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Wiikwemkoong gets funds towards new nursing home build



SWEET STUFF—Joanne Burt, left, has the honour of placing Burt Farm's hot-off-the-evaporator maple syrup into its jars when The Expositor stopped in for a visit this past weekend. It all begins at the tree, where husband Max Burt, right, has devised an inventive, off-grid underground pipeline network to automatically haul the sap from the bush to the sugar shack, hands-free. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 17.**

Ontario contributes \$10M for 96-bed facility

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMKOONG—The excitement was palpable as word spread throughout the halls at Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home (WNH) that the long-term care facility's expansion plans had been approved.

"Oh my, everyone is so excited," said WNH administrator Cheryl Osawabine-Peltier, who had just returned to her office after letting some of the staff know the approval had come in. "As for what's next, I don't know," she laughed. "I just want to enjoy this moment."

The announcement from the provincial government included news that the approval comes with a \$10 million funding contribution. "That's qualified," said Ms. Osawabine-Peltier. "We still have to raise \$15 million, but getting the official approval will make our capital campaign so much stronger."

Known affectionately as the Wiky Nursing Home, WNH has long been lauded as an amazing retirement home and, despite its aging facilities, the long-term care facility based in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories continues to enjoy a stellar reputation with both residents and

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Island has two active COVID-19 cases currently

MANITOULIN—As of press time Monday, Manitoulin District is now reporting two active cases of COVID-19 with the latest case reported by Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) on Sunday, March 21. The first of the two active cases was reported on Friday, March 19.

On Thursday, March 18, Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier announced that a construction employee working in Wiikwemkoong had recently tested positive for COVID-19. The worker is part of the crew expanding

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...photos by Warren Schlote

After 30 years, Zhiibaahaasing to lose boil water advisory

by Warren Schlote
ZHIIBAAHAASING—This past Thursday, March 18, a quartet of cabinet ministers in the Canadian and Ontarian governments joined with First Nation chiefs, councillors and band managers to announce a multi-million-dollar investment into ending boil water advisories in Ontario First Nations, including in the press

conference's host community of Zhiibaahaasing, whose citizens have had to boil their drinking water for three decades since the community's rebirth in 1991.

"I'm ecstatic. I'm so happy; I was choking up when I was trying to speak there yesterday," said Zhiibaahaasing Ogimaa-kwe Irene Kells. "It's a good feeling to know that we're finally going to

get pipe water and safe drinking water, not the way we've been living in the past years here in the community. The safety of our people comes first."

Zhiibaahaasing hosted Thursday's joint announcement between the three levels of government. In that community, Canada will provide \$2,009,388, Ontario will contribute \$491,094

and Zhiibaahaasing will add in \$178,702 for upgrades to its water storage and distribution system.

The project will involve a new below-ground water storage reservoir with a high-lift pump to move the water into a new distribution system, as well as fire pumps. Drinking water transmission pipes will extend through the

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Ont. funds Debajehmujig Storytellers to expand its reach

by Michael Erskine
MANITOWANING—Core funding is the lifeblood of any arts organization and theatre companies have been among the hardest hit by the restrictions imposed to combat the pandemic. Debajehmujig Storytellers recently received \$265,000 from a \$25 million provincial fund for arts organizations that will flow

through the Ontario Arts Council. The funding will not only help the veteran Indigenous theatre organization continue its groundbreaking focus on land-based activities, but also transition into recovery from the pandemic's impact on their operations, according to executive director Lynda Trudeau.

"It means we get the same level

of support," she said.

Members of the company have largely been working through the pandemic in isolation, explained Ms. Trudeau. "We have been working on projects in our 'isolation booth' as the Creation Centre doors were closed last spring." The pandemic restrictions had forced the postponement of a number of projects, including 'Introduction to the Petroglyph Traditional Teachings,' a papermaking workshop and messaging

to youth about cannabis (just to name a few).

The latter is one of the projects that is currently once again underway, in partnership with Rainbow Lodge (Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc.), and the annual presentation of the Passion of Christ has undergone some digital reworking to make it accessible during the pandemic.

"We have created something we can present to a hybrid audience,"

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Canada, Ontario funding water, sewer upgrades at Wiiky, BI, Zhiibaahaasing

by Warren Schlote
ZHIIBAAHAASING—Wiikwemkoong, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing are set to receive nearly \$8 million combined for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades within their communities. This is part of a federal funding injection of \$69.5 million, a provincial contribution of \$16.9 million and First Nation contributions of \$5.8 million to improve critical water and wastewater infrastructure in 37 Ontario First Nations.

"Today's announcement reflects our continued commitment to ensure access to clean and safe drinking water for First Nations communities, now and into the future, which first and foremost requires stable and reliable infrastructure," said federal Indigenous Services Minis-

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COVID-19 vaccination update

One in four Island citizens has been vaccinated

by Warren Schlote
MANITOULIN—As more COVID-19 vaccine doses arrive in Canada, Manitoulin has pulled ahead of the province and the health district, having seen more than 3,500 doses distributed locally as of this past Friday, March 19, according to figures shared with The Expositor.

Manitoulin Health Centre ran three mass vaccination clinics, on February 27, March 1 and March 10, delivering 527 doses to health care and other essential workers.

After those three sessions, non-Indigenous vaccination distribution has shifted to Manitoulin's three family health teams (FHTs), North-east, Assinack and Central.

"We continue to lend support to (the FHT vaccination clinics) in terms of registration, maintenance and that sort of thing just to help them out as they get used to the protocol. Our intent is to continue to support and collaborate with them, in staffing or in any way," the health centre's president and CEO Lynn Foster told The Expositor.

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Victim Services' domestic violence incidences up 60 percent in 2020

Second part in Expositor series explores 2019-2020 trends at Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Manitoulin Expositor has learned of an increase in violent crimes in the Manitoulin area in 2020. Over the course of this series, this newspaper will speak with law enforcement officials to learn about what has been happening in Island communities, as well as with agencies that provide support to victims and their families to learn about what may be driving some of the trends.

by Warren Schlote
MANITOULIN—Statistics from Manitoulin-Northshore Victim Services (MNVS) show a 60 percent increase in the numbers of people it has served in relation to incidents of domestic violence, though overall numbers of people it has helped between 2019 and 2020 only showed growth of nine percent, from 187 in 2019 to 204 in 2020.

"We had 80 domestic occurrences in 2020. That's the largest number (per category) of calls we

received last year, so that's where I zero into in terms of statistics as well," said Tanya Wall, executive director of MNVS. "It's pretty consistent with other groups that respond to domestic violence; it seems to be the trend."

During the pandemic MNVS has not paused offering services to those in need, though it has shifted more to phone services and pulled its volunteers off direct support calls. The organization is a volunteer effort that offers short-term crisis intervention services for people facing tragic circumstances or those who are impacted by an incident.

It serves a catchment area including Manitoulin Island and the North Shore between Massey and Sudbury's city limits.

In 2019, MNVS supported 50 victims of domestic violence, meaning 2020's figure is an increase of 60 percent. The second-most-com-

mon category in 2020 was tragic circumstances such as house fires or a sudden death, which was the most common type of aid from 2019. It saw a 26 percent decrease year over year, from 69 in 2019 to 51 in 2020.

Sexual assaults remained exactly unchanged at 21 and assault was the fourth most com-

mon category in both years, seeing a 14 percent decrease from 14 in 2019 to 12 in 2020.

"(Sexual assault) is an interesting one, because the question is 'have the numbers remained the same, or are people just reporting less?' Sometimes, it's a combination of that," Ms. Wall said.

When someone has to stay in

their home during pandemic restrictions, for example, they may be in constant close proximity with a person who is abusing them, which means it may not be safe to call for help. Recent reports have shown troubling correlations on this statistic.

"With organizations like the

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Local food advocates seek input on mobile services

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Got some ideas on how to improve local food on Manitoulin and want a shot at winning one of five \$100 gift cards from five Island food businesses? Drop on by the Local Food Manitoulin (LFM)'s site, check out their mobile community food hub outreach model and fill out a short survey to share your thoughts.

The gift certificates are redeemable at Three Forks Farm, Har-Cor Greenhouse, Burt Farm Country Meats, Purvis Fisheries or Pike Lake Farms.

"We are in the planning phase," noted Kristin Bickell, project manager with the Manitoulin Community Fresh Food Initiative. "We are trying to get input on the project. It is all very preliminary at this point."

Ms. Bickell noted that Manitoulin includes seven First Nation communities, multiple off-reserve communities and rural residential areas spread across a large geographic region. "The landscape is unique and community needs are diverse. Therefore, it is essential that our team adapts and provides flexibility when engaging in program designs."

"The more exposure we can get out there to encourage people to provide their input the better," said Ms. Bickell. "The more we can do to make healthy food more accessible to our communities the better." In order to reach that goal, Manitoulin Community Food Initiative is seeking as much input from the people who will benefit from the programs as possible.

The model being presented for comment and input was designed to "improve logistics for staff, increase reach and enhance the experience of our current food and knowledge sharing programs."

A consultant was hired in November to help facilitate strategic and operational planning for LFM. Staff at Noojmowin Teg and the advisory committee for LFM participated in the initial consultation—as front-line workers each member of those groups are well-attuned to the needs of the communities they serve. The team is now presenting those ini-

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MS Norgoma no longer rests at Roberta Bondar Marina after failing to secure a purchaser from the City of Sault Ste. Marie, but she may yet find a new lease on life in Owen Sound.

MS Norgoma finds new hope in Owen Sound

by Michael Erskine

SAULT STE. MARIE—The former Owen Sound Transportation Company ferry MS Norgoma seemed destined for the breaking yard when a proposal to dock the vessel as an office complex cum coffee shop expansion on the Tobermory waterfront fell through, but an eleventh hour pass by Tobermory Real Estate Investors Inc. (TREII) to the City of Owen Sound may yet keep the 188-foot historic vessel afloat.

Michael Goman and his business partner Dr. George Harpur made the pitch to turn the vessel into a marine heritage site, coffee shop and base for marine studies through Georgian College. The presentation was put in front of the March 12 meeting of the Owen Sound community development, tourism and culture advisory committee by the proponents.

TREII's own feasibility study had revealed that repurposing the vessel on the Tobermory waterfront was a non-starter and could not be accomplished

without "significant disruption" to the existing docks—a point that was identified by both Tobermory and TREII as a deal-breaker.

"We are trying to figure things out," said Mr. Goman when contacted at his home in Connecticut recently.

This time, staff at the City of Owen Sound have recommended council support the relocation of the MS Norgoma to the Owen Sound waterfront.

"When we were in talks with Tobermory I received a call from a councillor in Owen Sound to say he was interested," said Mr. Goman. "He told me to get in contact with him if things didn't work out in Tobermory."

When things didn't work out, and despite having no interests in that marine community comparable to those in Tobermory where TREII operates a gift and coffee shop, Mr. Goman decided to see whether he could save the Norgoma by pitching a concept for

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Federal government investing in new program to help support climate resiliency in agriculture

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
OTTAWA—Farmers are often the first to feel the impacts of climate change and the increasing risk of extreme weather events, extreme heat, floods and droughts. Solutions that are specifically tailored for each region and developed by farmers and farm organizations themselves is the best way to build climate resiliency across Canadian agricultural landscapes, according to the federal government. On March 18, Marie-Claude Bibeau, minister of agriculture and agri-food (AAFC), announced an \$815 million investment over 10 years for the new Agricultural Climate Solutions (ACS) program.

"Our government is working in partnership with farmers to develop and deploy the best practices that will fight climate change, protect our lands and waters and deliver important economic benefits to farmers. With significant regional collaborations from coast to coast, ACS puts farmers at the helm of steering Canadian agriculture towards a climate resilient future for the generations to come," Minister Bibeau stated.

Farmer-led regional collaborations, called Living Labs, may include scientists, agricultural non-profits, Indigenous organizations and environmental groups for the development and management practices that best store carbon and mitigate climate change. This work is also expected to help

protect biodiversity, improve water and soil quality and improve farmers' bottom lines. The ACS program is based on an expanded model of AAFC's Living Lab networks already underway in the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and PEI and has been endorsed by the G20 as a model of innovation and collaborative research.

The aim is for every province to have at least one collaboration hub. Farmers and researchers can co-develop best practices including cover crops, intercrop-

ping, conversion of marginal land to permanent cover, shelterbelts, nutrient management and inclusion of pulses in rotation. Some farming practices such as no-till farming help with carbon sequestration.

"This program allows researchers, farmers and other groups to work closely together and test their ideas on-farm to evaluate them in real world circumstances to achieve meaningful results," said Mary Robinson, president of Canadian Federation

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Northeast Town joins Georgian Bay Association's new committee

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTHEAST TOWN—The Northeast Town has joined a Georgian Bay Association (GBA)-led committee comprised of the five municipalities that make up the Georgian Bay coastline that will study their strategic plans, Official Plans and comprehensive zoning bylaws.

In a report to the Northeast Town council, the GBA stated that the idea for such a committee came from discussions in 2019 on how Georgian Bay municipalities could address their shared objective of protecting the natural landscape and environment along the coast and how it could be beneficial for those municipalities to compare strategic plans, Official Plans and comprehensive zoning bylaws. The five coastal municipalities that comprise the GBA are: Northeast Town, Municipality of Killarney, Township of the Archipelago, Township of Carling and Township of Georgian Bay.

"We expect that this exercise will highlight both commonalities and key differences in the planning policies and regulations, which can be analyzed to identify core principles and how the policies and regulations might be made more consistent, if appropriate for various municipalities," a proposal to council states. "After the findings are shared, the partners could discuss potential sound or best practice approaches."

"The goal will be to focus on the more significant planning issues

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Andy Roque works hard, both behind the counter and the bench

Manitowaning's Andy Roque is as well-known in his role behind the parts counter at Allen's Automotive as he is in the Manitowaning Arena during hockey season.

The father of three has worked at Allen's for the past eight years and moved to Manitoulin upwards of 20 years ago from his home and native Killarney (yes, he is a Killarney Roque). His first job on Manitoulin was also in Manitowaning, at Henley Boats.

When he's not working, he can often be found behind the bench at the arena, volunteering as coach for his hockey-playing sons' teams in the atom and peewee levels. Andy also loves to spend time in the great outdoors when the time allows.

Andy says he enjoys working at Allen's because it gives him the opportunity to help the pub-

lic with their power equipment and outdoor goods needs. He's incredibly proud of the relatively new Kawasaki dealership aspect of the business, which he says has seen "an overwhelming amount of support" from the Island community.



Andy Roque

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opinion

editorial

Sometimes, reporting the news will win you few friends

This past week has been troubling for The Expositor news crew. Thanks to a couple of press release crime reports from Island police services, a flurry of online comment descended upon our news staff, most of it from folks who either do not read the paper on a regular basis or whose perceptual screen only permits the negative to permeate.

Like any credible news outlet, The Expositor reports on crime and personal and community tragedy, local politics, provincial and federal politics that impacts Manitoulin communities. This paper endeavours to provide transparent and unbiased reporting to the very best of our ability in this process.

We also report on significant birthdays, the passage of notable members of the community, remarkable achievements of the many talented and creative people in the many and diverse communities across Manitoulin. Graduations, new businesses, community initiatives, health services, major construction projects and a host of other items of interest, none of which can be rationally characterized as "negative," make up the vast preponderance of the items we publish each week.

We do not create the news, nor do we seek to paint any community in an unfavourable light.

Sometimes the news we report is read that way by individuals in various communities, and people try their best to shoot the messenger, as the old saying goes, but we carry on, to the very best of our ability—because as a free and independent member of the press, it is our duty, our vocation and our business to do so.

It is particularly distressing when individuals in positions to know first hand that we report on far more positive than negative events in their community suggest that we "have it in for them."

"All you ever report is negative news" is too common a refrain often heard when the latest of editions hits the stands (digital or traditional). That is simply and demonstrably not the case. It is an accusation that is fundamentally unfair.

On any given week, The Expositor will be accused of being "an

Indian paper" by those who yearn for the days of white dominance in "their paper" due to our coverage of events taking place on First Nation territory (which, by the way, make up nearly half of Manitoulin's population and, in complete fairness, do tend to be the among most dynamic and proactive communities). Then, on the same day, in practically the same hour, this paper will find itself accused of racism, perhaps after a tribal police report has been published, or in response to some comment left below a reposting of a news article on Facebook made by an adherent of the former perspective.

It is an old newspaper adage which dictates that if both sides of a story are mad at you, you have probably done your job well. But there is also that admonition which reads "don't shoot the messenger," as noted above.

To those who think this paper is biased against any community, we issue this simple challenge: all editions of The Expositor are located at the Northeast Town library on microfilm. Instead of basing your assessment on social media diatribes about our coverage, we implore you to take the time to read a reasonable selection of papers and you will discover that assessment is simply wrong.

But beware, there is a condition known to journalists as "politician's myopia," in which a political figure (of any partisan stripe) can read an article containing a hundred positive items about them and only see the single negative reference in that article. The syndrome afflicts more than just politicians.

Should you disagree with something you find within the pages of this newspaper, take the time to set pen to paper, keys to keyboard or voice to phone and let us know how and why you disagree. We regularly publish letters to the editor that disagree with our editorial positions, or which take issue with how we covered a particular event or issue.

In the meantime, The Expositor will endeavour to provide all news that is of interest to all Island communities. If you think we aren't, then let us know.

letters

Asian carp are good to eat, low on fat and contaminants

The best plan to deal with them when they get in the Great Lakes will be to eat them

To the Expositor:

Asian carp definitely have the potential to devastate the Great Lakes, thanks to the not-so-brilliant American idea of seeding this foreign species for "aquatic vegetation control" in various southern states. "They grow very large very quickly with huge appetites to match and easily outcompete native species for food and resources."

Due to flooding, they escaped into the Mississippi basin 10 years ago and have now made their way into Lake Michigan. Kudos to Local Journalism Initiative Reporter Lori Thompson for her well-researched article 'Warming temperatures, increased precipitation could help invasive Asian carp establish in Great Lakes.'

