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editorial

Returning 'from away?' Get in the house and stay put!

Over the next couple of weeks, thousands of snowbirds are returning from their annual migration back to their homes, camps and cottages across Manitoulin Island, joining over a million citizens who have made the pilgrimage following the prime minister's call to return home.

Few had any reason to think that this season would be so very different from past years, although some were exhibiting a somewhat less-than-sound judgement when they set out in the midst of dire global warnings of the dangers of a pandemic.

There has been plenty of blaming and shaming going on, particularly online in "social?" media. On the international stage we have stood witness to the provocative "China-virus" terminology used, albeit lamely, by the so-called diplomacy-challenged and now increasingly tarnished so-called leader of the free world balanced by the equally intemperate claims by at least one Chinese official attempting to foist the origins of COVID-19 on an American soldier.

A patient struggling for breath while lying on a



The municipal sign welcoming those coming on to Manitoulin has a stark warning for those who have been away—'self-isolate' is the only message this normally busy digital screen has these days.

gurney in an overwhelmed hospital hallway, stranded in a medical facility bereft of enough ventilators to provide them with the breath of life, might be forgiven for suggesting a pox upon on both their houses—it doesn't matter who is to blame. It is here, it is growing and it is deadly.

We are hearing increasing reports of people who have returned from overseas and south of the border not taking this matter seriously. For those people the message today is simple. Don't regale us with how you are feeling fine, don't

assume you are immune, you are not. Neither are the three percent who will die thanks such self-centred and delusional denial such as yours.

We are gathering resources and engaging volunteers to ensure that you can weather out a two-week quarantine safe and sound in your own home. You do not need to go out—we have your back, please have ours.

If you are coming home from outside the country or have been exposed to someone with the COVID-19 virus: STAY HOME! It is not only the law, it is the right thing to do.

Manitoulin Health Centre establishes COVID-19 assessment centres for both Mindemoya and L. Current

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) implemented a major component of its COVID-19 readiness plan this past Friday, March 20 with the launch of designated external screening facilities at both the Little Current and Mindemoya hospital sites to test possible cases of the virus away from the main hospital, a move that will lower the risk

of the coronavirus spreading within the hospital compared to having the tests conducted internally.

"Primary care providers, all the staff at the hospital, the managers and everyone have come together to develop this centre and work towards containing it on the Island; it's been quite impressive," said MHC VP of clinical

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The Little Current COVID-19 assessment centre is located on the hospital grounds in the former withdrawal management services building.

photo by Warren Schlote

M'Chigeeng Chief Linda Debassige initiates fundraising for more Manitoulin ventilators

Currently one for each of Little Current and Mindemoya sites

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—An Island-wide fundraising push started by M'Chigeeng First Nation to provide more ventilator capacity at Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has already raised enough in donations to cover the cost of two units and the organizers say they hope two more can be purchased to bring Manitoulin's unit total to six.

"We want to ensure that we support our local hospitals and staff to be able to provide the best medical treatment as possible," stated M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige in a March 18 letter sent to Island municipalities, First Nations, organizations and businesses.

MHC board member Derek Debassige, who runs Manitoulin Physio, was trying to find ways to support the hospital during this challenging time. He partnered with Ogimaa-kwe Debassige and M'Chigeeng health services manager Roger Beaudin, and their group consulted MHC VP of clinical services and chief nursing officer Paula Fields as to the best way to support Island hospitals.

"In keeping with the Manitoulin Collaborative and wanting to ensure Manitoulin's communi-

ties are safe and remain as healthy as possible, they volunteered to do this. (Ogimaa-kwe Debassige) took it upon herself to put together this letter and submitted it to chiefs, businesses and municipalities and they have kindly kicked it off with a very generous gift," said MHC president and CEO Lynn Foster.

This campaign was inspired by the COVID-19 pandemic. Although most people will get mild symptoms of the coronavirus, this disease can cause extreme breathing difficulties in those who contract

it. Complications are more likely in patients who come from vulnerable populations such as elders and those with pre-existing health issues.

Ventilators are essentially artificial breathing machines for people whose lungs are not fully functional. They blow air into the lungs via a tube which is normally inserted into the mouth or nose.

These machines have adjustable settings for the amount of airflow as well as the proportion of oxygen in each assisted breath.

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Wiikwemkoong council supports fish stocking

Chief and council pass resolution favouring stocking territorial waters

by Michael Erskine

WIIKWEMKOONG—On February 10, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory council passed a band council resolution (BCR) put forward by tourism manager Luke Wassegijig authorizing the exploration of fish stocking in the waters surrounding their territories.

"(The BCR) was based on reports coming out of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the reports coming back from community members fishing in our waters," said Ogimaa Duke Peltier. "Ensuring that fish stocks are not low is of

benefit for tourism and community members who are fishing to provide for their families." Ogimaa Peltier also referenced the Wiikwemkoong partnership with this newspaper in the annual Manitoulin Ice Showdown that had proven to be an outstanding success this winter.

"We want to ensure that we take good care of our waters," he said. "It is even more important in today's new reality where we are seeing challenges in keeping grocery stores stocked."

"Basically it was to look at engaging in fish

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Island communities make plans to ensure 'vulnerable people' at home cared for during COVID-19 crisis

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—To ensure as many people stay safe, healthy and secure during the outbreak, groups have emerged around Manitoulin to organize volunteer efforts and ensure the Island's

most vulnerable citizens—elders, those with compromised immune systems, individuals with mobility issues or people facing other challenges—are well taken care of in challenging times.

"We have a pandemic plan and chief and council and our directors have been following that. We have launched a surveillance system for community members who can't get out or don't have access to technology and some community members will go around and see if anyone needs anything," said Nicole Bush, health director at Sheshegwaning First Nation.

Sheshegwaning has brought in a flag system—vulnerable persons are provided with a coloured flag. If they are in need of anything, they put up the appropriate flag so community members can help address their needs.

The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island has closed its doors and has pared down to

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Public Health Sudbury and Districts confirms fourth case of COVID-19

EDITOR'S NOTE: As of press time Monday, there were four confirmed cases in the Sudbury-Manitoulin District. However, as this is a rapidly changing situation, please visit Manitoulin.ca for the news as it happens.

SUDBURY—On Monday, March 23, Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Sudbury and Districts Medical Officer of Health reported that a woman in her 70s is the fourth confirmed case of COVID-19 in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts. The case is travel-related and is not related to previously reported cases.

"We know that this individual wore a mask during all of her air travels and immediately self-isolated as a precaution upon returning to Canada—she carefully followed all current public health direction," said Dr. Sutcliffe. "We are working closely with the individual to identify any contacts who require follow-up from public health."

The individual remains in self-isolation at home where she has been isolated since

her return to Canada. She was assessed and tested at Health Sciences North's COVID-19 assessment centre on March 18. Staff took all necessary precautions for infection control, testing and assessment.

The individual travelled on international and domestic flights.

International flight: March 17: Fort Myers (Florida) to Toronto Pearson Airport on Air Canada flight AC1975. Passengers in rows 22 to 26 and flight crew that may have served these rows are considered close contacts of the confirmed case and are directed to self-isolate immediately for 14 days from arrival.

Domestic flight: March 17: Toronto Pearson Airport to Greater Sudbury Airport on Air Canada flight AC8611. Passengers in rows 1 to 4 and flight crew that may have served these rows are considered close contacts of the confirmed case and are directed to self-isolate immediately for 14 days from arrival. All other persons on this flight are directed to self-monitor for 14

days and contact Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) or their local public health authority for assessment and direction.

"With an increase in returning travellers from abroad, it is critical that anyone who travelled outside of the country follow the direction to self-isolate for 14 days from their return. This means going home and staying home. Friends and family of returning travellers need to do any essential shopping, such as for grocery or pharmacy supplies," said Dr. Sutcliffe. "Do not go to work or public places. This direction is critical to reducing the spread of COVID-19."

What everyone must do

Practice social distancing (physical distancing) to reduce the opportunity for the virus to spread from person to person, and to protect our health care system and vulnerable populations. Everyone is asked to stay home unless essential to do otherwise and to keep two metres from each other

when you must go out.

On Saturday, March 21, Dr. Sutcliffe reported the district's third case of COVID-19, a woman in her 40s. The case is also travel-related and not related to the previously reported cases, a press release from PHSD confirms.

The individual travelled on international and domestic flights.

International flight: March 10: Geneva into Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport on Air Canada flight AC835. Passengers in rows 18-22 and flight crew that may have served these rows are considered close contacts of the confirmed case. These individuals in addition to all people who have travelled outside of Canada are directed to self-isolate for 14 days from their arrival in Canada.

Domestic flights include the following: March 10: Montréal into Toronto's Pearson International Airport on Air Canada, flight AC421. Passengers in rows 40-44 and flight

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M'Chigeeng Votes

EDITOR'S NOTE: The M'Chigeeng First Nation election is this Saturday, March 28. During every Island First Nation election, The Expositor interviews candidates running for chief. Candidate Linda Debassige was unable to provide comment by press deadline.

Standing for chief are incumbent Linda Debassige and Terry Jeffrey Debassige, whose interview follows below.

Standing for band councillor are Charles Beaudin, incumbent Jessie Charles Beaudin, Robert Beaudin, Brian Bisson, incumbent Dennis Corbiere, Jeanine H. Debassige, Martin (Relic) Debassige, Sam Debassige, Joe Hare, incumbent Thomas Hare, incumbent Daughness Migwans and incumbent Henry Panamick Sr.

Anishinaabe people are at a crossroads

Candidate for chief Terry Debassige has spent many years assisting band members in navigating the byzantine corridors of the Indian Act for band members seeking documentation; now he plans to use those skills and knowledge in order to help his community navigate the dangerous waters ahead.

"I have been asked to run for many years," he said during a telephone interview with The Expositor. "It is not an easy job."

Mr. Debassige pointed out that "as Anishinaabe people we are at a critical juncture in our treaty relationship with Canada. The way things are currently set up, we are about to lose everything."

He noted that there are many misconceptions about that relationship prevalent in mainstream



Terry Jeffrey Debassige
Candidate, M'Chigeeng chief

society and media. "I just heard a TVO program where a person from the legal department of the Government of Canada was talking about us, he said that native people are a conquered people," he said. "If people know their history, they know that Canada itself does not hold valid international title to the land. That's the elephant in the room. Canada is

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Jordyn Fitzgerald appointed as executive director of 4elements

KAGAWONG—4elements Living Arts announced last week that its board of directors has appointed Jordyn Fitzgerald as executive director, effective immediately.

Born and raised in Sudbury, Ms. Fitzgerald has been visiting Manitoulin for over 10 years and

moved here this past summer. She holds a degree from Ivey Business School and is a maker and artist herself, specializing in weaving and writing.

Susan Snelling, chair of the 4elements board of directors, says "4elements Living Arts is happy to welcome Jordyn in this leadership role. She will bring a great deal of skill, energy and innovation to our organization."

Ms. Fitzgerald says, "I'm honoured to help continue the legacy of 4elements. The board has done an excellent job over the past few years in the face of changes in the organization and in the arts sector as a whole. I'm looking forward to working with them, as well as with communities across Manitoulin."



Jordyn Fitzgerald

4elements has some exciting projects planned for this year, including Re-Imagining Canada Day, Elemental Festival and its mobile studio build.

Elemental Festival is scheduled for September 25 to 27.

The mobile studio is a project funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation with the goal of bringing artists, art and programming to communities across Manitoulin. Ms. Fitzgerald says, "The mobile studio's a really exciting project. I'm curious to see what sort of collaborations will come from it. We'll share more information soon about artist residency opportunities for the mobile studio."

Founded in 2002 by Sophie Edwards and colleagues in response to the need for creative spaces for artists, art exhibitions and programming in local communities, 4elements Living Arts has a mission to nurture and inspire community engagement in land-based arts on Manitoulin Island.

ETFO reaches tentative deal with province OSSTF to pause job action indefinitely due to COVID-19

by Warren Schlote

QUEEN'S PARK—The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and the government of Ontario announced late Friday, March 20 that they had reached a tentative contract agreement which, if ratified, would put an end to the strikes impacting Manitoulin Island's elementary schools.

This has been a very prolonged and difficult bargaining process," said ETFO president Sam Hammond. "We are very grateful for the support and unwavering solidarity of our members, and the public who have continued to stand up for public education and the supports that our students and educators need now and in the future."

ETFO has come to terms with Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and the Council of Trustees' Associations. The details will not be

made public before union members get to vote on the proposed agreement.

"This tentative ETFO agreement builds further momentum for deals and progress that students deserve, following last week's tentative agreement signed with the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA). We remain focused on landing further deals, to provide stability and certainty to students, parents and educators," said Ontario Education Minister Stephen Lecce in a press release.

"This is a good deal, and the time is now to build momentum to get further deals to end this process, so that we can remain as a community and a society and a government squarely focused on what matters which is keeping your child safe and building the best education system in the country," he added in a

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Ontario, TVO take public education online

by Warren Schlote

ONTARIO—A joint press release between Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Education Minister Stephen Lecce held last Friday allowed the province to outline its plans for helping children continue learning and working toward graduation, despite the COVID-19-caused school closures that are now likely to extend beyond the tentative April 6 re-opening date.

"To support families and students, our government has developed a one-stop spot for at-home learning. It doesn't replace school but offers a great alternative as we approach the end of March Break," said Premier Ford.

"The Learn at Home initiative will help mitigate 'learning loss' during this period of uncertainty," added Minister Lecce. "Our plan will provide interactive teacher-led math supports to keep students learning and empower all students to learn key skills with an emphasis on STEM education, while also arming parents with resources to support them as their kids learn at home."

The portal has different educational offerings divided between elementary and secondary students from Kindergarten through Grade 12. At the earliest level are activities such as math story time for students up to Grade 2. There are more than 65 interactive games for children up to Grade 6 to build math, STEM and social science skills based on the Ontario curriculum, and access to this service is available by signing up for a free TVO mPower account.

TVO is also hosting a service called Mathify in which certified teachers in Ontario help tutor students from Grades 6 to 10 on their math skills. Mathify is available from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 9 pm, as well as Sundays from 3:30 to 9 pm.

Teacher-led high school courses are available for students in Grades 9 through 12 and allow students to refresh, review and fur-

ther their education in a given course. Students will not earn credits for these courses but it will help to keep their education current for when classes resume.

There are also resources available for parents and caregivers, including a parent's guide to literacy and math in Kindergarten, a guide for helping children up to

Grade 6 with their math, an overview of math fundamentals from Grades 1 through 8 and a copy of the full Ontario curriculum from Kindergarten through Grade 12.

Although TVO programming is already heavily oriented toward learning, it is adding an addition-

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This building will soon be the new home of the Little Current fire hall. The new location is two to three times larger than the current hall.

Little Current fire hall will move locations after close to 150 years

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (Northeast Town) Fire Department will be moving its Little Current fire hall to a new home in the coming weeks.

"Council has approved the purchase of 88 Vankoughnet Street East," Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson told The Expositor.

This is a project that has been in the works for some months, but due to title issues, has been on hold until now. Mr. Williamson said the purchase would be imminent. "Once that's done, the old fire hall will be put out to tender," he added.

This is the first time in the fire department's history that a hall will not be located at Meredith and Worthington streets. According to the book 'Reflections of Little Current, Howland and Vicinity,' the original fire hall dated back to the 1800s and by the 1970s, was deemed too small. Plans for a new fire hall, designed by Don Prescott, were made and construction began. The current fire hall was opened in May of 1978.

The new location is "substantially bigger," Mr. Williamson said, noting it was two or three times the size of the current Meredith Street location. The increase in size will also allow for newer fire trucks, which are built higher than older models, to fit in the bay. The original fire hall would have required a substantial rebuild to accommodate any new trucks, which they one day hope to have.

The 2020 budget includes \$400,000 toward the purchase of 88 Vankoughnet Street East. "The old fire hall will be put out to tender and we anticipate a substantial offset from that," Mr. Williamson said.

No work is required on the new building, but the fire chief will install metal cladding on the inside of the Vankoughnet Street East structure. Thirty thousand dollars has been set aside in the 2020 budget for that work.

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letters

Now is the time to step up and preserve Manitoulin history

Support the Friends of the Old School any way you can

To the Expositor:

Great letter, Jan McQuay ('Friends of the Old School have not given up the fight to preserve history,' March 18). Jan is one of the hard-working people who has attempted to save the school right from the beginning and has done an amazing job. I sincerely hope that more people will take an active interest in helping the Friends of the Old School group that was formed to replace the disbanded committee which tried so hard to save this important and beautiful old structure.

The architects have shared great ideas and also some wonderful examples of old buildings that have been incorporated into new structures.

Now is the time, folks! Step up and show you care about Manitoulin history, history in general and the environment. Support the group any way you can before it's too late.

