helpful phoenixes (portrayed by Matilda Mishibiniijima, Hailee Harasym, Jaydyn Pegelo and Sadie Eadie) looked for a place to hide the egg and guard it out of sight of the dragons.

The fire dragon enlisted the help of fireflies in CanSkate's first yellow group (Alice McIntosh, Alyeana McDermid, Angel O'Connor, Ayah Taukei, Celina Harris,

Cordelia McLean, Danielle Debassige, Emma Souliere, Nicole Skippen, Olivia Thibault, Ogeequa Williston Osawabine and Sophia Peltier) to look for the egg, while in the following scene the green fairy tried to sell the egg to a group of unsuspecting unicorns from CanSkate's pre-star group (Ava Mandigo, Maria Loucks, Kamia Bowerman, Ogeequa Williston Osawabine, Matilda Mishibiniijima, Hailee Harasym, Jaydyn Pegelo and Sadie Eadie).

Meanwhile, the forest dragon was also searching for the egg with the help of a team of wood sprites, from CanSkate's second yellow group and its blue group (Avery Pantan, Drew Debassige, Iris Spry, Jill Secord, Kari Bell, Kyla Pegelo, Laily Shawanda, Lauralynn Cooper, Samantha Chisholm, Treilyn Gonawabi and Zoey Recollet).

The blue fairy appeared with mermaids Ava Mandigo, Maria Loucks and Kamia Bowerman and they performed an intricate ribbon routine. As they left the ice, an excited parent who had previewed the schedule called out "bring

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From left, the forest, fire and ice dragons (Shaylee Taylor, Nikki Boyle and Jasmine Clark) emerge near the start of the evening's program.



What could this wondrous orb be? Curious and mischievous fairies investigate the golden egg.



It's a dragon! After the long journey, the golden egg returns to the dragons where it hatches into a golden dragon.



The dragons and the guardians of the egg get ready to welcome the golden egg down from its perch high in the arena's rafters.



Hey unicorns—I've got a golden egg to sell you. A fairy tries her best to find a suitable buyer for the stolen golden egg.



The seating at the Little Current-Howland Recreation Centre was packed with scores of adoring fans.

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# ...Skate Canada Manitoulin ice show

...continued from page 14 on the penguins!"

Ask and ye shall receive. The ice dragon began her quest to search for the egg with the helpful penguin team of CanSkate's massive red group (Ashlyn Pegelo, Briella Debassige-

Bebonang, Bryce Debossige, Declan Abitong, Ellie Manitowabi, Felix Ferguson, Gavin Thibault, Grayson Fox, Hannah Abotossaway, Harrison Mainprize, Kaylan Corbiere, Noah Enosse, Oliver Rampersad, Patrick Slaght,

Rilynn Francis, Scarlett Re collet, Somayah Mishibinjima, Waylon Waboose and Zander Pitawanakwat). They steadily traversed the ice as they searched high and low, with the ice dragon helping to get the penguins back on their feet if they ever should falter.

The purple fairy, though, had the strongest conscience of her team and decided the egg should be returned to its rightful owners. However, during that time it had taken on a multi-coloured appearance from its previous golden look. Before they can disappear, though, the dragons return and catch the fairies in the act of returning the stolen egg.

Before the dragons can figure out their revenge, the egg began to wiggle and out of it hatched the promised golden dragon (Ogeequa Williston Osawabine).

Then, it was a party before the big finale when all skaters came out onto the ice to the sound of loud cheers from the audience.

Spectators leaving the audience could be heard describing it as the best show they had seen in years. Ms. Drolet said she was pleased with the result.

"I've only heard positive feedback so far. We appreciate the hard work of all the volunteers to put in the work to get the show together," she said, noting that 20 people helped out with this year's production. Nicole Taylor served as narrator for the show.



The newly-hatched golden dragon, played by Ogeequa Williston Osawabine, takes a lap around the ice surface to wave to the fans.



Bring on the penguins! Oliver Rampersad takes a look into the stands for family encouragement as he traverses the ice.



The ice dragon offers a guiding hand to the cohort of penguins from CanSkate's red group as they search for the missing egg.



Fireflies are also on the job as they search for the missing golden egg under the supervision of the fire dragon.



The older skaters were dedicated to helping out the younger ones. They aided in navigation and helping to get some back on their feet.



Ice dragon Jasmine Clark makes an entrance near the show's start. photos by Warren Schlote

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# ...M'Chigeeng hosts COVID-19 information meeting

...continued from page 3 outbreak. (The COVID-19 outbreak had not yet been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; that would take place the following day on March 11.)

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige noted that the breakdown of cases appears to be that 80 percent of those infected would experience mild symptoms, 15 percent would feel more significant symptoms and become "pretty sick," while five percent would fall critically ill and require a lot of support. She noted that 20 percent of those infected would probably show no apparent symptoms but would still be able to spread the virus to others. In any event, it would be 40 to 48 hours before those who have been infected would present with an illness.

"So out of M'Chigeeng's estimated population of 1,000 people, 800 of these could expect to have mild symptoms, 150 would have more severe symptoms and 50 people would be critical," said Ogimaa-kwe Debassige. Those numbers don't take into account the higher number of people in the community who have

compromised health issues, she cautioned. "I myself have hypertension, so I too am at higher risk."

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige cautioned her listeners to not fall victim to "fake news" and believe that this is just like the flu (short for influenza). "It isn't," she said, going on to suggest people should get their information on this serious topic from credible sources. "This is going to affect the most vulnerable in our community," she said. "We need to be aware of the situation and take steps to prepare. We need to work together and in the best interest of our community."

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige assured the audience that she and her staff continue to educate themselves and plan for the best route forward.

Dr. Bedard then came to the podium and congratulated the M'Chigeeng community for being proactive in facing the coming challenges presented by COVID-19.

"I don't know what I am going to add to what Chief Debassige has said," he said. "I agree with Chief Debassige. We need to deal with this right now. If we

wait until it is already here, it will be too late."

The COVID-19 virus presents unique challenges, noted Dr. Bedard, largely because it is something brand new. While the virus is not as deadly as SARS, there are a lot of unknowns "because we have never encountered this bug before."

Dr. Bedard noted that the forecasts of how many Canadians will be infected by the COVID-19 virus range from 35 percent to 70 percent. "When you see ranges that big, it means they simply don't know," he said. "It is going to be mild for most, thank God for that. But it can be so severe that our entire health system can collapse. We have never seen anything like this in our lifetimes before."

"I have never been in a position where I may not have a hospital, it has never been in the equation," he said. "There will be a lot of thinking after this one is over on how to prepare for the next one."

Dr. Bedard said that, in times like this, he falls back on the advice of his grandmother Murphy. "She was a World War II nurse and she always yelled at us to keep

things clean," he said. In times of contagion, it was in keeping things clean that outbreaks were contained.

One of the great challenges with this virus is that it does not preclude one coming down with the other common illnesses that people encounter in the winter-time, notably the common cold. Both can impact breathing and will increase risks.

"So what did grandma do? Cleaned everything, washed everything!" he said. "That should start now."

Dr. Bedard noted that there was a danger in the success of these efforts, should the virus prove to not be a crisis, but owned that he was fine if "I look a little silly. I have never wanted to be wrong more than now."

Evidence coming in from those countries that have failed to quickly take drastic actions to limit the spread of COVID-19, such as Italy, are currently proving Dr. Bedard is likely to suffer no fear on that front.

"You guys are way ahead of the curve," Dr. Bedard congratulated the M'Chigeeng community. "This is the best place to be."

To strengthen immune systems, he suggested taking vitamin D, zinc lozenges and loading up on vitamin C. "From there, it's the basics," he said, "nutrition and exercise." And a whole lot of hand-washing and generally keeping a clean personal environment.



A large number of concerned community members from M'Chigeeng attended Dr. Mike Bedard's presentation about COVID-19, held on Tuesday of last week.

photos by Michael Erskine

## NOTICE

Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team and Little Current Medical Associates

### WALK-IN CLINIC UPDATE

Walk-in Clinics are changing to same-day appointments. Please call the clinic at 705-368-2450 to book a same-day appointment. Limited slots available.



To all our valued patients,

Out of an abundance of caution and safety for our valued patients, our dental clinic will not be providing dental services outside of emergencies until further notice and the situation will be reassessed in early April.

This measure is temporary and based on suggested guidelines for social distancing to reduce risk to all parties in our community. Emergency Dental care may be provided on a case by case basis during this time as staff have been asked to remain at home. Please call our office if assistance is necessary at 705-368-2272. We truly appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time.

Best Regards,  
Dr. Casson & The Casson Dentistry Team

Dr. Stephen Cooper will host an open and informal discussion on **Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia**

on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm at the Little Current United Church Hall. Questions about what will follow.

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## POSTPONED



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# ...‘Flattening the curve:’ The logic underlying Canada’s response to COVID-19

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Although these measures don’t necessarily reduce the total number of people who get down with the sickness, they can have a minor effect on those figures. The real purpose is to keep the cases underneath the capacity of the health care system so that doctors are never overwhelmed and the people needing the most care can get the help they need. This will also decrease the death rate of the illness.

It is also important to note that these measures have to be in place long-term (until the outbreak ends) or else the

will be back fully stocked shortly. In fact, ‘panic buying’ supplies can make the problem worse because it can spark unnecessary anxieties in others who observe the behaviour.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford has urged Ontarians to stop this counter-productive behaviour and said he was confident in the supply chain’s ability to restock shelves in due time.

Instead, find activities you can enjoy either alone or with a close partner, avoid large gatherings and join in the proud worldwide fight to stop this virus in its tracks.

This may be easier said than done given March Break falling on this week, as well as school closures in Ontario for two weeks afterward, but places such as the Township of Assiginack (which cancelled its March Break gatherings in an effort to flatten the curve) have done some work to help this along.

On Assiginack’s Facebook page, the township will be posting a new activity idea each day to encourage social distancing. On its first day it shared a link of 100 activities to do at home, its second day featured St. Patrick’s Day preparation ideas and the third day featured a drawing contest for kids for the chance to win a gift certificate.