As this invasive species has no natural predator and due to how quickly they grow, the best solution to controlling them, as they expand into Lake Huron, is to eat them. Americans are discovering that all four species of Asian carp—bighead, black, grass and silver—are exciting for sport fishing and delicious. Even if eating them is a stretch, these fish could be used to create an excellent organic fertilizer, definitely a cheaper and safer alternative to toxic chemical fertilizers. Fish fertiliz-

ers are an all-natural way to supply an abundance of minerals and vitamins to your plants, whether you are growing: roses, vegetables, fruits, ferns or even houseplants. There are three types of fish fertilizer: fish meal, fish emulsion and hydrolyzed fish fertilizer. Each of these has specific benefits for your plants and is a rich source of concentrated nutrients.

For the record, Asian carp of all types have white, firm, mild flesh, which is excellent table fare. Asian carp do have large intramuscular bones, that many people find undesirable. However, there are elegant ways to fillet those bones, clearly explained in videos on YouTube. Asian carp feed low on the food web, are low in fat and as they are filter feeders, not bottom feeders, they are lower in contaminants. They look like salmon and taste like cod without the risks of methyl mercury, PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), dioxins, hexavalent chromium and arsenic. As they spoil quickly, it's important to gut them right away, then put them on ice.

Derek Stephen McPhail
Mindemoya

Two cents that make sense

What stories the Mindemoya Old School hallways could tell

To the Expositor:

I would like to take this opportunity to give my two cents on the subject regarding the Mindemoya public school. Where my children went to school to get their education and many many generations before them. So, this public school which has a lot of history, of all the children that went to that school. If only the hallways could talk? What would this old public school say to us. When people say let's tear this old building down, when people say you're an old building which has no use anymore and what would our grandparents have to say about that especially the ones that are dead and done and the one's that built this school, oh so long ago. Just look at the building you can see it was built with pride. Just look at the stone work on that school. That alone should tell us something and mean something. Let me tell you, I've been a builder for years and this building was built to test time, Mindemoya should be so lucky to have and own a building like that. Why don't you turn the old school into a museum, a building which objects of interest and scientific artistic or literary one kept and displayed from over the Manitoulin Island. Can be kept and the whole Island can be kept and the whole Island help to maintain the old school and let not forget the old hydro plant, Kagawong which is also turned into a museum, another stone building which is central located.

Wouldn't this be better than to tear the old school down? And display the history, and hereditary descending from a person to his heir. As passed on from parent to child and their history trait in the last hundred years or more. Now, wouldn't that be better than to tear down a building that was made in stone.

Well, this made sense to me and make our grandparents proud. A building our grandparents and great-grandparents were so proud of. This old school was built before, way before the law we have today.

Think about it before it's too late.

P.S. Because once the building is torn down its gone forever. But if we keep it, our grandparents will be proud of us forever.

Lyman Corbiere
M'Chigeeng

P.P.S. So this is my two cents which is worth nothing anymore like the penny and I'm pretty sure people won't mind if they have to pay a fee to get in the museum and to help maintain the Old School because it's only money after all. Let the Old School stand tall where our grandparents went to school and the children and grandchildren went to school too.

A response to hate letters

Most Islanders are not like that

To the Expositor:

Thank you to the Mennonite and Amish communities on Manitoulin Island. Thank you for your diligence, your peaceful productive daily lives. We enjoy that you take care of the land. We enjoy your home baking and organic produce. Your contribution to our local farmers' market is unsurpassed.

Thank you,

Gloria Monkhouse
Sudbury and Mindemoya

Obituary

Donald Joseph “Scotty” Fisher, June 18, 1926-February 27, 2021

Wiikwemkoong’s last Second World War veteran has begun his spirit journey

by Michael Erskine with files from Petra Wall

WIKWEMKOONG—Although his health had been faltering in recent months, Wiikwemkoong’s last Second World War veteran, Donald Joseph “Scotty” Fisher (Odjig), remained his upbeat and feisty self to the end—even serving as the poster elder for the COVID-19 vaccine on the front page of *The Expositor* when residents of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home received their shots, the first on Manitoulin to get the jab.

Mr. Fisher was the son of the late Dominic and Joyce Odjig, born on June 18, 1926 on the family farm in Wiikwemkoong in 1926. His father served as the constable in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories for 30 years up until the 1950s and his mishomis (grandfather) Jonas was a stone mason whose many works still stand testament to his skills to this day, including the family home.

Mr. Odjig’s family were origi-



Scotty Fisher with his late life-long partner Lor (Mary Agnes Trudeau). His first wife, the late Rosemary Fisher (nee Peltier) was the founder of the famed Wikwemikong Powwow.

and-a-half, and took up golf later in life. He went on to be instrumental in setting up Rainbow Ridge Golf Course with Dave Ham of Manitowaning.

After leaving his career on the Great Lakes, Mr. Fisher went on to work for Indian Affairs in 1974 as a government advisor, first in Manitowaning and then in 1980, moving to the United Chiefs and

nature. He often spoke of laughter as a good medicine and was more than willing to provide a good dose of the same.

Mr. Fisher always felt he was lucky, but also a dedicated adherent to “you reap what you sow,” using the example of the time he locked his keys, and the hockey team’s gear, in the van while at a hockey tournament. Looking down he spotted someone else’s lost key that looked much like his own. Putting it in his lock he discovered it fit and the day was saved.

Mr. Fisher moved back to using Odjig, his Anishinaabe last name during his final years, coming full circle. He was the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Anishinabek Nation in 2003 in recognition of his compassion and kindness for others.

Mr. Odjig is survived by his children Rick Fisher (Odjig), Allison Fisher, Mike Odjig (Angel), Stephen Odjig (Sarah), Robin Cooper (Tom), Raymond Trudeau (Dawn) and Robert Trudeau (Lynda). Predeceased by his son Donald Jr. and siblings Daphne, Winnie, Stanley, Lena, Lorraine, Rita and Rose Marie. Survived by siblings Franklin, Marcella, Wilfred, Patsy, Ronnie, Gordie and Clayton. Also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.



A life of good humour and community service can be seen in a 30-year-old Scotty Fisher’s eyes.

Councils of Mnidoo Mnising when those services were transferred to that organization. Mr. Fisher finally fully retired in 1988 after 17 years.

Mr. Fisher served as a band councillor for 16 years in Wiikwemkoong, but he never lost his



A 17-year-old Donald Joseph Odjig changed his last name to Fisher in order to enlist in the Canadian Army. In his final years, he reverted back to his original Anishinaabe name of Odjig. He is pictured on the right wearing his paratrooper regalia and medals.

Canadian Paratroop Battalion, a unit in which the late Rene Cada of M’Chigeeng also served. Mr. Fisher returned from the war disillusioned with the whole affair and remained a devout advocate of peace for the remainder of his life. He had landed in the Rhine River region during the invasion of Germany and, like many veterans, would not revisit those experiences with his family or friends.

Upon his return to Canada, Mr. Fisher moved onto the other usual occupation for Manitoulin Islanders, the Great Lakes ships. Up until 1970, he served as a chief engineer on vessels plying the Great Lakes transporting iron ore. He learned that vocation through correspondence school.

“I had to teach myself,” he recalled. “There were no schools like that around. Education is important nowadays if you want to compete,” he told Ms. Wall.



Scotty Odjig settles into the couch at his home in Wiikwemkoong during the filming of a documentary by filmmaker Eric Blunt.

nally Potawatomi, travelling from Wisconsin and Michigan to settle in the early 1800s in Wiikwemkoong.

Born in a different era, Mr. Odjig completed Grade 8 and left home at 14 to work in the timber camps near Sault Ste. Marie, a common career choice at the time for Anishinaabe men. “Working with older men, I did a lot of growing up in those two years,” he told *The Expositor*’s Petra Wall in a 2003 Now and Then column. Mr. Fisher was one of the very first people Ms. Wall interviewed for her then-new column in *The Expositor*.

It was hard and challenging work, he recalled of his time in the lumber camps, but it was also a time that set in place something that would become a hallmark of the young man later in life. “I also learned about kindness,” he recalled. “One of the men stacked some wood for me when my arms could do no more so I would meet my quota.”

The most common theme surrounding reminiscences of his friends and family in the community was that of his deep compassion and commitment to his community, especially the youth.

Mr. Odjig went on to spend two years in the camps before the outbreak of war and the promise of adventure led him to enlist in the Canadian army with his buddy John Mandamin. It was then that Mr. Odjig changed his last name to Fisher. He once related to *The Expositor* that his decision to anglicize his name was due to issues surrounding being able to enlist without a letter of support from the Indian agent. The lives



Scotty Odjig, fifth from left, poses with family members and a series of war clubs that were on display at the 2003 Wikwemikong Heritage Festival (aka Wiky Powwow).

photo by Michael Erskine

of Anishinaabe were still heavily micromanaged in those days. Mr. Odjig had more than a bit of rebel in his soul and decided to circumvent those patriarchal rules.

His decision to enlist in the army was heavily influenced by his own father’s experiences in the First World War. It was the lifelong friendships and close ties his father made while serving overseas that set the hook. Mr. Odjig wanted to experience far away lands.

“I was so eager to get over there and see the same places he saw,” Mr. Fisher told Ms. Wall.

Mr. Fisher served in the First

An avid athlete and health advocate all his life, Mr. Fisher coached and organized minor hockey and worked with the youth in Wiikwemkoong. His arrival home from the boats is still recalled fondly by many older sportsmen in the community.

He is credited with transforming Thunderbird Park into what it is today and he organized many a blooperball tournament back in the day. He would often be seen jogging along the roadways and byways of his home community on his daily four-mile run, was a regular participant in the Wiky Road Race for more than a decade-



Scotty Odjig hams it up as the first up to bat when it came to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

thirst for adventure and exotic locales, travelling extensively around the globe and was a dedicated snowbird.

He is recalled by friends and *The Expositor* staff alike as a man for whom humour was in his first

Scotty Odjig’s was a life well-lived and one of his trademark sayings provides a window to this most remarkable man’s soul: “Have respect for people and leave them smiling.”

Toronto man arrested for drug trafficking in Wiikwemkoong

On March 13, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) arrested an 18-year-old male, Orobosa Osamuyi, for the offences of possession for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine, and possession of cocaine.

The male was further charged with offences related to the Re-opening of Ontario Act (ROA) for violating regulations related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The accused was subject to a police escort to ensure his departure from Manitoulin Island. The accused is scheduled to appear virtually at the Ontario Court of Justice on the May 18 to answer to the charges.

WTPS expresses sincere thanks to the community members who have come forth with confidential information in aiding in the apprehension and seizure of illicit drugs.

The public is further encouraged to contact WTPS Crime Reduction Unit members with any information regarding the illicit sale of controlled and illegal substances or to contact Sudbury Crime Stoppers at 1-(800) 222-8477 (TIPS).

WTPS executes drug search warrant in Wiikwemkoong

On February 4, members of WTPS and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant in the community of Wiikwemkoong.

As a result of the investigation and collected information, officers seized over 30 grams of a white powdered substance believed to be cocaine. In addition, police have also seized a sum of Canadian currency as proceeds of crime.

Thirty-year-old Shawnee Pangowish of Wiikwemkoong and 22-year-old Brandon Lung of Toronto have been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine, and possession of property obtained by crime.

Mr. Lung was further charged with offences related to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act for violating regulations that relate to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The continued collaboration of community partnerships is vital in the continued success and seizure of illicit drugs.

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Two men arrested, one man sought in Wiikwemkoong weapon and firearms seizure

On March 15, members of WTPS responded to a weapons complaint that resulted in the detection and apprehension of two adult males. A third adult male fled the scene and is presently wanted. An adult female was also located and will be charged accordingly pending the swearing of an



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information at a later date.

Police were able to recover and seize a quantity of firearms and a knife.

The investigation appears to be an isolated event with no imminent threat to the public.

At present time, police have charged and arrested: 38-year-old Michael Trudeau with 10 criminal offences associated to the firearms seizure and 37-year-old Travis Wemigwans with 13 criminal offences associated to the firearms seizure.

Both accused men remain in custody and will appear at divisional bail court on March 19 for a scheduled bail appearance at the Ontario Court of Justice.

Police are asking the public for any assistance with observations or home video footage of a white colored Chevrolet Tahoe that is believed to have been travelling in the area of Bayview Heights West and within the main village of Wiikwemkoong during the early morning hours of Monday, March 15. Please contact WTPS Crime Reduction Unit members or Sudbury Crime Stoppers at 1(800)-222-8477 (TIPS).

Manitoulin OPP arrests driver in Manitowaning

On March 14 at approximately 7:52 pm, officers from the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a traffic complaint on Highway 551 near Mindemoya. Later, officers located the vehicle on Arthur Street in Manitowaning.

As a result of the investigation, Ashley Jacko-Metansinine, 27 years of age, of Wiikwemkoong was arrested and charged with the following: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs; and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (BAC) 80 plus.

The accused was released on an appearance notice and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on May 12.

Manitoulin OPP lays impaired by drug charge

On March 13, a member from the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP was on patrol duties on Highway 540 within the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

Shortly before 11 pm, a vehicle directly in front of the officer swerved aggressively into the gravel shoulder and swerved back into the westbound lane and as a result, a traffic stop was initiated.

Further investigation revealed that the driver had consumed suspected controlled substances. The accused was arrested and transported to the Little Current detachment to conduct further testing.

As a result of the investigation, Brian Esquimaux, 31 years of age, from Sudbury, was arrested and charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs and operation while impaired, blood drug concentration.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on April 28. The driver was issued a 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

Water treatment plant theft

Police are seeking information on a theft from the M'Chigeeng water treatment plant.

Sometime before March 11, a perpetrator(s) trespassed onto the water treatment plant property located at 92 Bay Street and stole a one-inch cable that supplies the plant with backup power from its generator.

"This action has left the community in a vulnerable situation as this facility provides potable drinking water for the whole community," a notice from the M'Chigeeng First Nation states.

Those who know who may be involved or have knowledge of the theft are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Damaged insulator the cause of March 11 power outage

MANITOULIN—A power outage caused by high winds on Thursday, March 11 left more than 15,000 customers across Manitoulin and the surrounding area, including Killarney, without power for hours.

"Yesterday's high winds resulted in a power outage caused by a damaged insulator affecting Manitoulin Island and surrounding areas," Alicia Sayers, a Hydro One media spokesperson told The Expositor in an email the day after the blackout. "Sixteen Hydro One employees were working in the area and restored power following a helicopter patrol to determine the exact cause."

On Friday, March 12, West End residents saw yet more outages. An outage due to a tree down on a power line was reported to Hydro One at 10:30 am. Crews were able to restore power to customers affected from Meldrum Bay to Britainville by approximately 3:30 pm Friday.

Two other outages also occurred east of Gore Bay and in the Silver Water area with power restored to both areas by Friday night.

Manitoulin was not the only area to see outages. Across Ontario, Hydro One crews worked to restore power to more than 81,000 customers following high winds, freezing rain and heavy snow.

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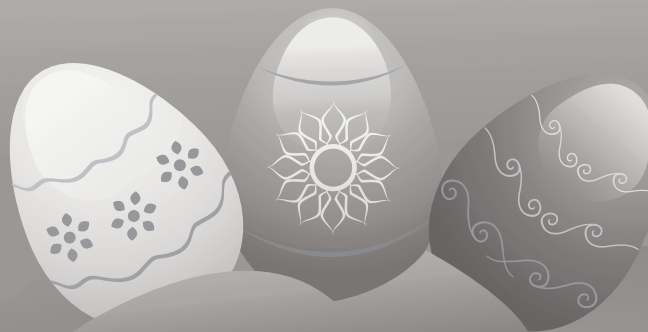
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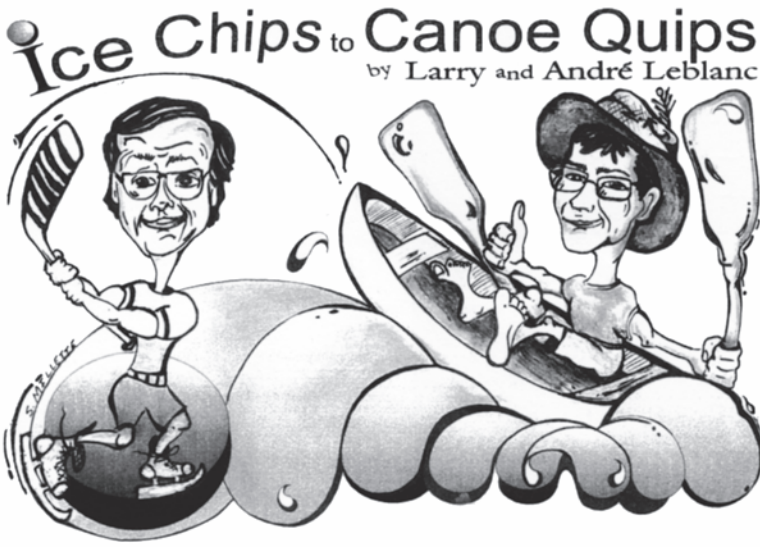
Fill in the form in the March 31st paper showing where you found the eggs and fax/email (there will be an email form, too) the complete answer forms to the Expositor office by Easter Monday, April 5th.

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Manitoulin Sporting Life



Wiikwemkoong Hockey for Children/Youth Hockey for Development wrapping up!

Waasa Naabin Youth Services had a surprise guest on day three of their year-end tournament from the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL). They presented the trophy during the Atom Girls' Championship ceremony in the B Division. Congratulations as well to the B Champs: U11 Team Vipers, U11 Finalist Team Phantoms and the B U13 Division Finalist, Team Bucks.

The community has benefitted immensely from the ability of Wiikwemkoong to offer such an amazing program in such unprecedented times. The Hockey for Development program focused on skill development as the community transitioned to hockey in a pandemic health bubble while incorporating the LNHL pillars: education, citizenship, sportsmanship and respect. Miigwech from **Lawrence Enosse** (youth fitness leader extraordinaire) to LNHL executives who attended and congratulations all Hockey for Development players, coaches, parents and staff who made the program a success.

First Shift applications are open!