Lynn Quesnel
 Big Lake

Lentils will be the answer to COVID-19 food challenges

It will take about two sea container loads to cover the needed 2,200 cals a day for 43 days

To the Expositor:

The time will soon arrive when the grocery store will be empty and restocking will be sporadic or non-existent.

The difference between civil society and anarchy is nine meals.

Most people live paycheque to paycheque, so are unable to stock up. By the time they focus their family priorities, the food and supplies will be long gone, and no longer available for purchase.

The COVID-19 pandemic will last at least six months, likely longer.

Assuming that 2,084 people of Central Manitoulin need to be fed a minimal, subsistence diet of 2,200 kCal per day for six months, lentils are likely the cheapest and most nutritious option, providing both protein and carbohydrates.

This would be a soup kitchen, with other vegetables and/or meat added as it is available.

Remember the classic Christmas story of the beggar and the stone soup (or button soup), and the townspeople who had nothing to give, but the stone soup kept getting better tasting as each person contributed something to the soup pot.

A half-cup 100 gram serving size of lentils provides 150 kCal.

The cheapest and easiest way to buy lentils is from Manitoba or Saskatchewan farmers in a 20 foot sea container modified to be a bulk grain bin, holding 26 metric tonnes.

Twenty-six metric tonnes equals 260,000 Health Canada-sized servings which equals 86,666 person-days of servings at three servings per

day.

For 2,000 people, those 26 metric tonnes in one sea container would feed everybody for 43 days, assuming lentils are just a side dish to the main meal (undefined source of main meal).

If only lentils are available and people need 2,000 kCal/day, each person needs 13.33 serving/day of lentils which equals 1.333 kg/person/day. In this case, 26 metric tonnes will feed 2,000 people for 9.75 days.

To have enough for all of Central Manitoulin for six months we would need a total of 19 sea containers.

A standard chassis truck can haul two containers of 20 feet each, so I recommend immediate purchase of 20 sea containers, 520 metric tonnes of lentils.

I also suggest purchase of 20 cloth bulk bags that can be filled with 1 tonne of grain, then transported to a community centre or other feeding kitchen, then re-filled as necessary from the sea container.

If the emergency is less than feared, the lentils can be re-sold at a significant profit.

If the municipality doesn't move immediately on implementation, there will soon be no bulk food supplies left available (ie. purchased by others), and you are nine meals away from anarchy caused by the municipality's procrastination.

Glenn Black
 Providence Bay

A few things Central Manitoulin taxpayers should know

Council should provide a clear and transparent number for the tax increase to come

To the Expositor:

'Mindemoya Old School Committee,' recently removed from Central Manitoulin council has been independently revived, now calling itself 'Friends of the Old School.' This group has two issues of concern. Our primary objective was and is to save the historic Mindemoya Continuation School building from demolition. The second is to alert Central Manitoulin township taxpayers to a possible crushing and perhaps untenable municipal tax hike.

Our council has recently applied for an Ontario grant of 15 million dollars to build an arena complex. Taxpayers would pay 27 percent, or 4.05 million dollars if the entire amount is approved, and even more in the case of only receiving partial approval. This complex would supposedly replace the current Mindemoya arena and the Providence Bay arena, both of which would be either torn down or sold. It would also allow council to abandon, sell or destroy the community halls in Spring Bay and Providence Bay.

The proposal study made by Tulloch Engineering has suggested that one Mindemoya ball diamond and the municipal park both be relocated to clear a site for the new complex. Further to this, the study indicates that each of the two existing arenas would require over two million dollars of upgrade if they were to keep running. These arenas have both been upgraded structurally to specifications within the past ten years, but do need better dressing rooms and washrooms. Both arenas are ground level buildings. Proposed renovations include the installation of public access lifts to upper story storage rooms (!) and the building of showers in dressing rooms. Although showers would be a nice addition, we wonder if public access to the storage areas upstairs is really essential. The cost figure associated with these two things alone is formidable, but are they necessary expenditures to the continued use of these buildings?

As part of the new complex plan, council has passed a motion to destroy the 99-year-old Mindemoya Continuation School building at a projected cost of \$250,000. The building is in good shape structurally, but Tulloch Engineering estimates that it needs considerable renovation to the inside and exterior to bring it up to approved specifications

of health and safety. Such renovations would presumably make the building suitable for housing, for seniors and/or youth recreation, for club activities, for business offices, as a museum, or for whatever other project that would suit the needs of the community.

A gift from Manitoulin Transport of \$50,000 has been offered over five years at \$10,000 per year, or alternatively \$25,000 up front to repair the roof plus \$5,000 per year for five years. This gift offer was generously made for the purpose of keeping the building intact until a viable re-purposing plan could be generated. The offer was rejected by council.

The building does not have to be destroyed to build the complex that council wants. Council's reasoning is that the lot on which the building sits would make a good parking lot, and the building sitting vacant requires a minimal insurance coverage. The building itself could be sold for re-purposing by amending the current municipal bylaw restriction, a reasonably unimposing technicality. An alternative site for the proposed complex which would not necessitate the destruction of the school and would provide ample parking also looks available. In spite of this, council has passed a motion to allow for the demolition of the building.

An internet petition of support to save the building produced over 900 signatures, and was presented to council in a meeting of last October. The average household income in our municipality is under \$30,000. It seems clear to many of us that the majority of Central Manitoulin taxpayers neither wish to see the destruction of this heritage building, nor wish to bear the additional tax burden that will be imposed upon them by the proposed complex construction. In this time of COVID-19 measures, a public forum to provide facts and figures seems impossible. However, we do think that Central Manitoulin council should provide its constituents with at least the expected tax hike figures the arena complex would entail, and take a second look at whether they are accurately and fairly representing those who voted for them.

Jim Smith
 Friends of the Old School
 Mindemoya

Ontario premier recalls legislature to pass emergency legislation

by Michael Erskine

QUEEN'S PARK—In an unprecedented move, the provincial government called an emergency sitting of the legislature on Thursday, March 19 in order to pass two key pieces of legislation. One of the bills will help protect the jobs of employees who self-isolate, quarantine or help keep store shelves stocked and a second to give municipal councils the flexibility to continue operations while maintaining social distance.

Both bills received unanimous consent from a legislative body trimmed down to 26 mem-

bers chosen by mutual party consent to allow physical distance to be maintained.

"I want to thank all parties for coming together to pass this important legislation so we can deliver immediate relief to Ontario workers and families," said Premier Doug Ford in a news release announcing the passage of the bills. "The health and safety of the people of Ontario is our number one priority and that's why we are protecting the jobs of workers and making sure that essentials like groceries, household basics and medicine can arrive on store shelves. We must work togeth-

er as Team Ontario to slow the spread of COVID-19 and flatten the curve."

"These are a good first step," said Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha, but noted that there is still a dearth of information on the province's plans to address issues pertaining to the pandemic. "Premier Ford did indicate that there was more to come. We will be working with the government to ensure that there is more assistance provided to small and medium businesses."

The changes made to allow municipalities

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Susan and Gene Bebamash

The Bebamash family has much to share. A strong love for the past is evident by their compelling stories and authentic documents, both of which have true nostalgic and historic worth. The couple lives in a picturesque part of M'Chigeeng and despite retirement, both continue to share their collective expertise with the community and various local organizations. Gene started as a fishing guide and moved into the construction field, working on the M'Chigeeng water system, the new church (when it was built after the old church burned) and the new administrative offices. Later he shared ROM (Royal Ontario Museum) history with the Anishnabek youth of Ontario. Susan loved to teach and spent her career in M'Chigeeng, inspiring young minds.

"Our history goes back eight generations," Susan begins. "Dad's early ancestor, John Doane, a deacon, born in 1590, came over to Plymouth Rock about three years after the Mayflower arrived. Much later, at the time of the American Revolution, my paternal ancestor Aaron and his fellow United Empire Loyalists were captured and many died. Aaron was about to be hung when his wife arrived to plead for her husband's life. She succeeded and he was released."

"Paternal relative Moses spied for the British. He found out that Washington was about to cross the Delaware and got a note to General Rahl who was allegedly too busy drinking and playing cards to read the note. The general was killed, and Moses had a bounty on his head after the Americans saw the note. The families relocated to Canada, to Humberstone, or Port Colbourne today. My grandfather Reginald Jessie, born in 1909, was an adult during the depression. He happened to buy a ticket for the Irish Sweepstakes and won about \$40,000. He purchased an Esso gas station which still stands today in Port Colbourne."

"Maternal ancestors came from England and Scotland in the last two generations. English great-grandfather was a railway conductor. Free family trips encouraged postcards from many American and Canadian locations. Grandfather Wesley collected these. His brothers, Harry and George, went off to war. George died of his wounds after coming home in 1920. Harry lived to a ripe old age. Wesley became a caretaker for the Pigott Office Building in Hamilton."

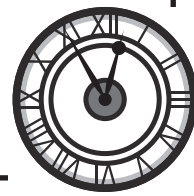
"There is a photo of my dad, Reginald Edward Doane, in uniform at age 16. He had forged his mother's signature to be enlisted in the army. He made it to Camp Borden, but fortunately his real age allowed an honorable discharge. At 17, he joined the Merchant Marines and sailed the Great Lakes. He also practised his shooting in case the German subs came closer to the shore."

In 1945, Edward moved to Hamilton where he met and later married Isabelle McDonald. Susan was born on May 7, 1947, the same year that Edward started at Westinghouse. Sister Linda was born in 1948. When they were older, Isabelle worked for a cloth-making factory. She operated machines that cut, wove, dyed and knit fabric for big clothing manufacturers.

"I remember my sister Linda scalping me at age five. She was four. She cut off all my long hair, leaving just a thin choppy layer, so I had to go to school with a boy's haircut. In retaliation, I succeeded in cutting off only one curl from her. Kindergarten was a challenge for me because I could not pronounce a 'v.' Convertible



Now and Then
A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



July 1, 1972—wedding day.



The young family in July of 1977.



Susan, age three, right, with her sister, age two.



Gene Bebamash.

virtues of their uncle. I finally met Gene through my friend Ann Debassige. Gene came one snowy winter evening to give me a ride on his snowmobile. On the way he was caught in drifting snow and hit a parked car. He sustained injuries and badly damaged his snowmobile but got to my house. That was how we met."

Gene begins, "My great-great-grandfather was a treaty signer in Magnetawan. Great-grandfather Paimoquanishkung (Jean Baptise), born 1801, was a signer of the 1862 treaty of Manitoulin Island, and chief of Machegewondemong (M'Chigeeng). He signed his name with the symbol of a caribou. The 1850 Huron Treaty saw land parcels given by McDougall to current families in M'Chigeeng. Grandfather Frances and his wife Ann also got a tract of land here. Most lots were 50 acres in size."

"Dad Issac farmed and later became chief of this reserve. He was invited to Ottawa in the 1950s. Gene was born on November 2, 1948 to Florence and Issac. His older siblings are Gus, Herman, Eddy, Phyllis and Loretta. Only Loretta is left, living in the Wellness Centre here. "I remember the barn, plow horses that pulled sleighs and wagons. We had cows for milk, cream and butter. Kids in the village got the extra milk and some went to the animals. Enough cream went to Wagg's Dairy in Mindemoya to buy sugar and flour."

"I hated our white turkeys because they would attack me. I had to wait for them to leave before I could go outside. We did eat their meat and bartered them for other items. We had a big garden, animals and lots of good food to eat. Mum would alter used clothing for us. When I was just three, she was paralyzed with a bad stroke, but she worked hard to regain her strength. We helped with all the inside chores. Dad did the outside work and collected dry wood for cooking. Extra help came from two of mum's nieces who came to live with us. By summer, the well usually went dry, so we helped dad collect water from the lake, using the wagon."

"At four, we rented a house in the village for two winters, so I could walk to school. Older siblings had left by then. In the summer we moved back to the farm. By the third winter I was old enough to walk from home. It took 45 minutes and sometimes I caught a ride downhill on a friend's bike. I always had to walk back as it was too hard to peddle uphill, especially with somebody else on the cross bar."

"Our first teacher was nice, but

she didn't understand our language. Eventually, she picked up some of our words and we began to learn English from the stories she told us. Drawing helped too. We had two rooms in the school. Grades 1 to 6 in one room (each grade in its own row) and Grades 7 and 8 in the other. We had an outhouse and a wood fire for heat. Later, the new school had inside washrooms and more space."

"I didn't like school. I wanted to be outside, not in a class where everything was in English and you got the strap, if you didn't understand, from both Native and non-Native teachers. Fear froze any real learning, but I never confided this to my parents. I never got to Residential School, because I was always out of sight when the agents came. I heard kids were lonely at that residential school. They missed their family and their community. I'm glad I didn't go."

"Carmalita Fox was a good teacher in my early years, but I left as a teen, after starting Grade 7. I had fallen behind and instead of helping me, they moved me to the back of the class, so I quit school. Dad was beginning to slow down more, so we moved to the village where water came from a nearby creek. Others brought wood now too. Dad had been a perfect tree harvester, cutting a tree flush with the ground using a cross-saw. Branches would be distributed to blend in with the ground cover and fertilize the earth. All dead trees were cut down too. Sadly, dad died at age 66. Then I took over his work."

Indian Affairs provided a small widow's pension. "They also wanted me out of the house, earning extra income, but I was mum's only support. The two young girls couldn't do much of the heavy work. For two summers, my brother got me a job as a fishing guide for a lodge at Rockville owned by Brock Chisholm's grandfather. I also fixed televisions and put up towers in Gore Bay. My first real construction job, because I had to pay unemployment insurance, was

putting in a water system for our town in the 1960s. The town didn't like the sulphur dioxide in their good drinking water. We also needed water for the school and for fire protection."

"Lots were surveyed, and construction began for the water, using a gravity system coming from the old road to Mindemoya. It was uphill right to the lake. Indian Affairs was in charge and the first connection bringing pure lake water to the community was the town site and the school in the Lakeview area. Liquid chlorine was supposed to ensure the water was safe, but the unused canisters of chlorine began to pile up. Some surprised engineers later found the hazardous chlorine and got rid of it. The system was never quite finished, and the hole blasted into rock for a residual pond was never used either. Sewers were put in, but nobody had been hired or taught to run the system at that time."

A home for the teachers, a teacherage, was built across Highway 551 from Lakeview School and the following year, Susan moved in as a 'beginning' teacher. Not long after, in 1971, the old church in M'Chigeeng blew up on a stormy, icy day. Susan had knocked on the church door earlier, to reach John Reynolds in his residence upstairs, but he hadn't answered. A little while later, a loud explosion was heard due to leaking propane. Sadly, John died that day.

"I was at home and I heard a loud bang," Gene recalls, "you could see snow, insulation and lumber bits flying. I jumped into the car and slid along the icy road to help. The fire had engulfed the church could hit the priest's residence next. I stopped for George the maintenance man and the antique fire truck we got from Camp Borden. Meanwhile my car started to slide downhill and got stuck in a snowbank." It was a difficult day.

Gene helped build the new church designed by German architect Manfred Mann. Father Mike Murray joked that, "We made it round so the devil can't corner you." It was finished a year later. Susan and Gene were the first couple to be married there. Their wedding took place on July 1, 1972, a beautiful sunny day. Susan's parents, her sister and a friend attended for the bride. The theme colours were yellow and purple. "I cried when I saw how many people had packed the church," Susan shares. "My sister-in-law did a lot of the cooking. Our reception was in the back yard."

The new band administration offices were built next while the newlyweds lived in the teacherage. Their first child would not be born for four years. Gene's next job came from Basil Johnston, working for the ROM. He would be visiting reserves with a display bus full of big movie reels made by the National Film Board. The kids loved to see these movies and the artifacts that were on the bus. However, the following year left Gene disappointed. The bus had not been updated with new movies and artifacts. The kids were sad too, saying they had seen all this.

Gene's next work was with Mary Lou Fox for the inception of the Ojibway Cultural Foundation. He did a presentation that would show the history of M'Chigeeng and help explain the purpose of the proposed museum. All artifacts were being stored in a trailer at that time. After a lengthy fundraising campaign, the beautiful centre we now know as the OCF, was built.

After a few years of marriage,

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Birch Island woman loses her home in March 13 fire

by Alicia McCutcheon

BIRCH ISLAND—A Birch Island woman lost her home on Friday, March 13 in a total loss fire and the community is rallying to help with fundraisers and a GoFundMe page to help get her back on her feet.

Tania Jacko, speaking on behalf of her sister Evelyn (also affectionately known as

'Monster'), told The Expositor in a Friday interview that her sister believes the fire began in the rear of the house, possibly in the duck pen but that the cause of the fire is yet to be determined.

"On that Friday night it was very windy, which made things worse and caused the

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Ontario courts respond to COVID-19

ONTARIO—The Ontario Court of Justice has implemented measures to reduce the number of people who attend court for family matters, criminal matters and Provincial Offences Act matters in response to public health officials' calls to enhance social distancing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As of Monday, March 16, if you have a Provincial Offences Act, family or criminal court appearance in the Ontario Court of Justice you do not need to attend court, unless the matter is an in-custody or urgent criminal matter or an urgent family matter," reads a statement on the Ontario Court of Justice website.