Get creative, make the most of your downtime and, above all else, keep those hands washed. The Expositor will keep you up to date with the info you need until we see the other side, including through a Facebook live stream with Dr. Mike Bedard, where you can ask questions about the virus and its potential impact on Manitoulin. That is to be held tonight, March 18 at 7 pm.

## DAY 3

#FlattenTheCurveAssiginack  
#SocialDistancing

Each day a fun suggestion will be posted to help keep kids entertained during this three week period. There will be prizes!

The Township of Assiginack is hosting daily suggestions throughout March Break to keep young ones entertained while practicing social distancing.

curve may flatten initially but exponentially increase once again if the public gets complacent.

This is a whole-country effort as much as it is a whole-planet effort. Every single person needs to look at their actions and how they may potentially be at risk of spreading the disease, and actively change their actions to help reduce transmission rates.

Nobody is immune to these actions because without total participation the efforts will not be effective and the virus will be allowed to run rampant across the country. A Maclean’s story from March 15 showed that Canada is not presently flattening the curve effectively, with the increase in cases looking more exponential.

There is still time to change the future of COVID-19 in Canada. It is crucial that everyone assess their own activities and find ways to increase the social distance between themselves and others, because their health and the health of loved ones and friends depends on it.

This does not mean clearing store shelves of toilet paper and food—long-term estimates show that these products

## NOTICE

The thrift store at Manitoulin Family Resources is temporarily closed in an effort to reduce the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19/Coronavirus, should it surface in our communities.

The food bank remains in operation per its regular hours.



## Manitoulin Fitness Centre

### NOTICE

The Manitoulin Community Fitness Centre is closed for the next three weeks at which time the situation will be re-assessed.

All gym members will have the time of closure added to their memberships.

Sincerely,  
Manitoulin Community Fitness Centre board of management

## POSTPONED



Please join us at Manitoulin Secondary School for PARENT/GUARDIAN NIGHT

Thursday, March 26, 2020  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE UCCM Police Service to Limit Non- Emergency Office Visits

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service is aware of the new Coronavirus (COVID- 19) and will be following the recommendations and guidelines of public health officials. We are taking proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our Civilian Staff, Officers and the communities we serve.

Effective immediately and until further notice - our office is closed to the public except for emergency situations, necessary visitation, and deliveries. Our office will remain open during regular operating hours from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. Access will be granted by using the outdoor call button. For emergencies please also continue to call 9-1-1. We will also be limiting the processing of routine Criminal Reference Checks/Vulnerable Sector Checks. Checks will only be conducted if necessary and for special or emergency circumstances.

Thank you for your cooperation as we navigate through these next few weeks. Stay safe.

Faron Whiteye  
Chief of Police

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Effective March 13th, 2020

Re: Cancellation of All Public Gatherings in Municipal Facilities

On the advice of our local health professionals, and in the interest of keeping the public safe and healthy, all events at all Municipal Halls and Arenas in the Municipality of Central Manitoulin are cancelled effective immediately. This will be in effect until April 4th, 2020, when it will be reevaluated.

This includes all March Break activities previously scheduled by the Municipality and the Public Libraries. The Municipal Office and the Public Libraries will remain open.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Ruth Frawley, CAO/Clerk

## MANITOULIN CENTRAL FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) NOTICE

The Manitoulin Central Family Health Team has closed their main entrance until further notice. We will continue to offer primary care services. These services will now look a bit different.

Patients will be offered telephone or virtual care appointments.

Patients with confirmed in-person appointments at the clinic are asked to use the main entrance to the Manitoulin Health Centre – Min-demoya Site where they will be screened for Coronavirus (COVID-19). Until further notice and subject to change as updates become available:

- All walk in clinics have been cancelled.
- All Teleophthalmology clinics/Diabetic Eye Exams within the communities are cancelled.
- All programming that include group sessions are cancelled.
- STAND UP, Bariatric Group, Cooking Classes are all cancelled.

Travel grants are NOT being processed at this time. Patients can submit travel grants up to a year following their specialist appointment. Blank travel grants can be obtained from their specialist office or downloaded from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care from this link: [http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssf/forms/ssf/ssfforms.nsf/GetFileAttach/014-0327-88-9/\\$File/0327-88E.pdf](http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssf/forms/ssf/ssfforms.nsf/GetFileAttach/014-0327-88-9/$File/0327-88E.pdf)

If you are experiencing any of the following NEW symptoms:

- Fever or Cough or Shortness of breath

### Do NOT come to the Clinic

Please phone 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  
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# HAPPENING TONIGHT

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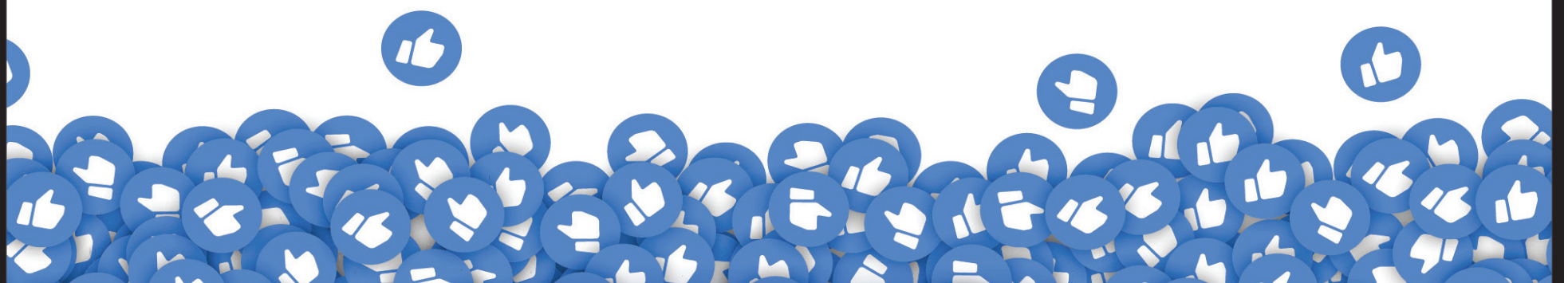
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of **Assiginack Family Health Team**  
**Wednesday, March 18 at 7 pm**

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You can ask questions live or send them in advance  
to [editor@manitoulin.ca](mailto:editor@manitoulin.ca) and Dr. Bedard  
will provide as much information as he can.



# Largest trapping course in years hosted by Gwekwaadziwin

by Warren Schlote  
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—The scent of Swedish Berries candy hangs in the air of the prospector tents (but more on that later) while a hefty number of beavers lie on tables next to knives, waiting for the cohort of Gwekwaadziwin Miikan participants to return from lunch and learn how to skin the afternoon's animal of choice.

It might seem a strange scene for those who are distant from the remote Northern way of life, but the age-old art of trapping and skinning fur-bearing animals is a unique and important skill that survives today in certain parts of the country. Gwek recently organized a trapping and hide preparation course for its clients, taught by expert instructors Rob Mellan and George Hagen, president of the Manitoulin Trappers Council.

"I've been doing this my whole life. My grandfather trapped, my father trapped, I have uncles, sons and nephews who have all trapped, it's become kind of a family thing," said Mr. Hagen, 68, who has had a trapline since 1976 on the North Shore from Agnew Lake to Armstrong Lake.

Mr. Mellan took the course in 1993 and has been trapping ever since.

They were brought in for this program as a way of teaching Gwek clients land-based skills, knowledge and useful techniques that they could apply to their own



David St. Peter of St. Catharines takes a look at the beaver he has to skin as he formulates his plan for the animal.

photos by Warren Schlote



Steven Hill and Gagwih Jacobs, both from Six Nations of the Grand River, set to work on their beavers while instructor Rob Mellan passes behind. Mr. Jacobs told The Expositor that he was excited to take these newfound skills back home and help his community.

lives. "We're always looking for ways to expand our land-based knowledge for our participants and our staff. We've been working with Rob with the canoe builds and with timber frame building," said Sam Gilchrist, executive director of Gwek.

"This is really unique because it's a skill that's dying away. With lower prices for pelts, there's less motivation to trap these days. It's become more of a passion activity," he said.

Trapping has been regulated in Ontario since the late 1970s. In 1978, Mr. Hagen was among the first people to take the course to become a certified instructor before licencing requirements came into effect in 1979. In addition to learning how to trap, the Gwek participants got to try an examination at the end of the program to become certified.

"It's a certification like a hunting licence. You do a 40-hour course with a written and practical exam," said Mr. Mellan.

The course teaches students about sustainable, humane and ethical harvesting techniques, survival skills and offers pelt preparation advice. The final practical test involves setting traps in various environments, with the students being graded on their appearance, appropriateness and humanness. Students must achieve a minimum grade

of 80 percent to pass.

"This fits into our cultural programming as well since we're using as much of the animal as possible," said Mr. Gilchrist. "One of our broader goals here is cultural knowledge and experiential learning. With that in mind, this fits well. There's therapeutic benefits as well; it's an exercise in mindfulness and has components of biology and ethical harvesting. It teaches not only how to be good stewards of the land but how to be healthy people ourselves."

The process of preparing

a hide begins with brushing away any foreign materials in the fur and making sure it's clean. The preparer will then make incisions in the proper places and remove the hide. Once all the flesh is separated from the pelt, it is affixed to a board to dry, which is the last step before it's ready for sale. The carcasses go back to the forest to be eaten by animals.

Prices vary from year to year but an average beaver pelt will sell for \$20 to \$25—a far cry from the high prices of decades past.

As for that Swedish

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# ...Largest trapping course in years

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Berry smell mentioned at the start of this story, there was a time when many raspberry-flavoured candies got their aroma from castoreum, a natural substance created by scent glands of beavers.

By all accounts, the program was a hit. Program participants said they enjoyed the new skills and it doubled as a team-building exercise for Gwek staff members as well.

"I come from a big hunting family, so we'd skin deer and rabbits, but I've never skinned a beaver. It's a handy thing to know and I'm pretty excited to learn new skills," said program participant Gagwih Jacobs from Six Nations of the Grand River. He said he never expected to get the opportunity to learn these skills.