The application process for local hockey associations wishing to host the National Hockey League (NHL)/National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) First Shift in 2021-22 is still open! The application period is until March 31. Apply immediately to host an event by contacting thefirstshift@hockeycanada.ca. If you are interested in bringing the First Shift Program to your community there are a few key factors involved in organizing and hosting. Finding the right people to co-ordinate and administer the program will help ensure a successful execution, of course. The three key roles include: a program administrator, an on-ice lead and a group of on-ice instructors.

The three year program began when Bauer Hockey announced that together with founding partner Hockey Canada, and then joined forces with the NHLPA and NHL to continue to advance and strengthen the First Shift program an innovative and successful learn-to-play initiative designed to welcome new-to-hockey families to the game.

Believe it or not, there are many families here, locally, that have never had access or the ability to put their children in our winter sport. I can't think of a better way for new-comer families (either to the sport or the area) to be part of the greater hockey community here and elsewhere. Why not try to give every kid that experience. Email them at contact@firstshift.ca.

Future behind the bench?

Hockey Canada is a leader in our game, and the organization is stepping up by providing opportunities for more women to get involved. Through initiatives like Pond to Podium, We Are Coaches and the Women Master Coach Developer program, Hockey Canada is putting a focus on coach certification and getting more women behind the bench.

"If we want the game to grow, we need women involved. If we want the game to continue to be welcoming and have a positive environment, we need women," says **Teal Gove**, manager of hockey development with Hockey Canada. "Having women as coaches increases the likelihood that girls will continue to play and then also get involved in leadership positions, which just makes the game better at all levels."

That's where a program like We Are Coaches is important. It was designed to increase the number of women coaching across the country. The clinics—taught by women, for women—help build infrastructure to support and sustain women's participation in hockey by removing barriers to coaching education.

"Sometimes it's pretty intimidating going into a room full of male coaches to get coaching certification, and many (women) may hesitate because of that," says **Gina Kingsbury**, director of women's national teams. "So, we have to make sure we break down those barriers, make it as accessible as possible, and, not only to grow our female presence and provide growth to ensure that we have large numbers, but also, there's a lot of knowledge in these female leaders."

It is amazing that when we see ourselves in possible, future roles we can believe it and then make it happen. Whether they are professional or recreational goals to shoot for, if we cannot even fathom the idea it is less likely that we will even forge ahead. There are many opportunities for female leaders in the sport so if you or someone you know is ready to provide this role contact **Esther Madziya**, manager, communications of Hockey Canada 403-284-6484 or emadziya@hockeycanada.ca.

Call for active Islanders!?

Spring is in the air and although there is little organized sports going on, people are getting out and getting fit in all of the traditional ways: raking leaves, biking, walking, and cleaning up dog poop?!

If you would like to give a shout out to those doing all they can to improve their fitness, send a few details to the email, below.

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Island program teaches kids to hunt and fish 'like the PROS'

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—A new partnership between Wiikwemkoong Tourism, Wiikwemkoong Anglers and Fuel the Fire TV aims to teach young people all they need to know to 'Hunt/Fish like the PROS' and its first two ice fishing activities so far this year have proven a hit with the participants.

"It's an Indigenous-led program for youth just to teach them about conservation, proper hunting and fishing ethics, guided by Anishinaabe values," said Wikwemikong Tourism manager Luke Wassegijig.

The 'PROS' part of the name is an acronym, representing the principles of practicing sustainable harvesting, respecting fish and wildlife habitat, only harvesting what one needs and safety.

"The kids love it. They love to be outdoors and we wish we could have taken more kids but because of COVID, we're limited to 10. There definitely is a growing interest," said Mr. Wassegijig.

There are several sponsors involved in the campaign, including Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association, Ramakko's, Bob Izumi's Real Fishing Show and Fishy Fishy Bang Bang.

This partnership has already hosted two events so far this season, both centred upon ice fishing.

"We did the first one in M'Chigeeng with 10 youth from Wiikwemkoong that came out for a morning of fishing with Neil Debassige from Fuel the Fire TV. We taught them about the importance of protecting fish habitat, why it's important to do that, and then went out for a morning of fishing on Lake Mindemoya," Mr. Wassegijig said, noting that one of the youths caught a speckled trout, a "once in a lifetime" rare fish for that lake.

"Over the course of the year, what we want to do is several programs, seminars, events and land-based programs that will teach about our inherent responsibility of stewardship, and also the fundamentals of hunting and recreational sport fishing," Mr. Wassegijig said.

One of the program's goals is to have a slate of five youth PROS and have them featured on Mr. Debassige's Fuel The Fire TV show. Noah Manitowabi Pelletier and Ethan Flamand are the first two to join those ranks.

"I'm excited. I think it's a fantastic opportunity for not only outdoor enthusiasts but for education," said Mr. Debassige, himself a long-time teacher, school principal and education consultant. "It's based on this notion of allowing learning and education to happen in a way that we're not pigeon-holing kids into what the traditional institution of schooling is about. We're allowing them to find their voice and chase their passions."

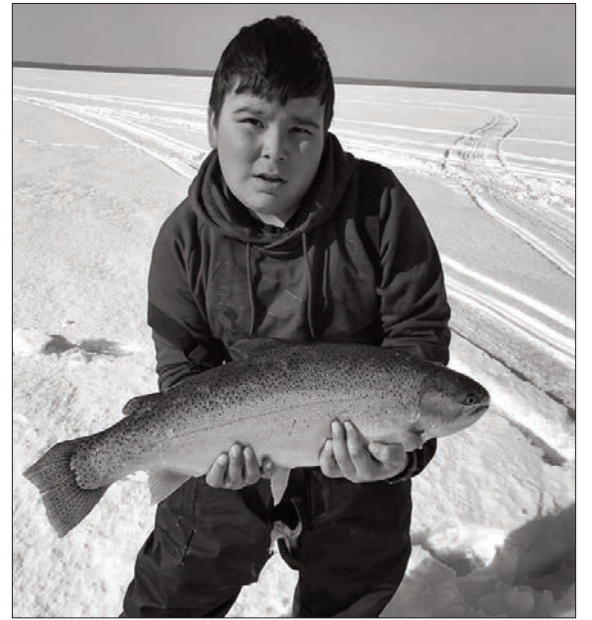
Mr. Debassige added that having youth serving as the faces of this program can help in the education process by allowing kids to see themselves in the topics they're learning about.

"For the ambassadors we're selecting, we're going to give them experiences that are going to be very unique and promote the program, but also be that role model for their peers to emulate," he said, noting that the number of ambassadors will stay limited to ensure each participant can access enough mentorship.

The program has hit a few snags in terms of scheduling; pandemic restrictions put a pause to all community programming in Wiikwemkoong for a few weeks and the recent warm spell has caused interruptions to ice fishing plans. The two events for this year took place on February 10 and March 3.

There will also be opportunities for youths to get hands-on experience in conservation and land stewardship initiatives through Manitoulin Streams and the Wiikwemkoong Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

"We'll have some stream education in the spring with Manitoulin Streams, and clean-up as well. Our goal is to have the youth taking part in some of these initiatives," said Mr. Wassegijig.



Noah Jackson holds up a rainbow trout he caught as part of the program.



Wikwemikong Tourism marketing and product development co-ordinator Dustin Peltier poses with Brayden Wabano's perch catch.

Mr. Debassige praised the work of Manitoulin Streams and Little Current Fish and Game Club, particularly retiring president Bill Strain, for bringing land-based learning to all Island students.

"They brought the connection not only to the land but to an understanding that individually, we can make a difference, but collectively we can make change. I think this PROS program through Wiky Tourism is after that; they're after the next seven generations of promoting that concept that you can make a difference," he said.

Mr. Debassige added that Fuel the Fire TV will be exploring new formats in the coming year, embracing more of a social media and online distribution presence than a traditional linear television model.

The PROS ambassadors will be part of the show's sixth season, estimated for release in mid-to-late 2022. The fifth season is slated to go to air in late summer this year.

Mr. Wassegijig said this initiative began from his personal passion for the outdoors, as well as his agency's work organizing fishing derbies such as the Manitoulin Ice Showdown, a partnership with this newspaper.

"It's important that we teach about our inherent responsibility of conservation and how it ties into things like derbies and hunting. The way we see it, it is part of our responsibility to protect our resources," he said.

More information about the program is posted at the Wikwemikong Tourism Facebook page.

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Following Hope's Path: Part XX of a series

The course ahead is set

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 2013 retired nurse and midwife Mary Buie approached *The Expositor* with a mission. She had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and was wondering whether this newspaper would be interested in following her journey as she battled the disease. It was with some trepidation that this paper agreed as the eventual outcome was far from certain to be positive. What followed was an engaging series that leavened a very serious health issue with Ms. Buie's irrepressible personality. Ms. Buie recently informed *The Expositor* that she would once again be facing down cancer. The *Expositor* is restarting the series 'Following Hope's Path' to once again relay the story of her journey.

by Michael Erskine
KAGAWONG—Thanks to a whirlwind battery of tests Mary Buie underwent when her cancer was first detected, the retired nurse and midwife now knows what she is facing. "It's my old cancer back again," she said, following a telephone interview with *The Expositor*. "I've been busy seeing everybody—doing a lot of virtual appointments—and I have had every scan under the sun which, of course, is what you want."

Ms. Buie appeared to have defeated triple negative three, the aggressive form of breast cancer she was diagnosed with nearly a decade ago, but the pernicious cancer has apparently resurfaced.

Triple-negative breast cancer is cancer that tests negative for estrogen receptors, progesterone receptors and excess HER2 protein, hence the triple-negative appellation. About 10 to 20 percent of breast cancers fall into this category, a form of cancer that does not respond to hormonal therapy. So Ms. Buie was delighted to hear last week that she would be entering a number of courses of chemotherapy.

"So happy to get going on Friday," she said recently. "Once a week for three weeks then off one, then once a week for three weeks, off for one, then check, then do radiation. Kids will come one at a time to stay with me through this time. We are so blessed!"

Ms. Buie said she remains positive that she will once again wrestle cancer to the ground, but as a lifelong health professional she maintains a realistic balance in her optimism.

"If my cancer is terminal, I want you to follow it to the end because that is the circle of life for so many," she said a few days before heading into Sudbury for a PET scan. "We have faith and know it is not the end we have eternal life. I really think this is wonderful that *The Expositor* can journey with us. Life can be stark and cruel and certainly

unfair, but it is how we deal with it that is important and it can help others cope."

Health appointments have changed radically since the advent of the pandemic, she noted.

"Funny when any of us have a cancer diagnosis then we are often doing tests or appointments virtually, or in person, and we get snail mail telling us as well," she said.

A small amount of the cancer, first detected in a lymph node, has "spread a little bit into the mediastinum."

The mediastinum lies within the thorax and is enclosed on the right and left by pleurae. It is surrounded by the chest wall in front, the lungs to the sides and the spine at the back. It extends from the sternum (breastbone) in front to the spine and contains all the organs of the thorax except the lungs.

Her PET scan experience came quickly. "I had to fast for three days and refrain from exertion. Two hours before the appointment I had to drink a litre of water," she said. "Then I had to sit and be extremely quiet."

The scan works by highlighting the areas of high metabolic activity evidenced by cancerous cells. "They show up like light," she said. "The PET scan takes slices of pictures of your body and any bright lights show up." Ms. Buie said that she hoped that *The Expositor* could find space during its coverage of her bout with cancer to shine a light on the resource for families dealing with cancer that is the House of Kin.

"It is my refuge," she said. "Home away from home as it is to many of us when we have to go to Sudbury for medical treatment. Each room is spon-



Mary Buie

sored by different people. It is spotlessly clean and has kitchen facilities that were closed because of COVID-19 and have now been opened with COVID-19 precautions. It provides us with very cheap accommodation. We have to give them proof of our medical visits, which is as simple as copies of our travel grants."

The House of Kin is located at the Four Corners (1889 Regent St in Sudbury) behind the Medical Arts building, shared Ms. Buie. "It shares a parking lot with building," she said. "So there is no problem finding free parking."

Finn McCools, an Irish pub, is located in the same complex of buildings as the House of Kin and Tommy's Not Here is located directly downstairs, while there are a number of other popular eateries within easy walking distance. For those wishing to prepare their own meals, the well-appointed kitchen in the suites stands ready to prepare groceries from the nearby Food Basics or other grocery stores.

"It is my haven," said Ms. Buie of the House of Kin. She noted that leaving her husband behind is not an option as he has developed mobility challenges. "He is over 80 now," she

noted.

A number of suites have twin beds, as well as singles, because not everyone wants to share a bed with their caregiver or companion, she said, pointing out those supports are not always a spouse.

The House of Kin is also within a five-minute drive of Health Sciences North, which is also a great convenience.

Ms. Buie relayed that her story has spread widely since this series first appeared. "I have had 166 hits and comments on Facebook after your article," she said, meeting her goal of helping to educate the public about dealing with cancer.

As for how she is doing presently, Ms. Buie didn't hesitate. "Fabulously," she enthused, noting that she was pleased that more surgery is not in her future. There will, however, be radiation treatment following the chemotherapy and immunotherapy treatment as well.

"The immunotherapy is needed because the other treatments knock out your body's immune system," she said. "I am totally amazed at how efficiently everything has gone."

Ms. Buie is now sporting a pic line, a connection that facilitates hooking up the necessary intravenous tubes to deliver her various medications during treatment.

She hopes that she will be able to eventually access her chemotherapy treatment on Manitoulin in the chemotherapy room in Mindemoya. "It depends on how many people they have using the room now," she said.

She has received her first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, as she is still part of the M'Chigeeng health team.

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RYAN GODDARD

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Ryan Goddard is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. He is a Grade 10 student who certainly keeps himself busy. When Ryan isn't busy with practices and school, he can be found fishing, snowmobiling, building and fabricating things, biking, swimming and playing guitar.

During his years at Little Current Public School he participated in many sports that took place in his gym class. He learned how to play different sports and build his skills in them. Outside of school Ryan plays a few sports with friends and on his own. For fun he plays sports like football and soccer. Ryan's main source of motivation and encouragement comes from himself. It is really important for Ryan to stay self motivated as he partakes in many activities. His own self motivation helps to push him when he needs the extra boost and it helps to allow him to accomplish tasks as he is very busy.

Throughout Ryan's sports experience he has learned a lot, and is especially well rounded when it comes to trying his best and being open to new opportunities. Specifically an accomplishment for Ryan that has helped shape and make him the person he is today, would be saving someone's life. Ryan says that he once swam out in quite rough waters to help bring a woman safely back to shore. This took him a lot of mental and physical strength as swimming against high waves is extremely hard. Ryan takes part in many water sports, one of those being sailing. He has won a sailing regatta at the RMC.

He continued to play sports in high school and in Grade 10 he was on the curling team and played first position. For Ryan curling was a sport he very much enjoyed. In curling he was able to play with his friends and learn new skills. Curling was a sport that was fairly new to Ryan when he started out, however, he didn't let that hold him back. He constantly tried his best and gave his all. In curling Ryan and his team were able to make it all the way to NOSSA. Ryan looks forward to hopefully getting back into sports at school in the near future.

Throughout Ryan's sports season he is supportive towards his teammates and constantly provides comedy. His motivating attitude never fails to keep him and his team ready to challenge their next opponents. Ryan's favourite sport would probably have to be football. He really enjoys both watching and playing the sport. In football he specifically likes how fun it is to tackle people when attempting to get the ball. Overall football can be quite the fast paced sport, however, it is a great game to play with many people. Ryan certainly shows that he loves playing sports, as he is always eager to play new people and try out his skills at the chance of victory. He likes playing sports because they are a fun thing to do, and they also help him stay in shape. Ryan also likes to play sports because they provide hobbies and that helps to keep him busy. In sports Ryan is able to work as a team with some of his close friends and is always able to have fun doing so.

In school Ryan's favourite subject is math. He finds that math is his favourite subject because he finds it extremely interesting. In math he is able to learn new pieces of information that are very different from what he learns in his other classes. From what he has learned in math he can apply it to the other classes he takes, and is constantly able to challenge his brain with new problems and solutions. When Ryan finishes high school he wants to become an electrician.

Ryan is one of many super Mustangs, and with his comedy, extrovert personality and overall outgoingness, he is sure to represent MSS well. Have a great year, and keep up the good work Ryan!

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...Victim Services' domestic violence incidences up 60 percent in 2020

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Assaulted Women's Helpline, they're seeing a direct relationship from when lockdowns are lifted and getting a surge of calls. That suggests there is an inability for people to make calls, translating into those numbers a bit, which is scary," Ms. Wall said.

Another element of this is that many reports of domestic violence come from family and friends who notice changes or subtle injuries when meeting in person. With so much social interaction on hold this past year, those friends and family members may not recognize the signs that a loved one is facing abuse.

"We have to become that much more creative and adaptive so we can still provide support and make sure those in need of help know there's help available. In our case, we're still providing 24/7 support but it looks different than it did pre-COVID; it's mostly phone support and we'll meet with victims in the community," Ms. Wall said. In the past, volunteers from MNVS would often visit victims at home or in hospital settings.

Some of the factors that may have led to the changes in this year's statistics include isolation, anxieties over the virus and economic pressure, but Ms. Wall said there has been a three-year trend of year-over-year increases in police-reported family violence, following a steady decline before that.

"I'm sure the pandemic is having an impact, but this is a trend we're seeing separate from that," she said.

MNVS responses related to break and enters and other crimes (including attempted murder) are each up 200 percent, from three in 2019 to nine in 2020.

"That's very significant in a small community. I don't have specific details on our cases but we are seeing, generally when we collaborate a lot with other community organizations, opioid-related incidents are continuing to be on the rise," said Ms. Wall, though she said those would likely apply more in the tragic circumstance category discussed above.

Ms. Wall pointed to a Statistics Canada report showing

2019 as being the third straight year of a 13-percent increase in police-reported family violence. From 2009 to 2016, numbers had dropped 19 percent.

Further speaking to Ms. Wall's information about people having fewer opportunities to report incidents during the pandemic, a comparison of police incidences between March and October in 2019 and 2020 show an 18 percent decrease in police-reported calls across Canada.

Most of the selected violations showed decreases in those time periods, from a 47.5 percent drop in shoplifting to assaults by family decreasing by 4.3 percent.