The statement continues that anyone who has been directed by health officials to self-isolate should not attend a courthouse in person.

Criminal courts will remain open so that criminal matters involving accused persons who are in government custody, which includes bail matters, will proceed if they are ready. The courts will also be implementing video and audio conferencing technology wherever possible to increase the distancing.

For those not in custody who have a criminal court appearance scheduled for

between March 16 and April 3, attendance at court is not required. If an individual matching that criteria does not attend court, it will be adjourned to another date 10 weeks later than the scheduled appearance. The court has a webpage that details a list of the 10-week-later rescheduled dates.

Criminal court matters scheduled for after April 3 will be adjusted if needed, with information to be posted on the Ministry of the Attorney General's website.

Family courts also remain open and urgent family matters will go ahead according to their priority. These include Child, Youth and Family Services Act matters such as place of safety hearings, temporary care and custody hearings and restraining orders; domestic matters such as urgent custody/access motions and motions for restraining orders. Family Responsibility and Support Arrears Enforcement Act matters such as refraining motions are also included.

Under rules pertaining to family law, audio and video conferencing is allowed when necessary and appropriate.

All non-urgent matters, including trials under family matters, will be adjourned for eight to 12 weeks. Those who have non-urgent family matters do not need to attend court.

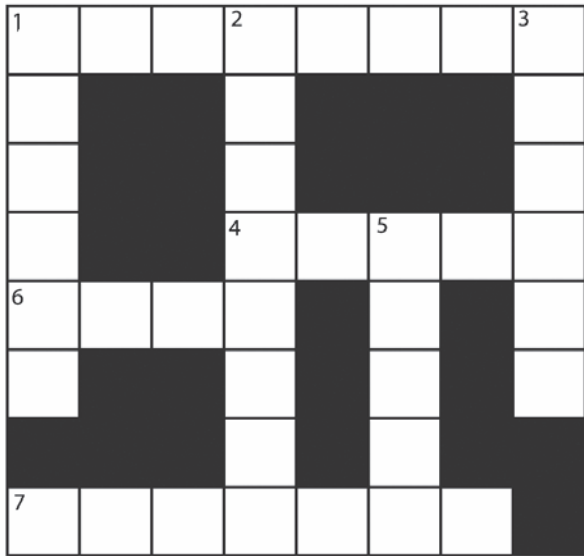
Provincial Offences Act matters scheduled between now and April 3 will be adjourned without the accused having to attend court. They will be rescheduled automatically and a notice of a new court date will be mailed to the address on file with the court.

Anyone seeking more information about the court process should contact the Ministry of Attorney General or their local Provincial Offences court.

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice is suspending regular operations as of yesterday, Tuesday, March 17 until further notice, though it too will continue to hear urgent matters.

Kids Zone

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Sunlight unbroken by clouds
4. Work
6. No feeling
7. State of atmosphere

DOWN

1. Season of the year
2. Water vessel
3. Power from resources
5. Cleanse in water

Answers:
Across
1. Sunshine 4. Labor 6. Numb 7. Weather
Down
1. Spring 2. Sailboat 3. Energy 5. Bathe

Law & Order

Manitoulin OPP lays charges at traffic stop

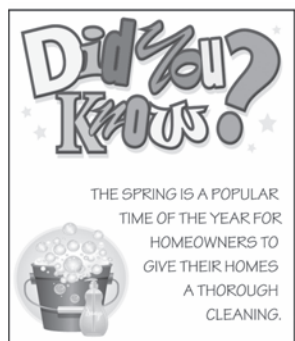
On March 16 at approximately 7:43 pm, a member of the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) initiated a vehicle stop on Highway 6 in Assiginack Township.

Further investigation revealed that the driver was prohibited.

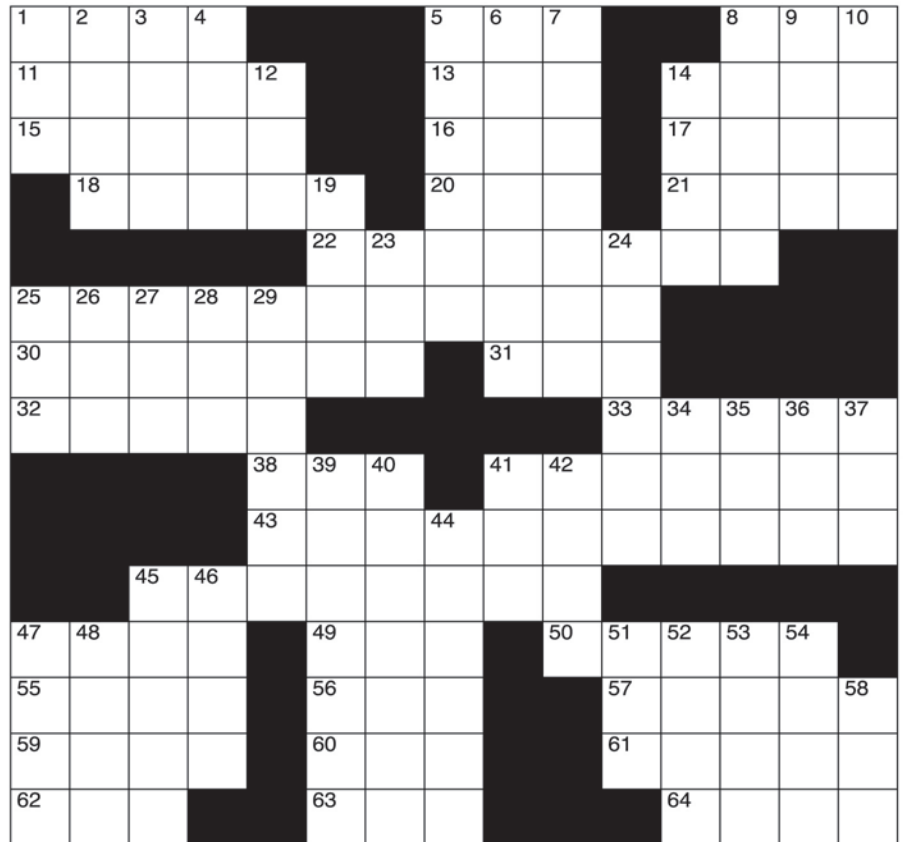
A 27-year-old of Wiikwemkoong was arrested and charged with operation while prohibited under the Criminal Code (CC) contrary to section 320.18(1)(a) CC.

The vehicle was impounded for 45 days.

The accused was released on an appearance notice and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on June 17.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. As soon as possible
5. Gateway (Arabic)
8. Doctors' group
11. Madder genus of plants
13. A team's best pitcher
14. Ancient Greek sophist
15. Go up
16. Neither
17. Bolivian river
18. Manila hemp
20. Comedienne Gasteyer
21. British School
22. Human reproductive organs

CLUES DOWN

25. Surrenders
30. Dog with long, silky coat and drooping ears
31. Sun up in New York
32. Lead alloy
33. Eastern Asian plant
38. Rapid deployment force (abbr.)
41. Japanese warrior
43. Festivity
45. Interruptions
47. Nonsense (slang)
49. Data mining methodology (abbr.)
50. Calvary sword

CLUES ACROSS

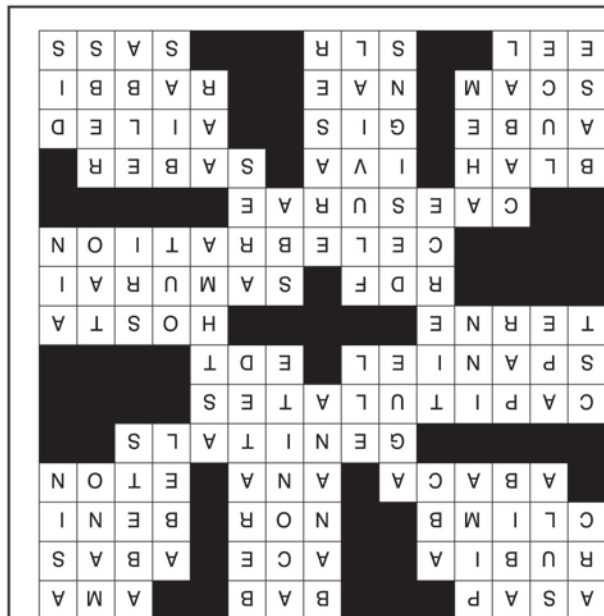
55. French river
56. Global business conference (abbr.)
57. Afflicted
59. Con man's game
60. No (Scottish)
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Fish
63. Camera term (abbr.)
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. A continuous portion of a circle
2. Genus of seabirds
3. Infant's dining accessory
4. Native Americans from Arizona
5. Popular fruit
6. Poisonous plant
7. Scolded
8. Assists
9. Hand (Spanish)
10. Amazon product identifying system (abbr.)
12. Basics
14. Cain and ___
19. Malaria
23. Indicates particular shape
24. Respiratory disease

25. Central Standard Time
26. Imitate
27. Golf score
28. A place to lay your head
29. Three cards of the same suit
34. Not in
35. Human gene
36. Ancient Chinese philosophic concept
37. French river
39. Thinks up
40. Type of geological deposit
41. Helps little firms
42. Area units
44. A device to remove
45. Secret political clique
46. Polite interruption sound
47. Foundation

48. Clare Boothe ___, American writer
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Resistance fighters
58. Speak disrespectfully of



PUZZLE SOLUTION

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Sporting Life



Physical distancing fitness!?

Yet another week has gone by of this unprecedented and surreal life after COVID-19 has hit. When the news is increasingly depressing, our instinct can be to curl up on the couch and binge-watch Spongebob Squarepants, okay maybe that is just me. I know there are a lot of people out there who are coming up with unique ways to raise their heart rates and spirits.

How about the woman I saw running with a medical mask? I watched Shihan **Daniel Fletcher** inspire his Manitoulin School of Martial Arts' students by challenging everyone to post videos of themselves doing push-ups. Not just one to, "do as I say," he did as well tallying 50.

Who has challenged their Fitbit friends to walk that extra hundred steps? YouTube has an endless supply of fitness activities you can do at home in front of your computer. There are myriad of fitness and intensity levels. Get down now and 'give me 50!'

Where are they now?

In another attempt to keep us sports nuts from completely going cold-turkey, here is something I would like to try but can always use some help. If you know of a former Manitoulin athlete and their current activities, location, sporting offspring, etc. please send them to the email address chipstoquips@gmail.com.

Ask for help and I got some from my **Dad** who had close connections to a pair of amazing athletes.

The first in the series is the very accomplished **Gerard Peltier** who not only was an elite athlete, but conveyed his skills as a highly successful coach. Starting out as a Wiikwemkoong Hawks' star, he went on to the North Bay Trappers, then the Cornwall Royals Major Jr. where his team won the Memorial Cup. His teammates included Dale Hawerchuk, Doug Gilmour and Marc Crawford. He next played a year in Sweden before returning to Canada.



Gerard Peltier sporting a Manitoulin Wild hat, now a collectors' item.

On his return he had a fabulous college career being named to the OCAA All-star team a number of times and is in the OCAA Hall of Fame. Gerard was also named to the All-Time Humber All-Star team. To top it all off he even had his number retired by the Humber Hawks.

For more than 10 years now he has been the First Nations Liaison representative where he helps Native students navigate Canadore College and the city of North Bay. His (and **Maxine's**)

sons **Kieran, Bo** and **Evan** have all played elite hockey and lacrosse.

Last but not least is **Evan Bayer**.

He is one of the very best to ever play goal on the Manitoulin. Small in stature but large in heart, Evan was a beast when it came to working out. He could train all day. A farm-lad from Mindemoya, his toughness would drive him to be an excellent long distance runner, competing and winning in NOSSA and OFSSA while he was in high school at Manitoulin Secondary School.



Evan Bayer while home for the Wiky Road Race in recent years.

Eventually he would get into bike racing, triathlons and marathons. He has run the famous 'Boston' a number of times, finishing in the top tier of competitors. Recently married he has his wife Agatha running marathons with him. They are probably the most fit married couple in the province of Alberta where Bayer is a high school phys ed teacher and coach.

But back to the goalie where my Dad first met this marvelous athlete and person. He began playing house league with the Mindemoya Thunder. He was a workhorse who competed like there was no tomorrow. At one eight-team tournament, his brilliant goalkeeping led his team to the championship, prompting opposition coaches to inquire about the Phenom believing he was a AAA goaltender, which he was capable of being.

It wasn't long before he was a stalwart with the Manitoulin Panthers. Playing for his coach-father Harley, Evan back-stopped his Panther rep squad to the Sudbury Nickel District Championship, which was not an easy title to capture. You've come a long way since tyke, Mr. Bayer.

A good sport is good for sports
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Son of M'Chigeeng band member in top American youth football team

by Michael Erskine
CHICAGO—Robin Ense-Walker and her ex-husband Jeffery Walker are ecstatic over the news that their 14-year-old son Brayden is part of the US All-Star Youth football team.

"I am so proud of him," said his mother on Monday. "To be a national champion at only 14."

It has been quite a road for young Brayden, who has been playing football since he was just five years old. But his mom says his destiny was written in the stars.

"He was born on Superbowl Sunday, February 5, 2006," she said. "He was destined to play football."

But it isn't all just ball for Brayden, he has maintained a 4.0 average through studies while honing his impressive skills as a defensive tackle.

Brayden plays for the High Park Spartans, a club team in Chicago, rather than high school.

Brayden only makes it home to M'Chigeeng about once a year, and this year his March break trip was interrupted by the lockdown over COVID-19, but he remains undaunted.

"We are on lockdown here," said Brayden, who will be moving on to Grade 9 next season. "We are doing classes online now."

Brayden was selected to play in the DI Specs Tournament for the national championship by his team, which has dominated the league three years running.



Brayden Walker, son of Robin Ense-Walker of M'Chigeeng First Nation sports his championship uniform and ring after winning the national youth football championships.



"It was quite an honour to be selected," he said. "This was the third year I tried out. My team is definitely a group of talented players."

Brayden is heading into Grade 9 with his eye on the football prize—playing in the NFL. Standing at 5-foot 10-inches and 215 pounds in Grade 8 he has the size

to go with the drive to follow in the footsteps of his favourite player Aaron Donald of the Los Angeles Rams. Brayden has a massive championship ring for his finger from the youth championships, and one day he plans to add an NFL championship ring to his collection.

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...Manitoulin Health Centre establishes COVID-19 assessment centres

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ical services and chief nursing officer Paula Fields as she led The Expositor on a tour of the Little Current facility in the final hour before it opened for patients.

COVID-19 testing is by appointment only. Anyone wishing to be tested must have a fever above 38 degrees Celsius and a new or worsening cough. They must have, in the 14 days before experiencing symptoms, been outside of Canada, had close contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case or had close contact with someone who had COVID-19 symptoms and was themselves outside of Canada.

Those who match the above criteria must call MHC at 705-368-2300 for Little Current or 705-377-5311 for Mindemoya and follow the phone prompts to reach the COVID-19 assessment line. That phone number will be monitored from 9 am to 5 pm every day.

For the people whose symptoms warrant an in-person assessment, they will be given a time slot to visit one of the two sites which are open from 1 to 5 pm from Monday to Friday.

The Little Current assessment centre is in an old house in the parking lot of the hospital next to the easternmost entrance off Meredith Street. The building was previously used for withdrawal management services and until last week was filled as a storage space for the hospital. The outside door has controlled access and patients should show up right at their appointment time, not before.

Through the front door is a small table with face masks and hand sanitizer as well as a couple of



Brittany Durdle, RN and Paula Fields, VP of clinical services and chief nursing officer give a media tour of the Little Current COVID-19 assessment centre just before it opened last week.

photo by Warren Schlote

chairs. This is not a waiting room for later appointments—only one patient is allowed in the building at a time so all others will have to wait outside or in their car until they are allowed to enter.

There are designated parking spots for COVID-19 assessment patients and staff members are on standby to help people with mobility issues get into the space. The Mindemoya assessment centre is housed in an old garage located near the entrance to the emergency department, around the side and rear of the building. The garage space has plastic sheeting set up for makeshift wall dividers.

Appointments are arranged in 30-minute intervals on the top and bottom of every hour. That time window allows for patients to check in, get assessed, swabbed if necessary and released, with enough time to sanitize the space between uses.

"All our staff (in the assessment centre) will be

wearing full personal protective equipment (PPE) which means gloves, N95 masks, face shields and the gowns," said Ms. Fields.

Beyond the waiting area in an empty room sits a fan unit that provides fresh air to the building that does not otherwise have ventilation. The big green fan boxes are set up at both assessment centres.

To the right of the waiting area is an old kitchen that has been turned into the assessment area and is littered with medical supplies and diagnostic equipment. This room will be staffed by two individuals—a physician or nurse practitioner and a nurse.