"I was talking with one of the instructors and this is one of the largest courses they've done in years. It's very much a dying work," said Anne-Marie Thibault, clinical director of Gwek. "Our group is absolutely loving it; it's something we're going to be moving forward with, putting some traplines on our property when we're able to do that in certain times of the year. I think this is great for Manitoulin."

Mr. Mellan runs courses on the Island

twice a year in conjunction with Laurentian University. This licence covers all fur bearers in Ontario, which ranges from minks and weasels to lynx, bobcats, coyotes and wolves. During this course, the participants worked on otter, muskrat, mink, weasel, marten, fisher, raccoon and fox hides.

Mr. Hagen estimated he has probably skinned 5,000 beavers in his life, about 100 per year. Most of the beavers from today were caught in the last two-and-a-half weeks.

"The group is doing really well. There's interest there, they're engaged, and they're working well," said Mr. Hagen.

A first-time trapper might spend four hours on their pelt while an expert can process a hide in an hour and a half, possibly faster.

While Mr. Jacobs was beginning to work on his beaver, the participant said back home in Six Nations there is a considerable coyote problem. He was hoping to return home and start trapping to help out his community.

"This program pairs important teachings with exciting learning. That's what Gwek is all about," said Mr. Gilchrist.



There was well over a dozen people distributed between the two prospector tents working in pairs or on their own to master trapping and skinning Ontario's fur-bearing animals during the intensive course.



## GET REEL

*in the north*

WITH THE ONTARIO FISHING GUYS

### The lowly ling

While most people use the standard Gregorian calendar, my method of measuring the seasons is a little bit different than most. I don't measure time by weeks or months but by fish. What I mean by this is what fish are available for me to target and when is their primetime. For the often misunderstood ling (or burbot), that time is now.

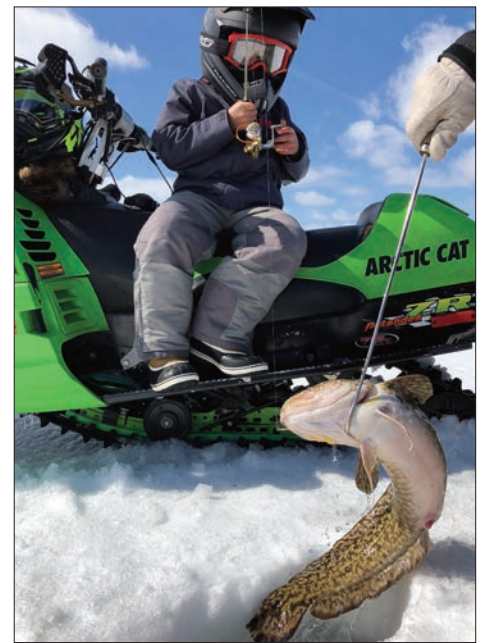
I don't think there is a species of fish that is so underfished and misunderstood. Their fighting ability is intense and the eating quality is one of the best that swim in our waters. Many like to call it 'freshwater lobster.'

Ling are a March spawner and are very easy to locate. They are a night predator and fishing for them at night is always the best, but they can be caught during the day just as well. Ling look for a sand or gravel bottom in anywhere from 10 to 60 feet of water to spawn. Start with shorelines that have this bottom structure and transition to deep water nearby.

Manitoulin has an overabundance of water bodies that holds some of the best ling fishing in the north. South Bay, Lake Manitou and Lake Mindemoya are all hotspots. Like always and especially during the dog days of the hard water season, be sure to check the ice conditions; they can change fast.

One of the best parts of ling fishing is that they will hit almost anything you throw down the hole during March. I've found the best way to catch these tasty fish is to keep it simple. Your old standby lake trout lures and jigs work well—fish the bottom two feet of the water column. A short jigging action followed by long pauses, giving the fish time to strike, is essential.

If you want something a little different and are just after the incredible fighting experience a ling has to offer, make the switch to sucker bait. Hooking up a good-sized chunk of sucker on a quick-strike rig will allow for a better hookset as well as a better fish release. Position your bait a few



Billy hooks into a Lake Manitou ling while fishing during last year's March Break.

inches from the bottom and hold on.

Once you find the ling, the action can be fast and furious. Fish up to 10 pounds are not uncommon.

If you read last week's column about whitefish, I did mention that they will follow the spawning ling around. This fact is something that is overlooked or not known by most anglers. Be sure to keep your second rod with a micro jig, Virbrato or Meegs right on the bottom, casually stirring up the sand. You will be pleasantly surprised when one of our most sought after fish makes an appearance through the hole in the ice.

These are the final days of the hard water season; the weather looks fantastic, so get off the couch and do some social distancing on the ice. You won't regret it.

Tight lines,  
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# Canadian Agricultural Safety Week

## When back pain becomes a pain in the neck

by the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association

MANITOULIN—Aches and pains are common afflictions of everyday life. Stiff knees, sore feet and back pain are all too common. Back injuries can be chronic (long-term) or short-term and can affect everyone at some point in their life. Back pain, especially lower back pain, is a common work-related issue that affects many farmers from farms both small and large.

Back pain can be caused by many factors and can affect anyone, young or old. Farmers are especially at risk because work done on the farm can include activities that are factors for developing back pain. Some risk factors for developing back pain include: lifting objects heavier than 25 pounds or repeatedly lifting lighter objects; awkward body posture while working; driving farm equipment for long periods of time that cause your whole body to vibrate; and slips and falls.

Most lower back pain caused by overexertion is short-lived and usually

resolves on its own. However, having back pain for any amount of time can be a real problem. If severe enough, back pain can lead to a hard time walking or sitting, let alone doing any farm work!

What can be done to help reduce the risk of having back pain? There are some easy steps to remember to



Back pain, especially lower back pain, is a common work-related issue that affects many farmers.

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help reduce the likelihood of spending the next few days in pain.

Start by identifying high-risk activities. Are you spending an extraordinary amount of time in equipment? Are you lifting awkward or heavy loads? Is there a tripping hazard that could lead to a fall? Once you realize that there could be a potential for creating back pain, take some steps

to help yourself: avoid prolonged, repetitive tasks (ask somebody to help out and take turns); practice safe lifting techniques (use your legs); alternate between heavy and light work tasks; take frequent rest breaks; before starting a task, consider how it could be done differently; and address tripping hazards.

There are also things that you can do to strengthen your body against the suffering of back pain. Don't wait until you are in severe pain to start! Exercising, strengthening your core, stretching and eating well can not only safeguard against back injury, it can also lead to optimal health.

If your back pain doesn't resolve itself or is unbearable, seek the advice of a doctor or other medical professional. Don't ignore the pain and hope it goes away. Medical treatment and rehabilitation may enable you to continue working and functioning. By addressing the issue, you could prevent further pain.



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# Canadian Agricultural Safety Week

## Avoid entrapment incidents with proper grain storage

by the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association

MANITOU LIN—As farmers, you understand the importance of proper storage of your crops. High temperatures and humidity level can drastically impact grain quality. But how is this a safety concern?

This past year, we experienced a very wet harvest season and crops were put into storage in wet conditions. Once spring weather arrives, the grain will thaw and can start to go 'out of condition' as humidity and temperature reach certain levels and grain begins to bind together. Out of condition grain is one of the leading causes for producers to enter a bin. Across Canada, there's an average of six fatalities every year from grain entrapment or engulfment.

Entrapment and engulfment often result from out of condition grain that has bridged over and has a void under the surface. When the producer enters the bin to assess the situation, the bridged grain gives way, entrapping or engulfing them. Another situation is from grain that has scaled up in the side walls of the bin, restricting the flow of contents. Producers often enter the bin to remove the buildup. The buildup can slump down and entrap or engulf them.

Here are a few ways to prevent out of condition grain storage issues, ultimately protecting your crops – and yourself:

The first, and most obvious way, is to dry the grain before loading it into bins. Many producers have been running grain dryers almost constantly since harvest time this year. However, this can be a costly and time-consuming option and not everyone owns a grain dryer.

Another way would be to load the wet grain in the bin and use your aeration sys-



Across Canada, there's an average of six fatalities every year from grain entrapment or engulfment. **Shutterstock**

tems to maintain temperature and humidity at ideal levels. It's a delicate balance as under or overuse of the aeration system can make the grain less desirable for sale. This method calls for an understanding of the characteristics of the product being stored and a close monitoring of temperature and humidity levels.

Organizations like the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute and the Canadian Grain Commission have developed charts and resources that help farmers determine the ideal conditions for different grain varieties.

In terms of industry innovations, there are tools worth exploring: imaging technology that reads the moisture content throughout the bin, regardless of size or volume; and air bag systems that uses liners that inflate and deflate, pushing the grain through for removal without ever having to enter the bin. Take the time to research and find the right tech for your farm.

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## Auxiliary News

Changes, changes, changes! Since our regular meeting on March 10, the casserole dinner was postponed and the tuck cart\HELPP Lottery have been closed until further notice. Chips, chocolate bars and other products will be available for purchase from the showcase. These changes have been taken in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Public Health Sudbury and Districts encourages social distancing so face to face meetings and gatherings should be avoided. Thank you to all who held on to their casserole dinner tickets. They will be accepted when the "Best Dinner in Town" is rescheduled. Also on hold is the donation of \$16,950 which was to be made at the casserole dinner for

the purchase of the incubator for blood culture bottles. Thank you for your support of auxiliary fundraisers that enabled us to make the purchase that will be more efficient and save costs. Results would be available at least 24 hours faster. This equipment shows your donations at work!

Discussions were held concerning the Car Club Rally Auction on Haweater Weekend and celebration of the 75th Anniversary of an auxiliary to the hospital in Little Current. If you have any old pictures of members or events from the past, please call Laila (705-368-2580).

A new member was welcomed. At a time when we really need help in our events and regular activities we warmly

welcomed Linda Diebel. Come on friends, become a member. For \$2 a year you can make a difference. Remember that the MHC Auxiliary also welcomes men.