Some showed increases, though, including a two percent increase in uttering threats by family.

Despite the decrease in the selected violations, overall calls for service were up 8.4 percent. This included an 8.2 percent growth in domestic disturbances, a 12.2 percent increase in mental health issues, a 9.2 percent increase in overdoses and increases between 12 and 17 percent in child welfare checks, general wellness checks and child custody matters.

The one category of calls for service that dropped was suicides and attempted suicides, down 5.9 percent during the first eight months of the pandemic compared to the same time period in the previous year.

Back on Manitoulin, Ms. Wall said the past year has brought the challenges of communicating to people that MNVS is still active and offering services at a time when so many other programs have taken pauses.

"We're continuing to do what we always do, responding and providing immediate crisis intervention services when needed to those affected by crime and tragic circumstances," she said.

The local report has some positive figures, too. Motor vehicle accident support is down 43 percent, possibly due to more people staying at home. MNVS has also responded to fewer elder abuse (down to one from three in 2019), and hate crime and vandalism have both dropped from one to zero.

Some local figures remained nearly the same. Human

trafficking and theft/fraud remained steady at seven and three respectively; criminal harassment was up one to five supports in 2020 and homicide was up by one to two over the same comparison.

Ms. Wall stressed that anyone in need of support should continue to reach out. MNVS offers ways to connect on its website, MNVictimServices.ca, and can be reached by phone at 705-370-3378, or toll-free at 1-866-392-7733.

"Anyone who has been a victim of a crime or tragic circumstance, or their family members or witnesses can contact us for support directly. You don't need a referral from anybody else," she said.

The volunteer group also actively invites people to sign up to get involved and become crisis responders. Contact MNVS for details about how to support the organization.

...Northeast Town joins new GBA committee

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rather than drilling down into the fine details, in particular developing data on planning and land use policies and regulations to improve presentation and protection of the east and north coasts of Georgian Bay," the proposal continued. An intern will be employed the GBA to carry out the work.

The GBA hopes the committee will also have the outcome of creating more conversation between the municipalities.

Councillor Barb Baker asked John Woodroffe, GBA member representing the Manitoulin area, who had attended an earlier meeting on the subject, if all municipal members had to agree and if there are conflict of interest issues.

Mr. Woodroffe responded that it was strictly an advisory committee with no decision-making powers. He noted that

...feds invest in ag resiliency

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of Agriculture in a statement.

The ACS program is part of Canada's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 and towards net zero emissions by 2050. In addition to the \$185 million investment, there has been a \$165.7 million increase in the Agricultural Clean Technology Program that supports research, development and adoption of clean technologies.

The first phase of the program will launch April 1 and support the hubs with grants of up to \$100,000. Phase Two of the program, where applicant groups can request funding support of up to \$10 million per project, may open as early as fall of 2021. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will host regional information sessions over the coming weeks.

the Township of the Archipelago and Township of Georgian Bay also raised concerns with conflict of interest and had their staff look into this. They learned that conflict of interest was not an issue with the GBA committee.

"The intention of the committee is not to get involved with individual planning matters," he added.

"It's a really good way to share and find out what's going on around the bay," the mayor said.

Councillor Jim Ferguson asked if GBA had made contact with any of the Georgian Bay First Nations, asking them to take part.

Mr. Woodroffe acknowledged that GBA has a First Nations liaison committee and other means of engagement but said he was doubtful the First Nations would be interested in this particular committee.

The committee was again discussed at the March 16 meeting of council.

Councillor Baker said she found it disappointing to hear that First Nations had not been included in the committee.

Councillor Ferguson said he has since had discussions with Mr. Woodroffe who has said he is "all in for First Nation inclusion" and promised to press the GBA on the subject.

Councillor Bill Koehler said he believed council should do everything they can to include the First Nations too.

Mayor MacNevin reminded everyone that GBA is not a decision-making body so First Nations are not losing any opportunity to raise issues or take part in discussions.

Councillor Dawn Orr said while the mayor's points may be true, she thought the First Nation communities of Georgian Bay should still be asked and that the Northeast Town should push the GBA for it.

"Send them an invite," Councillor Ferguson added. "If they decline, at least they were asked."

Council passed a motion to join the GBA committee. Mayor Al MacNevin will be the Northeast Town representative on the committee.

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...Local Food Manitoulin mobile food project

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tial conceptual plans to the public through a survey tool and conducting one-on-one consultations with elders and traditional knowledgekeepers.

The plan includes a home-base facility that will include a four-bay garage, work and training space, equipment and food storage areas as well as a semi-detached greenhouse.

The garage section will provide room for a company pickup truck as well as three enclosed cargo trailers that will serve as mobile food units.

There will be three mobile components to the food hub, a mobile local food market, a mobile community kitchen and food processing trailer and a mobile butcher shop.

The plan builds on a solid track record of success for the mobile food market. In the spring of 2020, the team cultivated and harvested over 2,400 pounds of food at the Myengenuk Gizhkeking Endaat Farm. When coupled with additional foods from local producers the project was able to distribute over 4,000 pounds to communities.

The funds generated from the market were utilized to help cover project costs of supplies and materials to increase production, food packaging and general market supplies. They also helped to support food literacy programming, including cooking demonstrations at the markets.

The mobile community kitchen/food processing trailer will improve logistics and enhance knowledge-sharing program components currently offered by LFM within communities across the Island district. In addition, this equipment will

increase the project scope by launching a new community feast program to: provide hot meals featuring traditional foods within communities; allowing LFM organizational partners use of the unit for community-led events and workshops; providing an inspected space for the LFM team to safely process food products for food access programs (Good Food Box, Harvest to Share, Mobile Market); and providing an inspected space for network members to process and package food for retail and/or food sharing purposes.

Through its Harvest to Share program, LFM has also identified a need for a temporary storage and processing facility for wild game, specifically white tail deer and moose. The mobile butchery came out of the realization that, with limited resources, LFM was not able to secure consistent butchery services, having to rely on off-Island resources even though Manitoulin communities boast an “unlimited number of skilled individuals capable of processing large game, including members of the LFM team.”

With a certified facility, LFM will have the capacity to store/hang, process and package forest meats for Harvest to Share, LFM’s growing Indigenous food access program. In addition, the mobile butchery will enhance LFM’s educational programs and allow more community members to learn valuable skills necessary for sustenance harvesting.

The survey and more information about the mobile food project can be found online at localfoodmanitoulin.com/share/community-engagement?

...MS Norgoma may yet have new lease on life

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the Owen Sound waterfront.

Meanwhile, the MS Norgoma continues to languish at the Purvis shipyards beside Algoma Steel, where she has been berthed since being evicted by Sault Ste. Marie city council from the Roberta Bondar Marina in 2019.

The executive summary of the proposal to the Owen Sound committee reads: “Today, we ask that council consider endorsing the scope and intent of this proposal with the following general understanding: that TREII engages a professional firm to conduct a detailed engineering study of the available dock space and configuration; that TREII work with municipal staff to determine; the scope of that study; that the study must include accurate depictions and information necessary to permit the municipality to thoroughly evaluate any suggested locations; that a primary goal of the study is to accommodate Norgoma within the harbour without a reduction in the number of available dock slips; and that, if it is determined that Norgoma can be accommodated within the harbour, adjacent to the marine museum and any agreement to do so must have a financially positive outcome for the munic-

ipality.”

Mr. Goman shared that his group’s aim was to “create a unique hands-on tour experience highlighting Norgoma’s historic marine heritage and to provide an opportunity for local historians and interested sponsors to participate in her restoration and operation while providing for a secure financial future of Norgoma as a museum ship.”

“For me that’s the key, it has to make good business sense,” said Mr. Goman. “There has to be a set-up with a reserve fund to look after the maintenance of the ship so we don’t wind up in the same boat again.”

Built in the Collingwood Shipyards in 1950, the MS Norgoma spent 13 years carrying passengers and cargo between Owen Sound and Sault Ste. Marie on a run known as the “Turkey Trail.” The vessel then served as a ferry between Tobermory and Manitoulin before being purchased by Sault Ste. Marie in 1975 to be used as a museum ship.

In 2019, the City of Sault Ste. Marie took control of the vessel and sought a purchaser, but that effort failed to attract any bidders.



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The Town is now accepting tenders for **Surface Treatment**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will be presenting the draft budget for the Water and Sewer system for both the Little Current and Sheguiandah users at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2021.

Due to COVID restrictions this meeting will be held via Zoom at 7 pm. You may join by using the meeting code 489 313 1974 or by calling 1-587-328-1099.

This will be considered a public meeting and those community members wishing to be heard can do so under the direction of the Mayor. Those members who wish to make a written submission can do so to Box 608, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or by email to pcress@townofnemi.on.ca.

Information packages are available on our website as well as at the Town Office located at 14 Water Street.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Due to the ever-changing environment that we are all dealing with, Council meetings will be held every Tuesday Night at 7:00 pm via Zoom Video Meeting # 489 313 1974 Or call 1-587-328-1099

Please be advised regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting. For a full copy of the agenda please visit our website.

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...Wiikwemkoong gets funds towards new nursing home build

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their families.

"I always tell people, 'if you can just get past the old building, you will see how good it is here,'" said Ms. Osawabine-Peltier. WNH has garnered national attention through an inclusive online presence that showcases the joyful interaction between the staff and residents.

The provincial announcement notes that WNH has been allocated 37 new and 59 upgraded spaces—with the result being a newly constructed building housing a 96-bed home in Wiikwemkoong.

While the provincial announcement notes that the new facility will "offer services to Indigenous residents," Ms. Osawabine-Peltier was quick to point out that WNH is open

to everyone. "We have residents from communities all across Manitoulin," she said, "even beyond. We do incorporate our teachings, such as with smudges and cedar tea, but everyone is welcome."

In addition to having the land set aside near Thunderbird Park for the new construction and the \$10 million in provincial funding assurance, WNH has a robust fundraising effort underway that has proved to be very exciting—the Playing With the Queen of Hearts progressive lottery.

"The last Playing With the Queen of Hearts was at \$216,000," she said. "We are in the third week and just had our third draw of \$2,346—with a projected \$8,000 for the next one."

There is also a GoFundMe page set up, but that is being

completely revamped.

The expansion of spaces at WNH is among 80 projects approved across the province, 60 of which involve new building construction. Neither of the other two nursing homes on Manitoulin were on the list of approved new spaces or facilities.

Tickets for the Queen of Hearts draw are \$5 and the draw is held every Thursday at 2 pm, with sales closing on Tuesday at 4 pm. The email address to send e-transfers for the draw is queenofhearts@wikwemikongnursinghome.com.

...One in four Island citizens has been vaccinated

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adding that the hospitals continue to run assessment centres and manage regular patient demand.

The family health teams were unable to provide vaccination figures to The Expositor by press deadline Monday as they were still in the midst of planning and executing clinics, but promised statistics soon.

Northeastern Manitoulin FHT executive director Judy Miller gave a conservative estimate that the FHTs had given at least 600 vaccinations, including to those in the 80-plus category through mass vaccination clinics held last week.

During the week of March 8, when vaccinations rapidly increased across the Island, Mnaamodzawin Health Services collaborated with Noojmowin Teg Health Centre to distribute 503 vaccines to First Nation individuals aged 55 and older in Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah First Nation, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River First Nation and Zhiibaahaasing. This past Saturday, Noojmowin Teg distributed an additional 77 shots.

M'Chigeeng, which is running its own vaccination campaign, gave out 685 total doses as of last week. It was expecting an additional 142 doses this past Monday, March 22, to begin vaccinating its adults aged 18 or older.

Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre vaccinated 693 community members and band employees on

March 10, 11 and 13, including residents aged 16 and older. Vaccinations continued during the March 11 blackout because its system used a hybrid of both paper and electronic information.

Prior to the mass vaccination campaigns, all long-term care facilities on Manitoulin had the opportunity to vaccinate their residents and staff members who opted to get the shot. Those figures are not included in the above vaccination round-up.

Adding up all of the above figures as of Friday, March 19, The Expositor counts approximately 3,000 doses of vaccines for Manitoulin Island thus far. The official figure from that date from Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) stands at 3,594.

According to 2016 census data (which is arguably starting to fall out of date and will be refreshed in this year's census), Manitoulin District's population is 13,255. Using that figure along with the PHSD total, it appears that approximately one in four Manitoulin residents has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

This puts Manitoulin District far ahead of the average in the PHSD catchment area, which stands at just one in 10 residents having received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as of Friday, March 19.

Some of the factors driving this gap likely extend to ...continued on page 12

...funds Debajehmujig Storytellers to expand reach

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she said. Combining an online access to the company's works as well as a much more limited in-person component.

"I am really proud of the innovation and improvisation of our company," said Ms. Trudeau. "It has been extremely challenging and they have risen to meet those challenges and beyond. Even though we haven't been able to do the type of live theatre we are used to, we have harnessed that creativity and contin-

ue to hone their skills." She said the company hopes to be able to return to some form of live presentations this summer, "probably outdoors."

Debajehmujig is currently in talks with the Township of Assiginack, exploring those possibilities, said Ms. Trudeau. Debaj is the second largest employer in that community, after the public school, she noted.

"We are also reaching out to United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising about utilising some of the

treaty property here," she said.

The Rainbow Lodge cannabis project is aimed at educating youth and is currently in its second year of development. "It will be launched in April," said Ms. Trudeau.

An international collaboration is also in the works, utilizing federal funding. Although the current travel restrictions continue to put challenges in place on that effort, the Debaj team is continuing to collaborate on the epic trilogy with its

international partners.

"Our students will be returning starting April 1," said Ms. Trudeau. That program includes an intensive land-based set of Indigenous teachings.

Thanks to the infusion of funding from all levels and a strong community support, Debajehmujig Storytellers continues to thrive and grow in its role as a beacon of Indigenous theatre not only here on Manitoulin Island, but across the globe.

...Island has two active COVID-19 cases

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Ngwaagan Gamig (Rainbow Lodge) Recovery Centre. They were not living in the community during the construction process and commuted to the work site from outside of the District of Manitoulin, according to Ogimaa Peltier. This case does not figure in Manitoulin's active case counts.

As of March 22, there were 269 active cases within the PHSD: 262 in Greater Sudbury (21 of which were reported on Mon-

day); five in Sudbury District; and two in Manitoulin District. The total number of resolved cases since the pandemic's spring 2020 start in the health unit is 944.

Anyone who is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or has concerns that they may have been in contact with a known case should contact the Manitoulin Health Centre COVID assessment centres by calling 705-368-2300 (Little Current site) or 705-377-5311 (Mindemoya site) and following the prompts. Testing is based on a clinical assessment of each person.



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Andy and Linda Bowerman are proud to announce the graduation of their granddaughter, Jenna Wood, from Cambrian College as a Medical Radiation Technologist.

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...After 30 years, Zhiibaahaasing to lose its boil water advisory

...continued from page 1 community as well as fire hydrants; this should greatly enhance fire safety in the First Nation.

This is not the end of the job, however. The community still intends to build a new water treatment plant 300 feet inland from the shoreline and the existing flooded facilities.

Present community has never had potable water

Zhiibaahaasing's fresh water challenges have existed since the community reformed in 1991. Its traditional territory is on present-day Cockburn Island but the community went dormant for 11 years starting in 1980, with no residents on its traditional territory. The First Nation retained its registered status with the federal government.

Ogimaa-kwe Kells became chief of the rebirthed community at its current location in 1991. She has held the role since that time.

Previously, the few families living in Zhiibaahaasing's current location had used shallow wells for their water but when the community tried drilling wells in 1991, all they found was sulfur-contaminated supply.

Although the community eventually built a water treatment plant on the lakeshore, they had to rely on holding the treated water in concrete cisterns. Until the upgrades come into effect, that water gets trucked to homes.

"Our First Nation has been under a self-imposed boil water advisory (since 1991) because, according to the regulations in Ontario, concrete is not to be used for holding potable water," said deputy chief Kevin Mossip.

Moving the water from the central cisterns to homes added considerably more points of potential contamination. There have also been issues with dogs being around the water supply and the holding tanks freezing in the

...One in four

...continued from page 11 demographics. Manitoulin District features a higher number of people deemed vulnerable during the pandemic.

Manitoulin District's median age is 49.5 years old, compared to just 44.5 years old across the PHSD geographic area. In addition, median total income is nearly \$10,000 lower on the Island; \$26,724 versus \$36,458 in the whole health district according to 2015 figures.

The Island also has a higher percentage of people who identify as Indigenous, 40.6 percent compared to 12.5 percent in the health unit.

Health workers, also in priority to receive the vaccine, made up eight percent of the labour force on Manitoulin, a nearly identical figure to that of the whole health catchment area.



Since Zhiibaahaasing got its portable package water plant last December, a truck has re-distributed the treated water to homes.

winter.

Water plant reaches breaking point

Disaster struck last summer when water levels in Lake Huron reached record highs.

"We had a water treatment plant that was doing its job in Zhiibaahaasing until the water came about 100, 150 feet up the shore and began to wash out our present plant we had by the lake," Mr. Mossip said.

Water plant operator Jonathan Riberdy was closely watching the water

levels and one night in June 2020, he noted water levels rapidly rising and threatening to flood the plant.

"Everything was going to flood if it wasn't for Jon being quick on his feet, quick-thinking. E. Corbiere and Sons (of M'Chigeeng) came in at the middle of the night to help stop the plant from being washed away," Ogimaa-kwe Kells said.

The response was not enough to prevent a part of the building from getting washed out, which threatened a larger collapse.

"When that happened,



Record-high water levels compromised Zhiibaahaasing's existing water treatment plant's structure. A new permanent plant is needed.

council got together and declared a state of emergency because we didn't feel it was safe for the operator to go in," said Mr. Mossip.

Zhiibaahaasing had to find another source of water and was exploring potential suppliers between Manitoulin and Sudbury. The community eventually turned once more to M'Chigeeng, which provided thrice-weekly water deliveries beginning in June 2020.

It was a good option, but not the solution they needed. Because of the length of

the transportation and the delivery method, the water was not considered potable for human consumption.