"This is where patients will be assessed by the doctor and the nurse, and swabs will be taken if necessary. We have equipment to do vital signs, so heart rates, oxygen saturation and listening to their lungs. We also have lab staff ready to be deployed to come over and draw blood if required and do further testing," said Ms. Fields.

All staff must only wear their uniforms in the centre and the hospital will take care of the laundering of those items. There is a phone line to call for supplies or assistance if needed to reduce the number of people going in and out of the building.

Due to supply shortages of the swab kits, public health agencies across Canada are exploring alternative tests and have authorized some swabs made for other purposes that can be used for COVID-19 testing.

Not everyone who has an appointment will be swabbed. However, the screening process is designed to eliminate as many unnecessary visits as possible so a majority of those who get to the stage of in-person screening will indeed receive a swab test.

As for MHC's capacity to test patients, Ms. Fields said the Island was in decent shape compared to other locations.

"We're actually not doing bad because our primary care providers have given their swabs to us because they know now that the centres are open. This is where the test should be performed," she said.

Having other doctors send their swabs to the hospital will hopefully create a more efficient single point of testing.

Even though the assessment centre is only open for four hours per day during the week, as virus activity increases those hours may be lengthened. However, the people working in the assessment centres also staff the hospital's clinics and emergency department so staffing needs to be carefully balanced.

There is less urgency to get a test done because the care pathways are the same—self isolate, rest up and allow the body to heal. If a patient has difficulty breathing they will have to be given more intensive care, test results notwithstanding.

Every patient that gets tested will have the appointment logged into Meditech, the electronic health record system that is used across Northeastern Ontario. Their results will later be added to that record.

The electronic health record system will enable faster information sharing and ensure patients get their test results as soon as they arrive without them having to follow up.

"Even though our nurses are going to provide information on self care and self

isolation, public health is going to call them with information. Whether their swab is negative or positive, they will get a call as soon as that result's in, so there's no sense in calling the hospital or their doctor's office."

Ms. Fields said she noticed some early signs that people were following the public health directives to stay home as much as possible. Patient volumes at the emergency department were down and visitors have been respectful of the hospital's recent no-visitor policy, the latter of which has made the hospital executive especially grateful.

The first day of the centre's operation did not see a full slate of appointments but did have some patients through for testing.

...Wiikwemkoong council supports fish stocking efforts

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stocking to ensure that there are adequate stocks to provide for sustenance and recreational fishing," explained Mr. Wassegijig. "These days there are more and more people going out fishing, reconnecting with the land and the water."

Details on the stocking plans are still very sketchy, he cautions, as it is very early days yet.

"I think the first step was to ensure that the band was on board with the concept," he said. "We have an established partnership with Manitoulin Streams to rehabilitate streams in the community. That has proven to be very successful. Now we will plan the next steps and planning is very important to ensure that we take this on in a good way. So now we will be looking at the data, the science, to determine which fish are the best to stock, especially from a sustenance perspective. We are also looking at recreational impacts."

Mr. Wassegijig stressed that the effort entails a collective approach. "The (Enaad-maa-geh-jik Wikwemikong) Development

Commission has taken the lead, but it will obviously entail the lands commission and Manitoulin Streams," he said. "The BCR allows us to build partnerships and expand some we already have, such as with Manitoulin Streams."

Mr. Wassegijig pointed out that following the stream cleanup on Smith's

Creek that took place in 2016 with the assistance of Manitoulin Streams, without even having rehabilitation efforts put in place, an electro-fishing study late in the season reported an amazing 290 rainbow trout in the stream.

"There was a definite impact," said Mr. Wassegijig. "Before the cleanup I don't think there was even

any way for the fish to get up stream."

Mr. Wassegijig said he is excited about this project and the potential it holds for protection of the water and enhancing the marine experiences for both the Wiikwemkoong community and tourism in the region.



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Shaylee Taylor is one Mustang who deserves to be recognized for her achievements. Shaylee is a Grade 12 student who enjoys spending time at the Little Current arena figure skating and also coaching canskate to others when she isn't busy with her school work.

Shaylee started playing sports when she was young. During her years at Little Current Public School, she participated in volleyball and basketball. She also started figure skating when she was only 4 years old. When she got to high school, she joined the MSS badminton team. She played doubles in badminton for Grades 9 and 10 with her partner Morgan Wall-Varey. She even made it to NOSSA in Grade 10. Shaylee currently trains and competes in figure skating and she has accomplished a lot. She's always been a strong skater who has super high jumps, fast spins, and a range of really cool field movements. Throughout her figure skating years she has achieved her gold skills, her gold interpretive, and she is working on her gold dances.

Throughout the skating season, Shaylee is energetic and always willing to try new things. Figure skating is her favourite sport because going on the ice to practice makes all her worries go away. Skating also keeps her busy and is a way for her to express herself.


Shaylee's talents expand to her academics as well. Her favourite subject is math because Mrs. Brown is the best teacher. Mrs. Brown is very engaging and makes math interesting to learn. After she graduates, Shaylee plans to go to Cambrian for pre-health, and then ultrasound technician the year after. Shaylee is one of many talented Mustangs, and with her determination, kindness and athleticism, she is sure to make MSS proud. Let's go, Shaylee, let's go!

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Dairy producers receive good news at annual meeting

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Dairy Farmers of Ontario Zone O service representative Jean Guy Seguin came to the annual Manitoulin/West Sudbury Dairy Producers committee meeting held at the Little Current United Church Hall recently bearing certificates of excellence for local producers.

“I have a gold certificate for Brad Wilkin and general certificates for Alex Anstice and family and the Morrell family on the North Shore,” said Mr. Seguin. “That’s three out of six producers.”

The service representative noted that “there are no issues, no complaints.” In fact, Northern Ontario producers are among the best in the province, with a higher than average number of certificates being awarded to producers in the North.

Other items of good news are that processors are investing \$700 million in planned construction and that nearly three billion litres of milk are produced on 3,410 farms with \$2.4 billion in farmgate revenue. There are 72 Ontario milk processors and a total of 220 milk trucks that conduct over 285 routes per day, largely without incident.

But Dairy Farmers of Ontario board member Steve Runnalls cautioned that dairy producers are moving into a changed environment, with trade impacts, the issue of balancing existing demand with new processing investments, the need for agility in domestic production management,



Manitoulin/West Sudbury Dairy Producers committee president Keith Emery opened the group’s annual meeting held at the Little Current United Church.

photo by Michale Erskine

the rise of dairy alternatives, as well as addressing changing consumer needs and tastes and the continued targeting of farmers by animal rights activists, particularly those closer to urban centres, all bringing challenges to the industry.

To offset the impact of trade issues, the Dairy Direct Payment Program has been instituted with \$1.75 billion in financial compensation aimed at mitigating losses. “About \$345 million is to be distributed in the first year,” said Mr. Runnalls. “That will be based on your August 31, 2019 quota hold-

ings.” Mr. Runnalls cautioned that the deadline to apply in order to receive compensation is March 1.

“Producers who have registered by the December 13 deadline and who have not received compensation should call 877-245-4682 with your name, phone number, province, producer number or anti-phishing verification number,” he said.

Mr. Runnalls noted that farmgate milk prices will increase by 1.93 percent as of February 1 and said there is an expected \$1.43 per hectolitre increase in the Ontario blend price.

A new CEO, Cheryl Smith, joined the DFO in August. Mr. Runnalls described the new organization head as “passionate about innovation and opportunities for growth.”

Heather MacGregor is the new communications director and she will be working with the board and Shikha Jain on government relations.

FedNor’s Arik Theisjmeijer, initiatives officer for Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada delivered a talk on what role FedNor can play in the Island’s agricultural industries. These supports range from a number of specialized loan programs, some direct funding and indirect funding such as cooperative development support. However the FedNor rep was firm in pointing out that “we don’t provide grant money.” That being said, the organization does have an interest in doing more work in the agricultural sector and works to expand the market for the region’s agricultural products.

...Ontario premier recalls legislature to pass emergency legislation

...continued from page 4 to continue functioning are important, he noted. “But we need to see to the most vulnerable in our communities; those on ODSP and Ontario Works still have to self-isolate, but many lack the resources necessary.”

As for his local constituency work, Mr. Mantha said that his staff is currently telecommuting and have discovered an interesting codicil to the process. “Well it seems like we are being a lot more productive in isolation,” he laughed. “There is a lot more focus going on, I think.”

Mr. Mantha said that it is important that people realize that the province’s supply chains are robust and well-stocked and that there is no need to get carried away and start hoarding. “We have an excellent supply chain,” he said. “Don’t hoard, there are more supplies coming.”

“There are particular times of the month (especially the near the end) where people who are on government assistance need to be able to go shop-

ping for the necessities of life. If there is no produce on the shelves that adds an additional hardship. We are not going to run out of toilet paper or duct tape. If you don’t need it, don’t buy it, leave it for someone who does.”

The Employment Standards Amendment Act (Infectious Disease Emergencies) 2020, one of those passed during the emergency session, provides job-protected leave for employees who are in isolation or quarantine due to COVID-19, or those who need to be away from work to care for children because of school or day care closures or to care for other relatives. These measures are retroactive to January 25—the date the first presumptive COVID-19 case was confirmed in Ontario. This legislation also makes it clear employees cannot be required to show sick notes.

“During this time of great uncertainty, the last thing employees should have to worry about is job security,” said Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development Monte

McNaughton. “People can’t be punished for following the advice of our leading medical health professionals.”

The second act (Municipal Emergency Act, 2020) will ensure that the delivery of goods to Ontario’s businesses and consumers isn’t impacted by municipal noise bylaws that may unintentionally be impeding such deliveries when they are most urgently needed. The legislation also gives municipalities the ability to fully conduct council, local board and committee meetings electronically when faced with local and province-wide emergencies, empowering the government’s municipal partners to respond quickly when in-person meetings cannot be held.

“These changes will assist in getting goods to market in a more expeditious manner. Our government wants to do everything we can to help connect distribution centres with grocery stores and pharmacies to replenish empty shelves more quickly,” said Minister of

Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark. “As well, we are helping communities respond to this crisis by allowing councils to conduct meetings remotely. These changes empower municipalities to respond quickly and continue to function when in-person meetings cannot be held, and council decisions need to be made.”

Both the Northeast Town and Central Manitoulin councils have tested software to enable remote meetings to take place. Central Manitoulin held its first remote meeting on Monday afternoon.

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...M'Chigeeng Votes 2020: Terry Jeffrey Debassige, candidate for chief

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working on asserted title.”

Essentially, he said, Canadian title in Canadian law “exists because they say so—it’s the Doctrine of Discovery.”

Mr. Debassige said that the current path being taken by the Union of Ontario Indians, the Anishinaabe Governance Act, “places everything under Canadian legislation. It becomes totally within the realm—but our treaty relationship is still in place. We have underlying title to the land.”

Through the staunch assertion of the aboriginal title,

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al show on its television channel from 9:30 to 10:30 am called ‘The Power Hour of Learning’ which will feature educational content every morning in a format designed to be stimulating and engaging for children.

The TVO YouTube channel will be soon joined by three subject-specific channels geared toward math, science and technology, and language, respectively.

“TVO is proud to be part of this important initiative by the Ministry of Education,” said Jennifer Hinshelwood, TVO’s acting chief operating officer. “TVO’s suite of digital learning products is designed to stimulate and engage young minds in learning—a mission that seems doubly

...ETFO, Ontario government reach tentative agreement

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Twitter video.

All strike action has been paused pending the vote. Although the union’s provincial executive has approved the agreement in principle, the 83,000 teachers represented by the union will have the final say.

Some of the key issues in this labour dispute have been the union’s desire to maintain the current Kindergarten model, address issues of violence in classrooms, changes to hiring policy, maintain special needs funding and class sizes.

If the central agreement is ratified, that does not necessarily mean an end to

...third, fourth cases of COVID-19 in Sudbury

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crew that may have served these rows are considered close contacts of the confirmed case and are asked to self-isolate for 14 days and contact their local public health authority for assessment and direction; March 11: Toronto into the Greater Sudbury Airport on Porter flight PD533. Passengers in rows 16-20 and flight crew that may have served these rows are considered close contacts of the confirmed case and are asked to self-isolate for 14 days. All other persons on this flight are directed to self-monitor for 14 days and contact PHSD or their local public health authority for assessment and direction.

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The individual was assessed and tested at Health Sciences North’s COVID-19 assessment centre on March 18. Staff took all necessary precautions for infection control, testing and assessment. The individual followed the directions of public health and remains in self-isolation at home.

For general information about COVID-19 contact the PHSD toll-free at 1-866-522-9200. Callers can leave messages and public health staff will call back within 24 hours, unless there are extenuating circumstances. PHSD warns that call volumes are high at

Mr. Debassige said that “we could open up enormous economic potential for our people.”

“There have been three community referendums regarding community priorities,” he continued. “Language has been number one each time. I want to put more resources into saving the Ojibwa language—not only for identity and self image but it is not well known that our teachings, our constitution, our connection to creation is built into the language. This has major implications in terms of our governance, our codes, even the protection of our rights and title to land.”

Mr. Debassige noted that the Anishinaabe have always

important at times like this when many of our traditional learning environments are not accessible.”

A press release from the Ontario government notes that it is working with school boards to help provide technology to students without access to a computer. The Learn at Home platform is also available in French through TFO.

TVO also runs an online independent learning centre which allows students to complete self-directed courses and earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. That service, which is separate from this announcement, recently received a major overhaul and the new version was unveiled at the beginning of March.

the job disruptions. Ontario’s education system works on a two-tier model with a central contract covering the big, universal issues and 76 local units that bargain for their own contracts with their respective school board or boards. The local contracts generally pertain to issues that affect schools in unique ways based on their region.

Even if the ETFO central contract is ratified, though, school will not return to business as usual for the foreseeable future due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has mandated the closure of schools for at least two weeks following March Break.

As a result of the meas-

ures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) announced on March 18 that it would indefinitely suspend all job action while negotiations are ongoing.

“Today, out of an abundance of caution, and to avoid any potential for miscommunication, we are immediately suspending all strike sanctions indefinitely,” stated OSSTF president Harvey Bischof in a news release. “We want to ensure that there are no impediments to the efforts of our members to assist school boards or the government in fighting the spread of COVID-19. At this time, I urge Minister Lecce to con-

sult with OSSTF/FEESO, the voice of front-line workers, before making or implementing further plans for the education systems in which our members work.”

The president continued that the union was proud of the efforts its members have undertaken during the bargaining process.

Minister Lecce said the tentative ETFO deal would have positive impacts that were especially significant amidst the COVID-19 control measures.

“This is good for students, of course for educators, but for parents especially who wanted some stability at a time of increasing volatility around us at home and abroad,” he said.

been entrepreneurial in spirit and in fact. “Opening avenues would be explored to tap into the entrepreneurial spirit that lies within our people,” he said. “There is a lot of dysfunction in our communities, drugs and alcohol, but no community has ever come up with a final solution to those issues.”

The trajectory can be changed, he suggested; “there has to be programming for success. We have to change that road. I put my money behind a person that has all the energy to realize his dreams. If you have it in you, nothing will stop you.”

Mr. Debassige noted that in difficult times past, “the Anishinaabe people didn’t leave anyone behind.”

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...M'Chigeeng chief initiates fundraising for more Manitoulin ventilators

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MHC presently has two ventilators, one each at its Little Current and Mide-moya hospital sites. However, these are portable ventilators, meant to provide interim breathing support to stabilize patients as they prepare to be transferred to

Health Sciences North in Sudbury. The potential four additional units would mean each site could keep two units and a portable ventilator on hand for the possibility of treating six patients with breathing difficulties at once. This includes COVID-19 patients

and those with other health concerns.

Each ventilator is expected to cost \$20,000, so this fundraising campaign is seeking a total of \$80,000. Any surpluses will be used for general hospital support during the COVID-19 outbreak.

M'Chigeeng First Nation began the campaign with a \$10,000 pledge, which was quickly matched by the Little Current Lions Club. Donations of equal value soon followed from Sheshegwaning First Nation and the Municipality of Central Manitoulin.

"We know we will all be affected by the COVID-19 coronavirus in some way, shape or form. We also know that ventilators can help save lives. We hope and encourage everyone to contribute as we are all in this together," said Ogimaa-kwe Debassige.

The process of purchasing ventilators might not be simple even though considerable fundraising has already been conducted on the Island. As countries around the world battle COVID-19, Canada is far from the only country that is experiencing increased demand for these technical pieces of equipment.

Mass orders to countries like Italy, Germany and the United States have placed ventilator manufacturers into strong backlog positions and they are struggling to fulfill all the orders.

Several Canadian businesses have offered to help manufacture ventilator components and other needed supplies during the COVID-19 outbreak but these are highly technical machines. Factories would need to retool to make the parts and a considerable amount of expertise would need to be learned in a short period of time. Whether or not businesses will be able to meet demand remains unknown at this time, though Ms. Foster was confident that MHC would be able to purchase the machines when the fundraising campaign brought in enough dollars.