A special thank you to Phyllis Turner, a long-time member and staunch supporter of the MHC Auxiliary for at least 60 years. She donated some beautiful hand knit baby bonnets and booties.

The next regular meeting and annual meeting are scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm in the multi-purpose room. Members will be notified if there are changes.

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**coming events**

**The Island Quilt Guild** will be holding their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 19 at 7 pm at the Mindemoya Community Centre. Be sure to join us for a fun evening all about quilting and bring your finished items for our show and tell time. Hope to see you there, refreshments are served. 44c

**Legion Events**

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177** Little Current hours: Monday, closed; Tuesday to Saturday, 4 pm to closing. Tfn

**Weekly special events** at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177, Tuesdays, dart night; Thursdays, wing night; Fridays, meat roll draw. Tfn

**Grace Bible Church** has cancelled church service Sunday, March 22. All other activities at Grace have also been cancelled until further. Service cancelled due to Covid19. 44p

**AOK Gospel Fellowship** in Aundek Omni Kaning, Ontario. Pastor Jerry Legault. Sunday Services, 10:30 am; Children's Sunday School, 10:45 am; Thursday Bible Study, 6 pm. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth forever. Ps.118:1 Tfn

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**Rachael Orford**

I hope everyone took the opportunity to celebrate St. Patrick's Day yesterday, March 17. The festivities may have been minimal but that didn't mean that you couldn't get into the spirit and wear something green.

Speaking of green, spring is just around the corner. Tomorrow, March 19 is the first day of spring! That means it is maple syrup season. A joke for you:

Did you hear about the guy who couldn't stop pouring maple syrup on his bike? Apparently he's stuck in a vicious cycle.

From Friday, March 6 to Sunday, March 8, the MSS robotics team 'Manitoulin Metal' was at Georgian College in Barrie for the FIRST Robotics competition. This was the team's first competition of the season. The team experienced some small challenges along the way but that didn't stop the team from having a successful weekend. The team won the highly prestigious Judges' Award for environmental stewardship, innovation, vision, safety and leadership. 'Manitoulin Metal' was recognized as being an outstanding role model for other teams at the competition. This year's team included lead mentor, Mr. Davy; mentor, Ms. Bauer; programmer, Zach Dallaire; driver, Ben Willis; driver, Ethan Cooper; team spirit, Jake Brasil; scout, Jaemie Moor; photographer, Tyrel Sagle; media, Sam Howson; driver, Rhys Allison; co-captain, Jocelyn Kuntsi; and co-captain, Lindsay Sheppard. Unfortunately, the team's next competition that was scheduled for the end of March at Nipissing University has been cancelled. Congratulations on a wonderful season!

On Friday, March 13, students had a fun day before the break. Activities for the students included volleyball and badminton in the gym, a scavenger hunt around the school, art therapy, karaoke, a bonfire with marshmallows, a jam session, hot chocolate, games and cards, crafts, making friendship bracelets and a movie in the

afternoon. A teacher versus student hockey game also was held at the Mindemoya arena.

What did the Hershey's bar, the marshmallow and the cookie use to communicate? S'mores Code.

The spring MSS badminton team was released on Monday, March 9. The team includes Zachary Gibbons, Landon Harasym, Darnell Esquimaux, Mason Leighton, Alex Keatley, Brett Mastelko, Jordan Cooper, David Gibbons, Cat Rose, Katie Chapman, Sabrina Shamess, Mikayla McCaffrey, Kaylee Assinewai, Jorja Peltier, Chloe Ototsquaio, Lindsay Sheppard, Jared Cortes, Darci Debassige, Tierra Abotossaway, Nathan Temple, Dylan Corbiere, Julian Wemigwans, Darwin Wood and Jack Penny.

As a result of COVID-19, all publicly funded elementary and secondary schools in Ontario have been closed. Students will not return to school for at least two weeks after March Break. The scheduled date to return to classes is April 6. There will be no access to the school from March 14 until April 5. This will be my last column until classes resume in the coming weeks.

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**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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- Coordinate and assist with facilitating CCP process and community engagement;
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- Review information from meetings and create drafts of the CCP;
- Writing, researching, analyzing, communications with staff and Chief and Council and funders;
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- Identify any additional information needed to complete CCP document;
- Research and gather information for compilation into CCP and other community based processes;
- Review other First Nations CCPs; and
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**EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

- Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent;
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**Applications must be submitted by March 27th, 2020 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following;  
Cover letter, current resume, and three (3) employment related (current) reference letters**

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



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
EDUCATION ASSISTANT**

**Salary: \$30,000 - \$45,000 /year (based on qualifications and experience)**

Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) is dedicated to creating a self-governing, inclusive community of confident, culturally-skilled lifelong learners. WRFN is also under the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement Act.

The Education Assistant will assist the Education Manager in working with students of all ages to achieve their long-term educational goals. The Education Assistant will be responsible for assisting the Education Manager in the development, coordination, delivery and student support services to Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) members. In addition, the Education Assistant will assist in the coordination of community engagement sessions, schedule meetings and assist with all communication materials for WRFN parents and students.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Assist the WRFN Education Manager to provide services to WRFN students that are consistent with WRFN's mission and vision;
- Have knowledge of federal and provincial legislation, regulations and programs as they relate to First Nation Education operations and First Nations student learning needs;
- Assist with the preparation of the WRFN Education Department annual and long-range plans, and related implementation strategies for WRFN;
- Attend various meetings with Education Manager for note taking and reporting;
- Assist with follow-up calls and recording of mail and correspondence;
- Maintenance of all student files and databases;
- Assist with the delivery of the post-secondary program according to guidelines and policies;
- Attending relevant workshops, training sessions, seminars on education to develop personal skills in order to bring professional qualifications to the position and to the efficient operation and benefit to the WRFN;
- Schedule, set-up, deliver and facilitate outreach programming and services to all students;
- Research for the development of education content and curriculum as requested;
- Maintain continuing documentation including program reports, program evaluations, surveys, etc.;
- Plan and execute logistics for education events, training and conferences, material acquisition, agendas, room, event/training bookings, guest speakers, etc.;
- Assist with the completion of reports, statistics and budgets for all events and programs; and
- Other related duties as assigned by the Education Manager (or designate).

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Diploma in a field related to education, business or office administration;
- At least 2 years' experience working in an office environment;
- Experience working with schools, school boards and external education bodies would be an asset;
- Must have working knowledge and experience with databases, Microsoft Office;
- Knowledge of funding reporting requirements; First Nation issues, traditions and culture;
- Motivated self-starter with discipline to work independently;
- Strong organizational skills and attention to details are required;
- Ability to convey reports and updates to stakeholders;
- Punctual, independent, result driven and self-motivated; and
- Excellent verbal and written communication.

**Other Requirements:**

- Must provide a Vulnerable Sector Check upon hire.
- Must possess a valid Ontario driver's license, access to a dependable vehicle and valid automobile insurance.

**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 P0P1A0  
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- (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  
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Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Ms. Megan Wickett; Operations Manager by regular mail to:

Community Living Manitoulin  
PO Box 152  
Mindemoya, Ontario, POP 1S0  
Or by email to [mwickett@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:mwickett@clmanitoulin.com)  
Or by fax to 705-377-7175

**Applications must be received by close of business on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.**

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

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### Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board Vacancy Off-Reserve Representative

The Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board of Directors seeks applications to fill one Board vacancy specific to First Nation/Indigenous members living off-reserve. Noojmowin Teg is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals who provide community-based, integrated, and on- and off -site services including: primary care; allied health; mental health; traditional; and health promotion; to the seven First Nation and off-reserve Anishinabek populations living within the Manitoulin Island District. The Board oversees the direction and accountability of the organization.

The successful candidate will have: health related work and/or volunteer experience, an understanding of the protocols and traditional ways of the Anishinabek; live off-reserve within the Manitoulin Island District, a clear criminal records check; and a commitment to the mission and values of the Organization. Previous familiarity with funding and reporting requirements and experience in reviewing budgets, an asset. Applicants of First Nation and/or aboriginal ancestry will be prioritized.

The length of each term is four (4) years. The successful applicant must commit to attending monthly regularly scheduled board meetings, and other special meetings (annual general meeting, strategic planning, etc.) throughout the year, participating in up to 15-16 meetings per year.

The successful board candidate will be provided with an orientation and ongoing professional development to ensure his/her success as a full informed and participating member of the Board. For more information about the organization, please see our web-site at: [www.noojmowin-teg.ca](http://www.noojmowin-teg.ca).

#### Pre-requisites:

- Please submit the following no later than **April 3, 2020**
- Cover Letter (outlining reasons for your interest, and what strengths you bring to the board)
- Resume or description of experiences relevant to the position
- Three (3) relevant references with contact information
- Current and clear Criminal Reference Check

#### Send "Confidential" to:

Attn: Ryan Corbiere, Board Chair  
c/a Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002,  
Little Current, ON POP1K0  
Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 204 Fax: 705-368-2229  
Or email: [p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca](mailto:p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca)

**Miigwetch/Thank you to those who express interest and submit an application. Only those under consideration will be contacted.**

## Tehkummah Talk and Times

The weather is nice, sun shiny and melting and though there is bare ground nearby, I have a miniature skating rink at my door (facing north). Fortunately, Skylar was sitting outside putting fishing line on her reel when I used my ice for my double axel complete with scream. She was quick getting to me. My elbow cracked the stone house and a couple of sore knees and a soaking wet behind (the melty day). She was very patient helping me

up. I was just coming home from a nice afternoon, Sr. U.C.W meeting. Our hostess, Lorna Russell. Betty filled in as president in Lynda's absence. Pauline, Betty Jean, Joan and our newest member, Laura. A helpful household hint was our roll call. A few readings for St. Patrick's Day, a dessert after our lunch, a most wonderful fresh berry trifle, yummy!

Received word March 16 that the Tehkummah Hall is closed until further notice!

Skylar also found the screw nail that had fallen out of my falling apart oven door. We got that fixed up Tuesday, I can bake again!