"Since June and until we got the new (temporary) plant, we've been hauling in bottled water from Culligan in Sudbury. We get 250 jugs of water monthly to ensure our community members have clean water," said band manager Bobbisue Kells-Riberdy.

Demand varies depending on the season but the deliveries were an expensive and inefficient way of ensuring safe water.

The community also had to adapt to conserving water on non-delivery days and completing all their tasks such as laundry on delivery dates. Sometimes, water pumps ran dry when people forgot to turn them off or when a water delivery date changed.

"In the beginning, we were not used to having water being there when we needed it," said Ms. Kells-Riberdy.

Zhiibaahaasing got some reprieve in December of 2020 when Indigenous Services Canada delivered a self-contained portable packaged water plant to the First Nation.

Such units are housed in metal shipping containers and are full of the equipment required to treat the water supply.

This offered a relatively safe product, but such mobile units are not officially certified to produce clean, potable drinking water. As such, the community remains under a precautionary boil water advisory.

Zhiibaahaasing placed the plant about 300 feet inland, where flooding will

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Notice of Online Public Information Centre 3

Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study, G.W.P. 5268-14-00

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **Stantec Consulting Ltd.** to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge located in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in Northeastern Ontario. The bridge provides year-round highway access between the community of Little Current and Manitoulin Island and mainland areas of Northern Ontario. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life. The purpose of this study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing.

THE PROCESS

This study is a "Group A" project under the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* and includes undertaking environmental and engineering investigations and seeking input from stakeholders, external agencies, Indigenous communities and the public. Upon completion of preliminary design, a *Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR)* will be prepared and made available for public review. Notices will be published in local newspapers to advise the public of the TESR public review period.

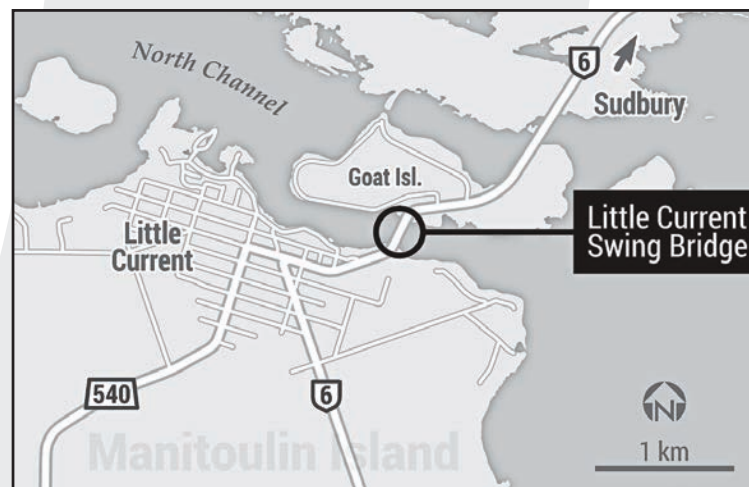
ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 3

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) have been held to date to present and gather feedback at key points in this Study. PIC 1 was held in August 2018 to present the transportation needs assessment, existing study area conditions, and alternatives to the undertaking. PIC 2 was held in July 2019 to present alignment and structure type alternatives, the evaluation process and preliminary assessment of the heritage conservation options for the existing bridge.

The third and final PIC has been scheduled to provide an opportunity for you to review the evaluation of the alignment and structure alternatives, the Preliminary Preferred Plan, and the associated potential impacts and preliminary proposed mitigation measures. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated physical distancing requirements, PIC 3 will be hosted online. **The PIC will be available for your review on the study website at www.swingbridgestudy.ca on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.** A recorded presentation will be available as part of the online PIC until April 30, 2021.

COMMENTS

You are encouraged to participate in the study and to provide comments to the study team. If you wish to have your name added to the study mailing list, have any comments, questions or concerns, and/or are unable to access the online PIC 3 materials provided on the study website, please contact one of the following study team members:



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Please visit the project website, www.swingbridgestudy.ca, to review study information including notices, background information and PIC displays. Other study materials will also be provided on the study website, as they become available. Comments and questions to the study team can be submitted on the study website.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.

...funding water, sewer upgrades

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 ter Marc Miller during opening remarks at a virtual press conference hosted in Zhiibaahaasing on March 18.

Catherine McKenna, federal minister of infrastructure and communities, then introduced the funding announcement.

“Clean water is a right. It should be available to all Canadians and it is a historic wrong,” said Minister McKenna. “We have a very long way to go, but it is something that I certainly take extremely personally. It’s not just about improving community infrastructure. It’s about access to something that’s critical—water—but it’s also about the future of your communities.”

A total of 37 First Nations across Ontario (out of 76 applications) will benefit from these funding contributions through Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)’s green infrastructure stream, which sees Canada contributing 75 percent of the project cost, 18 and one-third percent from Ontario and the remaining six and two-thirds percent from the beneficiary First Nation.

In the District of Mani-

toulin, Zhiibaahaasing’s project amounts to \$2,679,184 for a new below-ground water storage reservoir with a high-lift pump to move treated water into a new distribution system, as well as a network of fire pumps and hydrants for enhanced fire safety.

Whitefish River First Nation is set to construct a new wastewater lagoon, as well as a septic bed assessment and replacement program, for a project cost of \$2,959,800.

Finally, Wiikwemkoong is approved for a \$2,753,002 project for the first phase of upgrades at its wastewater treatment plant, as well as replacing its rotating biological contactor, a device that connects the wastewater with a biological film as part of breaking down contaminants in the treatment process.

The recipient First Nations were gracious for the funding toward upgrading crucial pieces of infrastructure. Some could be seen drinking bottled water during the call.

“Our community is growing. There is a need to upgrade our system and we’re happy that the proposal we submitted was supported by the federal and provincial govern-

ments through the (ICIP green infrastructure stream),” said Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier.

This first phase in his community’s wastewater upgrades is expected to wrap up within the next two years, at which time it will move toward second and third phases.

Ogimaa-kwe Irene Kells of Zhiibaahaasing said her community has been without reliable clean water since it re-formed in 1991, 30 years ago. It also lacked fire hydrants to protect the residents in case of an emergency.

“We’ve been talking about it and we’re really grateful here for being one of the people that were picked to get some good, clean drinking water,” Ogimaa-kwe Kells said, getting her turn to speak at the press conference after a half hour of ministers’ remarks. “I just want to say miigwetch to everyone for that and all the support everyone has given to us.”

A full account of Zhiibaahaasing’s journey to getting reliable clean water is featured in the Page 1 story, ‘After 30 years, Zhiibaahaasing to lose boil water advisory.’

Whitefish River First Nation Ogimaa Shining Turtle, the final recipient from Manitoulin District, did not respond to phone calls and text messages seeking comment by press

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not be a risk.

Funding covers part of solution

The recent funding announcement offers roughly \$2.5 million for Zhiibaahaasing to build a robust water distribution system that can handle future expansion. The key part of the allotment, in addition to the storage reservoir, distribution pump and fire system, is the network of pipes that will finally connect Zhiibaahaasing homes to a water distribution system.

Although the temporary portable water plant can feed into this system, the community will remain under the boil water advisory due to its lack of certification. The new reservoir is on a site, however, that is set aside for a future, permanent water treatment facility.

“We’re now aiming to get another \$10 million more to put a proper treatment plant in, like you have in Gore Bay or Sheshegwaning. But we’re one step closer to 100 percent pure water,” said Mr. Mossip.

Zhiibaahaasing has a three-year window in which to install the reservoir, distribution and fire systems, but the community is acting quickly to correct their long-standing infrastructure gap as soon as possible. The construction of the permanent plant has a further two- to three-year timeframe.

“Everybody that’s heard so far is pretty excited about it. We haven’t formally notified the community because this just happened yesterday,” said Ogimaa-kwe Kells in a conversation with The Expositor on March 19. “I’m happy to hear that this is actually going to happen because we’ve been living this way for so many years.”

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...funding water, sewer upgrades

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Greg Rickford, Ontario minister of Indigenous affairs and energy, Northern development and mines, who is also the MPP for Kenora—Rainy River, said the announcement was important and should signal that progress is finally underway to correcting the long-standing deficits in these communities.

“We should all accept responsibility for the fact that decades in and decades out, several governments of different political stripes have simply not lived up to the opportunity that’s available for us to correct on-reserve water and wastewater treatment.

I The virtual funding announcement, hosted by Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, was a accept some who’s who of cabinet ministers and First Nation leadership from Northern Ontario.

responsibility for that,” said Minister Rickford.

He added that as a nurse working in remote First Nations, he saw how different governments failed Indigenous peoples by not providing adequate human resources and past investments in water infrastructure only had half of their usable life due to the lack of support.

Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott said

the joint federal-provincial-First Nation funding model allows for the projects to get underway sooner.

“Projects like these are central to our efforts to create sustainable communities with resilient infrastructure. In addition to health and safety, investing in infrastructure is a key

about Neskantaga’s ongoing water challenges, Minister Miller said that community should be free from its boil water advisory this summer, if all goes according to plan. That fly-in community in Northwestern Ontario has been under such an advisory for 9,548 days or more than 26 years.



component to Ontario’s economic recovery and growth,” said Minister Scott.

All of the projects are First Nation-led and the funding commitments are set to remain in effect through future election cycles. Minister Scott said the transfer payment agreements were already underway as of the time of the press conference.

In response to a question

Not all of the First Nation leaders invited to the announcement had the chance to speak but some left comments in the chat about their thoughts on the matter. This included nearby Sagamok on the North Shore, which spent 12 years under a boil water advisory. It will use its funding to assess its water tower, install new water mains, install hydrants and swab the water lines.

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David Suzuki Foundation names three new Manitoulin ‘Butterflyway Rangers’

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—Three more Islanders have received the special ‘Butterflyway Ranger’ status from the David Suzuki Foundation. Earlier this month, Melissa Volpini of Little Current and Sue Meert and Mary-Anne McGraw of Assiginack were all named rangers.

“Butterflies have always been my thing,” Ms. Volpini told The Expositor. So, when she saw the posting from the David Suzuki Foundation seeking rangers, she immediately signed up.

“I get to try and inspire others to help preserve butterfly sanctuaries with the goal of creating 10 or more butterflyways in a community,” she explained. “Or that’s my hope.”

Those who already have butterflyways on their property, such as a garden filled with wildflowers or milkweed, or perhaps a large swath of uncut grass, can contact any of the rangers to let them know and have their properties added to the butterflyway list.

Ms. Meert is acting as a ranger on behalf of Manitoulin Streams. “It kind of goes hand in hand with what we do.”

Ms. Meert said Manitoulin Streams will be giving the option of offering pollinator-friendly plants to those property owners for whom they are doing restoration work.

Ms. Volpini said she hopes to approach the Northeast Town, her designated area, to see if they might stop mowing grass in certain areas such as culverts, which is often where milkweed grows.

Ms. Volpini said she’s got lots of ideas, like a plant exchange, and is hoping to get a planning committee together to do things like fundraising and start seedlings. Ms. Meert is also seeking donation of seeds, plants or money to purchase those items.

“I think that monarchs are amazing creatures,” Ms. Volpini added. “How does a

creature that comes from tiny eggs know how to transform, can fly thousands of kilometres to Mexico? The fact they’re becoming more endangered the more reason to undertake this project.”

Ms. McGraw has been collecting eggs and releasing monarchs with her children for 15 years. “I became passionate about butterflies when a class with which I participated in a student placement raised painted lady butterflies,” she explained.

Ms. Volpini, who released 64 monarchs this year, urges Islanders to keep their dandelions around and don’t cut anything from last year’s garden until temperatures are consistently above 10°C as there are many hibernating critters in the dead foliage. Ms. McGraw also suggested that, when cutting back tubular plants, leave a variety of shorter lengths for bees.

“People can come on board by just planting a few plants or by doing larger scale gardens,” Ms. McGraw added. “If you have limited space, patio planter boxes are a perfect start.”

While they can be challenging to grow from seed, all the butterflyway rangers encourage the planting of milkweed, as well as native pollinator-friendly plants.

For public areas deemed butterflyways, the David Suzuki Foundation will supply signs for the local rangers to post to acknowledge them as such.

“Let’s get out there and do some good for nature!” Ms. Meert enthused. “Let’s see what we can do for Manitoulin. If we all work together, it’s a win-win.”

To share your butterflyway project and photos, reach Ms. Volpini (Northeast Town) by email at butterfliesandbeesmanitoulin@gmail.com, Ms. Meert (Island-wide) at suemeert@hotmail.com and Ms. McGraw (Assiginack) by sending her a message through her Facebook page (search ‘Mary-Anne McGraw’).



Manitoulin’s Butterflyway Rangers are hoping Islanders will help do their part to promote pollinator-friendly habitats this year.



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Ice Lake farmer Max Burt has created a fully off-grid system to automatically gather and send gallons of maple sap up to his sugar shack near the top of his property. The pump runs off this solar array.

photos by Warren Schlote

Max Burt implements off-grid system to semi-automate the syrup-making process

by Warren Schlote

ICE LAKE—Burt Farm is in the midst of syrup season on the 25-acre maple grove it currently has tapped, but the operation is benefiting from much less hands-on labour thanks to the inventive Max Burt's off-grid collection and pumping network that has delivered his sap to the sugar shack automatically since last year's season.

"I really hate doing the menial jobs around the farm, so if I can find a way to automate something, I will," Mr. Burt tells *The Expositor* on a trip up the road into the heart of his syrup grove. The Ice Lake farmer fed some of his natural curiosities as a researcher at University of Guelph for some years before moving back to the Manitoulin farm. He has been making syrup since his childhood.

After a walk into the forest along a muddy track, we arrive among a sea of blue hosing running between trees.



It's a sure sign of spring when the sap lines start bubbling their bounty out from the tree trunks.

At first blush, the sugar bush appears much like any other. Closer inspection, however, reveals notable differences in the Burt setup.

Rather than metres of hosing connecting multiple trees as it heads toward a central collection point, groups of three trees all connect to a central stake, which features wider tubing that disappears into the ground.

This means one can walk through the sugar bush without having to climb over or under most of the sap lines.

What happens to the underground tube? It joins other feeder lines below the soil to form trunk lines connecting multiple tree clusters together.

The 25-acre forest plot is divided into four sections; each one has its own trunk line and there are shutoffs at each end-point, as well as at each three-tree cluster. This allows Mr. Burt to segregate specific sections for cleaning or to control the flow as necessary.

A collection of gear rests at the lowest



Mr. Burt lifts the cover off the sap reservoir. He landscaped the ground to avoid it flooding.

portion of the sugar bush. A rack with four solar panels stands in a small clearing next to control boxes with inverters and a battery bank, as well as a power cable running toward a round cover on the forest floor.

Under this cover is a small sump pump, followed by a deep, concrete-lined pit with a food-grade plastic reservoir inside. Here is where the four trunk lines enter from the outside wall and a fifth, one-inch pipe lies near the bottom.

A float mechanism is part-way up the container; when the sap reaches a set level, the pump automatically engages and begins to drain the reservoir into the main line.



All systems are working at the solar panel array. Mr. Burt finished off the wiring process himself.

Meanwhile, at a building 2,500 feet away at the top of the property, the main line enters through a hole in the cement floor of a heated garage. This was all conceived long before the current syrup system came into being.

"I always knew I wanted to put in this system, so I had the hole pre-made in the floor," says Mr. Burt, adding that the pipe's appearance in the heated space ensures it does not freeze.



The newer reverse osmosis machine is not yet a well-accepted tool in the maple syrup world.

He also pre-installed a drain in the floor of the adjacent room and thankfully found it quickly when he began to use the space.

The main line empties into a stainless steel holding tank, where Mr. Burt shows off a controversial new piece of equipment—a reverse osmosis system. This machine can remove as much as two-thirds of the water from sap, reducing boiling time and the amount of fuel needed to run the evaporator.

Some maple syrup purists say reverse

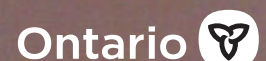
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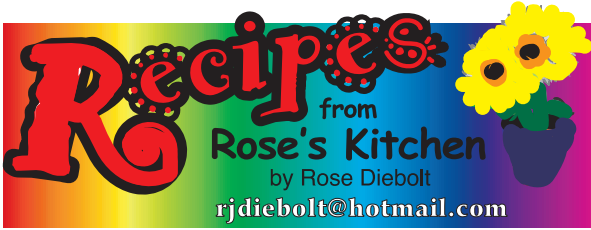
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mix gently and then fold in the blueberries. Fill the muffin cups and bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until a tooth-

pick comes out clean. Let the muffins cool, remove to a cooling rack and brush the tops with maple syrup.

Goat Cheese Salad with Maple Dressing

This is a simple but elegant salad. A great starter for Easter dinner. The dressing is very simple and it is my go to for most of my salads. The amount of cheese and lettuce equals the number of people. You decide.

*A trick to slice up the goat cheese is make sure the cheese is cold and then use dental floss to make each slice.

- CHEESE:**
Goat cheese log
Egg white
Fresh bread crumbs mixed with black pepper
- SALAD:**
Mixed lettuce
Walnuts
Fresh sliced zucchini
- DRESSING:**
2 parts maple syrup
1 part balsamic vinegar
1.5 part lemon juice
1 part olive oil
Minced garlic
Salt and pepper

Slice up the goat cheese into 1/4 to 1/2 inch slices. If the slices are too thin they are impossible to work with!

Whip the egg white. Lightly press the goat cheese slice with your hands and dip them in egg white first, then bread crumbs. Press again gently to make sure the bread crumbs don't fall off.

Lightly brown the goat cheese either in a frying pan with some oil or on a baking sheet in the oven.

Make the dressing by mixing all the ingredients together.

Place some greens on a plate, add sliced zucchini, sprinkle walnuts, drizzle dressing ovetop and then place warm goat cheese on top.

Browned Butter Blueberry Maple Muffins

Browning the butter is an important step because it adds an extra layer of flavour in the muffins. I left out the brown sugar added extra blueberries. I also switched around the flours—more spelt instead of white.