Of note, there have been reports of Ontario plastic surgeons and dentists who have offered their ventilators for use in COVID-19 treatment.

In Ontario, hospitals could run out of ventilator

capacity in as little as 15 days under a worst-case scenario, according to a joint study between the University of Toronto, Sunnybrook Hospital and the University Health Network. This study, however, is a preliminary model and the health care system's capacity could differ widely from this analysis.

When COVID-19 patients end up in hospitals for care, such as on a ventilator, they can be expected to spend two to three weeks there. As a result, the ventilators will already be full by the time the new cases emerge.

That study cited Ontario's current ventilator capacity as being 1,311 units. There are 2,053 intensive care unit beds in the province. However, many of those are already in use by other patients. The study estimates that 25 percent of ICU beds and ventilators will be available for COVID-19 patients, which is just 513 beds and 328 ventilators.

Grassroots efforts to get ventilators into production have been circulating around the Internet. Hackaday, an online publication that allows people to discuss their DIY projects and share expertise, has become a discussion hub for people seeking alternative ventilator setups. These would not replace proper ventilator units but are intended to be an unlicensed, last-resort stopgap if hospital capacity is full and desperate families seek a "something rather than nothing" solution.

A doctor in eastern

Ontario managed to successfully follow an online video from Detroit doctors circa 2006 that showed how to hook two people up to the same ventilator in a crisis situation.

That system isn't perfect—both patients have to be of similar lung function according to The Canadian Press, and if one patient's health changes at a different rate as the other then the system will not be effective.

Ms. Foster thanked M'Chigeeng First Nation and Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige for their efforts in organizing this campaign.

Anyone who wishes to

donate to the MHC ventilator campaign should contact Lori Mastelko at MHC by calling 705-368-2300, extension 2508, or by emailing LMastelko@mhc.on.ca. Payments can be made by credit card over the phone by calling the admitting office, cheque by mail or in-person to the screening desk at the front door before 3 pm, or by going online to the Canada Helps website and searching for MHC Ventilator Campaign.

As of press time Monday, in addition to the \$40,000 in donations as mentioned above, there was \$7,000 in donations listed on the Canada Helps website.



Having to stay close to home and curtail out-of-house activities can be stressful but I always try and find something positive and constructive that I can do. Here is what I have been doing—catching up on Netflix shows about food and cooking. The shows I have watched and enjoyed are: Rotten, Forks over Knives, Cooked (my favourite), Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat and The Game Changers. I have also been spending more time going through cookbooks and finding new recipes to try.

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- 1 pound brown or green lentils, rinsed
- 10 cups vegetable broth or water
- 1 jalapeño pepper, stemmed, seeded and chopped
- 2 tsp whole coriander seeds (1 tsp ground)
- 1 1/2 tsp cumin seeds
- 2 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 medium potatoes (1 1/4 pounds), scrubbed and cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 10 ounces fresh baby spinach, chopped or frozen spinach, chopped
- 1 small butternut squash (1 pound), peeled, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch dice (about 3 cups)
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 ribs celery, with leaves sliced
- 5 large garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 tsp sea salt, or more to taste
- 1/2 tsp ground pepper, or more to taste
- 2 lemons
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice

In large soup pot over medium-high heat, combine the lentils, stock or water, jalapeño, coriander, cumin, oregano and bay leaves. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low. Simmer, partially covered, about 30 minutes, until the lentils are tender.

Add the potatoes, spinach and butternut squash, re-cover and cook another 15 to 20 minutes, until the potatoes and squash are tender.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium heat, heat the olive oil until shimmering. Add the onion and cook, stirring, until it starts to soften, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the celery and garlic and cook, stirring often, until they soften, three minutes. Add the mixture to the soup, deglazing the skillet with a little broth from the soup, then add the deglazed contents back to the soup pot. Add the salt and pepper, taste, and add more if needed. Pick out and discard the bay leaves. Thinly slice one of the lemons and cut the other into wedges. Just before serving, stir the lemon juice into the soup.

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...‘vulnerable people’ at home

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having just its essential staff in the office. “We know each other pretty well here and everyone has a neighbour or a friend and everybody is checking in on each other. Everybody’s trying and we’re still here (at the town office) if anybody needs help,” said Melanie Chatwell, administrative assistant at Gordon/Barrie Island.

Several municipalities have taken on a co-ordination role with volunteer efforts. The Town of Gore Bay, the Township of Assiginack and the Township of Billings all have volunteer lists and have been seeking more residents to sign up. They also maintain lists of the people who might be in need of assistance and match volunteers with those in need.

“We are acting as a co-ordinator to link up folks who need assistance and those who can provide it. We are also asking folks to let us know if anyone in the community they think might need some assistance so we can check up on them. We are encouraging people to check in on their neighbours,” said Megan Bonenfant, deputy clerk of Billings Township. She cautioned that not everyone is comfortable with their government checking in on them and said Billings is respecting those wishes.

In the Northeast Town, churches and volunteers have taken up the charge when it comes to reaching out to this municipality’s vulnerable residents. The municipality did not wish to take on this role directly, so it was co-ordinated through the Little Current Lions Club, churches and other volunteers in the community.

The town did, however, assist by sending a direct mail-out information flyer created in partnership with this newspaper. It contains crucial information about COVID-19 and resources in town such as delivery services that are available at this time.

For those who may not be associated with a church and be without family, The Expositor Office has opened its phone line to encourage those in the Northeast Town who would like to be added to a vulnerable persons’ registry to call in. They will then be matched with a volunteer who will call them every couple of days, be a friendly voice and a contact to the outside world while running the odd errand. Those wishing to be on that list in the Northeast Town are encouraged to call 705-368-2744 from Monday to Friday.

Many Island First Nations have pandemic preparation plans. Aundeck Omni Kaning band manager Anne Marie Sandford said her First Nation has identified individuals who might need food delivery assistance as well as people who are in self-isolation.

“We jumped right on our emergency preparedness pandemic plan. That, and having everyone working together, has been a big help,” said Ms. Sandford.

Sheguiandah First Nation has been actively sharing information items with its residents, despite having scaled down the office staff to the core workers. It has also been helping its members by providing items like hand sanitizer, although those supplies are limited.

“As of today, most of our population is healthy and we don’t see any signs of the pandemic yet. But we’re encouraging people to stay isolated and practice safe spacing between each other,” said Sheguiandah First Nation band manager Lucy Ann Trudeau.

It’s business as usual in the Township of Tehkummah. Municipal office staff are advising people to try to do whatever business they can over the phone, though they remain able to help their citizens on an as-needed basis. Its aging population (nearly 10 years older than the median age on Manitoulin) means that its approach has to be different from other townships.

“Our entire community is vulnerable,” said clerk-administrator Silvio Berti. “We want people to know that we’re still here for them; we’re not closing or shortening our hours for now. Just call us like you normally do and follow Health Canada’s recommendations.”

Tehkummah has been aiding its people by helping to co-ordinate book drop-offs and grocery runs, though with its small staff it cannot execute these with its own workforce.

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin has been identifying individuals who may need more than physical assistance during this time.

“It’s not just people that are self-isolating, it’s also people who might need help with their mental health. We’ve spent a lot of time putting out this information to the public; some of it comes right from health professionals,” said CAO and clerk Ruth Frawley.

“Locally, we’re particularly concerned about people returning (to Manitoulin) that are not going into self-isolation. So, we’ve put out a flyer for businesses to put on their front door, reminding people that they should be at home,” said Ms. Frawley.

Central Manitoulin has also set up a 24-hour self-isolation community helpline (as advertised on Page 10 of this newspaper), so those who should not leave their homes can call for assistance.

In the West End, some grassroots mobilization has taken place with congregation members at the Silver Water United Church.

“We’ve had a couple of people volunteer to make grocery runs for others around here,” said Rev. Janice Frame.

A lot of volunteer organization has moved to the digital realm, with many requests and offers of assistance circulating in online groups. Bill Concannon, who manages the nearly 6,700-member Facebook group ‘What’s Doin on the Manitoulin,’ said he has seen dozens of offers to help out fellow Islanders through his group.

“People travel throughout the Island and it’s good to know what’s out there,” said Mr. Concannon. “It’s a virtual Island meeting place where no matter where you are or what your interest is, you can gather all the information you need in one spot.”

Mr. Concannon said some people may feel self-conscious about asking for certain products such as menstrual supplies or adult diapers if they need them, but said this was a time to leave those feelings behind.

“If you need it, you should ask. The whole idea of ‘What’s Doin’ is to help people,” he said.

Wiikwemkoong also has a list of its vulnerable people and the community is working to support those individuals, though further details could not be supplied by deadline Monday. The Expositor contacted Whitefish River First Nation, Burpee and Mills, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation and M’Chigeeng First Nation but did not receive comment by press time.



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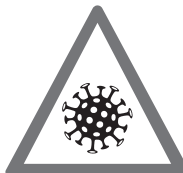
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COVID 19 IS REAL AND IT IS COMING... PLEASE, HELP STOP THE SPREAD

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- Clean and disinfect all areas

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MEETING NOTICE

All Council and Committee meetings are CANCELLED until further notice.

NOTICE OF BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Please be advised that the Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands has amended the Procedural By-law to allow for electronic meetings to be held for information purposes only. No decision/resolutions will be passed in an electronic meeting at this time.

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

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on the 7th day of April, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Waterfront Artisan Incubator and Technology Centre, to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

The purpose of this Zoning By-law Amendment is to correct anomalies in Zoning By-law 2018-41 by amending the wording in the Definitions and General Provisions sections to more clearly reflect the intent of the Town when the Comprehensive Zoning By-law was adopted. This By-law applies to lands throughout the Town and no Key Map is included in this Notice.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendments.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town at the address below.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

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

Dated: April 7th, 2020
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
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Ph: (705)368-3500

Postponed until further notice.

Visit our new website for up to date information on upcoming events www.townofnemi.on.ca

Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE DELIVERY REVIEW

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is currently seeking proposals from qualified candidates to conduct a Municipal Service Delivery Review. The purpose of this review is to increase the understanding of the level of services our municipality currently provides and equip us with better information that will allow the community, staff and Council to make more informed, strategic choices regarding these services. For a detailed package, please visit our website at www.townofnemi.on.ca or copies available at the Municipal Office. Questions related to this RFP may be directed to: David Williamson at (705) 368-3500 ext. 224 or via email at dwilliamson@townofnemi.on.ca. All proposals must be submitted to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands no later than 12:00pm (Noon) on April 3, 2020.

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

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

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

The end of ice fishing season is near

Get your ice huts off the ice by March 31

ONTARIO—The Ontario Conservation Officers Association (OCA) would like to remind anglers to think ahead and prepare to remove their fish huts from Ontario's frozen waterbodies.

"Ice fishing huts must be removed from the ice by the prescribed deadlines, with the exception of portable fish huts that are made of cloth or synthetic fabric that are seven square metres in size or less," says OCA President Sean Cronsberry. "Ice huts that are left or abandoned on the

ice can eventually fall through the ice and pollute our lakes, causing hazards to boaters during the open water season."

On Manitoulin, the ice hut removal date is March 31.

"Many of our waterbodies have less ice this year compared to the last couple years and in some areas the ice may be gone before the ice hut removal date," says Mr. Cronsberry. "Anglers must ensure they remove their ice fishing huts while the ice conditions are still safe to do so."

Anyone with information about a natural resources or public safety related offence is encouraged to call the MNRF violation reporting line at 1-877-847-7667, contact their local Conservation Officer directly, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

For more information about natural resources regulations and enforcement please visit the OCA website at www.oco.ca or contact your local Conservation Officer.



The time has come, the ministry said, to speak of many things—well just this really, get your ice hut off the lake by March 31.

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Putting the March Break lockdown to great community service

Cousins Kiera, Leland, Owen and Aliana spent a March Break morning picking up garbage from the NEMI Library park and surrounding ditches.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon



COVID-19 survival kits for social isolation

Cody Crawford and his daughter Scarlett popped by Barney's Bargain Barn to collect a bag of March Break goodies designed to help take the edge off social distancing. Rodney Deforge hands off the bag which included a large bag of popcorn, a game, a fidget spinner, some chocolate bars, candy, a chocolate bunny and a bar of soap!

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Central Manitoulin Lions host March Break snow sculpture contest



Coming in first and foremost!

First prize in the Central Manitoulin Lions Club snow sculpture contest went to the Dewar family, Finn and Eli with help from Logan Hayden. They took home the \$150 first place purse sponsored by Jake's Home Centre.

photos by Marcus Mohr



Climbing up to second place with style!

The Styles Wilton family entry of a miniature ski hill took second prize in the Central Manitoulin Lions Club snow sculpture contest. The \$100 purse was sponsored by Campbell Construction.



A cheeky bit of snow sculpture takes third place

The Fisher Family's tongue in cheek toilet paper entry was timely enough to take the \$50 third place purse that was sponsored by Able Enterprises - Process serving.



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In the interest of keeping our employees healthy and safe, The Expositor Office is closing its doors to the public effective Monday, March 23

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Stay healthy, Manitoulin, and don't worry - we've got your back!



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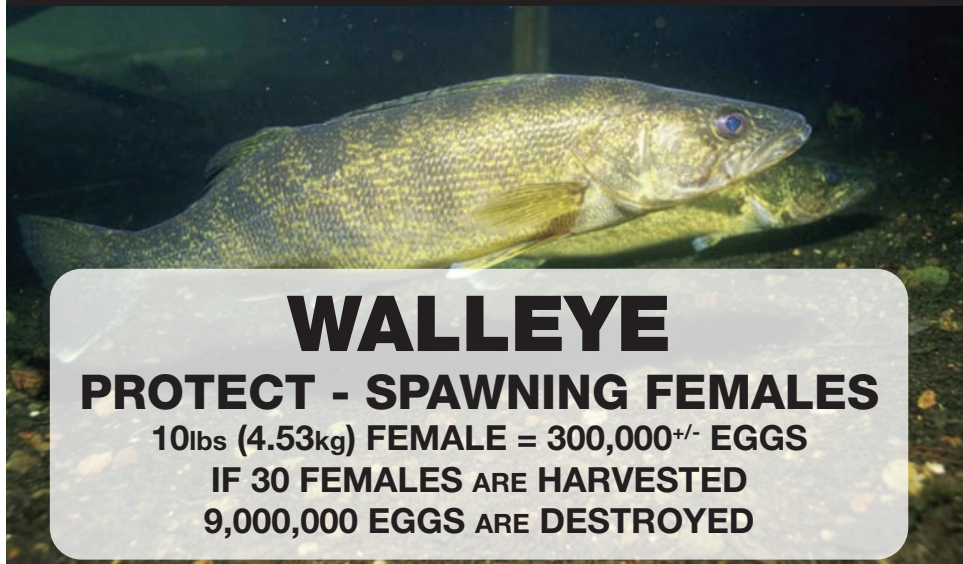
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A message from the Little Current & District Fish & Game Club, Sheguiandah First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Manitoulin Streams, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation & Whitefish River First Nation



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Turones at Timberlane

Alessandra Turone took her son Tatum and little daughter Rose to enjoy a sunny afternoon on the frozen waters of Lake Manitou at Timberlane Rustic Lodges. Please send The Expositor your photos of how you and your family are making the most of this time at editor@manitoulin.ca.



Sap duty for Jacob Zimmerman

Jacob Zimmerman loves helping his grandparents collect the sap at their Elizabeth Bay home. The Zimmermans boiled the sap into syrup on Saturday.

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This is the former home of Whitefish River First Nation resident Evelyn Jacko. A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the fire victim.

...Birch Island woman loses home to fire

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fire to spread,” Ms. Jacko said.

“My sister had just enough time to save her animals and just get out,” she added.

Ms. Jacko’s duck and dog, which are best friends, survived the fire. Two kittens did not make it.

Tania Jacko was one of the Whitefish River First

Nation volunteer fire fighters who attended the scene, which she said was a surreal experience, responding to a family member’s home. “I was in shock,” she said.

Ms. Jacko said her sister is doing “okay,” but is in need of everything. Evelyn Jacko is currently staying with a friend until a new place for her to live is found.

So far the family has held

two lotteries, including a ‘find the Joker,’ had plans to host a taco sale that has since been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns and have a launched a GoFundMe page which can be found at [GoFundMe.com/f/fundraiser-for-ev](https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundraiser-for-ev). The family is also accepting e-transfers for Ms. Jacko by sending them to ttiggerr2@hotmail.com.