The March moon is looking in my windows again tonight, looks like a great round of cheddar! Very beautiful!

Marlene Moore was at coffee time on Wednesday morning doing a special delivery adjustment.

Sandra Pope too did a Mary Kay hand exfoliation and we tried out some love-

ly creams. From time to time we never know what surprises are in store for us.

High hand today, Noreen Parkinson, 21; first, Betty Jean and Bill, 933; second, Bobbi Jo and Jan, 929; third, Margaret and Lorrie Lee, 908. There are two honorable mentions as they were so close behind, Marion and Gord, 907; Gib and Florence, 906; the rest of the bunch today below 900; low, Dorothy and Brad, 846; door all males, Ken, Cal and Hugh. Thanks for the good lunch.

I was a bit achy this morning then, to help matters, Cleo jumped up and knocked my cup of coffee all over my nice new Easter and special notes. I was writing and sealed stuck my envelopes became sealed. I said darn it/grumble!

Marg Case is back home again. There were four and a half tables for bid euchre: first, Laura Scott, 216; second, Marion Hughson, 206; third, John Novak, 193; low, Pat Novak, 79; 50/50, Dorothy, \$18.50.

Skylar went with me on

Friday to help with laundry. What a wind. We drove to South Baymouth before coming home to see very small waves compared to the wind that would have broken my arm if it had been in the way when it slammed the car door shut.

Mollie phoned, as everyone is so concerned these days with the shutdowns, closure and panic, pandemic. She calls it the human lottery game. Sounds about right! Are you enjoying your self quarantine? We will go stir crazy, talking to ourselves, oh, it's OK, I'm a brilliant conversationalist! Geez, that's a long word!

Just received a call that church is cancelled for a week or? I like my church!

Be awful if Canada's civil war is caused by a TP issue. Hopefully the spring winds dry out all those leaves laying on the ground, we may need them!

So nice to say "hello" to Erwin Thompson, we did an elbow bump!

Lloyd Thomas recently had a surgery and we hear that Daisy Moise broke her

arm, recover soon folks! Thinking of you. I also hear that Eileen Leeson is back home again and so is Bob Blue. Nothing like your own bunk!

6 pm, just in from an afternoon at the Tehkummah Hall. Regular euchre tournament, eight tables. Folks from as far away as Silver Water. Lone hands, Eva and Lois, 8; first, Karen and Myra, 89; second, Brad and Bill, 82; third, Eva and Lois, 79; low, Jan and Rick, 49. The stew supper was served up after, beef or chicken. Lots of veggies, desserts, cake and ice cream, fruit etc. The draws, I won guess the shamrocks with 117; candy guess, Pat Norton, 28 and Judy Parkinson, 32; first door prize, Jim Henderson; second, Bob Bendo; third, Joan Beard; fourth, Ruth McGregor; draw, wreath, Bobbi Jo; tote bag plus, Jodi Parkinson; 50/50, Bill Trayner. Great day for the Parkinson family!

I'm wishing you all good health and freedom from all bad bugs and the fear and worry that is holding us hostage!

### OPP arrests man with impaired, intimidation

LITTLE CURRENT—On March 8 at approximately 11:14 pm, an officer from the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) conducted a traffic stop on Draper Street in Little Current. The officer determined that the driver had been consuming alcohol.

As a result of the investigation, Jason Clayton, age 37, from Little Current has been charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 Plus).

The vehicle was towed from the scene and impounded. The accused was released by way of an undertaking and is scheduled

to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on April 29 in Gore Bay.

The next day, March 9, at approximately 8:47 am, members of the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP responded to several reports of a disturbance outside a residence in Little Current.

As a result of the investigation, Mr. Clayton was also charged with: criminal harassment - threatening conduct; intimidation - justice system - justice system participant; and causing a disturbance.

Mr. Clayton was again released following a bail hearing and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on April 1.



The Manitoulin Expositor is seeking a

### Local Journalism Initiative Court and Climate Change Reporter

The Court and Climate Change Reporter will be expected to cover the proceedings of the Gore Bay Courthouse and on occasion, Wiikwemkoong Courthouse. This may include: coverage of court matters; reports on major trials; tracking trends in the local judicial system that may lead to in-depth research stories.

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The reporter will be expected to submit an average of eight news stories weekly, divided between court reporting and climate change research. There will be the expectation of occasional features from each beat.

The reporter will be funded for one year through the Local Journalism Initiative at which time the position will be reassessed.

#### Skills required:

- degree or diploma in journalism or related experience
- proficiency in Word
- proficiency in photography
- research skills
- excellent verbal and communication skills
- strength in time management
- a driver's licence and vehicle

Please submit a resume marked 'LJI Reporter' to: [expositor@manitoulin.ca](mailto:expositor@manitoulin.ca), in person or by mail to:

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### FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY TRUST SECRETARIAT

#### Background

The Whitefish River First Nation is the beneficiary of a Trust as a result of a settlement of a Land Claim with Canada. The community is located in Birch Island, Ontario, which is a First Nation Community 20 minutes south of Espanola, ON. The Niigaan Naabidaan Trust Agreement was signed on November 20, 2019. The Trust has five (5) Trustees, one (1) Corporate Trustee, two (2) Community Trustees, one (1) Council ex-officio Trustee and one (1) youth ex-officio trustee. The Trust Secretariat who will assist WRFN with administrative implementation the Niigaan Naabidaan Trust Agreement.

#### Candidates must meet the following qualifications to be considered:

##### Technical Qualifications

- Completed a relevant undergraduate diploma/degree with strong academic credentials in business or office administration;
- Aboriginal Studies and /or Commerce would be considered an asset;
- Strong proficiency with Microsoft Word and Excel is required;
- Understanding of financial information, preferred; and
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.

##### Other Qualifications:

- Strong attention to detail, required;
- Time management and organizational skills;
- Ability to handle stressful situations in the most professional manner;
- Knowledge of First Nations and Aboriginal communities in Canada;
- Ability to multi-task and prioritize duties;
- Proven analytical skills and systematic problem solving; and
- Interpersonal relations and demonstrated ability to work with others effectively in teams.

##### Some specific duties of the Trust Secretariat include:

1. Follow all terms and condition of the Niigaan Naabidaan Trust Agreement;
2. Plan and organization of First Nation trust meetings and prepare meeting materials as required;
3. Book facilities for meetings and arrange meals and snacks (if applicable);
4. Attend trust meetings in, which may require travel from time to time;
5. Follow-up on activities from trust meetings;
6. Manage day-to-day operations of the Niigaan Naabidaan Trust Agreement, including financial related matters (i.e. budgets, calculations, operating expenses, etc.);
7. Manage and organize all trust files;
8. Assist when required travel and travel arrangements of the Trust;
9. Assist in organizing annual First Nation community consultation process, including preparing consultation materials, responding to calls/emails from community members, administering surveys and summarizing the results;
10. Prepare presentations, correspondence, annual reports and proposals as required and requested;

##### Remuneration: To commensurate with Education and Experience.

Preference will be given to applicants who have previous experience in working with First Nation communities. However, interested applicants are invited to apply.

Please submit a cover letter, current resume and three (3) current work related references to:

**Confidential**  
Whitefish River First Nation  
C/o Andrea McGregor, Human Resource Manager  
17A Rainbow Ridge Road  
Birch Island, ON POP1A0  
(705)285-4532 fax or [andream@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:andream@whitefishriver.ca)

Applications must be received no later than Friday, March 27th, 2020.

# Tehkummah reviews plans for Smeltzer Drain extension

by Warren Schlote

**TEHKUMMAH**—At the March 3 meeting of council the Township of Tehkummah received a report on the Smeltzer Drain improvements from drainage contractors K. Smart Associates Limited.

Tehkummah asked K. Smart to prepare a report under Section 78 of the Drainage Act for improvements to the Smeltzer Drain on July 11, 2017. That fall, the firm did its main survey work for the watershed and the drain and designed it through the winter. There was a meeting for affected landowners in the spring of 2018.

"In 2019 the project was submitted to environmental agencies to be reviewed; we received those approvals in late November 2019, and finalized the report and submitted it," said drainage engineer Joel Miller, who gave the presentation under the supervision of drainage superintendent John Linley.

He outlined several concerns raised by landowners at the earlier meetings. There were concerns that the drain was too wide in some places and that erosion was occurring near the Anstice/Hierons property line.

One option for the drain extension was to reroute it eastward into the Scott Drain, though there were concerns about flow and capacity so that was set aside. K. Smart also looked at using the current ditch through the centre of the McGragh property and then considered running the ditch along the western shoulder of the 10th Sideroad.

The latter option was ultimately chosen, as costs were similar between the various routes and having the drain along the road would allow for easier monitoring and maintenance.

The extra drainage work on the 10th Sideroad just north of the Sixth Concession stemmed from a roads superintendent petition from July 10, 2018 to create a ditch to help drain the water in the flood-prone area. This portion, dubbed the "Sideroad Branch" of the Smeltzer Drain, will run northward along the road, opposite Armand Charbonneau's property, until it meets the Blue Jay Creek.

Mr. Miller said the engineers did a canoe survey on the Blue Jay Creek and made note of a rock outcrop on Lyle Gordon's property.

"There's no question that removing some rock here would allow more water through the creek. What we found, though, is that there was only about a 14-inch difference in the water level upstream of the rock and downstream of the rock."

Although this is significant given how flat the creek is, the amount of time and money to get environmental approvals

and work on a massive area downstream would be prohibitive. If beaver activity is managed in the drain, it should be enough to maintain the flow.

The report recommends 1,486 metres of excavation of new, open drain, cleaning out 1,951 metres of existing drains, a new 15-metre by 1500-millimetre steel culvert at the 10th Sideroad, two new 1500-millimetre steel access crossings and one new 1,200-millimetre steel access crossing, plus erosion and sediment control measures.

An 18-metre by 900-millimetre twinned steel culvert will cross under the 10th Sideroad and erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented. On the Blue Jay Creek itself, 1,024 metres of creek will be incorporated into the drain so beaver dams and other obstructions can be removed, and the existing 10th Sideroad culvert will be brought into the scope of the Smeltzer Drain as well.