- 1 cup unbleached flour
- 1/2 cup spelt or whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 cup brown sugar (optional)
- Rind of one lemon zested
- 1 cup to 1 1/2 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 tsp salt (if you are using unsalted butter omit if using salted butter)
- 1/4 cup maple syrup, for brushing over tops

Preheat oven to 375°F and line your muffin pan with paper cups or lightly grease.

Melt the butter in a small pan (it will start to foam) and keep it on the burner WATCHING it until it starts to brown and smells a bit nutty. Stop before it becomes a deep brown! Set aside to cool a bit.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flours, baking powder and sugar (if using).

In another bowl, whisk together the melted butter, maple syrup, eggs and zested lemon rind.

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...Burt Farm features inventive semi-automated sap collection system

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osmosis doesn't belong in a sugar shack and that it can affect the taste of the end product, but Mr. Burt isn't convinced. He keeps his unit dialed far below its full power, which still ensures the sap spends plenty of time reducing in the boiler and allowing the sugars to caramelize. Besides, every grove of trees has a unique flavour, so comparing batches can be a futile task.

Once through the equipment, the cold sap enters the four-stage evaporator before reaching the end of the meandering contraption. Here lies a temperature probe and an outlet valve.

Mr. Burt fills a bucket full of finished syrup and transfers it into a filtration unit with a small propane burner, where he tests the sugar content with a hydrometer. If it needs more boiling, he can run the burner to finish it off before it passes down through sheets of washable filters and heads to a filling spigot, which keeps the batch at a constant hot temperature.

Mr. Burt's wife Joanne is filling and batch-numbering the jars on the day of The Expositor's visit, while son-in-law David Hillyard is the fire-tender. He burns a mix of hardwoods, as well as dry cedar, all scrap wood from old fences or old buildings to minimize the carbon footprint.

While Ms. Burt is in between batches and not running to other jobs around the property, she pulls out the recently-found log book of recent years' outputs. Some have been as low as 146 litres of syrup, in 2012, to a high of 865 in 2009.

Having an underground sap pipeline has advantages beyond efficiency. The sap stays at a more constant temperature underground which affords it greater quality, and the components are less likely to freeze in the event of a cold snap, meaning Mr. Burt can continue to move sap on frigid mornings.

It's also a much cleaner, more sanitary way of running the operation with fewer potential contamination sources. It further helps with tree management.

Burt Farm sells its syrup at its farm store but also uses it in certain products like its hams, ensuring they get as much use out of their land as possible.

Future upgrades include adding a flow-meter to track how much sap Mr. Burt draws on a daily basis, as the current model offers no way of tracking the input. But, he says with a laugh, there's always a new gadget on the market, so his system may never be 'done.'

"I just like tinkering with things. There's so many things to offer on the farm, if you can find a way to use them. This is class-four (undesirable) land, but we've shown you can still grow food on it," he says, speaking to his motivation to make new innovations. "The goal, I guess, is to still have fun doing it."



Mr. Burt dips the syrup with a hydrometer to test the progress on the batch. This one needed just a bit of tweaking to get it in the sweet spot, where the product has enough sugar that it doesn't mold in the jar, but not too much sugar that it starts to crystallize.



The scale of the forest sap reservoir is evident as Mr. Burt gets down inside to make the final connections on the pipelines before washing out the container to be ready for this season's bounty.

photo by David Hillyard



Burt Farm goes through a large quantity of wood to keep the evaporator running at peak temperature, but the family uses scrap, leftover wood for this purpose. They're not at risk of running out...



...because on a farm, with fences and buildings coming and going, there's always a surplus of wood to be found. This pile stands next to the Burt's old sugar shack, originally built to house a combine.

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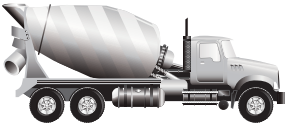
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Parkinson's Disease Support Group. For those affected by the disease and their caregivers, meetings will be the third Thursday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Mindemoya Public Library (at the Municipal office building), Mindemoya. Call Marilyn at 705-368-0756,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

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

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Manitoulin Health Centre
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QUALIFICATIONS (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure):

- Required:**
- A patient or family member who has had recent experience within the last two years, with care provided at either the Little Current or Mindemoya MHC sites
 - Ability to maintain confidentiality of patient and organizational information

For a detailed position description and application, please contact Lee Ann Fawcett, LFawcett@mhc.on.ca

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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 Tuesday, April 6th, 2021.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS WORKER

Classification Level: Community Services (CS-3)
 Employment Status: Regular Full-Time (including Pension & Benefits)
 Department: Health Services, Mental Health



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Position Summary:

The focus of the Mental Health & Addictions Worker will be to support individuals, families and groups in addressing mental health and/or substance use issues. A thorough understanding of the community's OAT program and rehabilitation treatment options. Develop, coordinate and facilitate related workshops, programs and groups designed to assist in the awareness, prevention, intervention and recovery of mental health and/or substance use that reflects and promotes a healthy community.

Qualifications & Requirements

Minimum

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker Diploma) and/or lived experience and knowledge
- Three to five (3 - 5) years' work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions
- Knowledge and skills in mental health, alcohol and/or drug addictions awareness and prevention

Preferred

- University Degree in Social Services/Addictions field of study and two (2) years' relevant work experience
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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 2, 2021.

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Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (two work-related references from a direct supervisor/manager and one-character reference) and education certifications addressed to:

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and business owners who bring with them fresh ideas, experiences and perspectives that are enriching the area. Some individuals and families are still unpacking boxes, having only moved in the past month or two, while others made the move over the last few years and are now comfortably established in their new communities. Here are some of their stories.

by Heather Marshall

Integrating into a new community always takes time, as newcomers learn the ropes about the best business locations and identify favourite things to do as they settle into new homes and routines. Having a sense of belonging can be particularly slow for retirees who pack up their lives and move lock, stock and barrel to a new location after decades in the workforce to start a new life. Unlike



NEW-ish to Manitoulin

people going to school or jobs each day, where they are immediately immersed in a community, it is often harder for retirees to meet people and plant roots in a new place.

Despite best laid plans, that has been the experience of Maria and Steve Chovaz, who moved from Guelph to Gore Bay in September 2019. They intended to join local groups and do volunteer work that would let them transfer their professional experiences and personal interests from the city to their chosen new home.

Before making the move, the couple had a good idea of what life would be like on Manitoulin. They had spent more than a dozen summers vacationing in the area, exploring different parts of the Island and discovering many things

they loved about the area and lifestyle. They made repeat stops at Gordon's Park near Tehkummah but most often found themselves staying at Fred's Camp and other resorts on Lake Kagawong. Their last summer as vacationers in 2017 saw them return at least a half dozen times. That's when it dawned on them that they should consider making the place they loved so much their permanent home.

They first had to sell their home as well as their accounting and bookkeeping business in Guelph, which took most of 2018. It then took quite a while to find a suitable house in a community that offered the services they wanted. They finally chose a fixer-upper in Gore Bay in 2018, but it wasn't until the fall of 2019 that the necessary

renovations were finalized and the couple moved in.

Steve got off to a good start settling in, joining the local golf club and making a few friends with his golfing buddies. He also fulfilled his plan to spend lots of time outdoors enjoying nature, which their new location enables them to do. Maria talks excitedly about the lack of city traffic and the fact that, with just a short drive, she can be walking in the woods or harvesting leeks and fiddleheads.

"It is so beautiful here. The butterflies are ...continued on page 25



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- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent analytical skills in a variety of environments and situations.
- Ability to work independently and within a team; and to manage time efficiently and effectively.
- Strong computer skills to learn a variety of software applications, and proficient in Microsoft Office software applications.

Some duties of this position are extremely varied and unpredictable, involving many physical and mental challenges, which include:

- Interacting formally and informally with the community to provide information, advice and education, which will assist and promote public safety and awareness.
- Responding to calls for service and perform routine patrols, confront and resolve emergency and non-emergency situations in a manner that protects lives and property maintains public order, and aids all those involved.
- Demonstrating professionalism and cultural sensitivity when providing assistance and/or communicating with the public.
- Enforcing laws, investigate offenses and when appropriate, arrest offenders.
- Preparing information and cases for court.
- Preparing and submitting reports both verbal and written, concerning investigations and police service activities in a timely & complete manner.
- Actively identifying problems in the community, preparing reports which encompass multiple solutions, and taking an active role in resolving these issues.
- Interaction with the entire spectrum of the community.
- Working on weekends and holidays. Shift work is also mandatory.

Qualifications:

- Be at least 18 years of age or older.
- Be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident and legally allowed to work in Canada.
- Be in good health and meet the physical, mental and medical requirements of the UCCM APS.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Have never been convicted of a criminal offense, or if convicted, have received a full pardon/record.
- Must hold an Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma (Grade 12) or equivalent. Preference is given to those with post-secondary education.
- Possess vision which is no worse than 20/40 (6:12) both eyes combined, and correctable to 20/20 (6:6) with glasses or contact lenses. No degree of red/green color deficiency. You MUST be at least six months post-operative of any vision correction surgery. Applicants may be required to provide additional documentation on vision stability and night vision.
- Possess hearing within the normal range, unaided. Hearing loss must be no worse than twenty-five (25) decibels between 500 Hz and 3000 Hz, or no more than forty-five (45) decibels at 4000 Hz, as measured by an audiometer.
- Possess a valid Class "G" driver's licence with full non-restricted driving privileges with a good driving record. *Before employment, a valid Ontario driver's licence will be required.
- Valid Standard First Aid and CPR certificate.
- Commitment to the principles of community-based policing.
- Demonstrate a commitment to health and physical fitness.

EXPERIENCED POLICE OFFICER
UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service hires experienced officers for lateral entry. Therefore, the recruitment process is shorter than that of a recruit. RCMP clearance and a working knowledge of First Nation's policing and culture is considered an asset.

NEW RECRUIT
Successful candidates for the position of Police Constable will be hired as Recruit Constables. This is the entry-level position for all police officers in UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service. Experience and training gained as a patrol officer lays the foundation for every other police position or rank in the organization. Those with previous police experience will be considered on an individual basis. Working knowledge of First Nation's policing and culture is considered an asset.
*If the successful candidate is a recruit, recruit training will be provided at the Ontario Police College in May 2021.

To apply for this position, applicants must:
Complete and submit the Police Constable Application Form (refer to UCCM Anishnaabe Police website); and
Must include a letter of interest/cover letter, resume, and reference letters.
** Please refer to the checklist on the required information for your application to be considered.

Mail-in applications can be sent to:
Confidential: Human Resources
UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service
5926 Hwy 540, Box 332
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0
Or via email to andrea.mcgregor@uccmpolice.com
Subject: Employment Opportunity: Police Constable

For questions about this employment opportunity and a detailed job description, please contact Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Administrator at andrea.mcgregor@uccmpolice.com.
A detailed job description is available upon request. We would like to thank all applicants who apply; however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Location: Sudbury/Manitoulin

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JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE – SERVICE COORDINATOR (2) FULL - TIME POSITIONS
LOCATION: SUDBURY AND MANITOULIN
Salary: \$61,966

The Jordan's Principle Coordinator primary responsibility is to act as a focal point for the children and families who we serve. In particular, the Coordinator provides service coordination and planning in cooperation with other agency personnel related to children in care and children not in care of the agency served by Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services.

Education and Experience

- University degree or college diploma (two year minimum) in a field related to Human Services, Education or Social Work. However, other combinations of skills, education and experience that are relevant may be considered.
- Minimum of one-year direct service experience with children and families.
- Experience working with Indigenous people, organizations and communities.

Duties

- Review all Jordan's Principle documentation related to the Jordan's Principle Orders related to service and financial accessibility from an Agency perspective.
- Familiarize self with agency and Jordan's Principle, service coordination and planning – service workflow processes and make recommendations to modify the process to the Program Supervisor.
- Assist and develop agency Jordan's Principle (Reporting Templates) with Supervisor for formal submission based on budget and service needs of the agency.
- Work in collaboration with the service teams to identify "unmet needs" and work in collaboration with required team members to lead the completion of Jordan's Principle applications, respond to documentation requirements, status of approvals and complete appeals.
- Work in collaboration with the service teams and external service providers and First Nations to secure supporting documentation for applications including support letters required by parties.
- Work in collaboration with families served to empower advocacy and assist in navigating the Jordan's Principle application process.
- Participate in internal or external committees as required or requested.
- Liaise and work effectively with the communities served, service providers, collateral agencies and organizations and elders.
- Apply agency service coordination and workflow process from intake, ongoing case management and discharge in conjunction with agency mandated and non-mandated programs.
- Act as a liaison and provide education and information sessions to agency staff in relation to Jordan's Principle.
- Familiarize self with all Department of Indigenous Services Canada documentation related to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal and Jordan's Principle.
- Complete monthly, quarterly and annual reports as required.
- Track and maintain statistical data.
- Perform other duties as assigned and required.

DEADLINE: OPEN RECRUITMENT UNTIL POSITION IS FILLED

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Please submit your application marked "Confidential – Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator – Sudbury/Manitoulin." Include in your application a cover letter, resume and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers.
Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience and cultural participation. Applications are accepted and in the following order of preference: by email, fax or in person, at

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extraordinary and I haven't seen so many grasshoppers in years," says Steve. "I grew up in Hamilton with Lake Ontario in my backyard, so living close to the water again and being able to walk to the bay to sit with my coffee in the morning, taking in nature, has been amazing."

However, their ambitious retirement plans were put on hold in early 2020 as they found themselves caught in the middle of the COVID crisis. Suddenly, all their planning to get out and about in the community, meeting people and doing good, were delayed as various organizations and local activities shut down, leaving the couple largely isolated.

Maria has over 400 hours of training in interpersonal, self-esteem and conflict resolution skills and has volunteer experience with the Canadian Mental Health Association. She volunteered extensively while living in Guelph, working on crisis lines, facilitating groups for at risk youth, and cooking, serving, cleaning up and listening at the Welcome Drop In Centre.

Maria hoped to find opportunities to put these skills to



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work when she got here. She had been part of a Truth and Reconciliation group as well as a women's drumming group in the city and was keen to spend time at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation where she hoped to learn more about local First Nations and how she could become engaged in the community.

Despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic, they remain optimistic they will find their niche on Manitoulin and they are taking full advantage of all the Island has to offer. Although they missed favourite summer pastimes such as attending powwows this past summer, they have spent happy hours finding locally grown food sources, visiting farms growing organic produce and ethically raised animals. And they at least dipped their toes into the local volunteer scene.

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Maria and Steve Chovaz



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SERVICE SUPERVISOR FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION (1) SUDBURY POSITION

OVERVIEW:

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience

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

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

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

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

DEADLINE: THIS POSITION IS OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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

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

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

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After Hours Services Supervisor (2) Part time - Permanent Positions Location: Manitoulin/Sudbury Salary Range \$39,399 – \$48, 456

The After Hours Services Supervisor provides progressive leadership in all aspects of case management, including management and administration, along with supervisory case collaboration with agency and community stakeholders.

The After Hours Services Supervisor will provide supervisory coverage and manage the staffing of the After Hours Service Team to ensure the safety and well-being of children and provide clinical supervision and manage cases in accordance with member First Nations community-based models, Agency policies and Ministry of Child and Youth Services standards and regulations.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience

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

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Excellent supervisory, planning and organization, problem-solving, decision-making, interpersonal and leadership skills.
- Ability to work within a multi-disciplinary Traditional Child Welfare Management Team.
- Working knowledge of group dynamics supported with working knowledge in consultation and conflict resolution techniques.
- Expert knowledge of Indigenous history, legislative rights, First Nation community models and holistic and indigenous models of healing and wellness.
- Expert knowledge of Child Welfare legislation, Child Protection Standards, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Regulations, Guidelines and Policy Directives, Case Management and Supervision requirements particularly in relation to the delivery of Child and Family Services.
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- Demonstrated ability to influence and facilitate community group decision-making processes through knowledge, ideas and service delivery experience; and, extensive experience in designing, planning and delivering training workshops.

**Deadline: OPEN RECRUITMENT
Until Position is Filled**

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“Steve and I both connected with Local Food Manitoulin and volunteered at the community gardens in Gore Bay. We met some wonderful people and are hoping to get to know them better when it is safe to visit again,” says Maria. They’ve also become friends with another couple that recently moved to Gore Bay, ironically also from Guelph, who had a cottage on Elizabeth Bay for 30 years before making the town their permanent home.

They continue to discover perks to being here. The couple has high praise for health care and medical services provided on Manitoulin, marvelling at how quickly they can be seen for consultations and how excellent local doctors are. “In the south, you can pay hundreds of dollars just in parking fees at the clinic or lab before you even get in the door to be seen,” laughs Steve.

“I love it here and couldn’t move back to the city now,” adds Maria. “but we miss our friends and having people to share our interests and experiences with. We

would love to meet like-minded people.”

The couple is looking forward to post-COVID life when their retirement plans can move beyond being dreams and they can fully take part in local life.

Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and communications consultants in the National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield summer cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to hmarshall@videotron.ca.

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HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (2) FULL- TIME PERMANENT POSITION LOCATION: SUDBURY/MANITOULIN

Salary: \$49,572 - \$60,967

The Human Resources Administrative Assistant (HRAA) is primarily responsible for providing administrative support to the Human Resources Team. The HRAA will be required to both take direction and work intuitively to support the completion of the agency's goals and objectives. The HRAA will work in a professionally and culturally appropriate manner that is consistent and cognizant of the KGCF philosophy and local Anishinaabek customs and traditions.