Physical distancing at Bridal Veil Falls

Manitoulin Islanders have been coming up with numerous ways to stay busy during public health directives to maintain distance between people to help limit the spread of COVID-19. This newspaper will be highlighting some of those innovative plans in upcoming editions, such as this—a trip to Bridal Veil Falls in Kagawong while the photographer was exploring Manitoulin with her niece. The ice has begun to open up and the water is rushing with great force. Please send The Expositor your photos that show how you are making the most of this physical distancing period.

photo by Debbie Bailey





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...Now and Then: Susan and Gene Bebamash

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Gene began to build his own house for \$12,000 using a floorplan he liked from an advertisement. He cut the trees in the bush, got them milled, got a co-signed loan from the bank for \$5,000. Wilfred Taibossagai helped with the foundation. "Ontario Hydro took 12 months to put the power in and the day they came, it took no time at all. It was our responsibility to keep the line free of trees."

"Our first child, Roger, was five months old when we moved into the house. A lot still had to be finished. Daughter Shannon was born two years later. We used to take them camping and to destinations like Niagara Falls or Marineland." Shannon and Susan also visited North Carolina and Florida. From 1986 to 1990, Susan taught special education. She went back to teaching Grade 1 that year and then returned to Special Education in 2000. Susan sat on SEAC, a Special Educational Advisory Committee for the Board of Education for several years while teaching special education. After she retired in 2012, she tutored kids four days a week during the school year. She still tutors today.

"Favourite season? Summer when it's warm," Susan adds smiling. "For me it's spring, summer and fall. I just love being outside," says Gene. "We like to walk the boardwalk in Providence Bay and beside the Bridal Veil falls in Kaga-wong."

Awards? We both got volunteer awards from the community. Susan got one for teaching excellence. What are our strengths? Susan is artistic, likes to 'read people' and teach. Gene is innovative, loves history too and likes construction. "I look at the big picture, before I try to put parts together."

"What we would still like to do? Ride across Canada in a train." Cruise to Alaska for Susan and power-boating for Gene. "We loved being parents and watching the kids master challenges over the years. Anything we would change if we could go back? Not with my teaching career," Susan

confirms.

Recipe for happiness? "Be patient and communicate face to face. Always thank the Creator for a good day and smudge, telling him what you are grateful for and try not to be afraid."

The last five years have

found the couple doing volunteer work. Susan and Gene have been helping at the elders' building in town. "The elders used to share stories that included hopes for the future, but stories became rare after the phones went in," Gene confirms. Both help with

the M'Chigeeng fall harvest, showing participants how to process the corn and make corn soup.

Quilting and oil painting kept Susan interested in earlier times. These days, she still quilts. She also makes cards and does scrapbooking, doing a wonderful job of both. "My mentor was Colleen Edwards who started a scrapbooking club a few years ago. Colleen died last year, and I have had a difficult time getting back into scrapbooking again."

Gene teaches the language on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Kenjgewin Teg in an immersion program. He has also added his own language teaching, having students make flutes in his garage and other locations, using the language throughout the process. Susan provides the food.

"We have grandchildren now, Jacob and Kaleb. Our son lives nearby. Daughter Shannon was the General Manager of the Comfort Inn in Parry Sound, now she is with the Marriott chain in the Muskokas."

"As mentioned, we are both interested in history," Gene adds as he brings out a map of the community with all the people who lived here in the 1950s, their houses identified and lots of paths. "No roads had been built yet." An award for excellent teaching given to Susan is on the table. The Robinson Huron

Treaty is displayed, as are the signatures of the chiefs signing the Manitoulin treaty of 1862 which includes the 'caribou' of Jean Baptise. The logbook of Gene's grandfather has fragile pages bearing daily entries. They reveal his main chores were cutting and splitting wood and helping his neighbours. Births and deaths were also recorded.

"We like the laid-back pace of Manitoulin. I miss Hamilton but there is no way I would live there, Susan reflects. "We had offers to work and live else-

where but we chose to stay here. Gene was born here."

"This is my homeland. I love the quiet of the bush, of nature, listening to birds and watching animals," Gene adds. "I respect the forest as my dad did. We want the history of this Island to be available for generations to come. Elders are passing on and taking much of their knowledge with them. We are doing what we can to keep the work of our forefathers alive for the future inhabitants of this Island."



Dad takes the kids for a ride.



Our 30th wedding anniversary.



Susan teaching Grade 7 in 1972.

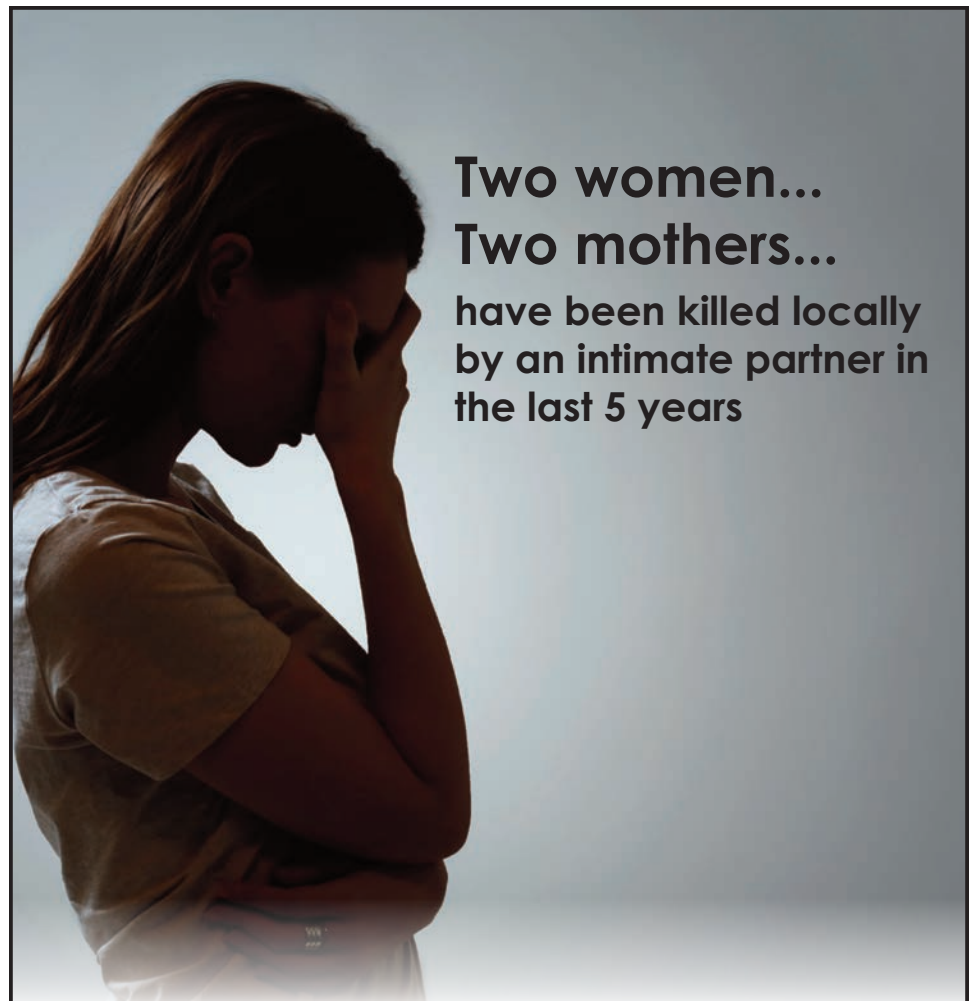
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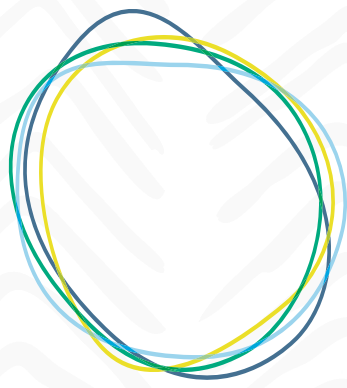
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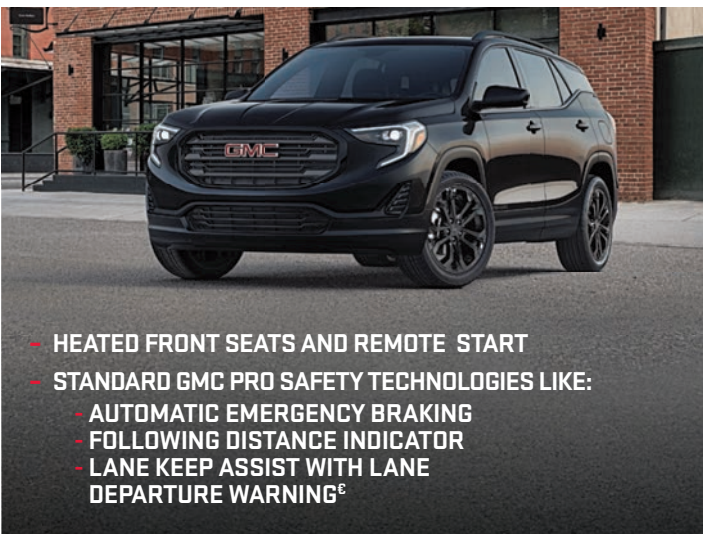
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These are trying times for everyone. With the doom and gloom overwhelming everybody's daily newsfeed, I think it is time to give everyone a reason to get outside, distance yourself from people and get away from what is going on right now.

Let me introduce you to surf fishing.

I was lucky enough to spend numerous years of my life in the wonderful country of Australia. There, surf fishing is a way of life. With the massive expanse of the ocean before you, what do Aussies do? They grab their rods, bait and tackle and head down to the beach. I caught sharks, snapper, mulloway, bream—you name it, I targeted it, and all from just the shore.

When I came back to Canada, I had a problem adjusting not only to the cold but the style of fishing. Sure, I grew up here and fished every waking hour when I could, but I missed surf fishing. Something about it is very satisfying. No electronics, boat or fancy gear, it's just the angler trying to find fish from shore with the vast expanse of water in front of you.

With ice fishing a memory, I move onto the in-between



time when I still can't get out in the boat but want to fish. Surf fishing fills this void. Not only now, but throughout the spring, summer and fall.

When surf fishing, you learn to read the water and understand fish habits fast. It is surprising how many fish are near shore and within casting distance during the day. All it takes is a long rod, a decent reel with a large line capacity and a bit of research on where to start.

Since returning from Australia and putting into practice the art of surf fishing, I have landed almost everything you can imagine. Trophy walleye, pike, salmon, lake trout and rainbow, to name a few.

You want to look for tributaries, rivers, pinch points and shoals in the immediate area. All of these areas will attract bait and, in turn, attract feeding fish. Early in the spring you are limited with the spots and species available to fish, but trust me, they are there.

Providence Bay beach and the mouth of the Kagawong

River are my go-to spots at this time of year. Rainbow and Atlantic salmon are what I am after in these spots.

Rainbow is the easiest to target with a simple roe bag or ball of Berkley Power Bait on a running sinker or under a float rig. Atlantic salmon are a bit trickier. The Atlantics are coming in close to shore in the early spring for one reason, bait.

Kagawong has a decent run of smelt every year. The salmon are drawn in close to shore as they chase the spawning smelt. Now is the time to 'match the hatch,' as they say.

Use small casting spoons like a Luhr Jensen Crocodile or an Acme Little Cleo. Blue and silver tend to work the best, however, I have had success on the red and copper versions as well.

As the spring progresses and the season opens up other fish species, you can catch everything from walleye to monster pike off the shores of Manitoulin. Casting from shore can be some of the most therapeutic fishing you will find. Put your worries aside, at least for a while, get outside to enjoy what the Island has to offer.

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 **services**

The Expositor is leaving these notes for helping organizations in place for although the meetings are suspended for the time being the contact information might prove to be valuable.

Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.area84aa.org/manitoulin or call 705-674-6217 for more info.

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RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist the WRFN Education Manager to provide services to WRFN students that are consistent with WRFN's mission and vision;
- Have knowledge of federal and provincial legislation, regulations and programs as they relate to First Nation Education operations and First Nations student learning needs;
- Assist with the preparation of the WRFN Education Department annual and long-range plans, and related implementation strategies for WRFN;
- Attend various meetings with Education Manager for note taking and reporting;
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- Assist with the completion of reports, statistics and budgets for all events and programs; and
- Other related duties as assigned by the Education Manager (or designate).

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Diploma in a field related to education, business or office administration;
- At least 2 years' experience working in an office environment;
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- Must have working knowledge and experience with databases, Microsoft Office;
- Knowledge of funding reporting requirements; First Nation issues, traditions and culture;
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RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Bring creative energy and approach to facilitating comprehensive community plan;
- Coordinate and assist with facilitating CCP process and community engagement;
- Explore the community's priorities and opportunities;
- Develop Engagement and Communications Strategy ;
- Work with WRFN Chief and Council, Staff, and community to design and implement the CCP process;
- Review background information and previous planning;
- Coordinate and host any of the following initiatives: information sessions, community meetings, focus group sessions (youth, elder, men and women), and/or creation of community survey;
- Review information from meetings and create drafts of the CCP;
- Writing, researching, analyzing, communications with staff and Chief and Council and funders;
- Report back to staff, Chief and Council and to the community;
- Identify any additional information needed to complete CCP document;
- Research and gather information for compilation into CCP and other community based processes;
- Review other First Nations CCPs; and
- Discuss visioning and community engagement strategies already in place.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent;
- Office Administration Certificate or Business Diploma an asset;
- Ability to be neutral and listen to the community and Elders;
- Computer and social media literate (MS word, Excel, Power Point);
- Excellent organizational skills;
- Willingness to be creative and open to different ways of engaging the community;
- Willingness to learn new skills and attend CCP training sessions and workshops;
- Strong written and verbal communication;
- Experience hosting community events or meetings is preferred;
- Strong knowledge of Whitefish First Nation structure, territory, culture and history; and
- Must have Driver's Licence and access own vehicle.

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

CONFIDENTIAL:

Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Manager
Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; P.O. Box 188; Birch Island; ON P0P1A0
Email: andream@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705)285-4532

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

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

Manitoulin robotics teams compete at FIRST Ontario district event

Manitoulin Secondary School team earns prestigious judge's award

by Warren Schlote
BARRIE—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) and Wikwemikong High School (WHS) FIRST Robotics teams both competed at the Georgian College competition in Barrie earlier this month, with the WHS team First Nations STEM 5672 making it as far as the quarter finals and the MSS Manitoulin Metal 6865 team earning a prestigious judge's award at the event.

"The kids dug deep; they had a few technical issues they were working through as we were going through the competition, but we were only able to make it that far with all the hard work of the students," said First Nations STEM mentor Adrian Rampersad after the end of the competition.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics is an event that has steadily gained popularity during the past decade. It offers young students the opportunity to design, build, test and operate robots for various competitions. Team 5672 at WHS was the first FIRST team to arrive on Manitoulin Island and that team helped mentor and form the MSS team a few years later.

This year's event took on a Star Wars theme and was called Infinite Recharge. Teams had to use their



Manitoulin Secondary School students pose with their Judge's Award for Environmental Stewardship, Innovation, Vision, Safety and Leadership.

robots to pick up soft yellow balls (serving as power cells) scattered about the playing surface and for the first 15 seconds, they had to operate autonomously—yes, these high school students had to program a form of artificial intelligence into their robots.

Following the self-driving portion, drivers take over for a "tele-operated" portion of two minutes and 15 seconds to continue gathering the power cells and shooting them into the various targets. There was an additional component with a colour wheel at which teams had to either spin the

wheel a certain number of times or position it to a specific colour.

Then comes the endgame, where all robots convene at a central point with what looks like a giant metal coat hanger. The robots have to extend a hanging device and pull themselves off the ground—bonus points if all three robots get off the ground and they are positioned to be level.

Six robots took to the court at any one time and were divided on either a red or a blue alliance. The alliance with the most points at the end of each

match got closer to moving forward to the next round.

The competition was steady for Wikwemkoong's robot Biabco Nimooosh, which translates to Iron Dog. First Nations STEM's autonomous system performed well and helped with their rankings as they proceeded through the qualifier. They ended up only one spot away from being the alliance captain during the finals. As they prepared for the quarter finals they had to rebuild both their climbing mechanism and ball intake. They only managed to last two rounds into the quarter

finals before their run had officially come to an end, although the team said there were significant moments of triumph throughout.

"We finally got our climber going for the second round of the quarter finals. Seeing it finally get off the ground was pretty amazing," said First Nations STEM driver Aiden McCormick.

The team also worked hard in the pits to keep theirs and other robots working in top condition and find ways to improve their systems for the future rounds.

"We found out a lot of flaws in the systems for our robot, so what I took from here is we really need our elevator working every time so we can climb up and get higher in the rankings. We also need our intake to be more reliable," said Aiden.

On the Manitoulin Metal side, team captains Lindsay Sheppard and Jocelyn Kuntsi said the weekend offered plenty of learning opportunities and the satisfaction that their robot stayed alive all weekend, meaning other teams often had to rely on their reliable construction to score points. The Metal's robot was named L.Y.N. in an homage to the names of the

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Rosebud
When God calls little puppies to dwell with Him above,
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And so He picks a Rosebud before it can grow old.