This project serves roughly 430 hectares (1,063 acres) of land and has an estimated cost of \$298,000. The work will be divided into two contracts, one for the culverts and ditching done by the road contractors in conjunction with the 10th Sideroad project and the other for drain-specific work.

Councillor Michael McKenzie said he was concerned that the Sideroad Branch wouldn't drain because the culvert and creek water levels are so similar.

Mr. Miller said the branch will always have water present but that it will be flowing slowly downstream to the creek, even if it appears to be standing. The new culvert will be eight inches lower than the current culvert. This will not improve the current situation, but it will not make it any worse.

"We should be improving things, not just staying the same, otherwise why are we putting mon-

## † in memoriam

**FOWLER**—In loving memory of Gerald (Jerry) Fowler who passed away six years ago on March 21, 2014.

Gone are the days we used to share  
But in my heart you are always there.  
The gates of memory will never close.  
I miss you more than anyone knows.

I will always love you and never forget.  
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**MCGREGOR**—In loving memory of Dean McGregor  
My thoughts are with you every single day.  
Love, Naomi

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ey into it?" asked the councillor.

Mr. Miller said the new system will allow for better control.

Councillor Eric Russell asked if the work would benefit farmers on the Smeltzer Drain.

Mr. Miller said the downstream improvements will not directly benefit the upstream farmers, but their water still needs a path to travel. They will also benefit when the upstream portion gets cleared.

Resident Paul Bowerman said he has had standing water on his land since Highway 6 was built in the area, which falls within the new Sideroad Branch's drainage area.

"There won't be an ounce of difference for that property because of what we're doing, just like there won't be an ounce of difference for (upstream properties on the Smeltzer Drain)," said Mr. Miller.

Mr. Bowerman also asked why only part of the

Blue Jay Creek was being brought as part of the drain, since he understood the Blue Jay was being made into a drain as far as Mr. Gordon's property. Mr. Miller said the Smeltzer Drain would only include a portion in this report, though the McCauley Drain extension would incorporate the rest of that portion of the Blue Jay Creek as a way of sharing the costs between drain users.

Mr. Bowerman asked why the Blue Jay Creek upstream of the 10th Sideroad was not being made into a drain. Mr. Miller said the economics of that undertaking were unreasonable.

Mr. Bowerman also asked why the cost of the Sideroad Branch was not being borne by the road project, calling it a "money catcher." Mr. Miller said the ditch would be on the property line and the roads team would not have the authority to work on private property. Part of

the cost will be borne by the road, but not all.

Pat McGragh asked if he would still be flooded on his property. Mr. Miller acknowledged that the water would be moving faster, but most of the water would be diverted along the roadside ditch. However, his own water would still flow in the existing ditch through the centre of his property.

One landowner asked how much of an improvement there will be after the project concludes. Mr. Miller said a percentage improvement could not be quantified, but said his firm undertook a cost-benefit approach and determined that the project would be worthwhile.

Council resolved to adopt the 2020 Smeltzer Drain extension report, authorized the drainage work to go ahead as specified in the report and gave Bylaw 2020-011 its first and second reading with provisional adoption on the date of the council meeting.

Section 97 of the Drainage Act requires that the township convene a three-member court of revision for the project. Council also authorized the clerk-administrator to identify three members to act as the court members and set the date for the court on April 7, before the next council meeting, at 5 pm. After the end of the meeting, the councillors remained at the table for a time with clerk-administrator Silvio Berti to discuss the court of revision.

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## Death Notices

### LORINA HILDA LENA KOZEYAH January 20, 1941 - March 11, 2020

Lorina Hilda Lena Kozeyah, born in Wikwemikong, passed away in the comfort of her loving home on March 11, 2020.

Loving wife of Edward Kozeyah. Mother to Jim Kozeyah,

Darlene Kanasawe (husband Ben), Darren Kozeyah, Wayne Kozeyah (wife Laurie), Patti St. Germanine (husband Jim) and Jackie Kozeyah. Grandmother to 19 grandchildren. Great-grandmother to 37 grandchildren and great-great-grandmother to five grandchildren. She is survived by her loving pets and companions Suzie, Thumper and Tweety. She was many things to us, her children.

*Proverbs 31:10*

*A wife of noble character, dad had full confidence in her. Her arms were always strong for the tasks she was faced with. She was always on the go. She opened her arms to the poor and extended her hands to the needy. Lorina always wanted to help. She was clothed with strength and dignity. Her lips were full of wisdom and faithful instruction. Her children will rise and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her and we honour her for all she has done.*

Mom loved the outdoors, hiking through the woods, camping and even hunting. She once caught a moose with Ben. She loved gardening and shared everything that she made and grew including her fresh vegetables and preserves. She loved picking berries. In her spare time she enjoyed doing puzzles, playing scrabble, cards and Bingo. Most of all she loved her grandchildren. Each one special to her in their own unique way. Visitation at the AOK Community Centre was from Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 5 pm until the funeral service, Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 11 am. Burial in the AOK First Nation Cemetery.

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.

### WILBERT RAMOND OLIVER "PEE WEE"

February 28, 1930 - March 10, 2020



Wilbert passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Heath Centre with his family by his side at the age of 90. Beloved husband of 71 years of Milanece "Ting" Oliver (nee Harper).

Devoted father of the late Roger (June), Darlene Green (late Squirt), Mickeal (Betty) and Wanda Trovarello (Lou). Cherished grandpa of Rick, Tracy, Lori, Jeff, Derek, Matt, Ben, Toni and Tyler. Also loved by 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Predeceased by parents Wilbert "Bo" and Dorothy "Dot" Oliver. Brother of the late Bob (late Marg), Marilyn Heise (Bill), Wayne (late Louise), Joan Holley (Buzz), late Donnie, late Brian (late Janice) and Gary (Sandy). Visitation was 1 pm to 3 pm Friday, March 13, 2020 at Island Funeral Home. Legion Service was at 3 pm. Luncheon followed at the Little Current Legion. Burial in the spring. Donations can be made in memory of Wilbert to the Little Current Legion, Branch 177.

### EUGENE ENDANAWAS-BUSH "JUNIOR"



Eugene (Junior) Endanawas-Bush passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at Mindemoya Hospital in his 35th year. Lovingly remembered by his mother Darlene Cada; brothers Adam Bush and Gregory Sampson; as well as his special friend Margo Turple. Also survived by his aunts

Winnifred Panamick, Carmelita Genereux, Linda Antoine, Diane John, Martha Hanrahan, Christine Endanawas, Cecilia Endanawas; uncles Robert Endanawas, Gino Cada and Joe Endanawas as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his father Eugene Cada; aunts Kathleen Fisher, Laurenda Yellowhorse, Cynthia Bush, Margaret Bush, Beatrice Sampson, Caroline Danvel, Jean Simon, Lorda Cada, Vivian Cada; uncles Wayne Bush, Richard Bush, Sam Cada and Rodger Cada. Visitation will be held at the Sheshegwaning Community Complex on Wednesday March 18, 2020 from 2 pm until time of the Funeral Mass on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 11 am. Arrangements entrusted to the Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay.



# Province seeks input on 13 invasive species

TORONTO—The provincial government is seeking input on the impacts of 13 invasive species on the province's environment and economy and means to prevent the introduction and spread of those intruders. A release announcing the call for comment notes that invasive species can cause significant harm to biodiversity and navigation in waterways, as well as affecting recreational activities and tourism.

The invasive species the province is seeking input on are: wild pigs, marmorkreb (marbled crayfish), tench (fish), New Zealand mud snails, European frog-bit (plant), yellow floating heart (plant), Prussian carp (fish), red swamp crayfish, fanwort (plant), Bohemian knotweed (plant), giant knotweed (plant), Himalayan knotweed (plant) and the mountain pine beetle.

The government is seeking feedback from stakeholders, Indigenous communities and the public on the ecological, social and economic impacts of these invasive species, as well as the spread of invasive species through the movement of watercraft.

"Our government is committed to protecting Ontario's environment for future generations," said John Yakabuski, minister

of Natural Resources and Forestry in the release. "It is important to prevent new invasive species from arriving or surviving in the province in order to protect our lakes, streams and native plants and animals. In addition, by taking these steps we will preserve and enhance the economic opportunities that ecosystems provide for our communities and industries."

The release goes on to note that the province is also working with partners in nearby jurisdictions to improve regulatory consistency in the Great Lakes

basin. The MNR is conducting a two-stage approach to public engagement, according to the release. The initial posting is now available on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (EBR) for public feedback until March 30. Information gathered will be considered in developing a regulatory proposal to prevent the spread of these species in the province.

The Ontario government will continue to work with conservation partners to coordinate prevention, management and research

activities to help address the serious threat while promoting public education on the negative impacts of invasive species.

Ontario is also gathering feedback on proposed prevention and response plans for the invasive European water chestnut and water soldier; also posted to the EBR until March 30.

The province hopes that plans developed in conjunction with public input will support monitoring, controlling and eradication of these harmful species.

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# Cruise industry institutes sterilization protocols

by Michael Erskine  
KINGSTON—The cruise industry is facing a near perfect storm in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, with all cruise vessels capable of carrying more than 500 passengers being banned from the nation's ports until at least July.

"We are not privy to the economic situation of each cruise line," said Great Lakes Cruising Coalition executive director Stephen Burnett, "so I can't really comment on what they are doing internally."

But Mr. Burnett went on to say that all of their industry partners "treat the health and safety of clients as our utmost priority."

He noted that cruise lines are instructing their crews to redouble their efforts in the cleaning of all surfaces and have instituted protocols to test passengers before they are allowed to board vessels.

"We are entering a new reality in the world these days," said Mr. Burnett,



The Victory I on its inaugural 2019 stop in Little Current.

Expositor file photo

"and the cruise industry is determined to stay ahead of the curve." There is currently no update on the fate of those smaller cruise ships that tend to ply Great Lakes ports or how the ban will impact their activities.