Qualifications:

- An accredited college diploma in Business Administration or related discipline.
- Minimum of two years' experience in relevant administrative position in a First Nations social service agency.
- Previous experience in the delivery of human resource is an asset.
- Ability to speak Anishinaabemowin is preferred and is a definite asset.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Maintains the employee electronic personnel files by participating in HR scanning projects, receiving and uploading all documents required to be obtained within the personnel files and required for pension and benefits enrollment.
- Coordination of recruitment through completion of postings, receiving and responding to employment inquiries and preparing screening and interview packages through coordination with the interview panels
- Responding to employee HR inquiries and triage items to the required HR/Finance team members that are not within the direct role of the HRAA.
- Receive requests for completion of correspondence for and as requested by employees for Supervisory review
- Complete the full on-boarding requirements and initial orientation of new employees along with off-boarding processes including completion of exit interviews.
- Complete audit checklists of all HR and personnel files maintained and respond accordingly.
- Assist in development and distribution of new Job Descriptions, Interview templates and updating of HR documents and processes.
- Participate in HR projects and work with various team members as required relative to improving efficiencies and transition to new systems and processes.
- Maintain a performance database to ensure performance appraisals are tracked, uploaded, scheduled and completed as required.
- Participate in communication and promotion of EAP (Employee Assistance Program) and cultural supports available to employees.
- Maintain the Human Resource database system to ensure all HR documents are completed as required and HR forms and documents are updated in accordance with required time frames.
- Ensure that the strictest of confidentiality and need to know level of confidentiality is maintained at all times.
- Understands and adheres to all Agency policies and procedures.
- Other duties as assigned by the Direct Supervisor.

DEADLINE: OPEN RECRUITMENT

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Please submit your application marked “Confidential –HR Administrative Assistant – Sudbury/Manitoulin.” Include in your application a cover letter, resume and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment-related from recent employers.

Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience and cultural participation. Applications are accepted and in the following order of preference: by email or fax at

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Gwekwaadziwin Miikan – Seven Grandfathers Program

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan is looking to hire multiple positions within the Seven Grandfathers Program. Please contact mattm@gwek.ca for detailed specifications.

Program Description

The Gwekwaadziwin Miikan program provides a person-centred model of mental health and addiction treatment for youth and young adults. It supports a community of healthy, young people working towards wellness, education, and economic prosperity for First Nation individuals and communities. Gwekwaadziwin Miikan meets program participants on the spectrum of care, from stabilization through treatment, live-in aftercare, outpatient aftercare and transition back into community. The Seven Grandfathers program is designed for young adults age 19-30 and consists of three phases: Land Based Treatment, Live-in Aftercare and Community Aftercare.

Position Descriptions:

Live-In Aftercare Counsellor: The Live-in Aftercare Counsellor will provide continued support to participants while they attend the Live-in Aftercare portion of the Seven Grandfather Program. This residential setting supports participants as they continue their wellness and recovery journey and as they begin working, volunteering or pursuing educational opportunities. This position is for 40 hours a week comprising of both day and afternoon shifts. The Live-in Aftercare Counsellor will be responsible for therapeutic, life skills and cultural programming, as well as to assist with other facets of Gwekwaadziwin Miikan Programming.

Aftercare Support Workers (Night Shift): A full-time position responsible for housekeeping, organization, monitoring of facility and participants, and to assist with other facets of the Gwekwaadziwin programming.

Aftercare Support Workers (Casual): A part-time position responsible for assisting in the implementation of participant treatment plans, monitoring the facility, facilitating group, and to assist with other facets of the Gwekwaadziwin programming.

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications

Closing Date: April 7, 2021 @ 4:30pm

To Apply: Please submit a letter of application and resume with three written employment references, one from current/most recent employer and copy of relevant Diplomas/Degrees. Current (within last three months) Criminal Reference Check and Drivers Abstract required prior to offer of employment. Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted.

Complete Applications may be emailed to mattm@gwek.ca.
Please reference email: Gwekwaadziwin [Insert Position] Application

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AFTER HOURS WORKER LOCATION: (2) MANITOULIN & (3) SUDBURY SALARY: \$50,000

The incumbent provides after hour, weekend and statutory holiday coverage for all protection services of the Agency. It is an emergency service designed to meet urgent service needs and crises that require immediate attention. The After-Hours Worker will respond to all allegations of children/youth in need of protection and to urgent issues related to children/youth in care.

Minimum Education

- Must possess an accredited college diploma in a related field of study. Preference is a Bachelor of Social Work Honours Degree or in a related field of study.

Minimum Experience:

- At least two (2) years of work experience in the delivery of direct, frontline, social service programming targeting children, youth and families, preferably within an Anishinaabe community/organization.
- Must possess knowledge of respect and sensitivity to the Anishinaabe culture as well as being committed to helping First Nation families strengthen and achieve a healthy level of well-being.
- The ability to speak the Anishinaabe language is a definite asset.

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Researcher seeks Northern farmers' cover crop input

by Warren Schlote

WINNIPEG—A new survey by a University of Manitoba researcher seeks feedback from all crop-growing farmers to learn what kinds of cover crops they use on their fields, or if they do not use this method, and the researcher is seeking input from Island farmers especially by the close of the survey next Thursday, April 1.

“Essentially, there’s limited information of how farmers on the ground are using cover crops, as well as their motivation, goals and how they’re actually fitting cover crops into their rotations,” said Callum Morrison, a Ph.D. student at University of Manitoba. “This will really help shape the future of Canadian agriculture.”

So far, 658 Ontarian farmers have responded to the survey but only three have been from Manitoulin. Mr. Morrison is appealing to Islanders to inform him about their relationship, if any, to cover crops, to help gather data that can be used for planning and development in future years.

Cover crops are plant species that grow alongside a farmer’s main crop to provide various benefits to soil health and nutrient levels.

Some past censuses have included items like winter cereal as a cover crop, but this does not meet Mr. Morrison’s definition. For the purposes of this survey, cover crops cannot be a main crop that farmers choose to harvest for direct financial gain.

Companion planting has long been a part of Indigenous agriculture, such as with the famous ‘three sisters’ pairing of beans, corn and squash that each provide nutrients and strength to each other.

Mr. Morrison’s survey aims to explore the extent of cover crops in Ontario, why farmers use them or choose not to, what benefits and problems those farmers have had and

identify ways to support their use in the future.

Cover crops have a variety of benefits, unique to each farmer’s situation. Of the people who have responded so far from Ontario, 85 percent grew them to build soil health, 83 percent grew them to increase organic matter in the soil and 67 percent grew them to reduce erosion.

Other benefits that received a smaller share of votes included weed suppression, supporting soil biology, adding nitrogen into the ground, reducing pests and diseases, higher outputs of main crops with better financial gains and to support pollinators like bees.

“A good way to think of this is like a tool in your toolbox. Each (cover crop) species can do things well and other things not so well,” said Mr. Morrison.

He offered examples that species like clover, some peas and beans can add nitrogen to the soil if a farmer feels they need more of that nutrient, and if they have issues with their soil getting compacted and not allowing water to seep into the root area, they may consider growing items with deep taproots like radishes to loosen the soil.

It was in 2019 that Mr. Morrison decided to run a survey across Manitoba about cover crop usage, because this had never been studied in detail across the prairies. The 211 responses vastly outpaced their expectations of 30 and they expanded across the three prairie provinces.

Part-way through the expanded study, Ontario Cover Crop Steering Committee contacted Mr. Morrison and asked him to further extend the process to this province.

Mr. Morrison completed an undergraduate degree at Scotland’s Royal University College in agricultural science, then wrote an undergraduate thesis through an



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**KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Employment Opportunity**

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCFs) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCFs honours and supports our families' and community's inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs.

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

**Case Aide – Three (3) Full-Time Positions
Location: (2) Manitoulin and (1) Sudbury
Salary Range: \$49,572 - \$60,967**

Under the supervision of the Service Supervisor, the incumbent is responsible to coordinate and facilitate access visits between children and their family members, providing services on the continuum of access arrangements and assist staff in providing direct support services to children, youth and families.

Education:

Two (2) year Social Service Worker, Child and Youth Worker diploma or other diploma in the social services field from an accredited institution, with relevant experience.

Experience:

Relevant experience working with children and families, preferably in child welfare and/or social services.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge of relevant legislation, regulations and Ministry standards;
- Good understanding of the agency's values, service philosophy and objectives;
- Knowledge of child maltreatment, child development, attachment and separation, and family dynamics;
- Demonstrated clinical and counselling skills to provide assessment, engagement and support services to families and children;
- Demonstrated cultural competency social service work practice within an Anishinaabe Organization;
- Knowledge of evidence-based social service work practice;
- Familiarity with community resources;
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and within a team;
- Demonstrated problem solving, planning, priority-setting and conflict resolution skills;
- Demonstrated presentation skills to represent the agency in the community setting;
- Demonstrated interpersonal and collaboration skills to coordinate effectively with a broad variety of community resources;
- Must have the ability to maintain confidentiality of agency and client information at all times;
- Extensive knowledge and proficient competence of computer software;
- Possess and maintain a valid Class "G" Driver's Licence and personal insurance coverage with access to a reliable vehicle;
- Demonstrated ability to work in a fast-paced work environment and to deal with stressful situations;
- Demonstrated ability to work with clients including working with individuals who are dealing with mental health, addiction and poverty issues.

DEADLINE: THIS IS A POOLED POSTING AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL POSITIONS ARE FILLED

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

Please submit your application marked "Confidential – Case Aide – Manitoulin/Sudbury." Include in your application a cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment-related from recent employers. Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience and cultural participation. Applications are accepted and in the following order of preference: by email or fax at

Human Resources – Confidential
Case Aide – Manitoulin/Sudbury
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue,
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
705-859-2195
Email: hr@kgcf.org

KGCFs services is based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates (please self-identify).

Miigwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to submit the following: satisfactory Criminal Reference Check (within three months of application date), Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract.



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**CULTURAL ENAADAAMAAGET
LOCATION: SUDBURY
SALARY RANGE \$43,376 - \$53,347**

Under the direction of the Service Supervisor, the Cultural Enaadaamaaget will work collaboratively with the Cultural Coordinator to implement the annual work plan / annual calendar.

The Cultural Enaadaamaaget will work in collaborative cooperation with the Cultural Coordinator in the delivery of job functions to assist children, families, staff and community partners for the preservation and promotion of traditional practices within member First Nations, to strengthen the cultural identity for children, families and staff, and ensure children stay connected with their culture, language and community.

QUALIFICATIONS and EXPERIENCE

- Must possess a minimum of two-year college diploma from an accredited college in a discipline related to Anishinaabe Studies.
- Minimum of three (3) years of experience in the delivery of services to Anishinaabe children and their families or a comparable social service program. However, a combination of skills, work experience and life learning experiences may be considered.
- Preference for an individual living a traditional lifestyle, and learning being a life-long journey in pursuing to further learn traditional Anishinaabe lifestyle.
- Must be willing to continue to learn the Anishinaabemowin language.
- Active participation in the Anishinaabe community especially with building knowledge of the teachings from the medicine wheel will be of significant consideration.
- Prior work experience for placing of Indigenous practices, approaches and methods integral to the design of Social Work practices and principles and Anishinaabe-based methods that will help families achieve a healthier lifestyle and safe well-being.
- An individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with understanding, practice and sharing of Anishinaabe history, clan system, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions, ceremonies, principles and values is preferred, these qualities having resulted in maturity and good judgement.
- Excellent communication skills, written skills for completion of documents and reports, oral, facilitator and presentation.
- Working knowledge of computer equipment and programs, e.g. – Microsoft Office: Word, Outlook, Excel, Power Point and Frontline System/Penlieu.
- Must possess strong organization, evaluation and problem-solving skills.
- Must possess a valid Ontario G Driver's Licence, own vehicle and be willing to travel and proof of vehicle insurance.
- Must provide a clear Police Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract and must be alcohol and drug free for a period of at least four years.

DEADLINE: OPEN RECRUITMENT

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Please submit your application marked "Confidential – Cultural Enaadaamaaget – Sudbury." Include in your application a cover letter, resume and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers.

Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience and cultural participation. Applications are accepted and in the following order of preference: by email, fax or in person, at

Human Resources – CONFIDENTIAL
CULTURAL ENAADAAMAAGET - Sudbury
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
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KENJGEWIN TEG EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING TEAM MEMBERS INTERESTED IN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO STUDENTS AND BEING PART OF AN ORGANIZATION WITH AMAZING TEAM MEMBERS!

Kenjgewin Teg team members work collaboratively to inspire students to find their gifts to further success in the world! We are currently recruiting for the following five (5) positions:

Dean of Pathways, Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training, Social Worker, Academic Technologist, and Health and Wellness Program Coordinator

DEAN OF PATHWAYS – Full-Time

Classification: EX2 Division Manager/Salary Grade Band M

UnderHire Level Salary Range:
68,497 – 76,108 – 83,719

Qualified Level Salary Range:
78,733 – 87,480 – 96,229

Advanced Qualifications Salary Range:
88,967 – 98,852 – 108,738

Position Objective:

To act as an academic and student services leader by providing programming delivery supervision, coordination, administration, and financial budgeting, while monitoring and reporting on key achievement and program deliverables including data management; ensuring integrity of wellness programs and services that are in alignment with Anishinaabe Aadziwin Learning (AOLO) theory and instructional method.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must possess a minimum Bachelors of Education;
- A member in good standing with the Ontario College of Teachers;
- Minimum of five years' substantial experience in a management role; and
- Possess Ontario Principal's Qualification (Part I and Part II).

DEAN OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING – Full-Time

Classification: Manager M3 Program Head/Salary Grade Band L

UnderHire Level Salary Range:
64,468 – 71,631 – 78,793

Qualified Level Salary Range:
74,101 – 82,334 – 90,567

Advanced Qualifications Salary Range:
83,734 – 93,038 – 102,341

Position Objective:

The Dean of Post-Secondary Education (PSE) and Training will be responsible to provide strategic leadership and supervision of post-secondary programs in collaboration with employees and external partners, ensuring all students and community are provided with education and support services in a welcoming, learning environment. The Dean of PSE and Training will also ensure an organizational-wide marketing strategy that ensures the organization is represented in a consistent, professional manner through policies and guidelines.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Possess an undergraduate degree in education or business; and
- Minimum of four years of management experience in an adult learning environment, preferably in the Indigenous education sector.

SOCIAL WORKER – Full-Time

Classification: Specialist SP2 Program/Service Delivery Specialist/Salary Grade Band G

UnderHire Level Salary Range:
45,306 – 50,341 – 55,375

Qualified Level Salary Range:
52,076 – 57,862 – 63,649

Advanced Qualifications Salary Range:
58,846 – 65,384 – 71,922

Position Objective:

The Social Worker provides school-based mental health services and support to students of Kenjgewin Teg. This position works as part of the Student Services Team, and will liaise with external resources, in support of student needs.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must possess a minimum Bachelors of Social Work;
- Registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers;
- Minimum five years' work experience in the social work field;
- Mental Health First Aid;
- SafeTALK; and
- ASIST.

ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGIST – One Year Contract

Classification: Specialist SP4 Business Development Specialist/Salary Grade Band I

UnderHire Level Salary Range:
51,146 – 56,829 – 62,512

Qualified Level Salary Range:
58,789 – 65,321 – 71,854

Advanced Qualifications Salary Range:
66,432 – 73,813 – 81,194

Position Objective:

An experienced academic technology professional. This is a highly visible role with demonstrated experience in designing instruction, coaching and staff development and providing thought leadership in state of the art uses of technology in education. The Academic Technologist will lead the roadmap for a successful implementation of innovative technology solutions for Kenjgewin Teg Staff and Students.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must possess minimum diploma in technology or degree in education;
- Minimum of three years' experience with instructional technology supporting faculty within a learning environment or minimum three years' experience classroom teaching experience; and
- Knowledge and experience designing learning opportunities in the Brightspace LMS and use of Microsoft Education ecosystem including the management of those environments.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM COORDINATOR – Contract to December 2022

Classification: Program Services PSC3 Team Leader Operational Support/Salary Grade Band F

UnderHire Level Salary Range:
41,106 – 45,673 – 50,240

Qualified Level Salary Range:
47,248 – 52,498 – 57,748

Advanced Qualifications Salary Range:
47,934 – 59,322 – 64,935

Position Objective:

Under the direction of the Dean of Post-Secondary Education, the Programs Coordinator – Health and Wellness ensures lifelong learning programs of Kenjgewin Teg designed for health professionals include Anishinaabe traditional knowledge and are delivered in accordance with the organization's quality assurance standards and procedures. As a critical position supporting growth of Kenjgewin Teg as an Indigenous Institute in Ontario, appreciation and/or practice of Kendmoowin - Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bmaadziwin in health and wellness perspectives is critical.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Diploma within the health and wellness sector, or proven work-related experience in a coordinator capacity;
- Minimum of two years of program coordination experience;
- Program management and/or program budget planning experience;
- High level of proficiency with the Microsoft Office suite of software; and
- Preference given to applicants demonstrating Anishnabek traditional knowledge; Kendmoowin – Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bimaadziwin.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS AT humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca.

Application Deadline: Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 12 noon

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of:

Cover letter, detailed resume, three current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential through email at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca, or by mail, to:

Kenjgewin Teg
"HR – List Position Title"
c/o Director of Operations
374 Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON POP 1G0

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute's Fitness for Duty Program is implemented which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace.

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive within the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging.

Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection Of Privacy Act, 1987.

Death Notices

NORA BENTON

(nee Message)

February 24, 1935 – March 12, 2021



It is with great sadness that the family of Nora Benton announces her peaceful passing on Friday, March 12, 2021 at the Mindemoya Hospital, surrounded by family. Nora was born in Spalding, Lincolnshire and immigrated to Canada with her husband in 1957. They settled in and around the Creemore area before finally settling in Collingwood and working as a nurse. Nora and Maurice moved to Little Current in 2001 to be near their daughter and grandchildren. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend to many. Nora will be remembered by her children Graham, Judith (Wayne) and Michael, grandchildren Rebecca (Kevin), Stephen, Jenna, Alia, Nate, Shane (Jessica), David (Whitney), Ashley (Ryan), Amber (Dan), Stephen (Tish), Leah-Anne and Tiffany, great-granchildren Avery, Aeden, Kallan, Olivia, Jonathan, Samantha, Olive, Oliver, Arlo, Kiera, Owen, Mavis, Sophie, Jaylyn, Lila and Landen. As per her wishes, cremation has taken place. A private family gathering will be held at a later date. Please donate to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in her memory.