God knows how much we need them and so He picks but a few

To make the land of heaven more beautiful to view.
Believing this is difficult, yet somehow we must try,
For the saddest word that mankind knows will always be "goodbye."

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

OBJECTIVES

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4. Works collaboratively with health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
5. Submission of timely required documentation based on scheduled basis to immediate supervisor.
6. May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
- A Personal Support Worker Certificate from a recognized college with a minimum of (2) years community work experience.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Current and Clear CPCIC
- Valid 'G' driver's licence and a vehicle.
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A cover letter, resume, two work related reference letters and a criminal reference check (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' must be submitted via fax, email or in person to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
hr@mnaamodzawin.com
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FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY TRUST SECRETARIAT

Background

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

Candidates must meet the following qualifications to be considered:

Technical Qualifications

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

Other Qualifications:

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

Some specific duties of the Trust Secretariat include:

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

Remuneration: To commensurate with Education and Experience.

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

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

Confidential
Whitefish River First Nation
C/o Andrea McGregor, Human Resource Manager
17A Rainbow Ridge Road
Birch Island, ON P0P1A0
(705)285-4532 fax or andream@whitefishriver.ca

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



Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board Vacancy Off-Reserve Representative

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

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

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

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

Pre-requisites:

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

Send "Confidential" to:

Attn: Ryan Corbiere, Board Chair
c/a Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002,
Little Current, ON P0P1K0
Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 204 Fax: 705-368-2229
Or email: p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca

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



The Manitoulin Expositor is seeking a Local Journalism Initiative Court and Climate Change Reporter

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

This reporter will also cover climate change events on Manitoulin and research various topics surrounding climate change and its effects on Manitoulin, and the people who live here. The reporter will also be expected to submit stories that will present a base-line analysis of Manitoulin Island's climate changes over the past half-century.

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

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

Skills required:

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

Please submit a resume marked 'LJI Reporter' to:
expositor@manitoulin.ca, in person or by mail to:
The Manitoulin Expositor,
PO Box 369,
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P0P 1K0
by no later than **Friday, April 3, 2020**



Local Journalism Initiative
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The Cutoff for Boxed Display Ads is Friday

...robotics teams compete at FIRST Ontario

...continued from page 25 team's mentor, members and its home base on Manitoulin (L.Y.N.) Island.

Lindsay said she started driving at the beginning of the weekend but soon switched up to allow some first-year students take the controls.

"I thought they should have the chance and understand what it's all about. I was the drive coach so I taught them how to go and helped them pick up the balls and unload them. And I worked on strategy because every game has its own strategy, which makes it difficult," she said.

In between competitions, Jocelyn and Lindsay made sure the team members were able to discuss their robot's abilities in great depth with the judges.

"This year, as our business manager, I made hand-outs for the judges for the safety and entrepreneurship award. They would ask questions about those things and make sure we were completing safety procedures," said Jocelyn.

The team did have issues with its lifting mechanism, which hampered its final

outcome. Lindsay said she was also going to focus more on strategy for the next round of competition. One tactic that worked well this time was sending scouts to gather intel about other teams so they knew the strengths of their alliance partners as well as their adversaries.

"The best lesson we learned was that communications are key for a team. There's talking to judges, talking while you're in the event, making sure you can talk to other teams for things you need," she said.

Lindsay added with a laugh that she was impressed by the shy first years who, after a little encouragement, found their voice and "won't stop talking now."

After some of the judge interviews, Jocelyn said the judges went back to their colleagues and brought other officials along to hear their safety and entrepreneurship presentations, something they took as a positive sign for their chances for a judge's award.

Their hunch was right—in the end, the team won a

prestigious judge's award for environmental stewardship, innovation, vision, safety and leadership. They earned extra points for their environmental initiatives back at MSS such as their battery drive.

First Nations STEM 5672 ended the competition in 13th place while Manitoulin Metal 6865 ranked 29th. The District Chairman's Award went to Team 865, a Toronto team that has been competing since 2002. First Nations STEM team member Aaryn Zocole said it was a proud moment, despite the WHS loss, because Team 865 had been working hard at these competitions for decades.

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

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Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Violence Against Women Shelters in the Face of COVID-19

Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses represents over 70 Violence Against Women Shelters funded through the Ministry of Children's, Community & Social Services, across Ontario. Our member organizations provide 24-hour services including shelter, counselling, crisis lines, and advocacy to thousands of women and children each year across the province.

Amidst the current pandemic of COVID-19, VAW Shelters in Ontario are also responding to the existing Gender-Based Violence Pandemic. We know that survivors of gender-based violence are most at-risk of violence in their own homes. We are facing a **complicated and unprecedented situation**, when **"Self-Isolating at Home"** is both the primary advice to respond to our **current public health crisis, yet the most common location of harassment, violence and lethality for women and children** experiencing and or at risk of gender-based violence.

"In the face of the changing and evolving crisis in Ontario, OAITH is working closely with our members, so that they can continue to do their very best to respond to those who need them the most, at a time when staying at home can significantly impact the safety of women and their children." -Marlene Ham, Executive Director

Communication lines are open between the shelters, with their associations, and with government as we find new strategies, develop new resources and build our collective capacity to address this crisis together.

All Violence Against Women Shelter's in Ontario have received directives from Public Health to create and implement screening plans. Each shelter in Ontario offer a range of services responding to the unique needs of their communities, that will need to reflect a new and changing context over the coming weeks. Shelters will continue to receive the advice of Public Health of Canada, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services and Local Public Health Units as we work through these unprecedented times and do our best to keep women and their children safe in Ontario.

Shelters may require support from their community over the coming weeks through donations of essential items to assist in their day to day operations. Please visit sheltersafe.ca to find the contact information for the shelter in or nearest to your community to find out how you can support them.

If you're seeking safety from a harmful situation, please reach out to your local Violence Against Women Shelter by visiting sheltersafe.ca or call 911 if you're in immediate danger.

To talk with someone immediately about your safety needs and safety planning you can also contact confidential and anonymous provincial crisis lines.

1. Assaulted Women's Helpline 1-866-863-0511
2. Talk4Healing 1-855-554 HEAL
3. Fem'aide 1-877-336-2433

OAITH represents close to 80 VAW organizations including Violence Against Women Shelters, Second Stage Housing and Community Organizations. Together we work to end all forms of violence against women and their children. We achieve this through advocacy, government relations, public awareness, research and training. To learn more visit OAITH ONLINE at www.oaith.ca.



Dear Clients and Community,

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre provides culturally relevant services and is committed to support and promote the overall wholistic health and well-being of Anishinabek individuals, families and communities within the District of Manitoulin and area. We continue to take ongoing preparations and affirmative action in response to COVID-19 and want to thank our clients and partners for your patience as we make changes to the delivery of services. The following services are available and provided by Noojmowin Teg Health Centre to the First Nation and Indigenous community.

Primary and clinical care essential services are available in person as deemed necessary, or by phone and video conferencing. This includes access to nurse practitioners, physicians, RPNs, and diabetes footcare.

Aging at Home Transportation Service will continue to operate as an essential service to clients aged 55+ years and over for medical appointments and local grocery shopping trips only.

The below healthcare services are available by phone and/or video conferencing:

- Dietitians, diabetes team, health care navigation and geriatric social worker services
- Mental health and addictions counselling services for the District of Manitoulin and Espanola and the surrounding area
- Traditional healer services and cultural support services for the District of Manitoulin and Espanola and the surrounding area

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre would like to remind everyone of the importance of social distancing. Please stay at home, limit the use of public transport, avoid visitors to your home, only run errands which are deemed necessary such as grocery and medical.

If you are a community member or Anishinabek elder looking for support at this time and would like a social call/check-in, please email info@noojmowin-teg.ca or call (705) 368-2182.

If you are having a crisis or feeling overwhelmed, please call the 24-hour Crisis Line (705) 674-4760.

If you have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, please contact your primary health care provider, do not go into emergency. A COVID-19 self-assessment is available at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/#q0>. If you are having difficulty breathing or experiencing other severe symptoms, call 911 immediately. Advise them of your symptoms and travel history.

We are committed to keeping you informed with the latest updates from trusted, health sources regarding the virus, offering helpful advice on protecting yourself and your loved ones, and ways to assist you in making things much easier during this unusually confusing time.

Visit our website for an update list of resources and information related to COVID-19: www.noojmowin-teg.ca/events/latest-news.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre recognizes the work of all our health care providers and front-line workers at this very stressful time. Each day, we light a sacred fire and send our prayers for our medical community, providers and community members.

In solidarity and with respect,
Pam Williamson
Executive Director
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre



Conseil des Services du District de Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board understands and shares the public's concern over the spread of COVID-19 virus; for their children, spouses, families, co-workers and themselves. With this in the forefront of our minds, we are looking at all reasonable options to support both our clients and our staff while they perform the essential services that many of our most vulnerable citizens rely on.

Effective Immediately All DSB offices will be open by appointment ONLY

- All Social Assistance payments will continue
- Clients will NOT be required to submit monthly income statements
- All resource centres are closed
- All new applications or request for any type of DSB assistance will be handled over the phone only
- Where DSB staff deem necessary arrangements will be made to have an office visit.
- No client will be denied benefits simply because they could not sign documents

Paramedic Services will be operating but the system will be under extreme pressure, so we ask that people **ONLY call 911 or their local emergency number where it is an emergency**. Should you be seeking **advice with respect COVID-19 please contact Public Health at 1-866-522-9200**

For all other DSB services, inquiries should be made by phone ONLY, please contact your local office for any services you may require

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Warren	705-967-0639	1-800-213-4001
Chapleau	705-864-0430	1-877-245-5595

Thank you for your patience.

Province announces human trafficking strategy

by Michael Erskine
ST. CATHARINES—A group of high profile Ontario politicians, including Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Jill Dunlop, associate minister of Children and Women's Issues and Solicitor General Sylvia Jones gathered in St. Catharines on March 6 to release a comprehensive five-year strategy to combat human trafficking and end child sexual exploitation across the province.

According to a government release, the new strategy is "the largest total investment in dedicated anti-human trafficking supports and services in the country and is a major step forward in Ontario's fight against human trafficking."

"Human traffickers prey on the most vulnerable members of our society—our children," said Premier Ford. "We must put an end to this disgusting industry and take immediate steps to

keep our kids safe. Our new strategy takes strong and decisive action to support survivors, raise awareness and give our police the tools and resources they need to put these criminals behind bars."

"We can't say too much about the strategy just yet," said Victims Services executive director Elly Charette, noting that many of the details on how the new strategy will roll out are not yet clear, but added that human trafficking remains a serious concern, even in rural areas like Manitoulin.

"We are having human trafficking training for the police next month," shared Ms. Charette. "It is definitely an issue."

The Manitoulin Area Coalition to End Human Trafficking, of which Victim Services is a part, is a collaboration between a number of different organizations from across the Island that are marshalling

resources to combat the issue.

While the sharp end of human trafficking tends to be in larger urban centres, marginalized youth and adults in rural centres remain fertile ground for human traffickers to source their victims.

According to the provincial announcement, Ontario's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy will invest \$307 million over the next five years on a "proactive, comprehensive action plan" focused on four key areas: raising awareness of the issue by launching a new, province-wide marketing campaign to educate children, youth, parents and the broader public about what human trafficking is, how to recognize the signs and where to get help; holding offenders accountable by giving law enforcement more specialized Crown prosecution support for human trafficking cases, strengthen-

ing intelligence gathering in the correctional system, and investing in police services to help coordinate anti-human trafficking investigations and expand the Ontario Provincial Police Child Sexual Exploitation Unit; protecting victims and intervening early by investing in specialized intervention teams involving police and child protection services,

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Death Notices

MARYANN TRUDEAU



Maryann Trudeau of Sagamok passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on March 21, 2020 at the age of 66. Dear daughter of the late Arthur and Julia (nee Toulouse) Jones. Beloved wife of Joseph Trudeau. Loving mother of Crystal Toulouse (Gary), Miles Trudeau (Anita) and Joey Trudeau (Roberta), all of Sagamok. Cherished grandmother of Kelly (Derek), Lyle, Dillon (Bethany), Kyle, Cole, Julian, Tanner, Draiden, Rylee and Reyna. Great-grandmother of Miley, Brayson, Pheonix and Nimki. Dear sister of Pauline (Frank) and Roger (Cherryl) all of Sagamok, and the late Dorothy, Bernard, Norman, Viola, Bill, Charles, Jessie, Leonard and Bernadette. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends and relatives. A limited attendance visitation started on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at the New Community Centre, Sagamok at 10 am. Funeral Service in the New Community Centre on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 11 am again with a limited amount of people due to the world wide circumstances. Interment to follow in the New Sagamok Cemetery. The family will also be planning a memorial service celebrating Maryann's life at a later date. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

in memoriam

KAY—In loving memory of Kenneth Kay, August 1985 to March 2006.

As we loved you,
So we miss you.
In our memory you are so near,
Lovingly remembered,
Longed for always.
Bring many a silent tear.
Mom and Dad

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Death Notices

LORNA EDITH FINCH



Lorna Edith Finch of Espanola Nursing Home on March 17, 2020 at the age of 81. Dear daughter of the late Lorne Henry and Bessie Louise Bennet (nee Marsh) Wisson and step-daughter of Dorthy Amanda Wisson (nee Collins). Beloved wife of the late Lloyd Norman Lewis and also

Ervin Delbert Finch. Loving mother of Rita (companion Augie), Mike (wife Vi), Vicki, Doug (late wife Betty), Delbert and the late Irene. Cherished by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Joan (husband Joe), Bev (husband Laurie), Sheldon (wife Linda), Bryan and the late Graham. Also will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, friends and relatives. Friends and family were received at the Bourcier Funeral Home on Thursday, March 19, 2020 from 9 am until the time of service at 12 noon with Rev. Beverly Van der Jagt officiating in the funeral home. Cremation to follow with interment of ashes at a later date in the Elmview Cemetery, Sheguiandah. If so desired, donations to Northern Cancer Foundation or the Canadian Diabetes Association. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

LOTTIE C. THOMPSON (PALMER)

March 19, 1927 - March 21, 2020



Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, Lottie Thompson, passed away peacefully in her home with her family by her side on March 21, 2020 at the age of 93. She will be lovingly remembered by her children

Morris (Brigitte), Terry Edwards (Rob), Alexis Pyoli (Larry), Kim Mayer (Scotty, deceased), Rodney and Lyn (Jim Bissonnette); sister Shirley (Bob Wiseman); dear niece Pat McShane; 13 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; as well as numerous relatives and friends. Lottie was predeceased by Murray, her husband of 69 years; sisters Maudie, Norma and Anita; and her parents Guy and Janet Palmer. Throughout her life Mom was actively involved in her church and many community organizations such as CGIT, 4H, volunteer fire department and UCW. For the last couple of years Mom enjoyed watching the birds from her favourite chair by the window, but above all, Mom's greatest pleasure came from her huge loving family and our numerous get-togethers. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In the meantime, feed the birds and get yourself a scratch ticket in her memory. Memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary and may be made through www.SimpsonFuneralHome.ca. The family wishes to send a special thanks to the staff at the Mindemoya Hospital, Bayshore Home Health and the VON for their care and compassion.

CEDAR "PIE PIE" GRACE SAGE SHAWANA

May 26, 2019 - March 14, 2020



In loving memory of Cedar "Pie Pie" Grace Sage Shawana who began her journey into the Spirit World with her loving family by her side at the age of 10 months. Cherished daughter of Jasmine and Neil Shawana. Little sister to Hope Shawana, Marquise Shawanda, and Letty Shawana. Special grand-

daughter of Brian Shawanda (Cate Pitawanakwat), Doris Recollet, Martha Shawana (Sonny "Hugo" Ominikamigo) and Isadore "Fonzie" Fox. Much loved great-granddaughter of Bessie (Peter) Manitowabi and Margaret (Bert) Shawana. Goddaughter of Bernie (Michelle) Shawana, Stephanie (John) Dubé, Ken Shawana and Samantha Toulouse. Beloved niece of Shawn (Lorraine), Shizhee, Geraldine, Randy (Paula), Christine (Francis), Leslie and Brian Jr. (Aby). Missed by many cousins. Cedar will be forever cherished by special aunt Julie, special cousins Isabella, Hara, Callaway, Shanelle and L.J. Cedar was an adorable happy baby girl who was always smiling, she enjoyed listening to her big sister Letty sing, playing with her toys and loved to be cuddled. She was loved by all who met her, and will be greatly missed. Family and friends gathered for visitation at St. Ignatius Church in Buzwah on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 starting at 7 pm. Funeral Mass was held at Holy Cross Mission on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 11 am. Burial in the Wikwemikong Upper Cemetery.