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



**SOUTH FACING 2 BDRM FOUR SEASON WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME ON SOUTH BAY ONLY 15 MINS FROM THE FERRY!!** - This cottage/home has deep water, bald rock frontage and comes adorned with beautiful white stone walls and a 32ft X 23ft metal sided and roof, fully insulated garage. The cottage comes turn-key with all furnishings and appliances. The Bay is great fishing for all fresh water species and amenities such as shopping, medical center and golfing are less than 30 minutes away. Asking \$299,000!!!! MLS#2077447



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



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



**LAKE MANITOU COTTAGE** on level lot w/60 ft. Rockville Road waterfrontage, sandy beach, good dock & sand bottom swimming. Bungalow 754 sq. ft. w/deck across water side has 2 bedrooms, 4 pc. bath, open kitchen dining living area w/propane stove fireplace. Recent upgrades of windows, doors, siding, shingles, fascia, soffits. Most contents including newer washer, refrigerator, stove. \$149,000 (1431)



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**SILVER WATER HOME** on surveyed lot 120 by 330 ft. fronting on Hwy540. Closed in sunroom porch plus 1.5 storey 990 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, bath, large kitchen dining & living room. MBR on first floor. Some contents. \$59,000 (1077)

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**LOON LAKE ACREAGE** w/789 ft. on Hwy540 & 391 ft. on water. Open 23 ac. of tillable land w/access down east boundary via Loon Lake Road to private driveway, partly developed building site, 2 newer well built sheds & privy w/finished interior. Ready for a south facing home or cottage w/sun all day. \$97,000 (1485)

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

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**GORDON TWO ACRES** bushland w/120 ft. fronting 4 TH Line & 725 ft. deep. Year round access w/other services. \$10,900 (1487)



**SILVER WATER HOME** on surveyed lot 120 by 330 ft. fronting on Hwy540. Closed in sunroom porch plus 1.5 storey 990 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, bath, large kitchen dining & living room. MBR on first floor. Some contents. \$59,000 (1077)



**CHALET ON 100 ACRES** accessed from Union Road w/most of the off grid conveniences. Balcony & large deck, 2+ bedrooms, 1.5 baths, eat in kitchen, living room, wood fired sauna, drilled well & more. Lots of trails, tree stands, hydro a few poles away, generator wired, furnished including propane appliances. \$209,000 (1456)



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



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**AFFORDABLE COTTAGE**, on Ice Lake, near Gore Bay in private setting of beautiful old growth maples, 200 ft. frontage, 2.67 ac. w/hydro & year round access by the residents. Bungalow w/bedroom, living room, kitchen & 3 pc. bath plus spacious deck, Scandinavian bunkie, large privy & shed. Gently sloping landscaped lot to waters edge. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241 \$119,500 (1460)

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**2+1 BDRM COUNTRY HOME** - With large double garage on 3.7 acres of land in the quaint town of Silver Water. This beautiful home located close to Silver Lake which is good fishing for Walleye & Bass has many upgrades including hardwood flooring, propane furnace & new windows. The 3.77 acre lot comes with two driveways & a 31 x 24 ft garage with storage loft. Many other great fishing lakes are close by & the amenities of Gore Bay are just 30 mins away. Asking \$169,000. MLS#2079265



**25 ACRE PROPERTY WITH YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS & 2 BDRM COTTAGE!!** - Located on Union Road only 30 mins from the amenities of Mindemoya & only 15 mins from the Town of Gore Bay. The cottage comes with most contents included & is also adorned with a brand new roof, a drilled well & new water pump, hydro with a 100 amp breaker system, a storage shed, a wood-fired sauna & a new Bunkie. This lovely property has over 300 ft of road frontage, a kilometer of nicely maintained ATV trails & over 2 kilometers of walking trails & of course traversed by plenty of deer. Asking \$119,000!! MLS#2079009



**BIRD LOVER'S PARADISE** - 3.93 acre view lot with municipal water available. Uniquely different lot, well treed with mature hardwood setting & exceptional lake view. Stream running through lot. Very private property with lots of possibilities, close to Little Current. Priced to sell at \$69,000. MLS#2084048



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**LOG CABIN ON LAKE MANITOU!!** - On secluded exceptional lot with 197 ft frontage on lake & approx. 1 acre land, mature cedar trees. Great view of Cup and Saucer, gentle slope to water. Clean shoreline. Recent approval for septic and fieldbed. Renovated log cabin, plus older log barn for storage. Private maintained year round road. Reduced to \$210,000. Call Al Frank Sales Person @ 705-859-3297 for more info. MLS#2081904



**YEAR ROUND VICEROY WATERFRONT HOME ON LAKE MANITOU** - Built in 1994, this R2000 home features an open concept main floor with numerous windows allowing for an abundance of natural light, and a wonderful view of the lake. Home has a large deck along two sides, as well as access from the Master Bedroom. In addition, the home has a partially finished basement that provides the extra space needed when family and friends visit, an insulated 24 x 28 detached garage, a concrete dock, and a boat launch at the waterfront. Lake Manitou offers great fishing all year round. Call Now! Asking \$349,000. MLS#2075885



**SOUTH BAY MOUTH** - For Sale Huron Motor Lodge - turn-key operation. Family owned business since 1932. Located directly across from Chi Cheemaun ferry dock. 21 rooms, large in-ground pool, coffee shop, plus specialty gift shop. Also included in sale is a home for new owner's residence. All buildings are well maintained, great financial statements. Best location on Manitoulin Island for accommodation, gift and coffee shop. Asking \$1,400,000. Call Sales Person Al Frank @ 705-859-3297. MLS#2075494



**SOUTH BAY WATERFRONT LOT** - located in the Slash. East facing with beautiful view and sunrise, this is a great location for a summer getaway or a permanent home. It is located on a private road but very close to a year round road with hydro at the edge of the lot. The property is fully treed with a mixture of deciduous and evergreens. MLS#2075664

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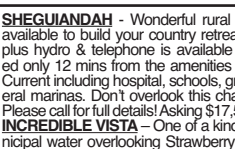
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**'SANDY COVE' COTTAGE**

with year round road access on Maple Point, Manitoulin Island. The three bedroom, one full and one-half bath cottage has an open concept kitchen, dining, & living room that includes a wood stove. Enjoy wonderful North Channel views from the cottage & private level water front lot that has 260 ft frontage, & just over 2.5 acres of well treed mixed bush made up of mostly cedar & poplar. The beautiful sandy shallow beach is ideal for children swimming in a calm protected cove. Minutes from Bridal Veil Falls & the village of Kagawong, this 925 sq ft recreational cottage with separate laundry room & 24 x 32 ft garage is ideal for 3 seasons. Mudge Bay offers good fishing & boating. Call today to view. MLS#2084487



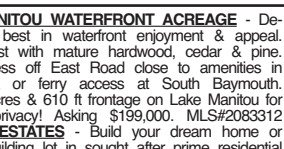
**TEHKUMMAH AGRICULTURAL ACREAGE** - Spectacular 104 acre agricultural site located in one of Manitoulin Islands best agricultural areas includes year round access and Black Creek frontage. Excellent combination of mixed lands with majority being crop lands but also including mature hardwood forest, some escarpment ridge, hydro available at road and very well fenced in lands. Ideal location for residential, recreational and/or farming uses! Call for details! MLS#2084126



**SHEGUIANDAH** - Wonderful rural Hwy 6 wooded lot available to build your country retreat! Year round road, plus hydro & telephone is available at the road. Located only 12 mins from the amenities of the town of Little Current including hospital, schools, grocery stores & several marinas. Don't overlook this charming building site. Please call for full details! Asking \$17,500. MLS#2051556



**LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE** - Demand the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Mixed forest with mature hardwood, cedar & pine. Great access off East Road close to amenities in Mindemoya or ferry access at South Baymouth. Over 35 acres & 610 ft frontage on Lake Manitou for excellent privacy! Asking \$199,000. MLS#2083312



**SUNSITE ESTATES** - Build your dream home or cottage. Building lot in sought after prime residential and recreational community on Manitoulin Island. Lot has a 75 foot driveway, the water levy has not been paid in full, and telephone and hydro service is available. Lot is only steps to the water on beautiful Lake Huron. Great location. Call Now! MLS#2067191



**LOWER SLASH** - A wonderful 3.06 acre building and/or recreational lot that is close to the water in South Baymouth. This well treed lot with a small cleared section is on the Lower Slash Road, and also has access via Indian Point Road. This lot is only 20 minutes to the golf courses and grocery store in Manitowaring. Call Now! Asking \$24,900. MLS#2083576



**INCREDIBLE VISTA** - One of a kind building lot on municipal water overlooking Strawberry Channel. 315.55 ft frontage with south east exposure on a year round road. 8 km from Little Current. Call for details. MLS#2077531



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



**BUILDING LOT** - Level building lot in Little Current. Great location on quiet street. 35.66 x 150. Asking \$13,000. MLS#2079127



**YEAR ROUND VICEROY WATERFRONT HOME ON LAKE MANITOU** - Built in 1994, this R2000 home features an open concept main floor with numerous windows allowing for an abundance of natural light, and a wonderful view of the lake. Home has a large deck along two sides, as well as access from the Master Bedroom. In addition, the home has a partially finished basement that provides the extra space needed when family and friends visit, an insulated 24 x 28 detached garage, a concrete dock, and a boat launch at the waterfront. Lake Manitou offers great fishing all year round. Call Now! Asking \$349,000. MLS#2075885



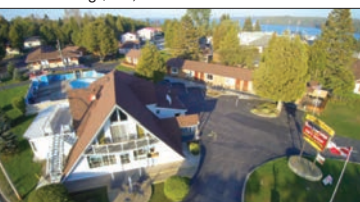
**WHITE'S POINT!** - Waterfront building lot in desirable prime residential waterfront community within minutes of Little Current & all of its amenities. Driveway access started at roadway - telephone & hydro service available. White's Point Road is on a year round road, & on the school bus route. Lake Huron's Strawberry Channel, & the North Channel boast great fishing, boating & sailing. Wonderful location to build your dream home! Asking \$88,000. Call Now! MLS#2074129