ARTHUR GARNET CRAWFORD

April 4, 1936 - March 15, 2021



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Arthur Garnet Crawford on March 15, 2021. In memory of Art Crawford of M'Chigeeng, Manitoulin Island at the age of 84. Father of Terry Durno (Leslie) and grandfather of Sebastian Gamble. Predeceased by his wife Jacqueline (Jackie) Debassige (2010). Art was born in Montreal and in early adulthood managed Angus Meadow Farm at Britannia (Mississauga) and Smithville before joining Manitoulin Transport until his retirement. Art loved his family, Northern Ontario and outdoor activities. Art is predeceased by his parents William (Bill) (1976) and Virtue (1996) and siblings Douglas (2013), Bryan (2007) and Susan (1978). He is survived by his brother Ronald (Dorothy) of Tasso Lake and sister Sharon (Jack) Leslie of Smith Falls and numerous nieces and nephews. At Arthur's request there will be no service. Cremation has taken place.

SUSAN JANE MORROW

July 8, 1949 - March 8, 2021



In loving memory of Susan Jane Morrow who passed away peacefully at the age of 71 with her family by her side at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home on March 8, 2021. Susan was born July 8, 1949 at the Manitowaning Indian Hospital and was a member of the Sucker Lake Reserve until 1957. Susan was the daughter of Edward Clark and Mary Wilhelm, both predeceased. Susan was a homemaker and dedicated her life to raising her children, grandchildren and other children through many caretaking roles. Susan enjoyed attending with her children and grandchildren to watch their sports and volunteered at their school events. Susan was a dedicated hockey and baseball fan and enjoyed cheering on her children and grandchildren. Susan enjoyed the simple things in life such as playing cards, having tea and visiting with company. She was famous for her homemade chocolate cake that was a special request at many of her granddaughter Kaylee's school events. Susan was known for her kind, gentle, caring manner and wonderful smile and laughter. Susan will be lovingly remembered by her husband Ralph Morrow, children Denise (Henry), Don and Greg (Laurie). Proud grandmother to Kaylee, Xavier, Jordan, Brek and Bradley. Susan will be remembered by her siblings Mary Clark, Lalona Skupin, Myrna Croall, Jean Clark, Louise Clark, Nancy Clark, James Clark (predeceased), Judith Clark (predeceased), Gloria Clark (predeceased) and David Clark (predeceased), along with sister-in-law Nancy Davidson (Will). As per Susan's wishes there will be no service. Donations to the Wikwemikong Nursing Home or Alzheimer's Society of Sudbury-Manitoulin are appreciated in memory of Susan. Susan's family would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Wikwemikong nursing home staff for Susan's care and support provided for her family.

...Researcher seeks Northern Ontario farmers' cover crop input

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exchange at University of Arkansas. He hitchhiked into Canada for a brief trip to meet farmers across the border, then later returned to this country on a working holiday visa.

A master's degree in sustainable plant health followed at University of Edinburgh in his native Scotland, before beginning his Ph.D. in agronomy, specializing in cover crops, at University of Manitoba.

In relation to companion planting being a traditional method of sustainable harvest, Mr. Morrison said he would be interested to hear how Indigenous farmers are using such practices. He has worked with Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario to help amplify the survey.

"This survey is supposed to reflect the entire-

ty of agriculture in Ontario. We've heard from organic and non-organic growers, massive farms of thousands of acres, small ones, those with livestock and others without. If there are Indigenous farmers on Manitoulin, I want to hear their input and hear what they're doing; they're also important," he said.

The deadline for growers to complete the survey is April 1, but he said he may be able to accommodate a handful of responses after that date if a few trickle in.

He is separating Northern and southern Ontario, and for the purposes of his survey will be including Muskoka and Haliburton with Northern Ontario because the growing conditions are more similar to the North.

Of the 600-some responses in Ontario, only 10

percent have been from the North; 23 used cover crops but the other 36 did not grow such crops.

Non-cover-crop responses are further divided into those who have never grown cover crops and never intend to do so, those who have not grown it but may be interested in the future, and those who are not currently using any cover crops but have in the past. Mr. Morrison stressed that hearing from those who do not grow cover crops is equally as important as those who do use them.

To access the survey, visit SurveyMonkey.com/r/OntarioCoverCrop. It should take roughly 15 minutes to complete, though it will be shorter for those who grow cover crops. Mr. Morrison hopes to get 1,000 responses by April 1.

notice

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

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+ in memoriam

CHATWELL —In loving memory of William (Bill) Chatwell, March 28, 2017. Our lives go on without you But nothing is the same, We have to hide our heartaches When someone mentions your name. You did so many things for us, Your heart was kind and true. When we needed someone, We could always count on you. Sad are the hearts that love you, Silent are the tears that fall. Living our lives without you, Is the hardest part of all. The special times will not return When we were all together, But with the love within our hearts You will walk with us forever. Gone from our home But never our hearts. Loving you forever, wife Vera, children Bill and Melanie, Bob and Lee, Kim and Bev, Kerry and Sandra, Bonnie and Myke, Connie and Mike, grandchildren and great-grandchildren 45c

MONTGOMERY —In memory of David John Montgomery, born February 10, 1947, passed on March 29, 2018. It's hard to believe that three years are gone Since the sad day God called you home. You're never forgotten and never will be, And I long for the day your face I will see. Always loved and badly missed by wife Sharon and children Debbie and Billy, plus all who knew him 45c

thank you

The family of Edna Leeson would like to thank the compassionate and dedicated medical team at the Manitoulin Health Centre and the staff at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor for taking such good care of Mom. In addition, we would like to thank everyone who telephoned us to provide encouragement and support, sent flowers and sympathy cards, donated to her favourite charities and all the condolences we received on the Island Funeral Home website and on our own personal email and social media accounts. Cheryl, Wilberta and Perry 45c

Our heartfelt thanks for the cards, emails, phone calls, flowers, food and generous donations given in memory of Bill. We also extend our appreciation to the doctors and staff at the Medical Centre and Manitoulin Lodge for the kind and wonderful care and comfort they provided to Bill. God bless. Cathy, Chris, Kim, Laurie and families 45c

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notice



Township of BILLINGS

The 2020 Kagawong Water Treatment Plant Summary and Annual Report is available on the Township of Billings website at www.billingstwp.ca under Public Documents.

If you require this document in a more accessible format please call the Township of Billings Municipal Office at (705) 282-2611 x 221 or email billingsadmin@billingstwp.ca.

notice

MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN TENDER FOR GRAVEL

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Those 75+ not yet eligible for COVID-19 vaccines in Sudbury-Manitoulin

MANITOULIN—There was much confusion Monday morning, March 22, when those in the 75 and over age category of the Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) catchment area attempted to log or call in to the health unit to register for their COVID-19 vaccine, only to find out they couldn't. A spokesperson for PHSD told The Expositor Monday that, for now, the focus for vaccinations and registration remains age 80 and over.

Last week the province announced that effective Monday, March 22, residents 75 and up (as of 2021) could register for the vaccine. This is not the case for residents of Sudbury-Manitoulin.

A Monday press release from the PHSD states it will "soon announce when those who are at least 75 in 2021 can begin booking appointments locally for COVID-19 vaccines. On Friday, the Ontario government announced that its online booking system would open on March 22 for individuals aged 75. This did not signal the start of eligibility for this age group across the province. PHSD anticipates clinics for this age group to begin next week. Information about how to book appointments will be issued in the coming days."

Last week, mass vaccination clinics were held for those in the 80 plus category and on Monday, M'Chigeeng began vaccinations for all its adults 18 and over.

To register for the COVID-19 vaccine, for now if you are 80 plus, visit www.surveymonkey.ca/r/vaccineappointment or call 1-800-708-2505 if you are unable to pre-register online. Those who have pre-registered will be randomly selected to receive the vaccine and will be contacted with details on how to book an appointment.

The Expositor will release details of the vaccine rollout for the 75-79 group (and others) as soon as they become available.



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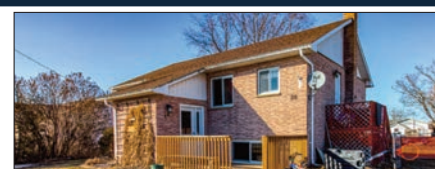
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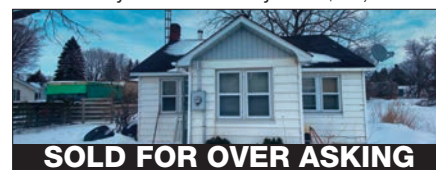
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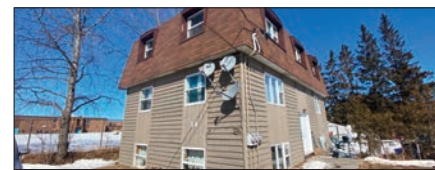
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- 4 Bedroom Home
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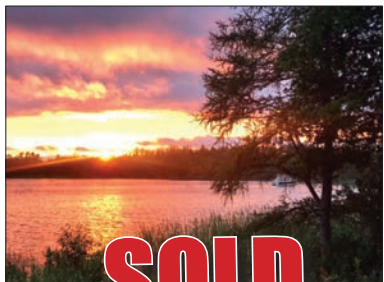
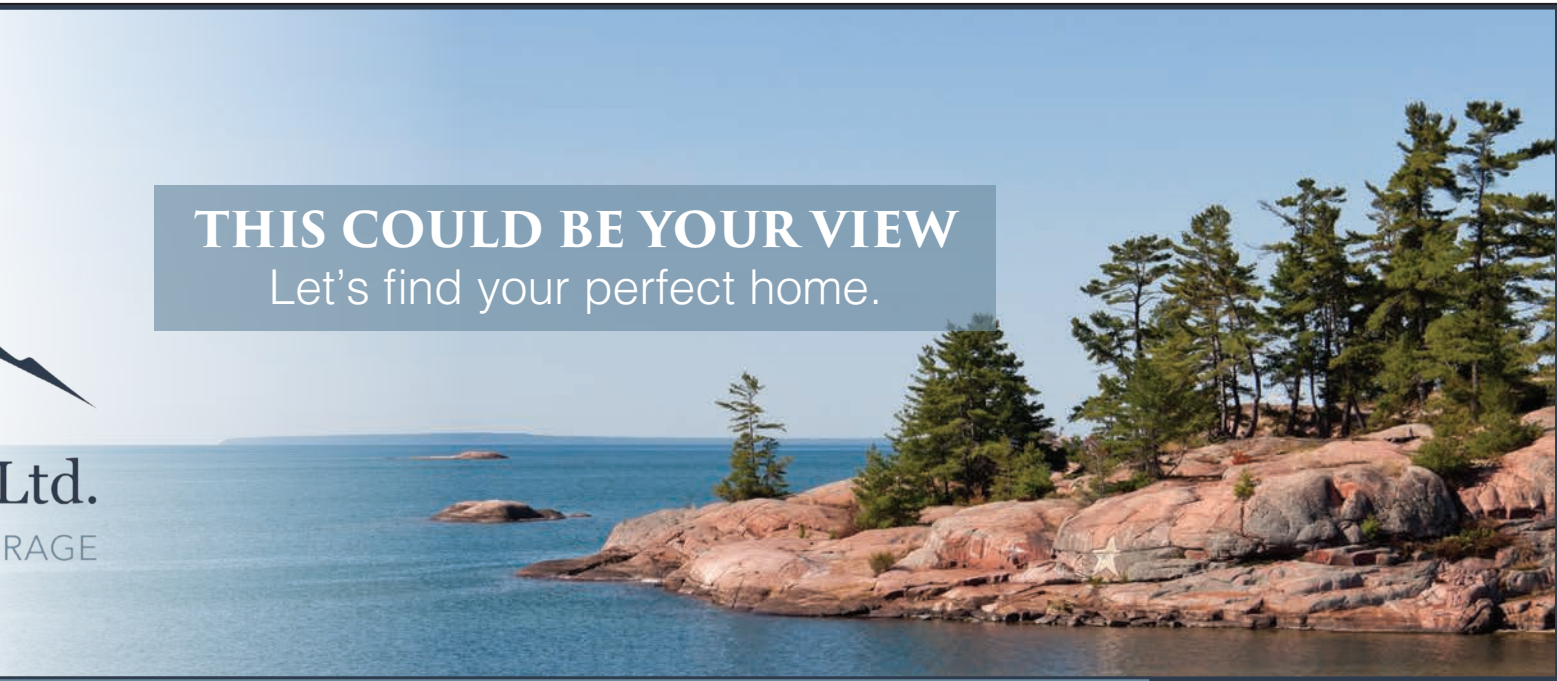
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WATERFRONT FOR SALE! - Vacant 1.6 acre waterfront lot in area of year-round homes & cottages on South Bay, Manitoulin Island. Excellent fishing, boating & outdoor recreation activities await. Boat-launch nearby. The Ferry terminal is only a 10 min drive away. Property has a driveway built & an area cleared ready for a build site. Enjoy 200+ ft of shoreline, wonderful sunset views & catch the comings & goings of the MS Chi-Cheemaun in the distance to the south! Call for more details. MLS#2092579



950 SQ. FT. 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!!!! - This cottage located in a park setting at the north end of Mindemoya Lake is just a short walk to the nice sand bottom waterfront access which is very kid-friendly. The cottage features a large deck, a forced-air electric furnace as well as a propane free standing metal stove for heating. Asking \$115,000. MLS#2085649



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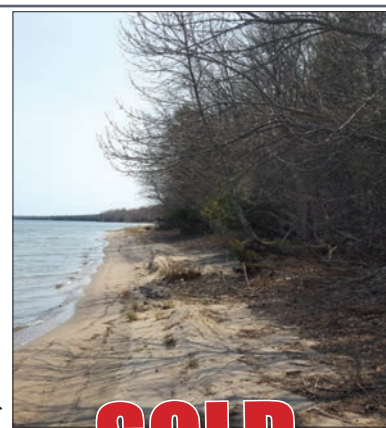
MANITOWANING SECLUDED HOME

Quonset garage with loft on 1.8 acres. School across the road. Orchard with apple & plum trees also, wild asparagus, rhubarb & raspberries. Big kitchen, vaulted ceiling in family room, fireplace, 2 patios & lots of shade from trees. Asking \$349,000. MLS#2088424

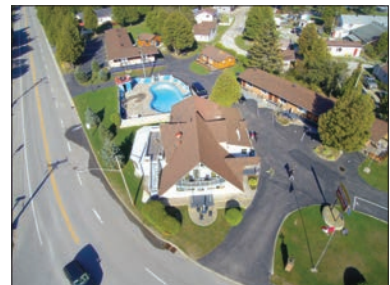


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MANITOWANING Bungalow with double garage, approx. 180 ft frontage on Bay and 0.708 acres of land. Good neighbours, secluded, amazing views of Bay, good fishing, big yard for gardening and golf course is in walking distance. Asking \$349,000. MLS#2092533



TRULY SOLD



SOUTH BAYMOUTH BUSINESS - Huron Motor Lodge - turnkey operation. Located directly across from ferry dock. Great financial statements. Asking \$1,400,000. MLS#2085430

TRULY SOLD **CULAR WATERFRONT POINT SITE** - Mature hardwood forest & spectacular sand beach together with over 1,000 ft shoreline & 3+ acres of land offered with this fine waterfront site. Views to the north, east & west well compliment this exceptional North Channel building site situated on the point of Pristine Point. Very private natural setting with covenants on title preserving the natural heritage while allowing for cottage or home construction. Access by municipal road, Ontario Hydro underground cable power and Bell telephone service to the lot line. Asking \$279,000. MLS#2092512



NORTH CHANNEL LAKEFRONT ON BAY OF ISLANDS DR. - Building lot in desirable prime residential waterfront community within minutes of Whitefish Falls, ON. Features a driveway, telephone & hydro services available. Year-round road. Enjoy world class boating & sailing. Build your dream home or cottage! MLS#2087533



WATERFRONT FARM/ACREAGE - This home farm, known as Pleasant Valley Farms, includes a 5 bdrm house (as is), many out-buildings, & 2 bank barns. 310 acres of Pasture, cleared workable land (80 acres), & wooded areas perfect for hunting. Plenty of deer!! Property also has 2500 ft frontage of private sand beach on Lake Kagawong! Call today!! MLS#2090204



AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE OVER AN ESTABLISHED EGG GRADING OPERATION - The house has a small orchard out front & has seen continuous upgrades including Geothermal. Two drilled wells provide good potable water. Pasture 70 acres, bush 28 acres, several out-buildings. Owner is prepared to assist in the transition of licence. Properties are separately deeded, farm & chattels can be purchased separately. MLS#2092616



LACLOCHE MOUNTAIN RESORT ON CHARLTON LAKE IN WHITEFISH FALLS!!!!

- This resort known as Bearskin Lodge and Outfitters comes turnkey with 9 rustic 2 & 3 bdrm log cabins as well as an owners' residence & another cabin, they allow friends & workers to stay. The housekeeping cottages each have their own hydro panels & each have their own bathrooms & appliances that are relatively new with upgraded wiring. Asking \$975,000. MLS#2077603



AFFORDABLE TURNKEY 4 SEASON COTTAGE!!!!

- This affordable turnkey 3 bdrm cottage on leased land is fully insulated, less than 10 years old & can be used year-round. The very large corner lot comes with large decks, many storage sheds & 2 driveways. Access to the sand bottom lake is a very short walk. Almost all contents including pullout couch, quality furnishings, dishes, etc. are included at a price of only \$139,000!!!! MLS#2087348

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The minute you walk into the J.A Rolston Ltd., Brokerage and see Lori's smiling face, you'll feel right at home. Lori Edwards was born and raised in New Liskeard, Ontario and moved to Manitoulin Island in August of 1989, where she finished her last two years of high school. She later graduated from Sault College. Lori worked various secretarial and bookkeeping jobs before signing on full time at Rolston's in July of 2001. After twenty years of being on the front line at the



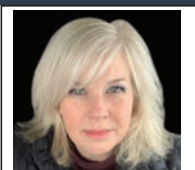
real estate office, she is very well versed in the administrative aspects of the real estate business and often gets accused of doing all the work. Lori loves the small town vibe the island has to offer and for Steve's sake, hopefully never retires. Lori adds a very welcoming and comfortable experience to the office in her executive administrative position!



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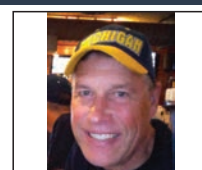
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