ERVIN DELBERT FINCH



Ervin Delbert Finch of Webbwood passed away at his residence on March 14, 2020 at the age of 79. Loving father of Delbert Finch of Webbwood and stepfather of Rita Lewis, Michael Lewis, Victoria Lewis, Douglas Lewis and the late Irene Lewis. Cherished grandfather of Tristan, Cole

and Kindra. Dear brother of Melvin Finch and the late Lloyd Finch, Violet Finch and Bev Finch. Also, will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Cremation with interment of ashes at a later date. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

LANCE "REB" TREVOR OWEN MIGWANS

March 21, 1973 - March 12, 2020



On March 12, 2020, at the young age of 46, Lance went to his final grand entry into the Spirit World. Lance leaves behind his beloved wife of 13 years, Nikki Maier, Tlingit from Taku River First Nation, member of the Wolf Clan, and his three boys Braiden Fisher-

Migwans, Ryder Tishwan Migwans "Grizzly" and Jasper August Migwans "Warrior". Lance was an amazing and loving dad who cherished his boys and his role as a father. Son of Alma-Jean Migwans and Roland "Rocky" Taibossigai of M'Chigeeng First Nation. Brother of Clint (Velvet) Migwans, Rachelle "Roach" (Bill) Beboning, Falcon Migwans, Vince Aaron Migwans, Talon Corbiere and James "Shanz" Beboning. Lance was preceded by brother Ferlin Beboning, and by ancestors Wilfred and Violet Taibossigai and Raymond and Seraphine Migwans. For almost 20 years, Lance made his home in Ottawa, where he spent much of his time composing songs and playing music. Lance was a talented harmonica player. Over the past decade, he also added guitar to his repertoire. Lance found many ways to express himself artistically - through his painting, carving, leather work, photography and poetry. Lance had an amazing sense of humor; he was funny, loved to laugh and loved to make others laugh. He was a hard worker, had many talents and, over the course of his lifetime, dedicated himself to various fields of work, from cabinet-making to street outreach, which he did for eight years to support First Nations and Inuit in need in Ottawa, where his legacy lives on. For years, Lance worked as a glazier, installing industrial glass in tall buildings, and did so in spite of his fear of heights. Lance was humble, thoughtful, steadfast and deep in seeking wisdom, always aiming to increase his understanding of the traditional teachings he walked with. Visitation was Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5 pm. Traditional Ceremonies were Monday at 7 pm and Tuesday at 7 pm. Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 10:30 am at the M'Chigeeng Community Complex. Feast followed.

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

Tehkummah Talk and Times

I'm Not Giving Up!

What do I hang on to, And what should I let go? My mind is in a quandary, I really have to know. This aging body tells me, My gardening days are gone. No darned use in crying, I have to move it on. I can sit in the sunshine, That's not so hard to do. I still can hold a pen in hand, That is what sees me through. I still can pray to God above, I need the power and peace. So many things are sliding by, The actions mostly ceased. I still can do some dishes, Make a meal and eat. So many things like bending, I'm now unsteady on my feet. I had to give up dancing, But I still can sing a song. For crafts my fingers do not work, And climbing up is wrong. This aging thing's a nuisance, A trouble filled with pain. Would I have changed a single thing, To live my life again? So many things unfinished, So much on my bucket list. So many roads yet unexplored, Still things I can't resist. There's no point looking backwards, At things that used to be. Let go of unimportant things, I'm blessed with family. Life's moments should be cherished, When all is said and done. It's the memories we'll leave behind, When this old battle is won. -Pat Hall March 20, 2020

Day one of "life" in a whole new realm. Today I cannot recognize Monday or any other week day without associating it with the

day's events. So I will not know what day or date now, but today as we are filtering all these new thoughts and fears that are ahead of us. But Monday, March 16 I talked to Joan, Judy, Susan, Dorothy, Cal and Eileen via phone. Betty Jean was in for a minute. I am going to try to record my perceptions of the slowing down in my life and lifestyle.

I even fixed my own TV today so that is one feather I have earned so far. We will have much time to review and perhaps change how we look at things! And maybe realize just what we have had! Perhaps it's time to say thank you to those who are trying to look out for our best interests, and to co-operate with those trying to help us through this!

Day two of semi-confinement. Third day in a row a phone call from Mollie! Happy anniversary and St. Paddy's from Derek and Jodi (my 66th). There are a lot of wedding anniversaries on the 17th.

There is naught to fear, but fear itself? Happy birthday Dave Case!

Got a call from Brian thanking me for remembering his birthday, St. Paddy's. He and Margaret, Earl and Liz had gone to Blind River for the day to celebrate. Nice day and nice day for a drive.

I hear there have been good stories or updates online I guess (I am only on pen). Dr. Bedard is doing a daily update on COVID-19.

Skylar says the snowdrops were up, out in the trees. So happy spring. Have you seen a robin yet? Wild geese are here.

Day three. Chicken soup day!

Please let the light that shines on me shine on the ones I love. I woke up singing this song. The sun was trying to shine through a grey cloud bank.

A quiet day. Cal and Sherry had both done some shopping for me.

6:50 am day four. Seen a beautiful red skyline. TV was depressing and scary. I liked the story of the liquor makers doing hand sanitizers by the carload and giving free ones too.

The silhouette of the elm against the morning coloured sky.

The crows are carrying sticks!

Recharge your batteries with sunshine.

If we just played outside instead of online. Instead of looking things up, just look up. This was in a letter from a friend! Keep upbeat with inspirational books and TV comedies.

Raining like crazy tonight!

A phone call from Powell River, BC today, what a surprise from my cousin Val Brinham. It has been ages since I had to ask who was speaking despite the familiar voice!

At day's end I pray for peace and not panic!

Day five: every time something good happens celebrate it. Sing a song, write about it, journal do R.A.K. (if possible these days!)

I found this: everyday it seems something interesting is right in front of me! Mother's shopping list (no year/date). Two house dresses, \$1.25; two pair panties, \$0.50; two brassieres, \$0.50; two slips, \$1.25; two pair of stockings, \$0.80, total \$4.50. Plus, sheets, \$2.00; pillow slips, \$1.00; table cloth, \$1.00; pair towels, \$0.50; dish towels, \$0.50; dishes and glasses total \$5.50.

Reading Max Lucado today. God's inspirational promise. Good stuff.

My P.O. lady did a "to the door" delivery. She was about four minutes early for muffins that were in the oven? The neighbours will benefit. A real neat Irish-themed card from cousin Coleen Moodie from the Sault and a box of Irish tea. She claims every time the Expositor comes she makes a cup of tea and visits me via my column. Thanks!

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PLEASE STAY SAFE, MANITOULIN.

...Province announces human trafficking strategy

...continued from page 28 incorporating human trafficking awareness into the education curriculum, and establishing dedicated, licenced residences to support victims, including those under the age of 16; and supporting survivors by investing new funding in wrap-around, community-based supports and Indigenous-led initiatives to make more services available for survivors and by enhancing victim services throughout the court process.

“Survivors of human trafficking require specific, ongoing supports to help them exit trafficking, heal from their trauma and rebuild their lives,” said Jill Dunlop, associate Minister of Children and Women’s Issues. “Our new strategy doubles the invest-

ment in community-based services for survivors, while also providing a range of new supports focused on children and youth, which has been a critical gap until now. It provides increased supports for Indigenous communities and takes a cross-government approach to reinforce Ontario as a leader in combatting human trafficking.”

To address the needs of First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities and organizations, as well as frontline workers, Indigenous-specific initiatives are being integrated throughout Ontario’s new strategy, according to the release. Examples of these initiatives include targeted public awareness activities, Indigenous-led community-based supports for survivors such as counselling,

cultural teachings and healing ceremonies, victim services delivered by Indigenous communities and organizations and culturally-appropriate supports for at-risk youth.

“Human trafficking is a vastly under-reported crime often hidden in our communities,” said Solicitor General Jones. “A crucial component of our new strategy involves strengthening law enforcement and justice sector initiatives so we can better support victims, improve our ability to target and find perpetrators, intercept human trafficking networks and ultimately bring criminals to justice.”

Human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing crimes worldwide and approximately two-thirds of police-reported human trafficking violations in

Canada occur in Ontario. The average age of recruitment into sex trafficking is 13 years old and over 70 percent of human trafficking victims identified by police are under the age of 25. Young women and girls are particularly at risk, especially those from Indigenous communities and children and youth in care, though boys, men and people who are LGBTQ are also targeted.



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...Tehkummah Talk and Times

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The nightingale sang in “Barkley Square” the Alt? Ault? Sisters. Beautiful. On the all-time classic hit parade. Friday Gaither Gospel Hour had some songs suited for our crisis.

I hear there is live theatre/dancing outside of some homes in this area. Some folk join in certain areas on the deck! Look to be entertained and cheered up?

Day six: A trio as well.

The time is going by. A darned frosty morning here. Cleo went out early and it's noon and she's not back. She must be sitting in the sun somewhere?

ting in the sun somewhere?

Two nice chats this morning early with Joan. The confinement is hard on them, I guess. Helen's call, she has many more folks to interact with at the Wiky Nursing Home and houses. Hello from me! One day at a time, okay.

Day seven: days are counting down. How goes the cabin fever? Happy birthday to Colleen Dugan, March 20 (60). Some good wishes to Ron Anstince this past week (92?).

March 21: Do not anticipate trouble or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight-Benjamin Franklin



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YEAR ROUND VICEROY WATERFRONT HOME ON LAKE MANITOU - Built in 1994, this \$2000 home features an open concept main floor with numerous windows allowing for an abundance of natural light, and a wonderful view of the lake. Home has a large deck along two sides, as well as access from the Master Bedroom. In addition, the home has a partially finished basement that provides the extra space needed when family and friends visit, an insulated 24 x 28 detached garage, a concrete dock, and a boat launch at the waterfront. Lake Manitou offers great fishing all year round. Call Now! Asking \$349,000. MLS#2075885



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INCREDIBLE VISTA - One of a kind building lot on municipal water overlooking Strawberry Channel. 426.51 ft frontage with south east exposure on a year round road. 8 km from Little Current. Call for details. MLS#2077530



HIDDEN GEM ON MANITOULIN ISLAND - This Lakeshore Log Home has almost 2 acres of total privacy, & 620 ft of frontage on Lake Huron!! Spend Romantic evenings curled up in front of the huge stone fireplace. Sand beach perfect for swimming. You also have your own harbour for your boat or plane! There is a 1200 sq ft Guest house with 2 bedrooms, full kitchen, bathroom & large screened in porch. There is also a 1300 sq ft workshop, and a large carport for storing lots of toys. Stunning panoramic views, including view of Scotch Mtn. The possibilities are endless with this unique property. Don't wait...Your Island retreat is calling you!! MLS#2083416



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



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

SOUTH BAYMOUTH

Beautiful 2300 sqft home plus chalet & separate 30x40 heated building on almost 10 acres of land for sale. 1 km to Marina for access to Lake Huron for boating & salmon fishing (or other fish). Great potential for B&B or other business.

Home has large sunroom with hot tub facing backyard with small pond, trees & gazebo. All buildings are in excellent condition & shows owner's pride. Very reasonably priced at \$374,000. Please call Sales Person Al Frank @ 705-859-3297. MLS#2074279



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

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

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



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

MILLS ROAD ACREAGE - 200 acre site with mature forest and heavy tree cover. Good road access, excellent location and a great spot to get away from it all. Great price at only \$119,900. Please call for full details. MLS#2084127

LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Demand the best of the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Mixed forest includes mature hardwood, pine & cedar. Great access, close to amenities in Mindemoya, close to the ferry access at South Baymouth & ideal for privacy & quality construction with over 33 acres & 627 ft shoreline on Lake Manitou. Asking \$249,000. MLS#2083315



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

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

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



NORTH CHANNEL WATERFRONT COTTAGE - Outstanding recreational retreat with spacious cottage on over 200 feet of great shoreline in a spectacular location that offers exceptional lake, mountain and sunset views. Situated close to amenities in Little Current with potential to convert to a home. Additional features include several outbuildings, all appliances, air tight wood stove and full west, north and east views to take your breath away. Very attractive, mainly level lot and very low maintenance with this exceptional offering!! MLS#2084711

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



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



LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Demand the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Mixed forest with mature hardwood, cedar & pine. Great access off East Road in the Sandfield area with 34.03 acres & 669.09 ft frontage on Lake Manitou. Includes on site, personal use limestone quarry. Asking \$249,900. MLS#2084165

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

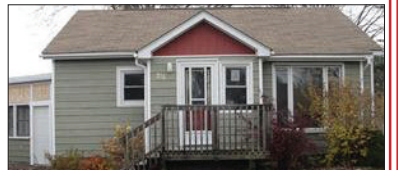
WHITE'S POINT WATERFRONT HOME - Very well laid out, architecturally designed home with spacious room sizes, large deck, attached garage, gas fireplace and several outbuildings. Features exceptional location and views, close proximity to schools & shopping plus a great area for swimming and fishing opportunities.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



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



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



1 PLUS 2 BDRM ESPANOLA HOME WITH 2 BATHS. CLOSE TO SCHOOLS & DOWNTOWN!! - This nicely landscaped property is mostly fenced and has nicely raised garden beds (flower and vegetable). Is being sold in "As is" condition with no warranties or representations by the seller. This house however, is in very good condition & features newer windows, gas stove top, gas heating & gas hot water tank, central vac, hardwood flooring & an attached single car garage with workshop. Reduced to \$159,900. MLS#2084408



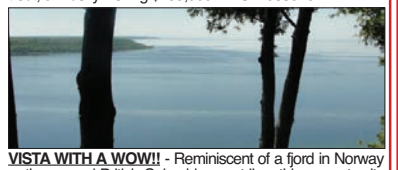
2+1 BDRM COUNTRY HOME - With large double garage on 3.7 acres of land in the quaint town of Silver Water. This beautiful home located close to Silver Lake which is good fishing for Walleye & Bass has many upgrades including hardwood flooring, propane furnace & new windows. The 3.77 acre lot comes with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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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SAND BAY - Beautiful lot with a beautiful beach on Sand Bay, (Manitoulin's south shore) Sand Bay has a sand bottom. Very private location. Driveway in place. (On a private road over 7km from Hwy 540, with legal ROW) \$89,000. MLS#2080682



WATERFRONT - 4 acres of recreational property on the south of Manitoulin Island. It has frontage on Hwy 540 and on Falls Lake. There is an older trail from Hwy 540 to close to the east of Falls Lake. List price \$125,000. MLS#2066925



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



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

Thinking of listing?
Spring is just around the corner and now is the time to start preparing for a busy seller's market. Buyers are waiting! Give us a call to get the ball rolling. We would love to go to work for you, sell your property and find you a new one!



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



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



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



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



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



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



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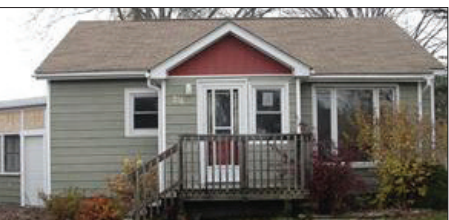
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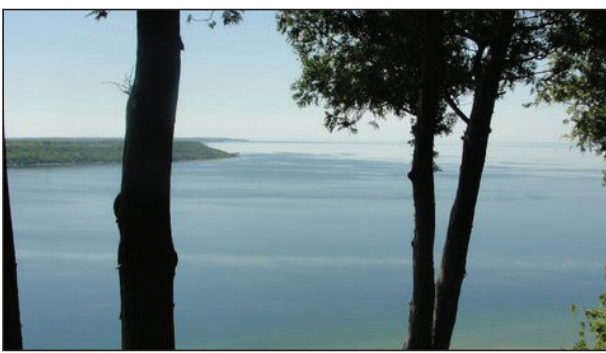
SUCCESSFUL AUTO REPAIR AND BODY SHOP BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN GORE BAY!! - Known as Jewell's Collision, the large 7200 square foot building is newly renovated and maintenance free. The building is currently housing an auto repair shop in the back half of the building and an auto body shop in the front half.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



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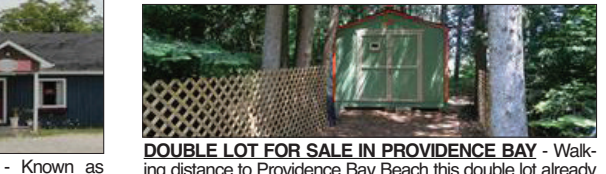
SOUTH FACING 2 BDRM FOUR SEASON WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME ON SOUTH BAY ONLY 15 MINS FROM THE FERRY!! - This cottage/house has deep water, bald rock frontage and comes adorned with beautiful white stone walls and a 32ft X 29ft metal sided and roof, fully insulated garage. The cottage comes turn-key with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



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



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



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



ELEVATED SUNRISE VIEW OVER BEAUTIFUL LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - Large 2 1/2 acre lot with almost 150 ft of shoreline, a dock & a (grandfathered-in) boathouse. A quick flight of stairs brings you from the dock & fantastic deep water shoreline to the top of the flat bluff where you find a 3 bdrm cottage with an eye catching view! The golf course, hospital, restaurants, shopping are only 15 mins away. Only \$195,000!!! MLS#2074433