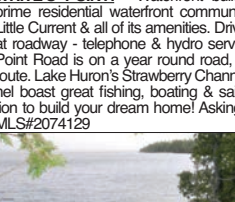
**HUNTING ACREAGE IN SPRING BAY AREA** - 100 acres. Prime land in Central Manitoulin with seasonal road access off extended Evergreen Drive in Campbell Township, and about 25 minutes from Gore Bay. Listed at \$79,000. Call now and be ready for fall. MLS#2062725



**AFFORDABLE LAKE FRONT LIVING** - 4 season brick home, nestled amongst mature trees on almost two acres. Offering 5 bdrms, & 2 full baths, this home has all the room you'll need. Vaulted ceilings with skylights & plenty of windows throughout bathes the home in natural light. Large kitchen features plenty of cabinets, with peninsula for casual breakfasts. Living room & family room boast unparalleled lake views. Go kayaking right off your own private dock. Great fishing, including bass & pike. Call for a viewing today. MLS#2083920



**READY TO BUILD LOT IN SUNSITE ESTATES ON MANITOULIN ISLAND** - Lot has a new 60 ft driveway & the \$5200 water levy has been paid in full. Lot backs onto a park area & is only steps to the water. View the beauty of this lot now. Asking \$23,900. MLS#2066908



**MINDEMUYA HOME** - This is a beautiful home in Mindemoya with a great view of the lake. It has a large deck, hardwood floors, and a new furnace. The house is in excellent condition and is a great investment. Asking \$179,000. Call Now! MLS#2084205



**RURAL LIVING ON 99 ACRES** - Beaver Road acreage site features 2 bdrm home plus detached garage on a private acreage site in prime deer area of Manitoulin. Upgraded insulation & modern wood burning stove help to keep cost of ownership to a minimum. Very private, heavily treed site with excellent trail system & a perfect location to get away from it all. Attractively priced! MLS#2084061



**HARDWOOD ACREAGE** - Very well treed 100 acre property with open concession road access, attractive hardwood forest that includes some mixed forest areas with White Pine, mainly level but includes some escarpment outcroppings at one corner plus excellent access along two sides of the property. Very attractive location off New England Side Road in Assignack Township. Only \$89,000. MLS#2083900



**DOUBLE WATERVIEW LOT** - across from Spider Bay Marina on Water Street West in Little Current. This residential building lot has 134.64' of frontage, municipal water/sewer, and is ready for you to build your new or recreational home! Asking \$164,500. You may want a single lot at 67.32' frontage - Asking \$85,000. MLS#2083639



**SOUTH BAY MOUTH** - For Sale Huron Motor Lodge - turn-key operation. Family owned business since 1932. Located directly across from Chi Cheemaun ferry dock. 21 rooms, large in-ground pool, coffee shop, plus specialty gift shop. Also included in sale is a home for new owner's residence. All buildings are well maintained, great financial statements. Best location on Manitoulin Island for accommodation, gift and coffee shop. Asking \$1,400,000. Call Sales Person Al Frank @ 705-859-3297. MLS#2075494



**SOUTH BAY WATERFRONT LOT** - located in the Slash. East facing with beautiful view and sunrise, this is a great location for a summer getaway or a permanent home. It is located on a private road but very close to a year round road with hydro at the edge of the lot. The property is fully treed with a mixture of deciduous and evergreens. MLS#2075664



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**COUNTRY CHARMER!** - This 4 bedroom home with lots of unique touches, has plenty of room for the growing family or even a B&B! Detached double garage provides lots of storage. Beautiful fenced yard. Roof 2018; Furnace 2017. Priced to sell quickly at \$133,900. MLS#2083519



**EAST MANITOULIN WATERFRONT HOME** - Well laid out three-bedroom home with spacious room sizes, large deck, detached double garage, propane fireplace, exceptional landscaping, all appliances and most furnishings. Features exceptional location and views, close proximity to shopping and great swimming and fishing opportunities. Also features 2 bath, great privacy, lovely landscaped property and great year-round location. Please call for complete details. MLS#2084540



**WHITE'S POINT WATERFRONT HOME** - Very well laid out, architecturally designed home with spacious room sizes, large deck, attached garage, gas fireplace and several outbuildings. Features exceptional location and views, close proximity to schools & shopping plus a great area for swimming and fishing opportunities. Also features 2.5 baths, a lovely landscaped property and great year-round location. Please call for complete details. MLS#2084076



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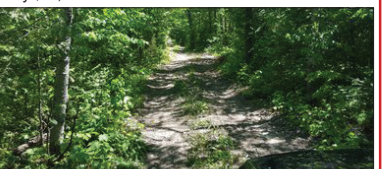
**STUNNING NORTH CHANNEL WATERFRONT ACREAGE** - Large, heavily treed waterfront acreage situated on a very protected bay on the North Channel of Lake Huron. Extremely appealing location on Hotham Island located immediately north of the famous Benjamin Islands. Sheltered boat access from McBean Harbour, great location for boat dockage and ideal for cottage construction surrounded by mature White Pine and Red Oak forest plus outstanding views to enjoy. 20 acres with 1,300 feet frontage! ONLY \$127,900!! MLS#2084416



**EXCEPTIONAL ACREAGE SITE** - with great lake views. Includes mix of tillable farm lands and rural acreage located within 2 km of Little Current. Year round accessible with 400 meters highway frontage, approx. 700 meters on White's Point Road. North-South ridge runs through the acreage with fine lake and mountain views. Ideal building location! Only \$99,900. MLS#2083992



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**300 ACRES** - 300 acres on the west end of Manitoulin Island in a desirable recreational area. Level land that is mainly treed. There is legal access off Burnt Island Road over an unmaintained road on a road allowance. \$190,000. MLS#2083406



**PRIVATE ISLAND RETREAT** - Your own private island is waiting for you in McGregor Bay. This charming cottage sits on 4.7 acres of land, and is located on the desirable south shore. In the cottage you have an open concept kitchen and living room and 1 bedroom. Outside you have a deck connecting you to the bath house. Plenty of room to expand! \$400,000 MLS#2084111



**HOME ON 50 ACRES** - Quiet country home. An unfinished upper level is ready to be your dream master suite, with bathroom plumbing roughed in. 2 bedrooms on the main floor, along with an open kitchen/living room area. Drilled well with new jet pump & foot valve. All mechanical equipment is easily accessible in the clean, dry basement. Detached garage with plenty of room for all your projects. \$229,000. MLS#2082083



**HOME ON THE BAY!** 3 bedroom waterfront home overlooking Manitowaning Bay. Cheerful and bright with many windows. 2 storey addition in 2002. (Septic system also upgraded at that time.) Mstr bdrm with 3pc ensuite, and deck access. 2nd level family room with deck access offering beautiful views. Close to public school. Small shared boat harbour. \$329,000. MLS#2084393

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**BASS LAKE** - Beautiful setting on Manitoulin 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



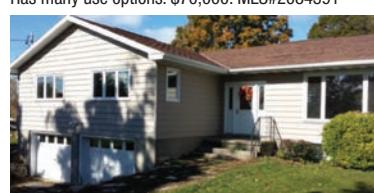
**WEST END ACREAGE** - 75 acre parcel fronting on a 4-season road near Silver Water. It has cleared areas that are currently being worked, and treed sections. Has many use options. \$70,000. MLS#2084391



**BAY ESTATES** - Recently built bungalow perfect for year round living set on private 3/4 acre lot. Open concept layout loaded with upgrades including stainless steel kitchen appliances, hardwood and porcelain floors, pot lights, custom door and window trim, efficient European heating, 200 amp service, metal roof and much more. Full foundation offers plenty of storage. Septic system designed to accommodate additional full 2nd bathroom. \$258,888.



**RARE LAKE MANITOU** - One of kind waterfront property! 2.5 acre level lot on a point (670 ft. of frontage), offering east to south-west views. On the south side is a sand beach and on the east side is a natural boat ramp beside a nice limestone shoreline. Hydro service in place. 3 bdrm cabin (approx. 680 sq.ft.) can provide short and long term benefit, plus a trailer. A place to stay while you develop this amazing property! \$339,000. MLS#2084411



**GORE BAY** Wonderful family home with 2+1 bedrooms & 3 full baths. Fireplaces on both levels. Upgrades include all windows (except 4), new laminate flooring (entrance-way, living room, dining room - 2016), insulated garage doors, roof (2017). Functioning ceiling radiant heating system. \$249,000. MLS#2072795



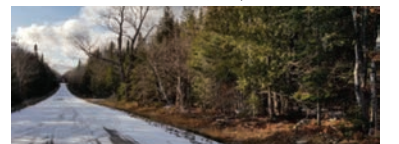
**HOME ON 25 ACRES** - Cozy 3 bedroom home on 25 acres of property approx 5 minutes West of Gore Bay. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, storage shed and workshop. Metal Roof installed in 2017. The property is located on the Southeast corner of Highway 540 and Seventh Line in Gordon Township. \$104,900. MLS#2083599



**STUNNING ESTATES PROPERTY** - 5 bedroom, 4 bathroom property boasts a 64x25 garage on waterfront lot with beach. Open concept kitchen & large deck. The built in pizza oven was professionally installed by local stone mason. Shed with concrete floor and secondary outbuilding is winterized and offers 2 bedroom & full bath that is tastefully finished. \$525,000. MLS#2080417



**GORE BAY HARBOUR FRONT** - Executive Tudor style home located on the Bay. This 2980 sq ft home offers 3 bedrooms 3 bathrooms 3 fireplaces with sunken dining room, and sweeping staircase from the foyer. Cedar shake roof with brick and stucco surrounding the home. Large 3 car garage allows access to the basement that is designed as a wood working shop with built in dust collection. \$489,000. MLS#2075512



**SILVER WATER ACREAGE** - 100 acres of recreational property near Silver Water. Fronts on a fully maintained township road. Short distance to Cook's Dock which has a public boat ramp. Mostly treed with an entrance in place. Great price of \$80,000. MLS#2083407



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